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INTRODUCTION

From 1926 until his death in 1935, Will Rogers wrote a widely syndicated, daily column which became synonymous with Rogers in the eyes of the American reading public. When he began his "Daily Telegrams," as the articles were known, he had been writing for several years a weekly column for the McNaught Newspaper Syndicate that appeared in such newspapers as the *New York Times, Chicago News, Boston Globe, Kansas City Star,* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. In 1926 he planned a tour of Europe, but before he left the States he had a chance meeting with Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the *New York Times*. As the two men talked, Rogers told of his upcoming trip, and Ochs casually said, "If you run across anything worthwhile, cable it to us. We'll pay the tolls."

Rogers and Ochs had met after a banquet, and the publisher's remarks had been brief, almost flippant, but Rogers remembered the conversation when he was in England being entertained by Lady Astor. He sent Ochs a cable that the publisher printed on the front page of the *Times* on July 29, 1926. Other cables were forthcoming, and they immediately captured the attention of the reading public in New York. The stories also impressed Lawrence Winship, feature editor of the *Boston Globe*. When he saw Rogers' first dispatch, Winship telephoned Ochs to ask whether the Globe could print the column. The *Times* refused, holding the short cables to be its own, exclusively, despite the fact that Rogers received no money and had no written contract to produce the column.

Will originally had no thought of continuing the telegrams after he returned to the States, but public interest and entreaties from Ochs convinced him to begin a new series. Although he missed a few days in September and October, he continued to write for the *Times*. Meanwhile, Frank Murphy, the treasurer of the McNaught Syndicate, contacted V. V. McNitt, founder of the syndicate, who in turn convinced Rogers to permit them to handle his daily feature through McNaught. Thus all the papers in the United States could publish the column.

Ninety-two newspapers originally purchased rights to print the Daily Telegrams, which began appearing in syndication on October 10, 1926. Soon a host of smaller papers subscribed, bringing the total outlets to approximately 600. Will's royalties rose as more customers subscribed to his series. In 1926 he received a weekly guarantee of $1,700 for his daily and weekly columns; by mid-1930 a new contract guaranteed $2,500 per week.

The logistics of getting Rogers' dispatches to client newspapers proved to be no easy task. Because Will Rogers wrote on contemporary events, speed was of the essence in getting copy to editors and the public. There was little time to devote to polishing his prose. Although the McNaught Syndicate usually edited copy for its writers, Will's editors agreed that they should not tamper

with his personal style. "That's the way I write it," Rogers once said, "and that's the way I want it to lay."

After Will wrote his articles, he used the telegraph for delivery because the mail was too slow. Operating without an editor, he sent his dispatches directly to the branch office of Western Union, which was located in the *Times* building in New York City. The branch maintained a list of client newspapers, and copies of the dispatches quickly were sent around the country. Normally, the process of getting the telegrams to the syndicate was hectic. Will's dispatches had to be filed by 4:00 P.M., California time. He frequently waited until the last moment, grabbed his typewriter, and hammered out a story. Despite ever-pressing deadlines, Rogers seldom missed a day in preparing the telegrams. Once, while in a hospital bed awaiting a gallstone operation, he dictated three stories for his column before being carried away. When he was revived after surgery, he immediately penned yet another telegram. Writing from a hospital bed was unusual for Will, but he jotted down his telegrams anytime, anywhere–on an airplane, at a baseball game, at a restaurant, or on a table at a telegraph office.

Although Will occasionally felt the pressure of deadlines, especially while he was touring, his travels help explain the success of the Daily Telegrams. He was a hard working, investigative journalist who posted datelines across the country, from Beverly Hills to New York, from Portland to Miami, and around the world. He reported on the news as he saw it happen; well could he comment on famous personalities of his era–he had met, entertained, and interviewed most of them.

Will's personality was another key to his success as a writer. He was a gregarious, friendly man who was at ease in most situations. His easygoing nature emerged on the printed page and helped enliven it. In fact, when he had no current material, he sometimes simply described his day's activities—his travels, friends whom he met, food that he ate—and did so with verve.

The importance of Rogers' daily columns cannot be overemphasized. In an era when radio news coverage was rudimentary and television news unknown, the masses depended almost exclusively on newspapers for information and upon columnists for insight and interpretation. So anxious were people to have information that many publishers found that regular editions did not always satisfy the public's desire to know and know now. Frequently "extras" were released to satisfy this demand. With his timely articles appearing on the front page of most of the major dailies, Will had the power to mold public opinion; he had more power than most other columnists who had to prepare copy two weeks in advance of their publication date and had to use the post for delivery. Yet Rogers never abused his power. His telegrams showed no malice but indicated instead his desire to be fair. Will supported Herbert Hoover early in his presidency, for example, but became more critical after the depression began. However, when several other critics became bitter and vituperative,

Rogers gently reminded his readers that the depression was not Hoover's fault and that no one man could cause a national economic catastrophe.

On occasion the McNaught Syndicate became afraid that Rogers' telegrams would be received critically by the public. Once he jibed the United States government for lending the Allies tremendously large amounts of money during World War. I. Because it was flooded with protest letters, the *New York Times* editorially apologized for Rogers and disclaimed any responsibility for the opinions expressed in the telegrams. His 'feathers' ruffled, Will wrote,

> I would like to state to the readers of the New York Times that I am in no way responsible for the editorial policy of this paper. I allow them free reign as to their opinion, so long as its within the bounds of good subscription gathering. But I want it distinctly understood that their policy may be in direct contrast to mine. Their editorials may be put in purely for humor, or just to fill space. Every paper must have its various entertaining features and not always to be taken seriously, and never to be construed as my policy.

Although Will occasionally might have offended his critics, his work was accepted by most editors with little revision of the original drafts. Yet, a selected textual analysis reveals that slight variations appeared. When some editors saw certain phrases of which they disapproved, they deleted them; others edited references to politics or political personalities; still others "blue-penciled" lines simply for brevity. Because Rogers' work was in some cases slightly altered, our editorial task became more difficult—original copies of most of his telegrams have not survived. Consequently, we have chosen the best available source for presentation here. In some cases we have followed the *New York Times*, the newspaper that ran most of the articles and that is the most convenient for the use of future researchers. Other newspapers were consulted, however. When textual differences appeared, we attempted to show at least one major variation, selected from among the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Kansas City Times*, other newspapers that carried most of the telegrams.

Much of Rogers' humor was of a topical nature, geared to the happenings of his day. He sometimes referred to people and events that are not common knowledge to the present generation. Consequently, endnotes have been used to identify people or explain events that would no longer be widely known. The editors, together with the editorial board and advisory committee of the Will Rogers Research Project, have decided to not use footnote numbers in the text to avoid needless distractions to the reader. Endnotes to the volume are "keyed" to the numbers of the telegrams and to the dates of their appearance.

This first volume of the Daily Telegrams spans the last years of the administration of Calvin Coolidge from July of 1926, when Rogers first began

writing the articles, to March 4, 1929, the inauguration of Herbert Hoover. Following volumes will present the telegrams written during the administrations of Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

THE EDITORS

PREFACE

As General James "Jimmy" Doolittle tells the story, he was visiting Will Rogers at Twentieth Century Fox Studio. The day's shooting was over, and they were preparing to leave. Rogers said, "Wait a minute. I've got to write my telegram." He went over to a typewriter and in his hunt-and-peck method quickly pounded one out. He gave it to an assistant. He and Doolittle drove off.

As they went through the studio gate headed for the Santa Monica ranch, Doolittle said, "But, Will, what if there comes a day when you have no joke or simply nothing to say. What do you do then?"

Doolittle says Rogers looked at him quizzically and replied, "Did you ever read my column?"

Like all writing done against a daily deadline, some of the telegrams in this book are good, some bad, some indifferent, as Will Rogers well knew. Most were written, just as General Doolittle described, right up against the deadline.

The telegrams had to be in New York by 7:00 P.M., which meant 4:00 o'clock in California. I well remember waiting around while Dad struggled over his wire. When done, he would hand it to me, and I would dash for the Santa Monica Western Union office. The staff would be waiting for it, and it was immediately sent to New York.

However, I don't think Will Rogers was ever seriously faced with the problem of having nothing to say. When he had no particular comment of the news of the day, he could always fall back to describing what he was doing. In fact his own activities make up a good part of the columns. Will Rogers was incredibly active. Being able to write about himself relieved him of the pressure of always having to come up with a topical joke.

After Dad's death, several well known humorists tried to write a similar daily column. They were not successful. When I was reading them at the time, I could see why. Except for wisecracks, and often quite good ones, they had nothing to say. A column of just jokes is deadly. Reading these attempts by other hands, I began to realize, for the first time, what made the Will Rogers column so popular and why it was followed, day after day. He, Will Rogers, was the column. People might quote a topical joke, but it was Will Rogers, his active life, his constant travels, his meetings and his humorous descriptions of them, that carried the daily continuity and, in their own time, made these columns required reading.

This is the first of what will be several volumes of the daily telegrams. They are not his best. In these early years he was still unsure of his format. In my view, his column got better and better as they went along. Also, as with anything tied to the news, his most memorable remarks came out of the most active time. Will Rogers was at his best in the crisis periods of the depression and

the intense conflicts of the New Deal. The Coolidge years were comparatively tranquil. Will Rogers had a good summation of it, which might set the tone of this first volume. "It wasn't that Coolidge done nothin'. It was that he did it better that anyone else."

The best things Will Rogers wrote are in these daily wires. While they have always been available at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum at Claremore, they have never before been put in easy-to-use book form. It is my hope that historians, in preparing studies of the 1920s and 1930s, will use the index of these books. If they do they will discover, time and again, just what they need–a penetrating comment, an exact description, precisely pinpointing an event in their specialty. Few people writing in that period had as keen an eye as Will Rogers. Historians will find many a quotable remark that will give salt and flavor to their research.

This is not a book to be read straight through. It is to be skipped about in, picked up from time to time, and above all, to be used for historical reference.

Will Rogers, Jr.

Beverly Hills, California

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DAILY TELEGRAMS — 1926

1 WILL ROGERS, ABROAD, BESPEAKS A WELCOME FOR LADY ASTOR

LONDON, July 29. – Nancy Astor, which is the nom de plume of Lady Astor, is arriving on your side about now. She is the best friend America has here. Please ask my friend, Jimmy Walker, to have New York take good care of her. She is the only one over here that don't throw rocks at American tourists.

Yours respectfully,

Will Rogers.

2 WILL ROGERS FORWARDS A TIP ON THE MOVEMENTS OF MELLON

LONDON, July 30. – Mellon is escaping through France, trying to reach the Italian border to go under the protection of Mussolini.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

3 WILL ROGERS SAYS ONLY IRELAND WELCOMES AMERICAN TOURISTS

LONDON, Aug. 1. – I have been in twenty countries and the only one where American tourists are welcomed wholeheartedly by everyone is in Ireland. And the funny part about it is, there is more to see there than in all the others put together. They don't owe us and they don't hate us.

The Lakes of Killarney is where Switzerland got their idea of lakes. Americans, go where you are welcome! Ireland is a friend to everybody, even England.

This endorsement is on the level and calls for no appointment from Tammany Hall whatever.

Yours imploringly,

Will Rogers.

4 STONES THROWN AFTER BUYING, WILL ROGERS FINDS ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 2. – A bunch of American tourists were hissed and stoned yesterday in France, but not until they had finished buying.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

5 BORAH, LENGLEN AND SHAW DRAW WILL ROGERS'S COMMENT

LONDON, Aug. 3. – When Borah asked England and France what had become of that 400,000,000 acres of land they divided up after the war, that stopped all debt arguments over here. He is always thinking up some question nobody can answer. He even sticks Coolidge.

Suzanne Lenglen has been landed by Pyle. He is now here in London trying to get Bernard Shaw to turn professional and write for money.

Regards to "cuckooland."

Will Rogers.

6 WHY COMMONS ADJOURNED, AS WILL ROGERS SEES IT

LONDON, Aug. 4. – England's House of Parliament, or Commons rather (I have seen it and prefer calling it the Commons), closed today to give some of the lady members a chance to try and swim the English Channel.

I wanted to have my wife try it, but the Channel is all booked up for the next month.

Churchill, in his closing remarks, still says we borrowed the money, but we doubt it.

Yours aquatically,

Will Rogers.

7 WILL ROGERS WARNS DEMOCRATS ABOUT COOLIDGE AND WHEAT

LONDON, Aug. 5. – Don't put too much faith, you Democrats, in rumor that peasants of Middle West will defeat Coolidge.

They change with the wheat crops, and he has two to go.

Everybody still hates us.

Yours politically,

Will Rogers.

8 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEW OF GEN. ANDREWS'S MISSION

LONDON, Aug. 6. – General Andrews, our prohibition director, is here and has just held a meeting with the British shippers to eliminate any delay in getting it in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

9 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A REASON FOR MELLON'S TRIP ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 7. – Mr. Coolidge has just sent Mr. Mellon over to Italy to find out for him how Mussolini stands in with everybody.

Yours respectfully,

Will Rogers.

10 WILL ROGERS COMMENDS WORK TO OTHER CHANNEL SWIMMERS

LONDON, Aug. 8. – Hordes of other Channel swimmers are leaving for their respective homes. If they will only go, to work when they get there Gertrude Ederle will have accomplished much more than her original feat.

England is trying to get in on the credit of it. They claim they furnished the land for her to land on, otherwise she would never have made it. France can't get any ad out of it at all, outside of being a good place to start somewhere from.

Yours truly,

Will Rogers.

11 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF CLEMENCEAU'S APPEAL

LONDON, Aug. 9. – I had this debt thing about quieted down when this old fellow Clemenceau broke out. I can't be everywhere.

I think any man over eighty or under sixty should be barred from expressing an opinion on debts.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

12 WILL ROGERS SAYS EUROPE HAS OPENED GAME SEASON

LONDON, Aug. 10. – It is the open season now in Europe for grouse and Americans.

They shoot the grouse and put them out of their misery.

Yours truly,

Will Rogers.

13 WILL ROGERS HAS NEW IDEA ABOUT THE TOURIST PROBLEM

LONDON, Aug. 11. – I told you how bad it's getting with the tourists over here.

Some of them are getting almost what they deserve.

Yours informally,

Will Rogers.

14 WILL ROGERS SPECULATES ON CLEMENCEAU NOTE SOURCE

LONDON, Aug. 12. – I had a long talk with friend Barney Baruch. He did not dictate that letter Clemenceau wrote; he only gave him the idea of it.

Baruch has gone to shoot grouse.

He names them after the Republicans and has never missed one.

Yours for information,

Will Rogers.

15 WILL ROGERS THINKS BRITISH UNEDUCATED IN EARTHQUAKES

LONDON, Aug. 16. – England had an earthquake yesterday and their newspapers didn't know enough to call it a fire. What are you going to do with people with no education like that?

P. S. – There is a cricket match going on here that has been on for three months—one game. The earthquake didn't even wake up the spectators.

Yours observingly,

Will Rogers.

16 WILL ROGERS STILL WATCHING CRICKET MATCH IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Aug. 17. – The King is in Scotland, and it certainly is lonesome here.

The same cricket game that I told you about before is still going on. One man has been batting three days.

The score is now 800 runs to 500, and Australia has only been to bat once.

Come over and see it. If the tea holds out, it will run till Winter.

I have been thrown out of the grounds twice for applauding. They contend I was a boisterous element.

Yours for long, lingering sportsmanship,

Will Rogers.

17 KELLOGG'S DISARMAMENT TALK REMINDS ROGERS OF GENEVA

LONDON, Aug. 18. – Secretary of State Kellogg spoke last night in Plattsburg on disarmament. It is a good idea for Plattsburg and even Chicago and New York, but our delegation starved to death trying to get somebody interested in it at Geneva this Summer.

Yours for preparedness,

Will Rogers.

18 WILL ROGERS SAYS HE CAN PICK AMERICAN BOOTLEGGERS ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 19. – You can pick an American bootlegger out of a crowd of Americans every time. He will be the one that is sober.

Yours temperately,

Will Rogers.

19 WILL ROGERS BACKS COOLIDGE ON THE PHILIPPINES ISSUE

LONDON, Aug. 20. – President Coolidge refuses to give the Philippines their complete independence. I am with Mr. Coolidge. Why should the Philippines have more than we do?

Yours for 100 per cent freedom for everybody, including Ireland,

Will Rogers.

20 WHY GERMANY "QUIETLY" PAYS AS VIEWED BY WILL ROGERS

LONDON, Aug. 21. – Germany keeps on paying her reparations and never saying a word.

You can afford to do that when you have lost a war and don't have any army and navy to support.

Yours for relief of the Oklahoma farmers, particularly,

Will Rogers.

21 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF A QUIET WEEK IN EUROPE

LONDON, Aug. 22. – One of the quietest weeks over here in months – nobody wrote an open letter to Coolidge, nobody swam the Channel; in fact, not even a single European dictator was shot at. Can it be the League is working?

Yours for truth, even if it interferes with news,

Will Rogers.

22 DICTATORS AND BABY HIPPOS COMPARED BY WILL ROGERS

LONDON, Aug. 23. – Biggest news over the week-end was an amateur dictator found escaping by wireless in Greece, and a baby hippopotamus was born at the London zoo. Of the two events the last was the biggest and of more interest to humanity. Baby hippos are rare, but alleged dictators are lurking in every cafe in Europe. Mussolini has had more bad imitators of him than even Georgie Cohan.

Yours for a better class of dictators,

Will Rogers.

23 WILL ROGERS ON LEGISLATORS, BOTH ENGLISH AND AMERICAN

LONDON, Aug. 24. – Parliament, which had adjourned, has just today called a special session within a few days. If we ever did a thing like that in the Summer we would have to hold it in Europe or out on a Chautauqua circuit, so we could get a few members present. Queer people, these English legislators. They are satisfied to stay in their own country; in fact, they rather like it.

Yours for constant public service,

Will Rogers.

24 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES DEER, DEBTS, DICTATORS AND TAXES

LONDON, Aug. 25. – France is very quiet. The rise in taxes was only proposed. Deer season opened in Scotland for all those who can't hit grouse. Debts and dictators quiet today.

Yours editorially,

Will Rogers.

25 WILL ROGERS ON DRESSMAKERS AND BOOTLEGGERS ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 26. – American dressmakers are making sketches of foreign dresses. American bootleggers are making sketches of foreign labels.

Yours for better labels,

Will Rogers.

26 WILL ROGERS WOULD REFORM AMERICAN VISITORS ABROAD

LONDON, Aug. 27. – American tourists are still coming by the thousands and bragging about where they come from. Sometimes you think France really has been too lenient with them.

Yours for quieter visitors,

Will Rogers.

27 WILL ROGERS REFLECTS ON 'THE WEAKER SEX'

LONDON, Aug. 28. – Another American woman just now swam in from France. Her husband was carried from the boat suffering from cold and exposure. She has two children, the smallest a girl, who is swimming over tomorrow.

Yours for a revised edition of the Dictionary explaining which is the weaker sex,

Will Rogers.

28 WILL ROGERS 'HUMILIATED' BY OUR WOMEN SWIMMERS

LONDON, Aug. 29. – A man came within thirty yards of swimming the Thames River here today. He was dragged out when overcome. It's the nearest any man has come to swimming the river since 1889.

Immigration authorities are barring any woman that comes from America if she is found to have a bathing suit. Is there any way I can change my sex? I am becoming humiliated.

Yours weakly,

Will Rogers.

29 WILL ROGERS SEES COMMONS; REMINDS HIM OF CONGRESS

LONDON, Aug. 30. – Parliament met today. One member was thrown out. It seemed like Washington.

Every foreigner is tickled over Newt Baker's cancelling of all debt.

Hobbs, the English cricket champion, hits 316 runs and still is not out. Wake up, "Babe."

Daily Channel catastrophe: A German swam in here today from Germany, got one look at England, turned around and is swimming back.

Yours for the latest Channel news,

Will Rogers.

30 WILL ROGERS OFFERS PRIZES FOR MALE PARENT SWIMMERS

LONDON, Aug. 31. – Since a mother swam the Channel there has been no living with my wife over here. Will you please find out for me if this Ger-

man who swam it is a father? If he was not I will give $500 to the first father that swims it and $1,000 to the first grandfather.

Yours for equality in sex,

Will Rogers.

31 WILL ROGERS SEES AN ENTRY FOR THE DEMOCRATIC FOLLIES

LONDON, Sept. 1. – Former Secretary of State Hughes had an interview with former Premier Briand of France, but nothing official transpired, as neither carried an employee's card.

Russia wants to discuss debt payments with us. If you promise to pay America, it will loan you twice as much as you promise to pay. Wise guys, those Russians. I see Newt is entered for the 1928 Democratic Follies.

Yours in exile,

Will Rogers.

32 WILL ROGERS WARNS WARRING ATLANTIC FLIERS

LONDON, Sept. 2. – Say, what is all this argument about who is to fly over here and who ain't? If they don't hurry up some American woman of European nationality will swim the thing. What difference does it make? Somebody will break their record the next week anyway. Throw'em all out and send Colonel Mitchell.

Yours for congenial aviation,

Will Rogers.

33 PEACE WITHOUT POLITICS IS WILL ROGERS'S SLOGAN

LONDON, Sept. 3. – The League of Nations to perpetuate peace is in session. On account of Spain not being in the last war, they won't let her in. If you want to help make peace you have to fight for it.

Yours for peace without politics,

Will Rogers.

34 WILL ROGERS WANTS AMERICA A NATION OF HIGH FLIERS

LONDON, Sept. 5. – I see where Mr. Coolidge says if Europe doesn't disarm he will build another airship. Just as well as start it as soon as labor gets rested up from their holiday, for nobody here is going to do any disarming.

The way to make them disarm is to start building and quit begging them to disarm.

Them game fish up there in that lake has giv[en] Cal some new backbone.

Yours for a nation of high fliers,

Will Rogers.

35 WILL ROGERS TO GIVE BENEFIT FOR IRISH MOVIE FIRE VICTIMS

LONDON, Sept. 6. – I see by the Paris papers that Harry and Evelyn are going back together again. Well, everybody wishes them lots of happiness.

That brings up a mighty good idea. Let everybody go back and start in with the original. In nine cases out of ten it will be found they were the best after all.

Can you imagine the scramble in Hollywood trying to locate the original?

Yours for originality,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I know you all read of the terrible movie disaster in Ireland yesterday. Well, I am going to Dublin on Wednesday to give a benefit for them. Cable over what you can, either to me at the Hotel Shelbourne or to President Cosgrave. It's a real cause. Thanks.

36 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE IRISH ARE GETTING USED TO PEACE

DUBLIN, Sept. 8. – It is so peaceful and quiet here in Dublin that it is almost disappointing.

Even the Irish themselves are beginning to get used to it and like it. They even have a representative at the Peace Conference.

Ireland treats you more like a friend than a tourist.

President Cosgrave sends regards to prospective President Smith.

Yours without blarney,

Will Rogers.

37 MR. ROGERS REPORTS THE RESULT OF A BRIEF VISIT TO IRELAND

DUBLIN, Sept. 9. – Am bringing family greetings from Dublin to every man on the force.

Will Rogers.

38 WILL ROGERS PLANS TO RETURN IN 1928 TO SEE COOLIDGE RUN

BERLIN, Sept. 11. – I flew here from Dublin—looked over the edge of the plane and saw a Frenchman breaking the record swimming the English Channel.

Arrived in Berlin this afternoon in time to see Dr. Peltzer beat Nurmi and his record.

Will arrive home in November, 1928, and see just how fast Cal is.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

39 WILL ROGERS SAYS GERMANY HAS HAD THREE GREAT DAYS

BERLIN, Sept. 12. – I saw a German outrun the great Finnish runner Nurmi yesterday and a Swede do it this afternoon. If a different nationality is going to beat him every day, I'm taking him on Wednesday.

This has been great three days for Germany; they won a foot race and got into the League of Nations. They feel that these two events will just set them in right for the next war.

All Channel swimming was called off today on account of rain and a wet track.

Yours for ein dunkle and ein heller,

Will Rogers.

40 WILL ROGERS THREATENS TO FLY OVER ATLANTIC IF FONCK DELAYS

PARIS, Sept. 17. – I've been away up in the mountains of Switzerland and couldn't get any word to you for a few days. If you didn't yodle it they wouldn't read it.

France said at the League the other day that her and Germany were old pals again. I guess they are; I floated down the Rhine in Germany all day yesterday and there was so many French soldiers in the way I couldn't see the castles.

Just flew in here this afternoon from Cologne. If Fonck don't hurry up and start, I will fly over from this end. We will fly that far over here every day.

Yours for timely and accurate news anywhere but in the Alps.

Will Rogers.

41 WILL ROGERS FINDS PARIS MEAL LIMIT IS NOT SUCH A TRIAL AFTER ALL

PARIS, Sept. 18. – They limit you here in Paris to a two-course dinner. Meats, vegetables, soups, fish and dessert are not counted in either course.

It's two courses outside of any of these, so it's really not such a hardship on the ravenous Americans as was at first expected.

P. S. – Have stood all day at the airdrome looking for Fonck. If he don't start tomorrow, send Ederle and Corson.

Yours for Parisian news and fashions,

Will Rogers.

42 ROGERS RELAYS ADVICE TO FONCK TO JUMP ACROSS IF HE CAN'T FLY

PARIS, Sept. 19. – We are still setting here, looking up, waiting for that Frenchman to come by air.

These Frenchmen over here are advising him to jump if he don't get any further than Sandy Hook.

They can stand him lighting in the water, but they can't stand this delay.

Yours for a man that don't stand with his knees bent so long.

Will Rogers.

43 WILL ROGERS WARNS GOV. SMITH TO STEER CLEAR OF THE SENATE

PARIS, Sept. 20. – I've been reading about the primary elections over home. Looks like everybody that remains honest is getting beat.

We all used to tell a lot of jokes about Florida, mostly because we were jealous of her wonderful possibilities, and then we knew she was able to stand it, but now that she is in real trouble, she will find everybody has always loved her and admired her at heart.

What's the matter with Al Smith's plans? He is as long making up his mind to jump as Rene Fonck is. Being Governor of even New York beats nothing until a little later on when something better might show up.

Don't run for that Senate. You would be sunk in there. They wouldn't listen to Abraham Lincoln his first ten years in there if he was to come back and be elected to it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

44 WILL ROGERS ON LEVIATHAN SPEAKS FOR HOMING TOURISTS

ABOARD S. S. LEVIATHAN, Sept. 22. – On board the Leviathan with twenty-five hundred last surviving American tourists. Have all their friends meet them at boat with tip and taxi fare. Most of them have drank up their baggage already.

Yours for deep sea news,

Will Rogers.

45 ROGERS DISCUSSES AMERICANS WHO TRAVEL INCOGNITO ABROAD

ABOARD S. S. LEVIATHAN, Sept. 23. – Some Americans in Europe are traveling incognito. They are not bragging on where they come from, and nobody knows they are Americans.

Yours for maritime news,

Will Rogers.

46 BENEFIT ON THE LEVIATHAN RAISES $30,000 FOR FLORIDA

ABOARD THE S. S. LEVIATHAN, Sept. 25. – With ex-Secretary Hughes to work with, raised $30,000 tonight for Florida.

We will have their clothes before we land.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Glad to hear Kearns won the big fight.

47 HUGHES-ROGERS BENEFIT TEAM GETS MORE AID FOR FLORIDA

ON BOARD THE LEVIATHAN, Sept. 26. – Everybody on the boat is having a hard time packing, trying to make bottles lock like soiled clothing.

Secretary Hughes and I are coming into New York with one of the best

benefit acts in the show business. I hate to see the team break up. Mr. Hershey of Hershey, Pa., gave us $8,000 more this afternoon for Florida for repeating the act.

Hope my wife gets her Irish table linens in free. Back home and broke,

Will Rogers.

48 WILL ROGERS GOES A—SHOPPING

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 10. – Had just arrived home after fixing everything up in Europe, when White House spokesman dispatched me to look over Canada and make England following offer for it. One doubtful World Court seat. Prohibition, including enforcement officers. "Peaches." Hayti. All States south of Dixon Line. And throw in Al Smith. Deal pending. Will wire tomorrow.

Will Rogers.

49 WILL ROGERS REPORTS:

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 11. – Arrived Canada capital today. More sentiment here to be annexed by Mexico than by America. They know us too well. If we get any nation to join us it will have to be some stranger. We only have one reason for wanting Canada and a modification of the Volstead Act will eliminate. Waiting instructions.

Will Rogers.

50 WILL ROGERS'S DAILY REPORT

MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 12. – All my work gone for nothing. Just received following wire from White House spokesman:

"Let Canada deal go having enough trouble with American farmers without annexing any more."

Called to Buffalo for conference with Democratic leaders.

Will Rogers.

51 WILL ROGERS REPORTS:

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 13. – Centering all prominent political speakers in Ohio I opened it up here last night in favor of Nick Longworth, the only short-haired violin player in politics. We are the first to open the campaign of November, 1928, for position including house rent and detectives free.

Dempsey and Wills both made big mistake by not fighting each other. If they had fought each other we would have still thought they both were good.

Yours for latest news,

Will Rogers.

52 MR. ROGERS FINDS QUEEN'S VISIT IS AFFECTING NASHVILLE, TENN.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 14. – The visit of Queen Marie, the roving Rumanian, is causing much excitement here in Nashville. They claim her journey encourages imperialism on impressionable minds, and all references to Queens has been stricken from school books.

I opened campaign here last night and gave physical demonstration that Darwin was right.

Yours for science and more Queens,

Will Rogers.

53 MR. ROGERS REPORTS A MISSION TO SAVE BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Oct. 15. – My opposition tonight was to be Judda Krishnamurti, the amateur messiah from India. The modern savior got in here this morning, took one look at Birmingham and said it was a No. 2 Sodom and Gomorrah, and left them bogged down in their sin. So Judge Gary's Youngstown of the South's salvation is entirely in my hands. I will rescue these heathen single handed, but it will cost them $3 a head.

Yours for reasonable salvation,

Will Rogers.

54 MR. ROGERS STUDIES PROHIBITION IN THE SOUTH;DECIDES IT'S NOT AN ISSUE THERE, BUT A PRIVILEGE.

MACON, Ga., Oct. 16. – I thought I would hear a lot of election excitement on account of being down here just two weeks before it comes off, but their elections were all held last August at the primaries.

Republicans sometimes enter the race down here, as they are generously allowed to do so by a law, but of course they just go for the ride. Well, the same thing happens in New York State. They sometimes put up a man against Al Smith, which is also permissible by law.

Prohibition is never an issue in the South, their habits and their votes have nothing in common. They feel they are the originators of the still, and any legislation to permit large breweries would be unfair competition and would perhaps destroy the entire revenue of hundreds of thousands of small still owners, who have no other visible means of support. Corn likker is their product, and I can't blame them for voting to protect its life.

You see, you must not condemn a people until you have been among them and can see and know their angle. I don't blame them for not wanting big corporation breweries to be allowed by law to try and change their tastes. We would be a fine liberty-loving country if we allowed a few Yankees to dictate to us what we could make and what we could drink.

Prohibition isn't an issue down here; it's a privilege.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

55 WILL ROGERS OFFERS HIS AID TO QUEEN IN SEEING AMERICA

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 17. – Let Queen Marie, the rambling Rumanian, join me in my campaign for farmers' relief, and I will show her more of America than Rand McNally. Lois Fuller didn't lay out my route, but one of the round-the-world fliers did. We could help each other on our weekly articles and endorsements.

Yours, for hospitality to Queen or peasant,

Will Rogers.

56 MR. ROGERS WELCOMES QUEEN AND TELLS WHY HE IS GRATEFUL

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Oct. 18. – Welcome to Queen Marie. Bless her heart! America will always owe her a debt of gratitude for running Peaches and Aimee McPherson back among the want ads.

Yours for credit where credit is due,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This is Spartanburg, a real town where the Twenty-seventh New York Division trained for Democracy!

57 MR. ROGERS WANTS A DIVORCE FROM THE BROWNING CASE

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 19. – Browning and Peaches are suing for divorce. We hope they will be happy. Now, if the newspapers will just get a divorce from

both of them the whole of America will be happy.

Yours for new cases,

Will Rogers.

58 QUEEN'S VISIT MOVES ROGERS TO REMARKS ON AMERICANISM

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 20. – It took two weeks to coach New York politicians how to dress and act to meet the Queen so they all looked like twins and spoke the same little piece. Americans are getting like a Ford car—they all have the same parts, the same upholstering and all make exactly the same noises.

Yours for Pat Harrison for President—Pat is at home with anybody without being coached.

Will Rogers.

59 WILL ROGERS IS MOVED TO COVER THE NEWS IN VERSE

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 21. – Here is all the news there is today in the Memphis papers:

Peaches lost her Papa;
Ford's curtailing toil;
Marie is selling her dairy,
And Aimee's got a boil.

Yours, the poet of Claremore, Okla.,

Will Rogers.

60 MR. ROGERS REPORTS PROGRESS FROM A TOUR OF OKLAHOMA

ADA, Okla., Oct. 22. – Queen Marie, the ballyhooing Balkan, had nothing on me for a turnout when I hit Oklahoma today. It looked like Alexander returning from the series to Nebraska.

Did you read about the fellow yesterday in Los Angeles remembering seeing Aimee change clothes in her car? No wonder he remembers.

This Ada sounds like a girl, but it's not. And it's not a town; it's a city. This is the only authentic and authorized daily diary of my American trip. It's a wonderful country.

Will Rogers.

61 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A USE FOR SOUTH'S BIG COTTON CROP

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Oct. 23. – Just arrived back home in Oklahoma in time to solve the problem of too much cotton in the South. Let everybody put it in their ears to keep from hearing campaign speeches.

Still running neck and neck with Marie. The Banker's Club of Claremore are going to give me a lunch, more exclusive than her bankers lunch. Just he and I alone.

Yours for an American diary,

Will Rogers.

62 WILL ROGERS FINDS ODD PEOPLE AND A WONDERFUL COUNTRY

JOPLIN, Mo., Oct. 24. – You meet the oddest people on your travels. I met a fellow who did not claim to be in Lovers' Lane the night of the Hall-Mills murder. If they had charged admission to that they would have made more than the Dempsey-Tunney fight. You people certainly have a wonderful country in this America, and I am thoroughly enjoying my trip.

A leaf from my official diary.

Will Rogers.

63 MR. ROGERS ANTICIPATES THE QUEEN'S RANCH VISIT

PONCA CITY, Okla., Oct. 25. – Am at Miller Brothers' 101 Ranch just ahead of the Queen's visit here. She will love it. It's just the size of Rumania, only more conveniences. There is a bathroom here to every revolution there. Cowboys sleep in silk pajamas, round-up in Rolls-Royces and dress for dinner. If I were the King I wouldn't trust her with this outfit.

These open faces out here are marvelous.

Today's travel diary.

Will Rogers.

64 POLITICAL NOTE BY MR. ROGERS ON THE SITUATION IN OKLAHOMA

OKMULGEE, Okla., Oct. 26. – Oklahoma is a doubtful State, and after hearing all the candidates on both sides, it's still doubtful what good any of them will be to it.

Mine is the only authentic tour of America that is getting anywhere. All others are balking.

Will.

65 MR. ROGERS MAKES A DISCOVERY ON HORSEBACK TOUR OF RANCH

TULSA, Okla., Oct. 27. – Been riding horseback over my ranch and old birthplace today, and found two stills. That's some stuff I haven't been getting rent on. If I can show 'em how to make that Russian vodka that made Mary Garden kiss me I will have the best paying ranch in the West.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

POSTSCRIPT.

TULSA, Okla., Oct. 27.

Will Rogers held one of his characteristic Democratic rallies in Tulsa tonight. Everybody having $3 attended.

AN ADMIRER.

66 WILL ROGERS LEAVING, OKLAHOMA, OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE NEWS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 28. – Leaving the glorious State of Oklahoma tonight by popular demand.

The South is dry and will vote dry. That is, everybody that is sober enough to stagger to the polls will.

P. S. – Where is Marie? We have lost track of her. Did Peaches can her papa? How is Aimee and Al Smith making out, and Pomerene?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

67 WILL ROGERS' DISPATCH

FORT WORTH, Tex., Oct. 29. – That famous murder case, where the big preacher shot a fellow opens here tomorrow.

The preacher had his own broadcasting station and the man murdered kicked on the amount of static. The preacher shot him to keep him from listening to it.

The defense will be that he was putting the man out of his misery and

they are trying to get men on the jury that own radio sets.

Yours for news the world over,

Will Rogers.

68 ROGERS REPORTS HE'S PULLING FOR A TIE IN THE NEXT SENATE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 30. – Well, the candidates have only got one day more to wish.

Tonight they will be setting like a condemned man, waiting for a last minute word that they are needed to carry out the President's policies. Calvin is a pretty wise guy that way. He remembers what happened to the candidates, one time, when President Wilson went out and endorsed them all in a bunch. This year there will be many a one that will die waiting in vain. We only have a couple of more days and then we will know who is to handicap us for the next four years. If the Democrats can gain nine in the Senate they will split the front page news for the next few years, but if they don't gain any, and maybe lose some, why the only way you can read about one, will be to look in the "to lets." I am pulling for a tie between the Democrats and Republicans in the next Senate, and then we will have some excitement in there.

Will.

69 WILL ROGERS GIVES ADVICE RECEIVING ELECTION RETURNS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 31. – Don't be too enthusiastic Tuesday night over the election returns. They won't mean a thing. Many will be elected, but few will be seated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

70 WILL ROGERS SEES SOME HOPE OF ANOTHER ELECTION IN 1928

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 1. – If the Democrats make a good showing tomorrow it will encourage them, maybe, to have another election in 1928. If not, this will perhaps be the last election day you will ever witness.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

71 WILL ROGERS REMARKS:

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 2. – Had dinner in the Governor's mansion tonight with Ma and Jim. Got just as much to eat as I did at Calvin's. There are two Senate jobs in '28. Jim and Ma are going to run for both of them so they won't have one salary between them. Had lunch with Dan Moody, and have date for dinner with him at mansion next year. This is the town Col. House first gave his advice in. More men will be elected tonight through good counting than were elected today through voting.

Yours for reasonable honesty in politics,

Will Rogers.

72 AS MR. ROGERS SEES ELECTION ON THE MORNING AFTERWARD

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 3. – Butler of Massachusetts got his Presidential indorsement, but there is no salary connected with it. Poor Jim Wadsworth said, "Why did the voters pick on me? He didn't indorse me."

I got just what I was praying for—a tie in the Senate. Now it will be worth listening to.

Dollars may be corrupt, but they beat endorsements in this or any other election.

Yours for high-price votes,

Will Rogers.

73 BOUGHT VOTE, MR. ROGERS SAYS IS BETTER THAN NO VOTE AT ALL

LUBBOCK, Tex., Nov. 4. – They say it's wrong to buy votes, but you notice from the election returns that the fellows in Pennsylvania, and Illinois that bought the most, got elected. A bought vote is better than no votes at all. The counters can't tell whether they are bought or just bargained for.

I told you I could shake Oklahoma out of the cuckoo's nest. It wasn't doubtful all this time; it was just demented.

Will Rogers.

74 ROGERS FINDS A REPUBLICAN DOING WELL DOWN IN TEXAS

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Nov. 5. – I found quite a novelty down here in this Texas town. It was a Republican and the funny part about it is he is doing well and has every Democrat in town patronizing him.

It's remarkable what one lone man of a party can do when he sets his mind to it. He has got him a little postoffice here and has worked himself up into a nice little business. It pays to pioneer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

75 THOUGHTS FROM MR. ROGERS; HE LIKES HIS NEWS ASSORTED

WACO, Tex., Nov. 6. – Marie, the meandering monarch, will be swinging back into the States from Canada now that the election is over and the front pages are as vacant as a movie fan's mind. The Government has sent a new referee on her train.

Ma Ferguson told me she tried to land Marie for Austin, the capital of Texas, but when she couldn't get her she got the preacher Norris trial and is to follow that with the Tunney-Sharkey fight.

Today is "romance and knighthood news." Tomorrow we get back to politics and comedy.

Yours for an assortment,

Will Rogers.

76 WILL ROGERS SEES PRESIDENT IN THE BIG GAME OF 1928

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 7. – It looks like a cinch now that Calvin Coolidge will hear the referee's whistle in the big kick-off of 1928. He has already engaged his old coach, Butler. Coaches should always coach and never play themselves. He has two years to perfect a signal system with him. They have gone into a huddle already.

Yours for accurate weather, scandal and political predictions,

Will Rogers.

77 MR. ROGERS REPORTS DISCORD ON HIS OWN SPECIAL TRAIN

AMARILLO, Tex., Nov. 8. (On Board My Special Train at Amarillo, Texas, Where the Biggest Oil Fields in the World Are) – There has been some dissension on my train. We put a man off that claimed he was furnishing all the gum for my American tour. Everything is now serene and I will go through with the tour as originally planned, putting out articles daily.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

78 MR. ROGERS, IN THE SOUTH, DEFINES A REPUBLICAN

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Nov. 9. – Lots of people can't tell the difference between a Democrat and a Republican. After making a sort of a small time Queen Marie tour through the South I can tell you. A Republican is the fellow that knows enough to stop planting cotton.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

79 WILL ROGERS' DISPATCH

ABILENE, Tex., Nov. 10. – Mr. Coolidge is to be in Kansas City tomorrow to dedicate their monument that resembles a silo. First appearance in West since November catastrophe. He will speak on war relief and not farmers' relief.

Marie follows him in there Friday.

I follow 'em both in next Tuesday, when I will launch Jim Reed for President, talk of farmers' relief, monuments, Balkans, absent queens and seat Vare and Smith, so if you miss them you have something to look forward to.

Yours, not afraid to come out on any question,

Will Rogers.

80 WILL ROGERS REMARKS:

TEXARKANA, Ark., Nov. 11. – Today was Armistice Day, celebrated to commemorate the end of slaughter. There were more casualties in football games celebrating the Armistice than there were before the Armistice was declared. We got enough people for another war but not enough to stand another Armistice Day. But football is not nearly so devastating as the Armistice Day oratory. If we fought like we declaimed we would be paying reparations.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

81 WILL ROGERS NOMINATES REED AS ONE OF MISSOURI'S BRAVEST

CORSICANA, Tex., Nov. 12. – President Coolidge, in his speech lauding the names and bravery of Missouri and Kansas fighters, left out the bravest ones of all, the James Boys and Jim Reed. All three of them were raised under the very shadow of the monument. Whoever compiled his local data was either

ignorant or a Republican, perhaps both. Jim Reed has fought the Republicans single handed for fifteen years and never even asked for an armistice.

Yours for more accurate Armistice speeches,

Will Rogers.

82 MR. ROGERS MUSES ON CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH AND FINDS IT TOO GOOD TO COME TRUE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 13. – I been reading and studying over President Coolidge's message to Kansas and Missouri. He brought out Mr. Harding's idea (he didn't say it was, but it was) about the conscription of all wealth in case of war.

That sounds fine after the war is over. Funny nobody thought of it before the last war started, and I doubt if you hear anything of it just before the start of the next one. If they did do it, it would be a great enlistment boost for war, as we all know thousands that would go themselves just to see some of the money taken away from the ones that copped it during the last war.

It would be a very interesting experiment and would add novelty to the next war, as we have lots more fellows ready and willing to give lives than we have ones that would give their fortunes. You would have more suicides and heart failures on your hands than you would have shot by bullets.

It was a great idea even when Mr. Harding recommended it, but it's like a campaign promise; it's too good to ever come true. It would be worth a war just to try it out.

Yours for serious consideration of promises,

Will Rogers.

83 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS ROCKNE AS COACH FOR ARMY IN NEXT WAR

FORT GIBSON, Okla., Nov. 14. – The Harvard Lampoon must have written an exceedingly humorous article about Brown to get beat Saturday, 21– 0. It's a compliment to Harvard to say they broke off athletic relations. They haven't shown any athletics in years.

Why not get Rockne to coach the United States Army in the next war?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

84 ROYAL TRAIN AND ROGERS TRAIN MOVE MR. ROGERS TO COMPARISON

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Nov. 15. – I see where Ferdinand, the Acting King of Rumania, is trying again to get Marie to come home. He wants her out of the banquet halls by Christmas.

The Ford car guy is back in good standing with his upper berth on the royal train again. He tried to make the jumps in one of their products and missed seven receptions.

All serene on my Proletariat Special. Arrive at the Kansas City monument tomorrow.

Will Rogers.

85 WILL ROGERS CONTINUES HIS WESTERN TRAVELOGUE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 16. – Arrived in Kansas City, following in wake of Cal and Marie. Town sore on receptions. All that met me was a Red Cap. Saw the much discussed monument. It was to commemorate peace, but has caused war.

Chevrolet dealer has again been allowed to join our train. Only had two punctures on way to Grand Royal Bull judging contest, the only thing put on in my honor.

My wife wants me to quit this banqueting around and sail for California before Christmas present buying time; but the more traveling the more articles.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

86 SUGGESTIONS FROM MR. ROGERS ON WAR AND CONSCRIPTION

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 17. – Mr. Coolidge said in the next war we would draft wealth as well as men. Now everybody is arguing if it's practical. Why not postpone having the next war till the cause for it is so popular that you won't have to conscript either of them? If you will wait till we are invaded and everybody knows what they are fighting for, you won't need conscription.

Yours from Kansas, the comedy relief of the United States,

Will Rogers.

87 MR. ROGERS IS FOR FEWER CULTS AND FOR MORE CULTIVATION

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 18. – I see where they captured old King Ben, the perpetual sheik of Michigan. They have been looking for him for four years, everywhere but in the harem where he has been for twenty years.

Ben is head of a cult. Their side line is to cult-tie-vate whiskers. What we need is less cults and more cultivation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

88 FARMERS AND FILLING STATIONS DRAW WILL ROGERS'S COMMENT

DENVER, Col., Nov. 19. – Hit Denver and ran into another farmers' conference, passing resolutions for relief. What the farmers need to pass is filling stations and they won't need to pass resolutions. Colorado voted dry and now they are blaming it onto the altitude.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

89 WILL ROGERS GIVES A BOOST TO WESTERN FOOTBALL TEAMS

WRAY, Col., Nov. 21. – Harvard and Yale played Saturday, as usual, to decide which was the worst team in America. Harvard students have completed more English courses and less forward passes than any school in this generation. They got correspondence school teams out West here that they have to handcuff to keep them from going and beating Harvard and Yale.

Yours for new touchdown talent,

Will Rogers.

90 WILL ROGERS ENTERS CHICAGO WITH CERTAIN MISGIVINGS

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 22. – Playing Chicago tomorrow night, perhaps. Hope I reach the stage before the machine gun bullets lay me low. I want to go with by chaps on. Everybody in America has been good to me and I love you all, even critics and Congressmen.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Don't try to find who did it. I don't want any exception made in my case.

W. R.

91 WILL ROGERS SAFE IN CHICAGO AND HOPEFUL AT LAST BULLETIN

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23. – It's 9 o'clock now and I am still alive. There is one chance in a million. If I make it through the night I'll be a second Mussolini. Hoping against hope,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Box score for today: Died by gunshot and other natural Chicago causes, 13; wounded, 23. Bad weather kept outdoor shooting down to a minimum.

W. R.

92 WILL ROGERS GIVES ADVICE ABOUT THANKSGIVING DINNER

LIMA, Ohio, Nov. 24. – Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, for no reason at all. The more turkey you eat at dinner the less hash you will be bothered with the rest of the month.

This is the biggest bean town in the world. They don't make 'em any bigger than Lima's.

Ain't it lonesome since the Queen left?

Will Rogers.

93 WILL ROGERS FINDS HIMSELF THE SOLE TOURING CELEBRITY

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 25. – Marie, the migrating monarch, has walked out on us. That leaves nobody touring America but me.

I get over pretty big in little towns like this, where they never saw a queen. Most days here they can't even see each other.

Ford's man and Sam Hill are tying to get on my train now, but I don't want to ride from the depot in one of those. America's sole tourist.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, what do you know about my old friend Governor Brandon of Alabama? Alabama votes twenty-four quarts for Haig and Haig.

Will Rogers.

94 ROGERS FINDS A VOTING PRICE FOR FOOTBALL TICKETS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 26. – All tickets for Army-Navy game tomorrow in Chicago were taken by Congressmen and Senators. They are getting as high as 100 votes a seat for them. Football is in the pork barrel, too.

Yours for the lowdown on public servants,

Will.

95 INDIANA WON'T EVER BE THE SAME, ROGERS SAYS AFTER WHAT CARNEGIE TECH DID TO NOTRE DAME

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 27. – Carnegie Tech and I both hit Indiana today and she will never be the same old State again.

She was just beginning to pull herself back together and get the last of her Florida stragglers back and everything was going fine when Notre Dame, the State's one best ad, went back to Pittsburgh and "Andy's Boys" jumped on 'em in the first period and did the black bottom on them the rest of the afternoon.

Say, I wish you could see the old State tonight. It hasn't been as blue since the night Jim Watson was elected. Old Abe Martin (Kin Hubbard), who is sitting here by me, can't even think of a "saying," and George Ade's golf course is "to let." It's the worst thing that has hit Indiana since the Klansmen run out of sheets.

The Army and Navy got a draw in their civil war. Chicago was so busy looking at the uniforms of the cadets and middies that they didn't see the game at all. They played a tie and if Dawes hadn't gone to sleep he could have cast the deciding vote.

Longworth, Ritchie, Lowden and Dawes represented the next President. Mayor Walker came to the Far West for the first time to see the cowboys and Indians.

Yours from the sandbanks of the Wabash,

Will Rogers.

96 WILL ROGERS MAKES COMMENT ON OUR SLOWNESS IN AVIATION

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 28. – Our army played our navy Saturday and the game was refereed by our aviation students, both good men. We will have a football team from our aviation school as soon as our far-sighted statesmen

appropriate enough to have eleven students. They are just waiting for two more wars to see if flying machines are practical.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

97 WILL ROGERS FEELS AT HOME WHEN HE REACHES SOUTH BEND

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 29. – I always wanted to see this town. I was born in a Studebaker wagon, awakened every morning by a Big Ben clock, grew up walking between the handles of an Oliver chilled plow, wore home made shirts made by Singer sewing machines and read all my life of Notre Dame, whose scholastic standing is one touchdown and a field goal higher than any other modern educational hindrance.

Yours for narrower minds and broader stadiums,

Will Rogers.

98 REFLECTIONS BY WILL ROGERS ON SPIRITISM AND POLITICS

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 30. – Poor Valentino! They won't even let him alone after he is dead. They got him conversing with women in spirit that he wouldn't even speak to in life.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – The Democrats lost in Maine yesterday. They only had one chance and that was to get Coolidge to endorse the Republican candidate, and he was too smart for'em.

99 MR. ROGERS ASKS WHICH COUNTRY WANTS TO BE REGULATED NEXT

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 1. – Our gunboats are all in the Chinese war, our marines have all landed in Nicaragua, Kellogg is sending daily ultimatums to Mexico and Coolidge is dedicating memorials to eternal peace.

Who is the next country wants their affairs regulated? Look what we did for Tacna-Arica.

Yours,

Bill.

100 MR. ROGERS'S IDEA OF THE TRUTH ON SOME CURRENT TOPICS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 2. – The truth is finally coming out. Jack Dempsey was poisoned, Harvard was lampooned, Rockne forgot to bless the future Cardinals, the Army and the Navy were overcome by stockyard fumes, Hall-Mills committed suicide on account of no privacy in the lane, Peaches was canned, Aimee blames the static, Ma Ferguson says it took a man to do it and seven Republican Senators have just discovered that they were running on the wrong ticket.

The only one with no alibi was Queen Marie. She said, "I come to sell you Rumania." I think a three hundred million loan will get it – revolutions and all.

Yours for latest alibi news,

Will.

101 WILL ROGERS' DISPATCH

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 3. – The Hall-Mills jurymen turned in the verdict they had 25 days ago. For economy's sake, if for nothing else, why don't we let the jurymen render their verdict when they are sworn in instead of when they are sworn out. Yours for economic justice,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Of course we would miss the pictures of the trials, and I doubt if Americans would stand for that.

Will.

102 ROGERS SEES TROUBLE AHEAD AS CONGRESS MEETS TODAY

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 5. – Congress meets tomorrow morning. Let us all pray, Oh, Lord, give us strength to bear that which is about to be inflicted upon us. Be merciful with them, Oh Lord, for they know not what they are doing. Amen.

Will Rogers.

103 MR. ROGERS CALLS SESSION OF CONGRESS JUST A DAY LOST

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 6. – Congress met and adjourned right away. One more day's salary for six hundred went up the taxpayers' flue. When

do the taxpayers adjourn on pay?

The President's message comes tomorrow. That's another day lost.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – The farmers will get no relief before Wednesday—maybe late Wednesday.

104 ROGERS SEES RUMANIAN CRISIS AS A GOOD JOKE ON THE FAMILY

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 7. – Last week everybody was worrying about who would be King of Rumania. Good joke old Nick played on the whole family; he is just going to succeed himself.

Babblings from the Balkins.

Will.

105 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES A DIFFERENCE IN VIEWPOINTS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 8. – Did you ever see a man as tickled with the way a country is running as Mr. Coolidge is? Makes a lot of difference from where you are sitting.

From an agrarian—when I can afford it.

Will.

106 WILL ROGERS FINDS A FLAW IN HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING TALK

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 9. – Every official in the Government and every prominent manufacturer is forever bragging about our "high standard of living." Why, we could always have lived this high if we had wanted to live on the instalment plan. Yours,

Will.

107 WILL ROGERS HAS DINNER WITH 'THE WET NURSE FOR MARYLAND'

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 10. – Just had dinner tonight with a guy that has every earmark of the next renter for the White House in case Cal don't renew his lease. There ain't but one thing will hold this fellow back and that

ain't much, but you know how voters are. He is a Democrat. He is now the wet nurse for Maryland.

Yours for likely prospects.

Will.

108 WILL ROGERS FINDS CONGRESS INTERESTED IN THAT SURPLUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11. – Have spent the entire day watching our two great lawmaking bodies in action. The Senate debated all day on whether to have the bridge that they are building between Oregon and Washington white or orange colored. Dawes sat there so bored he looked like he could have murdered the ones that gave him his job.

Congress is just sitting around waiting with suggestions as to how to divide up the $350,000,000 surplus. Coolidge made a big mistake by ever telling them he had it at all. They won't get a thing done till they get that split up some way among their voters.

Sol Bloom and Copeland are looking after New York's interest.

Yours for the common people's share,

Will.

109 WILL ROGERS ADVOCATES SINGLE STANDARD OF ALIMONY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12. – Say, it looks like this Count Slam-Von-Hogsa-Trottin is going to get his alimony. If he does it will be encouragement for home talent husbands to be allowed something.

Yours for single standard of alimony,

Will.

P. S. – It's late Sunday night here. Farmers have received no more relief than the cotton stocking manufacturers.

110 WILL ROGERS OFFERS ADVICE TO THE GIRL BANK ROBBER

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 13. – See where the female secretary of my friend, Dan Moody, Governor-elect of Texas, has traded her typewriter for an automatic and been doing a little trick and fancy bank robbing in between dic-

tations. If she will plead guilty and can get in jail before Ma Ferguson's time expires on January first, Ma will pardon her.

Hurray for Dan Moody, A. and M. and West Texas. Yours,

Will.

111 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS HOW A FORTUNE CAN BE MADE

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 14. – A fortune is in store in this country for the person that can make something out of slightly used Rumanian flags.

Yours for a universal visiting flag.

Will Rogers.

112 ROGERS 'WORKING REASONABLE,' COMPARED WITH THE CHORUS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 15. – Miss Marion Talley wouldn't sing 'cause she didn't get her three thousand. That just reminds me, Pittsburgh hasn't handed me my one-hundred-dollar bill for tonight yet, and there won't be a Vare vote-buying joke told till I get the hundred in my paws. If New Rochelle wants opera for the first time and Pittsburgh wants high-brow humor for the first time, let 'em dig up for it.

Yours for a mixture of commerce and art,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – One of our Follies chorus girls got $50,000 out of Pittsburgh last week. I think Marion and I are working reasonable.

113 MR. ROGERS'S IDEA OF THE SENATE SEEMS IN LINE WITH GOV. SMALL'S

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Dec. 16. – I see where Governor Hard Surface Road Len Small appointed this fellow Smith to go up to the Senate now. He was not supposed to be thrown out of there till next session. It looks like a wise move to get the verdict six months in advance and put everybody out of their misery. Seat 'em! Cheap Senators never got a country anywhere.

Will Rogers.

114 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS A DEAL TO END FORD'S LATEST CRUSADE

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17. – I am in Detroit in connection with trouble between Henry Ford and Jewish people. Think if every one of them will agree

to buy one of those things at Cost plus 10 per cent, trouble will be patched up all around.

Yours for good feeling even among rich people,

Will Rogers.

115 WILL ROGERS DOES HIS BIT FOR CHICAGO'S CANAL PROJECT

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18. – Am here in Chicago on way to California.

Poor Chicago! They are having a pretty tough break. They have a Senator elected that it looks like the poor devil is going to have to stand up during his term and they got them a canal all dug and they can't find any adjoining country to loan them water to put into it. It's an awful nice canal. If you hear of anybody that has any water they want to loan them for it—you see they just need enough water to get them to the Mississippi River. That's all they want.

Five bandits came clear here yesterday but I guess that wouldn't come under the heading of news.

Yours for water in every canal we build,

Will.

116 WILL ROGERS VISITS KANSAS AND LISTS ITS NOTED MEN

DODGE CITY, Kan., Dec. 19. – Speeding across Kansas, noted for three Senators: Capper, who holds the rainbow sent up for the farmers; Curtis, who walks in front of the Republican Senators holding out a stick of Coolidge candy, which they never reach, and William Randolph White, home talent critic.

This is Dodge City, which used to be bad till the East made it ashamed of itself. The last murder here was in 1917. The man was fiendishly attacked by an infuriated Ford.

Tomorrow Arizona, if we are not late; if so, New Mexico.

The Rambling Mayor of Beverly Hills,

Will Rogers.

117 'HON. WILL ROGERS,' HE SIGNS IT, BEING THE MAYOR OF BEVERLY

WINSLOW, Ariz., Dec. 20. – Los Angeles wants to dam the Colorado River. They are short of water for booster speakers at banquets. Arizona here says: "Get it from your advertisements. You advertise you have everything."

Beverly Hills don't ask the world for a thing. We got water, even if we don't use it, and an after dinner speaker for a Mayor, like New York. Beverly's Mayor has refused more free meals than Jimmy Walker ever spoke for. Hold 'em, Doug, till I come.

A moving Mayor of a fast moving town,

Hon. Will Rogers.

118 MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY HILLS RECORDS A WELCOME TO TOWN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 21. – As Mayor of Beverly Hills I arrived today amid big demonstrations. They mistook me for Ormiston. If not a success as Mayor, they offer to change City Hall into a tabernacle—me to preach, and Doug and Tom Mix and Bill Hart to take up collection; Ben Turpin to run radio, so there will be no chance of a scandal.

Honest, they gave me a great welcome, and I want to thank everybody from the bottom of my heart and President Coolidge for a lovely nice wire. Also Al Smith and my opposition, Jimmy Walker of New York; also Hiram Johnson and Shortridge.

The only Mayor that hasn't made a mistake so far—his honor of Beverly Hills. The best town west of Nantucket Lightship,

Will Rogers.

119 MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY HILLS TAKES NOTE OF ARMY TROUBLES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 22. – I see where Brig. Gen. Reilly says that American soldiers are deserting at the rate of a thousand a month.

Well, we have one consolation. A thing like that can't last for over a couple of months. We are refunding to the taxpayers more soldiers than we are taxes.

It's a good thing for us that the last war was the last one.

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR OF BEVERLY HILLS, CAL.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Thank Charley Dawes for a nice wire. May Morpheus never overtake him during an emergency.

120 WILL ROGERS' CHRISTMAS ADVICE AND A TRIBUTE TO TY AND TRIS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 23. – I am too busy replacing presents to write today. I bought some mechanical and electric things for the kids and wore 'em out playing with 'em myself. Don't forget to lay by a few presents today for those who you didn't think would send you anything. You may not have to use 'em anyway. Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I want the world to know that I sincerely wish Tris and Ty the same as I have always wished them over an acquaintanceship of fifteen years. If you are crooked it shouldn't take you twenty years' hard work to get enough to retire on, If they been selling out all these years I would like to have seen them play when they wasn't selling.

121 GREETINGS FROM WILL ROGERS AND SOME ADVICE TO MEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 24. – Merry Christmas, my constant readers, both of you.

No scandal today. There is some, but it will be more scandalous by tomorrow.

Men, act surprised this morning as if you didn't know the tie was coming.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

122 WILL ROGERS HAS BAD NEWS ABOUT CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 26. – It's going to take four days to bury all those who celebrated Christmas.

If Nicaragua would just come out like a man and fight us, we wouldn't have to be hunting away off over in China for a war.

See where Tunney, the champion prize-fighter, fell in the water and it was all a Boy Scout could do to rescue him.

The Mayor of Beverly—the Claremore, Oklahoma, of the West Coast,

Will Rogers.

123 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS OWN PLAN FOR DISPOSING OF THE SURPLUS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 27. – Congress is arguing, this whole short session, over what to do with the $378,000,000 surplus. It seems odd that nobody has ever thought of returning it to the source they saved it from, the army, navy and aviation. Through not spending anything on them is how we got it.

The first political party that is far-sighted enough to buy airplanes instead of votes is going to be setting mighty pretty the next few years. That's what Beverly Hills is doing—preparing. I just today had to hire another cop for Saturdays and Sundays.

Yours, executively,

Will Rogers.

124 A FEW NICARAGUA APHORISMS FROM MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 28. – A few slogans for our latest war:

"Join the army and take the old Nick out of Nicaragua."

"Join the navy and try and help America find Nicaragua."

"Join the aviation. We are sending our plane to Nicaragua."

"The 1932 Legion Convention will be held in Nicaragua."

"Let's make Nicaragua free for 100 per cent Americans to live in."

"We have lost our first combat there, but wait till our Spring drive starts against Nicaragua."

"Stop Nicaragua while there is time."

Recruitingly yours,

Mayor Rogers.

125 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES EUROPE'S BEING 'SORE AT US'

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29: – They say all nations are sore at us, but unfortunately for us they didn't get sore at us quick enough. If they had, we would have saved money. We are the ones that should be sore at them for not getting sore at us quicker. Them's the Mayor's sentiments.

Will Rogers.

126 NOBLE CHANCE FOR A REPUBLICAN WITH MAYOR ROGERS AT BEVERLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 30. – Say, you talk about a prosperous town. We can't find a Republican poor enough to be Postmaster here. Even Democrats got money in this town and won't take the job.

Here is an opening for Butler of Massachusetts, Vare or Smith.

The Mayor of a town in distress,

Will Rogers.

127 MAYOR ROGERS COMMENTS ON OFFICIAL 'MURDER BY THE QUART'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 31. – I see the Government has worked out a plan to fix the liquor that they sell the bootleggers from the warehouses so it won't totally exterminate the ultimate consumer. Even the prohibitionists are in favor of diluting it, as it depleted their ranks during the holidays.

Something has to be done. You want customers that will live at least for two or three sales. Governments used to murder by the bullet only. Now it's by the quart.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Read Judge Gary's message to the country on optimism.

DAILY TELEGRAMS – 1927

128 WILL ROGERS FINDS MEXICO FAIR IN THE MATTER OF EARTHQUAKES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 2. – See where America and Mexico had a joint earthquake. That's the only thing I ever heard that we split 50-50 with Mexico.

Lucky for Mexico that she didn't grab off more of the earthquake than

we did or she would have got a note from Kellogg.

It's the influence from Moscow that is causing all this earth's upheaval.

Yours for reciprocity in earthquakes,

Mayor Rogers.

129 WILL ROGERS NAMES CHAPLIN AS HIS LIEUTENANT MAYOR

GALLUP, N. M., Jan. 3. – In the Mayor's much regretted absence from Beverly Hills, I hereby and hereon do this day appoint as Lieutenant Mayor Charles Spencer Chaplin, who is temporarily out of a wife, and can therefore devote all his humor to the office.

I want also to thank my beautiful town for the law-abiding spirit in which they acted during the holidays. We did not lose an inhabitant by death, which proves conclusively that the Eighteenth Amendment was strictly adhered to. We can behave ourselves better than lots of more moral towns can.

Going back to Claremore. His later Honor,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Let me know how Aimee and Asa come out. Want also to thank everybody who so kindly came out and got pneumonia on the day of my arrival in the land of perpetual sunshine.

Will.

130 MR. ROGERS ON POISON RUM AS A WEAPON IN OUR NEXT WAR

DODGE CITY, Kan., Jan. 4. – Talk about America being unarmed and unprepared for the next war. Why, say, we are setting pretty.

Give the enemy a party the night before the war starts and serve Government booze. Government statistics prove they are running about five funerals to the quart.

If you can't make 'em obey, kill 'em.

The rambling Mayor,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – And we are the country that wants to outlaw poison gases in war, for humanitarian reasons!

131 ROGERS LOSING CONFIDENCE IN EVEN WAR BEING ON THE LEVEL

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5. – Been listening all day here to baseball testimony. Just discovered ex-court-martialed soldier who swears Germans were bought off by Pershing in last series on Marne. I am losing confidence in even the Civil War having been on the level.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

132 MR. ROGERS MUSES ON RED TAPE AFTER WAR AND BULLETS IN WAR

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 6. – I see where a lot of banks are refusing the soldier boys loans on their adjusted compensations on account of too much red tape to handle. Not quite as much tape for them as it was to him to go to war, though there is at least no bullets in it.

Thank goodness there will be no more wars. Now you tell one.

Mayor Rogers.

P. S. – Am in Detroit to get a patrol wagon that will haul actors with dignity and comfort.

133 MAYOR ROGERS CLASSIFIES THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 7, 1927. – Am lecturing before University of Michigan tonight on "Better Government by Poorer Officials." The great biologist, Professor Little, is President of the school. He took the position so he could combine the study of students with that of guinea pigs. Yours mayorally,

Mr. Rogers.

P. S. – You will remember this school more readily when I tell you it's the one that Benny Friedman and Benny Oosterbaan are building the new stadium for. Michigan's scholastic standing is a field goal better than any university in the Middle West.

134 WILL ROGERS SEES WASHINGTON COMPETING WITH HUMORISTS

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 9. – You want to know why we are so funny to the rest of the world? Here we are sending warships to tell Nicaragua who to seat after their election and we haven't got a Senator that was elected here last

Fall that will be allowed to sit down. I wish I was as funny as that is. My opposition is getting unusually keen in Washington just in the last few days. The Mayor is being driven slowly into the drama.

Mr. Rogers.

P. S. – What did you do, father, in the great war of Nicaragua?

135 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 10. – We say that Diaz is the properly elected president of Nicaragua, but Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay—all those say that the other fellow is the properly elected President. It's funny how we are the only ones that get everything right. I'd rather be right than Republican.

Will Rogers.

136 MAYOR ROGERS EXPLAINS HIS PRESENCE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 11. – Seems odd two messages hit the papers the same day. Mister Coolidge indicts Nicaragua and Mrs. Chaplin indicts Charlie. Looks like they both got good grounds for complaint. Nicaragua is the Hollywood of Central America.

I am here studying the modern modes of crime. A progressive Mayor,

Will.

137 NOT ALL OF US LIKE CHARLIE, SAYS MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 12. – I knew something would happen the minute I got away from Beverly Hills and not attending to things personally.

Charlie has gone and ruined us just when I thought I had everybody all signed up to the pledge. But I want you to know that we are not all like Charlie. He is the only one that has sixteen million dollars, even if he had it.

Lita, take the children out to the old Mayor's house. I will feed 'em till you jar him loose from a few millions.

The Mayor.

138 WILL ROGERS SHOWS HENRY FORD HE HAS CONFIDENCE IN HIM

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 13. – Been listening all day to the Ford stockholders' trial, where, after Mr. Ford had made each $100 share worth a half million, the shareholders thought he wasn't running his business right and sold out.

To show him that I have confidence in his business ability still I just told him personally out at his home today that I was willing to put a hundred in with him and string along even now. He certainly did seem to appreciate such confidence, so he and I are going to build some airplanes.

The aerial Mayor,

Will Rogers.

139 MR. ROGERS STUDIES A STADIUM; PRESENTS A FEW STATISTICS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 14. – Dr. Wilce, the Ohio State coach, just showed me their new stadium, seating 100,000, built by hard study and excellent scholarship.

They can seat 200 students to every book in the university. They lost to Michigan by a kick after touchdown. He has 400 students practicing day and night in relays to kick goals.

A product of the old book mode of education,

The Mayor.

P. S. – I suggested they practice making another touchdown, then they wouldn't have to worry about the goal kicking.

140 WILL ROGERS FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE BLUE GRASS COUNTRY

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 15. – I have seen today some of the most beautiful stock farms in America. I don't think there is another place in this country quite like the blue grass region around Lexington.

It's more like English country life than any place, and English country life is just about the best there is. Can't give London much, but those old birds out in the country sure do know how to live, and I tell you these old guys here, with their fine horses that we read about every Summer in all the big races, they got some great horses here and they know how to scramble a bran mash for a horse and a corn mash for a human that just about excels any hospitality in America.

Beverly Hills and Claremore have a close rival.

The Mayor.

141 WILL ROGERS' DISPATCH

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 16. – Been reading up on the early lives of our prominent men of today and find that Secretary of State Kellogg was scared very badly when a mere baby by a big ruff Russian.

Will Rogers,

The Meandering Mayor.

142 WILL ROGERS SAYS A WORD ABOUT THE EVOLUTION THEORY

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 17. – The Supreme Court of Tennessee down here has just ruled that you other States can come from whoever or whatever you want to, but they want it on record that they come from mud only.

Darwin's living illustration, the Mayor of what we think is a town, but may be a zoo.

Will Rogers.

143 MR. ROGERS OFFERS FLORIDA A LITTLE MORE ADVERTISING

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 18. – Wake up, Florida, and get some advertising! You've got a channel. I hereby offer $30,000, also made from chewing Wrigley's gum, to the first swimmer who lands from Cuba, bringing with him something besides his bathing suit.

The Mayor.

P. S. – Good luck to my friend Dan Moody, the new Governor of Texas, who has to start in from the bottom and capture his own prisoners.

144 NOTE FROM MAYOR ROGERS ON CRUISERS AND ELECTIONS

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 19. – See where the Senate voted three new cruisers. We had to have 'em to deliver our marines around on our various battle fronts.

Those three cruisers will settle three more foreign elections. How many will they have to build to seat Smith and Vare?

Awaiting anxiously,

The Seated Mayor.

145 A FEW THOUGHTS ON ELECTIONS FROM MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 20. – The Republican Senators whose side spent most of the money want Smith seated, but the Democrats, on account of their shortage of money, think it would be a bad precedent. Our elections will keep on till they are as uncertain as Nicaragua's.

Elected without protest or reason,

Mayor Rogers.

146 MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY MUSES NEUTRALLY ON PROHIBITION

LESTER, W. Va., Jan. 21. – Prohibition has been in effect seven years this week, and what's living on both sides are celebrating.

The Neutral Mayor.

P. S. – One thing to be said for it, prohibition will work if you drink it.

147 WILL ROGERS IS INSPECTING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 22. – All I been doing the last week is playing to and instructing coming Presidential candidates.

Hit Governor Donahey of Ohio, who even the Republicans think is better than anything they got out there; they have elected him three times in a row. Then I went into Tennessee, and Governor Peay, another Democrat, has fooled 'em three times in a row down there.

Then last night into West Virginia, to Charleston, where I run into my first Republican official. It was Governor Gore, who introduced me to the gang as the sole surviving "Progressive." He is a farmer and if Cal and Lowden go into a deadlock, like Smith and McAdoo will, why you want to keep this boy's name on your 'phone list.

Next Wednesday night I am in Troy, N. Y. On account of not being a member of Tammany I couldn't get into Albany, but I hope to see or hear about by old friend AL Smith, and see what his horoscope reads for about June, 1928.

It just looks like if it wasn't for the Presidential candidates I wouldn't have any audience at all. They have been a godsend to me, so bring on more of them.

I don't care whether they are better or not, but let's have more candidates.

Mayor Rogers.

148 WILL ROGERS SAYS A WORD ON THE MEXICAN SITUATION

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 23. – Mr. Coolidge says he is not going to submit the Mexican trouble to arbitration. He says he feels so sure we are right that there is no one he would trust to decide it in our favor.

The Mayor.

P. S. – Be sure you are right and then go ahead, but don't arbitrate.

149 WILL ROGERS INTERPRETS PRINCETON-HARVARD ATTITUDE

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 24. – This has been a brain-fagging day for the tabloid readers. With the Norris trial not ending and the "Peaches" one starting, it's just asking too much, and some day their minds will crack.

The Mayor.

P. S. – Princeton denies that they were rough with Harvard in football. They say they were firm but never rough, that it wasn't necessary.

150 WILL ROGERS' DISPATCH

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 25. – You are going to get nothing three times a day but "Peaches, mud and applesauce."

When a judge holds a case like that in public, when he knows all they want anyway is publicity, where's your recall and referendum?

And we are the country that's sending missionaries to China.

Will Rogers.

151 WILL ROGERS ON MOTHERS-IN-LAW REPUTATIONS, LAW AND ALIMONY

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 26. – Every sensational case nowadays has its mother-in-law. If these mothers protected their daughters as much before they get into court as they do after they get in there, they wouldn't get into court. Too bad they don't fight for their daughters' reputation as quick as they will for their daughters' alimony.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The permanent wife is the one without advice.

152 BRIEF NOTES BY WILL ROGERS ON A FEW CURRENT TOPICS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 27. – The missionaries went over to announce to China that there was a heaven, and now the Chinamen want to kill them to give them a chance to prove it. But some of the missionaries are showing a little doubt themselves.

The Rolling Chair Mayor.

P. S. – I see where Judge Landis exonerated Tris and Ty today. He wasn't much late. All us paying customers exonerated 'em the day we heard it.

P. S. S. – I ordered apple sauce this morning and the waiter brought me peaches.

153 A FEW PROBLEMS IN THE NEWS SETTLED BY WILL ROGERS

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 28. – They just had to postpone the "spoiled peaches" case these few days to give the constant followers of that case a chance to catch up. They couldn't read that fast. Even the pictures were coming so fast they couldn't mentally digest them.

The Mayor,

In Al Smith's Territory.

P. S. – This will set at rest all rumors as to where Speaker and Cobb are to go. Just conferred with both. Ty goes to the Claremore (Oklahoma) Giants and Tris goes to the Beverly Hills, California, nearly White Sox.

154 MAYOR ROGERS LOOKS OVER SESQUICENTENNIAL THAT WAS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 29. – Arrived in Philadelphia today to attend the "sesqui-next-year-after" centennial. I visited Chicago the next year after, St. Louis the year after, and I wanted to keep my record clean. I wanted to visit this afterward, as I would much rather see the grounds than the exposition.

Well, I couldn't find a single Philadelphian that could tell me where it was. Some had heard of it, but none of them had ever attended. Some was in favor of leaving the thing open, so it would get advertised around Philadelphia that it was there, but they didn't want to leave it up that long.

A Visiting Mayor.

155 WILL ROGERS SAYS PRESIDENT IS RIGHT ON PROTECTION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 30. – My advice to Mr. Coolidge on preparedness is slowly bearing fruit. Here are his exact words in a speech Saturday: "What we need and all that we do need for national protection is adequate protection."

Couldn't ask for a clearer statement than that. What a hungry man needs and all that he needs for personal sustenance is adequate food and shelter. All even a Democrat needs for self-presentation is adequate votes. All the old Mayor needs is plenty of jokes and good audiences.

The Mayor.

P. S. – I am taking care of New York while Jimmy Walker is gone to Cuba to recuperate from Tammany politicians.

156 THE WORLD'S SEVEN WONDERS AS LISTED BY WILL ROGERS

ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 31. – Am down in Old Virginia, the mother of Presidents when we thought Presidents had to be aristocrats. Since we got wise to the limitations of aristocrats, Virginia has featured their ham over their Presidential timber.

Visited their Natural Bridge today, the first of the seven wonders of the world. Niagara and the Grand Canyon are a couple more. Italy's poor marksmanship is one. Faith in prohibition enforcement is another, Claremore (Okla.) radium water and last and greatest the Democratic eternal hope.

The Mayor.

157 ROGERS'S IDEA OF CONFERENCES, PARTICULARLY ON DISARMAMENT

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 1. – Had a visit today at the home of ex-Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels. He had all the photographs of our navy, when we had a navy.

Wars don't diminish our navy. It's peace that's so devastating. When we were attacked by the disarmament conference we had even our lifeboats shot from under us.

Other nations were anxious to confer when we were building ahead of them, but now they are ahead, so why should they confer?

The Mayor.

P. S. – Congress ought to pass a law to prohibit us conferring with anybody on anything, till we learn how.

158 WILL ROGERS FINDS FLORIDA, LIKE DEMPSEY, STILL POPULAR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 2. – You know Dempsey never was as popular as he was after he had lost the championship. Well, that's just the way with Florida.

And, like Dempsey, they still got the same things that made 'em great, one time. The panic weeded the punks out; all the regulars are down here as usual.

You know it's a pleasure to meet these people when they haven't got a map in their hands. Now they are trying to please you instead of sell you.

A Mayor.

From a Couple of States that Can Afford to be Generous.

159 ROGERS MEETS MR. ROCKEFELLER AND COMES OUT 20 CENTS AHEAD

ORLANDO, Fla., Feb. 3. – Had breakfast this morning with John D. Rockefeller, for which I received a fine breakfast and a brand new dime. Went out with him and watched him play eight holes of golf, for which I received another dime.

Made 20 cents clear. Received more jokes from him than I gave, as he is certainly keen and has a great sense of humor.

Had a very pleasant morning and would have stayed longer, but he run out of dimes. I am trying to get him to come to California for his second hundred years.

Who else will give me a dime to eat with them?

The Mayor.

160 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A COURSE OF ACTION IN CHINA

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 4. – We will stop those Chinese from fighting among themselves if we have to kill them to do it.

The Reading and Rambling Mayor.

161 MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY FINDS FLORIDA GOING STRONG

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 5. – Say, where do some of these birds get the idea that Florida has blown up? Why, say, they are going strong down here. The lot-

buying period is over, but now they are settled down to work and common sense and they are getting in fine shape.

It's the most beautiful weather you ever saw in your life here now—everybody walking around in Summer clothes and bathing and fishing and golfing. Of course, the Mayors here don't stack up with the California-type of Mayors, but outside of that they give us quite a run. The main place where we got 'em licked is in the Summer. California is better as a Summer resort than it is as a Winter one; but it's warmer here in the Winter than in California.

But don't start in feeling too sorry for these Floridians. They are getting along mighty fine. I see by this morning's paper that California had an earthquake yesterday. These papers here just keep earthquakes set up in type all the time, and it goes in daily that Cal has had one.

Well—just so we don't have one out there.

Yours,

The Mayor.

162 WILL ROGERS KEEPS CALM, DESPITE EARTHQUAKE REPORTS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 6. – See by the Florida papers today that California had another earthquake yesterday. I rushed right down to The Miami News to see what details they had, for my family was all out there. In looking it up in the pressroom we couldn't find any details, but we found the story on the press of the earthquake that we are having today, and that will be in tomorrow's paper, so I am not going to get excited till next Friday's earthquake. That's when they report a big one.

Will Rogers,

The Mayor of an Unshaken Town.

163 PASSING NOTE BY WILL ROGERS ON TWO INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 7. – I am here in the only town in America where two world's series sporting events are held. The outdoor, under-a-shade checker championship and the horseshoe pitching finals are here.

It's the greatest climate in the world for open-air checkers. You can get into the king row here before you can make a move in other climates. And the mule-slipper heaver can do more with a horseshoe than a manicurist can with a drunk.

I'll have to get some grounds for these games out in old Beverly. We can play 'em while they are sleeping.

The Mayor.

164 WILL ROGERS REMARKS:

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 8. – Portugal is having revolution. Good joke on us. We haven't any more marines to cover that one.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I flew 300 miles to get here. Hurrah for commercial aviation.

165 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENING

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 9. – The King opened Parliament yesterday. The Prince of Wales got his sword and his robe and his legs mixed up, and furnished what the papers called the comedy element. But get this one. I think the King furnished his quota of humor with the following:

"My relations with China are friendly and I have dispatched warships there to express my good feeling."

The King evidently gave more thought to his wardrobe than he did to his speech. This shows why Kings don't have jesters any more. They don't need 'em.

Yours,

Tourist Rogers.

166 WILL ROGERS IN PALM BEACH SO MORAL HE WAS UNINTERESTING

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 10. – Terrible wave of immorality sweeping the stage. My performance in Palm Beach tonight was witnessed by jury of moralists composed of E. F. Albee, Lee Shubert, Marcus Loew, Adolph Zukor, Edgar Selwyn, Arthur Hammerstein, Joe Leblang, Mrs. Stotesbury and Ben Bernie. They pronounced the performance so clean that it was uninteresting.

The Evangelist Mayor.

P. S. – Length of season here depends on amount of your money. Mine lasted from 8:30 Thursday to 11 P.M. same day. I didn't think it worth while to take a cottage.

167 WILL ROGERS MEDITATES ABOUT FARMERS' RELIEF

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 11. – One thing about farmers' relief: It can't last long, for the farmers ain't got much more to be relieved of.

A farmer that knows.

Cocklebur Rogers.

168 MAYOR ROGERS SENDS AN ITEM ON THE STATE OF FLORIDA

MACON, Ga., Feb. 12. – Just come out from a ten-day tour of Florida. Didn't see a real estate man on entire trip. Everybody in bathing suits, nobody bathing.

They are taking their misfortune like real sports and have reconciled themselves to being the second best resort State in America. They have drained the golf courses and you don't have to play with a ball that will float any more.

If they could ever starve those natives into working, Florida would be a second Germany. Even old Georgia has picked up since Ty was restored.

Touring the Rotary belt,

The Mayor.

169 WILL ROGERS PRESENTS HIS IDEA OF FARM RELIEF

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 13. – Here is my Farm Relief bill: Every time a Southerner plants nothing on his farm but cotton year after year, and the Northerner nothing but wheat or corn, why, take a hammer and hit him twice right between the eyes.

You may dent your hammer, but it will do more real good than all the McNary-Haugen bills you can pass in a year.

Old Doc Rogers.

170 WILL ROGERS ON FARM RELIEF AND THE VALUE OF DAUGHTERS

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 14. – The Senate relieved the farmers on Friday; the House of Representatives is supposed to relieve them tomorrow. Rotation of crops and less automobiles will relieve them whenever they decide to try it.

The Mayor.

P. S. – Just had lunch with the Governor of South Carolina. He has nine grown daughters. What would the wide-open spaces of the West give for some Governors like that? In a few years he will have enough grandchildren to vote him Governor for life.

171 AS TO PRESIDENTS, WILL ROGERS DISAGREES WITH DR. BUTLER

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 15. – I never thought we would live to see the day when Congressman Upshaw of Georgia knew more than President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia; but it has happened. The Doctor says our next President must be a wet. He may know schoolmarming, but he don't know American sentiment outside New York.

Mind you, I am very fond of the Professor. He said he was going to give me a degree just as soon as he can think of one to give me. Well, after the next election he can give me one for ignorance with a smattering of political insight.

From the Mayor who gathers other people's ideas all over the country instead of just expounding his own,

Will.

172 WILL ROGERS MEDITATES ON FISTICUFFS IN CONGRESS

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 16. – Two of my Congressional friends had a fight in Congress yesterday—Sol Bloom of New York and Blanton of Texas. That's three fights in there in three days, and nobody has been hit yet.

If their political sight is as bad as their aim, we better call for a new election. What this country needs is legislators that can both knock each other out for good. That's our only salvation.

The Mayor who won't give up his seat in Beverly Hills without being bought off.

Will.

173 WILL ROGERS NOT WORRIED OVER RECALL TALK IN BEVERLY

FLORENCE, S. C., Feb. 17. – Haven't paid much attention to that talk out in Beverly Hills about going to recall the Mayor. I am not afraid of that. They can't let me out. I know too much. Why, I will rock the very foundation of the social strata of screen, oil and realtor business.

The Mayor From Now On.

P. S. – If they monkey with me I will undo all the good that Will Hays has done for years.

174 WILL ROGERS MAKES A PLEA TO HEFLIN'S CONSTITUENCY

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 18. – Senator Heflin of Alabama held up all Senate business yesterday for five hours. That's a record for narrow views.

Tonight in his home capital I am pleading with Alabama to please not exterminate all Catholics, Republicans, Jews, negroes, Jim Reed, Al Smith, Wadsworth, Mellon and Coolidge and the Pope.

Of course, my plea will do no good, for Tom knows the intelligence of his constituency better than we do.

A Missionary Will.

175 MR. ROGERS IN MISSISSIPPI MUSES ON FARM POLITICS

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 19. – I am here in the native igloo of Senator Pat Harrison. The only way I get booked in Mississippi is to tell them I am a friend of Pat Harrison's.

They sure are strong for Pat down here, and say, you would be surprised to see what they are doing. This old State is up and going—diversified farming, and talking politics. Lowden has been down here, and he sure made a hit with these old Democrats. I believe they will vote for him.

What's Cal going to do about the Nary-McHaugen bill? I am betting he vetoes it. Lowden against Harrison in 1928.

Will.

176 WILL ROGERS SEES BIG JOB AHEAD FOR AIMEE MCPHERSON

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 20. – Headlines this morning said: "Aimee to Reform Texas." Naturally I thought it meant "Pa" Jim Ferguson and Amon G. Carter. I read on and found it referred to "Texas" Guinan and Mayor Jim Walker. If Aimee can save them, her days in the desert for publicity are at an end. An Arkansaw traveler for the next few days.

Will.

P. S. – Ban Johnson and Harry Wills are both here training for return matches with Judge Landis and Jack Sharkey.

177 THOUGHTS ON EVOLUTION FROM THE MAYOR OF BEVERLY

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 21. – Arkansaw took the literacy test just this week, with an evolution bill. They just did make it. Tennessee and Texas couldn't pass.

I don't know why some of these States want to have their ancestry established by law. There must be a suspicion of doubt somewhere.

Outside of the Legislature's action, why, old Arkansas is certainly booming. Hot Springs is crowded with guests. They are exhibiting me here at the Arlington Hotel.

Will Rogers.

178 WILL ROGERS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE ARKANSAS OZARKS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Feb. 22. – I didn't get to buy any of Valentino's personal objects and works of art, but when they bring them to Claremore, Okla., for an auction there, I think I will buy some rare old pieces. Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, if you want to visit the most beautiful country in the United States, don't overlook these Ozark Mountains. In these are where I grabbed off my only wife. So you will pardon me for bragging on Arkansas.

179 DIRT FARMER ROGERS'S VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 23. – Say, that Mr. Coolidge is a smart man. He delivered an oration on the life of Washington, and all he talked about was how good a farmer George was. He insinuated Washington made all his money farming and never asked for relief.

I don't know myself, but I believe George's fighting got him further than his farming. But it just shows you how far ahead Calvin figures.

Yours with fifteen hundred acres of Oklahoma waiting for relief, an automobile dirt farmer,

The Mayor.

180 ROGERS, DOWN IN TEXAS, REPORTS CAPITAL EVENTS

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex., Feb. 24. – Mr. Coolidge isn't keeping the great American people in suspense on that farming bill purposely. It takes time to feel out the whole country and see which side has the most votes.

A farmer without a surplus,

Will Rogers.

181 WILL ROGERS GIVES CREDIT TO COOLIDGE AS 'A BIG MAN'

BROWNWOOD, Tex., Feb. 25. – Well, Calvin vetoed the "Mary McHaugen" bill. One thing, nobody can ever accuse the President of being a "yes" man. I am with him on this. I never could see why the bill raised the price on a hog and not on a cow, raised it on an ear of corn, but not on a potato.

You see, that shows you where class will tell. The old Congressmen and Senators got scared by the vetoes back home, but Cal went through. That's the difference between a big man and a little one.

A dirt farmer who has to fertilize.

Will.

182 WILL ROGERS SEES HELP FOR THE FARMER IN RADIO

AMARILLO, Tex., Feb. 27. – Mr. Coolidge killed the Farm Relief bill, but the farmers broke about even. The "Better Radio" bill passed. Farmers are buying more batteries than they are seeds.

A radio farmer,

Old Bill.

P. S. – Hurrah! Only four more days of Congressional burglary on the Treasury.

Another P. S. I am on my way home to take up any loose divorces that may have accumulated in my municipality during my absence. I am stopping in Arizona, I want to see the State that produces the Senators that can talk for three days and nights.

183 WILL ROGERS SAYS WE HANDLE A FEW MANDATES, OURSELVES

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 28. – Just drove 125 miles over to Santa Fe to speak before New Mexico's Legislature. It's the only one in America

where everything is carried on in both Spanish and English.

You know New Mexico is handled under an American mandate—the same as we handle Nicaragua, Mexico, Tacna-Arica and China.

Only three more days and the country is free again. Congress is adjourning. Soothing syrup for sick Senators.

Will.

184 BRIEF NOTE FROM MAYOR ROGERS REGARDING AFFAIRS IN MEXICO

EL PASO, Tex., March 1. – Just returned from Jaurez, Old Mexico. Liquor smuggling is going on the other way now. They are crazy about our new drinks and claim they receive twice the insensibility for one-third the amount of drinking.

I have to disappoint Mr. Kellogg, but I didn't see a single Russian Bolshevik plotting against us. Mexico had received their morning note from our State Department telling them how to run their country.

Headed for Beverly Hills to protect my honor.

Will.

185 ROGERS TAKES HIS OATH ON THE SUBJECT OF DAMS

TUCSON, Ariz., March 2. – Arizona says dam California; if they want a dam let 'em dam their own river as much as they dam please, but Arizona bedams if she is even going to split a dam so dammed bad; let 'em dam their climate or dam Frisco or dam something. Why pick on us to dam? We don't want to be vulgar, but in plain words, dam California. But they are not going to dam us or Arizona's Colorado River at any dam place, any dam time. And our dam senators will tell the dam world as long as they have a dam bit of breath left, so that's the whole dam business in a dam nutshell.

This is from the dammed best mayor in Beverly Hills.

Will Rogers.

186 MR. ROGERS SURVEYS THE NEWS AND FINDS IT WARLIKE

TUCSON, Ariz., March 3. – Captured boat from China, landed more marines in Nicaragua, sent new demand to Mexico.

Looks like Mr. Coolidge will run on his war record.

Will Rogers.

187 WILL ROGERS CELEBRATES ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 4. – Don't ever tell us Friday is unlucky. Didn't Congress adjourn today?

The Republicans died fighting to keep from being investigated. The voters would like to investigate both parties as to their sanity the last few weeks. And there would be no hung jury as to their decision.

The Homing Mayor.

188 MAYOR WILL ROGERS OF BEVERLY FINDS DIVORCES JAM HIS OFFICE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 5. – Arrived home. Mayor's office clogged with divorces. Have to get rid of some of them before we can have any new marriages.

Regards to the two Reed boys of Sixty-ninth Congress fame.

Will.

189 ROGERS SAYS WE PAID SENATE FOR WISDOM AND GOT WIND

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 6. – I notice all newspapers call it the adjournment of the Senate. It wasn't adjournment. They just give out. The big blow in Florida was a great local misfortune, but the big blow in the Senate was a national calamity. Even the Red Cross can't repair their damage. We got wind where we had paid to get wisdom.

Reviewed my Police and Fire Department this morning. Boy, we got a town! We are putting an immigration quota on millionaires now, they getting too thick.

On the job.

His Honor.

190 ROGERS FEAR LACK OF HUMOR NOW CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 7. – Well, I just seem lost for comedy since Congress adjourned. I would keep them in session the year round for my business, but I have some consideration for people, so I sacrifice my needs for the good of the country.

I don't know where we will get our laughs from until next December, so if I am not funny it's because I have no example.

Yours downheartedly,

William Penn Rogers.

191 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON SOUTHERN PRIMARY DECISION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 8. – See this morning where the Supreme Court says negroes in Texas have the right to vote at Democratic primaries.

Certainly will seem funny to see the negroes and the whites voting the same ticket. First thing you know they will be allowing a white Republican to associate with a white Democrat in the South. It's before the Supreme Court now.

Yours for quality in politics regardless of quantity and color.

Will.

192 MR. ROGERS HAS A SUGGESTION FOR MR. COOLIDGE'S VACATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 9. – Everybody out here is all excited about where Mr. Coolidge will spend his vacation.

Put him on a farm with the understanding he has to make his own living off it, and I bet he will give the farmers relief next year. I offer mine for the experiment, and if he makes a go of it he is not a President, he is a magician.

Farmer Bill.

193 WILL ROGERS INTERPRETS A CALIFORNIA WHISKEY LAW

FRESNO, Cal., March 10. – California State Legislature passed bill yesterday to make whiskey stills unlawful unless operating under State permit. This makes police permits null and void. The plan is to try and get people to do their drinking under the auspices of the State Government instead of under just anybody.

Will.

P. S. – Certainly want to thank the neighboring village of Los Angeles for turning out in such paying quantities to see a Mayor who is funny purposely, and not unconsciously. Sorry my friends Tom Mix and Doug Fairbanks couldn't be

with us, but they were both running pictures of themselves at their homes and couldn't leave. I took my own fire and police protection with me. I wouldn't trust that Los Angeles bunch.

Thanks.

Will.

194 WILL ROGERS IS STIRRED BY OUR STAND ON AIRPLANES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 11. – See by the newspapers this morning Secretary Wilbur says there is no danger from Europe from airplanes. When we nearly lose the next war, as we probably will, we can lay it onto one thing and that will be the jealousy of the army and navy toward aviation.

They have belittled it ever since it started and will keep on doing it till they have something dropped on them from one, and even they will say it wasn't a success.

Will.

195 WILL ROGERS SAYS DAWES HAS BEEN VINDICATED

OAKLAND, Cal., March 12. – Everybody is just sitting tight out here in California, waiting till the next term of Congress to get Boulder Dam. They figure that Senators Ashurst and Cameron of Arizona can't talk during the whole of next session.

It looks like Dawes has been vindicated. He has always said there was a taint of hookworm in the Senate and that it should be administered to.

Say, Dawes is kinder looking up for President. Did you know it? I hear a lot about him in case Coolidge abdicates.

Tell Florida California never looked more beautiful. I am headed for Borah's range in a few days.

Will.

196 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEW OF THE CHINESE SITUATION

OAKLAND, Cal., March 13. – All we ask of the Chinese is that they settle down and let us and England keep on collecting and running their customs for them. I don't see why they should refuse a little thing like that.

China owes us four million and we take over their custom revenue. France owes us four billion and we are afraid to send them a bill for it. What a great difference in diplomatic relations an army and navy make!

Refereeing from the side lines.

Will.

197 WILL ROGERS FINDS HAITI IDEAL BECAUSE SENATORLESS

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 14. – See where they don't allow an American Senator to land in Haiti. Who would ever have thought that Haiti would be the first ideal country? Watch its population double right now.

This is the champion prune town of the world. I was reported to the police this morning for ordering grapefruit.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I never saw California looking more beautiful. The tremendous rains out here have washed away all the real estate signs.

198 OPINION OF WILL ROGERS ON THE LEGAL CONSCIENCE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 15. – Just addressed the California State Legislature and helped them pass a bill to form a lawyers' association to regulate their conduct.

Personally I don't think you can make a lawyer honest by an act of the Legislature. You've got to work on his conscience. And his lack of conscience is what makes him a lawyer.

Met the Governor. He tried to sell me a lot. So California has a typical Californian as Governor.

The evangelist among State Legislatures,

Will.

P. S. – Tomorrow I invade Nevada and may get to Weepah.

199 WILL ROGERS REPORTS ON LEGISLATION IN NEVADA

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 16. – Just delivered free public advice to the Governor, Senate and State Legislature of Nevada.

They killed the License Gambling bill here today. The gambling element killed it. They voted against paying a license. With all other States gambling free, there was no reason they should pay a license here.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This is the solar plexus town; ask my friend Corbett. Also the old stamping ground of Mark Twain. Going now to Virginia City.

200 MR. ROGERS'S VIEW OF REPLY MELLON SENT TO PRINCETON

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 17. – Hurrah for Mellon for answering, today, the Faculties of Columbia and Princeton on debt cancellation. It almost takes a sense of humor for college professors to advise Mellon on money matters.

When our country does accidentally stumble on a competent man why don't they let him alone? That's why Notre Dame has the best football team in America every year—because they concentrate on the business of a college and not on the business of a Government.

What Columbia and Princeton need is open field runners and not canceled debts.

Pedagogue Rogers,

Of the Claremore Third Grade.

P. S. – Just flew in here 300 miles from Elko, Nev., by airplane. Got lost over the mountains in a snowstorm. Oh, boy, we got real aviators in this country, even if the Government don't think they are useful.

201 WILL ROGERS, OUT IN IDAHO, SENDS IMPRESSIONS OF BORAH

POCATELLO, Idaho, March 18. – It took me forty-eight States to do it, but I finally arrived in one where every one knows who one of their Senators is.

I go to Borah's home town tomorrow. I want to see this place before it is made a shrine for honoring the only man in public life in his time with independent thought, when everybody else's ideas are as standardized as Ford parts.

What's best for the political machine is best for the politician. What's best for America is best for Borah. Ask Mr. Coolidge how far wrong I am.

Will.

202 WILL ROGERS FAILS TO FIND ANY DEMOCRATS IN BOISE

BOISE, Idaho, March 19. – I blow into this town of Borah's wanting to hold my usual conference or caucus with the Democrats about next year's nomination and I find there are no Democrats here. Borah is the only one they have.

Haven't been out to look the town over, but I bet it's rotten. Anything that is all Republican is no good. Anything that is part Republican isn't much good. You have to have some decent element.

They built a new depot for Borah to go out from and come in to. He's gone out of it, but has never come back yet. I got a wire from him welcoming me to his town; also one from Alice Longworth. So I see that the Republican Party is still intact.

I'm going to Oregon tomorrow looking for a Democrat. Love to all the faithful.

Will Rogers.

203 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI

PENDLETON, Ore., March 20. – Last year I was entertained in the home of a fine old Southern gentleman. He came to my little performance. This year he phoned me: "Will you have time to come and tell the jokes? I can't get over." And I did.

He was a plain, lovable character and he handed me out much homely philosophy. I will miss him next year when I go back, and his State will miss him. He was just a plain Governor of the great State of Mississippi.

You missed a lot by not knowing Governor Whitfield. We don't raise any more like him, for conditions have changed.

Will Rogers.

204 WILL ROGERS REMARKS:

TACOMA, Wash., March 21. – Just flew in here from Portland. Beautiful country and it's the only way to see it. When Brisbane and I get our aviation we can make all trips like this. Was met by newsboys with extras telling of Peaches losing alimony. I think to save readers' time and courts', too, all alimony should be stipulated in marriage contract. Course she has still got her faithful mother and the movie rights. If old Daddy don't pay alimony he is just liable to not land any more Peaches. It's a bad year for fruit.

Yours,

Will.

205 ON SELF-DETERMINATION AS ROGERS SEES IT IN CHINA

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22. – Headline says "British Kill Fourteen Chinamen in Shanghai." If our missionaries had already saved these fourteen, why that ought to make it all right, but it certainly will be terrible if they died heathens.

Hurrah for self-determination of nations. Yours,

Will.

P. S. – This is written from Portland, the red hot rival of Longview. I can remember when Seattle was their rival.

206 WILL ROGERS FINDS PROOF OF THE GENIUS OF HENRY FORD

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 23. – We have often heard it said that Henry Ford was just lucky. Well, picking up all those odds and ends and pasting 'em together and getting 'em to run right have been lucky. And when they kept on running all these years, that might come under the head of perpetual luck. But when a man goes out and hires Jim Reed for his lawyer—that's inspired genius. The other side needs Moses to compete with him.

Will.

P. S. – I have seen so many saw logs the last few days that I will go out of this country barking.

207 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES WARS AND OUR WAR PORTS

SEATTLE, Wash., March 24. – Just had a pleasant chat with Seattle's woman mayor. She seems to be one woman who has lived up to expectations in public office.

Seattle is the nearest port of debarkation for our latest war in China. The port is what New Orleans is to our Nicaraguan festivities. I am anxious to see what port our gunboats and marines depart from to cover the Italian Yugoslavian war.

Palm Beach ought to get that trade. Every port will soon have its own war trade. Yours,

The Male Mayor.

P. S. – Klondike sourdoughs are all going South to Weepah.

208 MR. ROGERS HAS A POOR OPINION OF DISARMAMENT CONFERENCES

YAKIMA, Wash., March 25. – I see we are off to another disarmament conference. I never saw a country that wanted to get rid of their army as bad as we do. We should have been born a cockroach, then the present Administration wouldn't have such a time getting rid of our arms. Yours,

Will.

209 WILL ROGERS, STILL WANDERING, REPORTS FROM SPOKANE, WASH.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 26. – Just blew into Spokane. This is a beautiful city.

Was met at train by Senator Dill. He is the one that just got married. His wife is awfully smart; that is, she was supposed to be.

I tell you it seemed good to run onto a Democrat again. This is the town that has the Davenport Hotel and Restaurant. That's the Mussolini of hotels. It's the Bobby Jones of American hotels.

Third term not so strong up here. Next week I penetrate Wheeler and Walsh territory. Just think of finding two Democrats in one State.

So long. Tomorrow war news.

Will Rogers.

210 WILL ROGERS'S COMMENT ON COURSE OF EVENTS IN CHINA

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27. Smedley Butler has arrived in China. The war may continue but the parties will stop.

Yours,

Will.

211 WILL ROGERS'S OPINION OF AMERICANS IN CHINA

MISSOULA, Mont., March 28. – Any person that will stay in the middle of a civil war for six months and don't know enough to even send his family out, it won't do much good to rescue him. You bring him back home and he will run right in front of a Ford. We had to shell that Chinese town to let our people know it was time to come out and be rescued.

Yours for home missions.

Will.

212 MR. ROGERS MORALIZES A BIT ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

BUTTE, Mont., March 29. – A nation is just like an individual. If a man's neighbors all hate him and he is continually in trouble, and all his fights and troubles are always over in the other fellow's yard, he must be wrong.

If he won't stay at home what he needs is a good licking or a muzzle.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Flew in here two miles high over the snow-covered mountains from Missoula and just been down a mile under the ground. There's nothing to see on the level any more.

213 MR. ROGERS SEES US DISARMING IF WE HAVE TO DO IT ALONE

HELENA, Mont., March 30. – France and Italy won't join us in disarmament, but that don't worry us. We will do it alone.

If nobody wants to disarm with us, we will show 'em we are right. We will shame 'em into it—if we have to sink our last life preserver to do it.

Yours,

Will.

214 OUR WEST LIKE SWITZERLAND IF OUR FARMERS WOULD YODLE

GREAT FALLS, Mont., March 31. – Just flew into this great little Western city, late home of Charles M. Russell, the painter. He will live in history as America's most famous cowboy. And his country talks about scenery.

I flew over mountains today that make Switzerland look like a prairie dog town. If we could get our mountain farmers to wear feathers in their hats and yodle, we would be as picturesque as Switzerland.

Maybe the farmers will yodle when they get relieved. They will have time to learn, anyway.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

215 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS MEANS OF IDENTIFYING ADVERTISERS

BILLINGS, Mont., April 1. – Say, Henry Ford getting hurt in a Ford car was kind of a knock against the Lincoln, wasn't it?

Since we found out Ford uses his own product I suppose every man we see eating corn flakes we will think is Kellogg, every guy chewing gum is Wrigley. If he shaves himself we will think it's Gillette. If he is well powdered it's Mennen.

If it's three fellows with store clothes on it will perhaps be Hart, Schaffner and Marx, and if it's a bird nearly naked it's Mr. B. V. D.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

216 WILL ROGERS GETS INFORMATION ABOUT THE GREAT NORTHWEST

BROKEN BOW, Neb., April 3. – Just returning from very successful educational lecture tour of the entire Northwest. No English lecturers had been in there and spoiled the field. They can't make railroad fare to get that far away.

Not even a politician has insulted their intelligence publicly lately. Politics is dead there. Only thing they are interested in of a foreign nature is Ford's and Charlie Chaplin's trials.

They are near enough to Canada that prohibition is not an issue, and far enough away from Washington that they don't care if Upshaw was President.

Yours for outside information,

Will.

217 CHICAGO'S ELECTION SLOGAN AS MR. ROGERS INTERPRETS IT

HASTINGS, Neb., April 4. – Everybody is excited over who will win the election in Chicago. The side with the most machine guns will win it.

We send marines to Nicaragua to tell them how to run an election and send missionaries to China. No wonder we are funny to the rest of the world.

The slogan in Chicago is "Shoot 'em before they can vote."

Yours for law and order—in China,

Will Rogers.

218 MR. ROGERS FEARS WE'LL START DEHORSING OUR CAVALRY NEXT

MANHATTAN, Kan., April 5. – Just today visited Fort Riley, our advanced cavalry school. I saw all the cavalry in Europe, but these boys have got it on all of them.

I suppose, though, as soon as we get all our ships sunk at the disarmament conference we will start dehorsing our cavalry.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Everybody sit around the radio this evening to hear casualty reports of killed and wounded at Chicago.

219 MAYOR ROGERS IS DOUBTFUL OF CHICAGO'S BETTER ELEMENT

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 6. – Congratulations to the other cowboy mayor, Bill Thompson of Chicago!

They was trying to beat Bill with the better element vote. The trouble with Chicago is there ain't much better element. Reminds me of the time John W. Davis run on honesty.

There was no shooting in Chicago election day, but it will drop back to normal right away.

Flew here this morning from Fort Riley, Kansas. Brought and escorted by real aviators (wish we had a thousand of them).

This is Iowa, the incubator of Southern California.

Mayor Rogers.

220 THOUGHTS BY WILL ROGERS ON THE PHILIPPINES VETO

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 7. – See by the papers today that the Philippines wanted just to vote to see if they wanted independence. But we told 'em "No, you can't even vote to see if you want it or not, and furthermore we urgently request that you don't even be seen thinking about it."

What was that slogan the whole country was shouting just exactly ten years ago today? Does this sound like it, "Self determination of small nations."

Yours for memory,

Will.

221 THOUGHTS BY WILL ROGERS ON NEW VISUAL TELEPHONE

WORTHINGTON, Minn., April 8. – With this new telephone photography life has no privacy any more. Suppose your 'phone bell don't work, somebody may be calling you up and looking you over, and you not knowing it.

And remember, don't run direct from the bath tub to the telephone. It also pictures everybody and everything that's in the room, so why hire a detective, when you can get evidence for a nickel?

We don't know yet whether it's a scientific discovery or a Wayne Wheeler invention. One lucky thing is gin photographs like water.

Yours for the good old days when they couldn't even tell where you were when 'phoning. There will be none installed at Beverly Hills.

The Mayor.

222 WILL ROGERS IN MINNESOTA SENDS ADVICE TO COOLIDGE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 9. – Just been over today and addressed the Legislature of the great State of Minnesota. A fellow named Johnson interpreted for me. I didn't go to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark last year. I didn't think there was any use as I knew I was going to play here this year.

They are still hollering for farmer's relief and are trying to throw out Senator Shaw, who is in the United States Senate, and bring back Magnus Johnson, the best milker that ever hit Capitol Hill.

Mr. Coolidge has been invited here to this State, but if I were him I would be afraid to come.

Yours,

Will.

223 WILL ROGERS IN CHICAGO DISCUSSES POLITICS AND CRIME

CHICAGO, Ill., April 10. – Bill Thompson is a fast worker. Elected two days ago, he decided he would like to start Mayoring about tomorrow. No lame duck Mayors in this burg. When the votes are counted your hat is waiting. Congress and the Senate ought to do that. Why give 'em six months to repent on salary? This is the Rogers and Dawes plan.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Buried a bandit here yesterday. Had thirty-five thousand dollars' worth of flowers. It's the florist that's backing this crime wave. Undertakers advertise their high-priced coffins: "Fit for a bandit." Glorified crime.

224 WILL ROGERS IS ANXIOUS TO HELP OUT SOMEHOW IN CHINA

DANVILLE, Ill., April 11. – I hereby offer myself and services to our Government as the first $1 a year man in our great war to make China cosmopolitan.

Unselfishly yours,

Will.

P. S. – I will run a railroad or supervise shipbuilding—in fact, any little errand just to help out.

225 NOVEL PROHIBITION DEBATE PROPOSED BY WILL ROGERS

VINCENNES, Ind., April 12. – It's all the rage now to hold a debate on prohibition, if you can find a crowd drunk enough to pay to hear it.

I hereby challenge Billy Sunday on the subject: "Resolved, That the talk and arguments used for and against prohibition are worse on the public's morals than the drinking." Billy can take either side, affirmative, negative, progressive or farmers' relief.

At the finish we will split 50-50. He can take the decision and I will take the gate receipts.

Yours for getting this settled by the right people,

Mr. Rogers.

P. S. – Let me hear from this, Billy, over in Aurora, right away. If you don't take me, why, Aimee will.

226 WILL ROGERS, DIRT FARMER SEES NO HOPE IN McNARY PLAN

BEDFORD, Ind., April 13. – Senator McNary of McNary-Haugen farm relief fame dined at the White House yesterday. McNary says he would like to be given another chance to draw up another bill. He says he can draw up one without the objectionable features of the last one. If it eliminates the objectionable features it won't be any good, for it will eliminate the relief.

A dirt farmer.

Will Rogers.

227 WILL ROGERS SEES A LESSON IN AVIATORS' 51-HOUR RECORD

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 14. – Hurrah for our aviators that broke the continuous flight record. Fifty-one hours! That breaks the Arizona Senators' continuous air record in the last Senate filibuster. That was not a contribution to science like this was. Theirs was just a tribute to poor Senate rules.

No automobile ever went fifty hours without stopping or refueling or meeting a train at a grade crossing or something, yet we spend a billion dollars on good roads for them. Why not a subsidy to commercial aviation? Congress is waiting two more wars to see if they are practical.

This better make us think. Fifty hours—they can send 'em here from any nation in Europe.

Regards from George Ade and Purdue.

Will.

228 MR. ROGERS MARVELS AT CERTAIN ASPIRATIONS OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 15. – Can you imagine? This town of Cleveland wants the Republican and Democratic conventions both in 1928.

A town that don't know any more than that is liable to ask for a sesquicentennial. The Republican convention will be held further West, for that's the way they are going to relieve the farmers—to let 'em see a convention. And as for the Democratic one, a sanity test will follow any town purposely asking for it.

From the Burgomaster of Beverly Hills,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Cleveland's new depot has the front finished, but has made no arrangements about any trains or tracks coming in. If you know of a railroad that needs a depot, communicate with Cleveland.

229 WILL ROGERS SENDS A COMMENT ON CHINA AND DISARMAMENT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 17. – We are holding another disarmament conference in Geneva. America and England have to wait every morning till we get the war news to see if we will have to sink the ship or has China sunk it for us.

The war correspondent,

Will Rogers.

230 ROGERS TELLS WHAT HE FINDS IN GOVERNOR SMITH'S STATEMENT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 18. – If you want to read one of the only real straightforward statements ever issued by a politician, read Al Smith's, out today.

He explains that if elected President all Protestants would not be exterminated; that even a few of the present Senators would be retained, including Tom Heflin; that the Knights of Columbus would not replace the Boy Scouts and Kiwanis; that mass would not replace golf on Sunday morning, and that those that were fortunate enough to have meat could eat it on Friday.

It's no compliment to a nation's intelligence when these things have to be explained.

The Old Burgomaster of Beverly.

231 VIEWS ON TOLERANCE FROM THE BURGOMASTER OF BEVERLY

WARREN, Ohio, April 19. – It was amusing this morning to read the various comments on Al Smith's statement.

Carmi Thompson, Republican, who was supposed to be so broadminded he decided the destiny of the Philippine nation, said of the Smith article: "I haven't read and don't intend to read it."

Congressman Burton, Republican, Ohio, said: "I wouldn't make any statement."

Now which is the narrowest, religious intolerance or political intolerance? Politicians think an umpire's decision is based on "What will my decision do for the party."

The old Burgomaster of Beverly,

Will Rogers.

232 ROGERS ON THE SNYDER TRIAL, MR. HOOVER AND OTHER TOPICS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 10. – All I can see in the papers here today, by artificial light in the daytime, is that the Snyder murder trial is turning out to be a typical tabloid affair. They only have one juror and he is a press agent. They are trying to get eleven more press agents.

Again my judgment has been vindicated by no less a person than Mr.

Coolidge. He says "Mr. Hoover could fill any Cabinet position." I go even further in my estimation of him. I say he could preside over the Cabinet in a pinch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Who said Will Hays's job was a cinch? Think with what apprehension he picks up the paper every morning.

233 SHAKESPEARE AND POLITICS; A FEW REMARKS BY MR. ROGERS

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., April 21. – This is the home State of John W. Davis, the last Democratic sacrifice on the altar of "no policy to run on." Notice to Democrats—Get a policy and stick to it, even if it's wrong.

See by the papers that Mr. Davis is toastmaster tomorrow night at the Ambassador Hotel, New York, at a dinner to Shakespeare. He is not only the only West Virginian that would have known anything about Shakespeare, but the only Presidential candidate we ever had that could call his name without referring to his notes.

From the old Burgomaster of Beverly,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Shakespeare is the only author that can play to losing business for a hundred years and still be known as an author.

234 WILL ROGERS VENTS OPINIONS AND A PROPHECY ON COOLIDGE

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 22. – I see where the wise guys are going to try and smoke Mr. Coolidge out with an open letter about how he stands on the third term.

They can write him till his mail looks like Santa Claus's, and all they will have to show for it will be ink on their fingers.

Why should he tell 'em? What would you tell anyone that asked you what you would be doing Nov. 4 a year and a half from now?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The following is not an editorial opinion, because they are always certain of what they write. This is only a fool's opinion, but it will be backed with money, made from being a fool. Coolidge will not only run; but he will win by so much he won't even stay up to listen to the count over the radio.

235 WILL ROGERS FIGURES RESULT OF THE PROHIBITION DEBATE

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 24. – Clarence Darrow and Wayne B. Wheeler debated here last night on prohibition. Darrow won, so the country stays wet. Wheeler said "The country ought to be dry." The farmers says "we ought to have relief."

Say, I just now saw the movie "The King of Kings." This is not an ad. It's a duty to let you know of it. The only way you could make a greater picture would be to have a better subject, and I doubt if there will ever be a better subject during our lifetime than the story of Christ.

A small town Mayor in a big city.

The Burgomaster.

Will Rogers.

236 ROGERS PLEADS THE CAUSE OF THE FLOOD SUFFERERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 25. – I don't believe our people that have never been around a flood area realize the tremendous need of these sufferers down on the Mississippi. It's by far the worst thing that has happened in this country in years.

A fire don't start to do the damage that a flood does. We have helped every nationality in the world. Now we have a chance to help the poorest people we have in America, and that is the renter farmer.

Most of the people need help, even when there is no flood, but they have always been too proud to ask for it. Mr. Ziegfeld has generously given me his wonderful new theatre in New York City, and I am going to put on my little one-man dogfight for this great cause next Sunday night. So even if you don't like cowboy gum chewers on the stage, come anyway and help out a real cause.

They will get every cent that comes in, if there is nobody there but my wife—who will have to pay to get in.

The old Burgomaster,

Will Rogers.

237 McCORMACK JOINS WILL ROGERS TO HELP THE FLOOD SUFFERERS

HIGH POINT, N. C., April 26. – It certainly does pay to have friends. John McCormack heard that I was giving a benefit performance for the flood sufferers at Mr. Ziegfeld's new theatre next Sunday night, and he called me on the phone just now, from out in Illinois, and said he would come clear in to

New York to sing; that "he thought it was the greatest need by the largest number of people of anything that had ever come up."

Now, outside of being a good fellow, he is not a bad singer. So it will be "McCormack and Rogers, those two nifty boys in funny songs and sentimental jokes." But what the whole country has got to do is wake up and give. These people are going to need assistance for months.

Actors will help you in every town to give shows and raise money. They don't fail. And neither do the people, when they know the need.

Yours,
Will.

238 PRESIDENT COOLIDGE HAS PARTLY CONVINCED MR. ROGERS

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., April 27. – Mr. Coolidge said that newspaper men should stand by the Administration's foreign policy.

Now I will admit there has been times when he and I differed on Nicaragua, Mexico and China, but when I read his angle of it all, why, it sounded plausible.

They say a smart man changes his mind, but an editorial writer never does; so I have been convinced that I would rather be wrong with the Administration than right against it.

The Old Burgomaster of Beverly,
Will Rogers.

239 WILL ROGERS MAKES A PLEA FOR RIVER FLOOD'S HOMELESS

RICHMOND, Va., April 28. – There's hundreds of thousands of people being driven from their homes—homes that won't be there when they come back.

These poor people have never harmed a soul or broke a law. Yet Mrs. Snyder's picture has occupied more space in some of the papers than the whole State of Mississippi fighting for its life. There are ten reporters and photographers at the trial to one at the flood.

Just think of the extra amount of money that could be raised if that array of special writers, with their various talents for describing dramatic scenes, could be sent to the flood instead of the trial. There is more heart interest in one house-top with its little family flowing down the river on it than in all the corset salesmen in the world.

Yours,
Will.

240 MR. ROGERS, IN THE SHENANDOAH, MUSES ON DEMOCRATIC CHANCES

STAUNTON, Va., April 29. – Been traveling today down through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia—and boobs are leaving to see Europe! Just saw the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson.

They got a great young Governor here they are priming for the Democratic nomination for President in eight years from now. I am in favor of not nominating any in the meantime, and by that time the party will have time to think of an issue.

I tell you, you can't do nothing until this fellow Coolidge is overtaken by age.

Yours for travel, weather and political news,

Will Rogers.

241 WILL ROGERS, HERE BY AIRPLANE, URGES MORE RED CROSS GIVING

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 1. – I just flew in here from Beckley, W. Va., where Casey Jones, the famous Curtiss aviator, landed me on the field after just two hours and twenty minutes from Washington, D. C. They had the big Bellanca plane out on the field and Chamberlin, the pilot, who is to take it to Paris, took me up in it. It's a great sample. All we need is thousands of them.

It looks like a big night at our show tonight. McCormack and I are arguing over who will open the show. Mr. Coolidge is going to make another Red Cross appeal for more funds. Don't stop at your quota. This is the biggest need we ever had in this country. Thank you.

Will.

242 WILL ROGERS GIVES THANKS FOR AID TO HIS FLOOD BENEFIT

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 2. – Well, our benefit turned out fine. We got $17,950, and more checks still coming in. Want to try to thank everybody from all over the country that helped out.

Now don't slack on this stuff because New Orleans is out of danger. That doesn't alter the need of those hundreds of thousands of others who will have to be supported till a crop is raised. My old friend Ring Lardner, along with a contribution, sent the following suggestion as to how to stop the flood.

"Send out all the levees in New York."

Yours,

Will.

243 MR. ROGERS, IN ALBANY, THINKS AL MIGHT BE INDUCED TO MOVE

ALBANY, N. Y., May 3. – Just speeding along the old Hudson River the last three hours. I was thinking how many millions and millions of dollars would be raised overnight if it was out of its banks and doing the same amount of damage that the old Mississippi is.

Makes a lot of difference where a thing happens.

The old bounding Burgomaster,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This is Albany, the official home of Al Smith, New York's hereditary Governor. Al likes the old place here, but I believe he could be persuaded to move.

244 WILL ROGERS MUSES A BIT ON THE HABITS OF A NEW YORKER

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 4. – I was in Albany, the New York State Capital, last night. They didn't know any more news about AL Smith up there than we do in Claremore, Okla. He hadn't been there in weeks. You can't keep a native New Yorker away from home.

Can you imagine Senator Borah, Nick Longworth, Pat Harrison, Jim Reed and Tom Heflin having to go to Tammany Hall on Fourteenth street to confer at a White House breakfast?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I am addressing Yale tonight on the subject "Which is More Beneficial to Colleges, Suicide or Football?"

245 MOTHER'S DAY, NEXT SUNDAY, GIVES WILL ROGERS AN IDEA

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 5. – Every edition tells of more levees breaking and more people in danger.

This Sunday is Mother's Day—a beautiful thought, whoever started it. Now what could please your Mother more, either living or dead, than to mail one dollar to your nearest Red Cross for the flood sufferers?

Even if you have given, give again, just because it's in memory of your mother. Spend one more dollar on our own unfortunates. And if your mother is living write her and tell her what you have done and that you have enclosed a

dollar for her. Come on, editorial writers, you ask them to do it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – And when you write your mother, if you don't think the shock will be too great, you might enclose her some money just for a change.

246 ROGERS'S FIRST, LAST AND ONLY OPINION ON THE SNYDER CASE

PAWTUCKET, R. I., May 6. – This is my first, last and only opinion on the brassiere case:

The moral of Gray's testimony, as I gather it, is that no matter what town you are in you can get liquor, and the whole mystery of the case, as I see it, is how did he buy all this liquor on $5,000 a year?

Both parties claim they were tempted by the other. Well, after looking at pictures of both of them, I have decided that neither one had much resisting power in the first place.

The tabloid readers are still reading Mrs. Snyder's testimony. The case is moving faster than they can read. So long!

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Guess all the sob writers will move over to the Peaches Hempel case now.

247 THOUGHTS FROM WILL ROGERS UP IN COOLIDGE'S COUNTRY

MONTPELIER, Vt., May 7. – Well, here I am for the first time up in "Calvin's country." I have passed through here coming down from Canada lots of times but I never stopped off here. Have had the most beautiful trip today from Boston on the Central Vermont Railroad up the White River.

I won't know until tonight how I am going to make out up here with these Vermonters when I open up with my riddles on "Cal." Of course they aren't so terribly strong for him because he left here and went over to Massachusetts; so about all he ever did for them was to be born here.

If you are doing some motoring this Summer, why, don't overlook this part of the country, it is beautiful. Then, you see, you are near enough to Canada to make it mighty interesting to over 98 per cent of Americans.

There is nothing thickens one like travel.

Yours,

The Mayor.

248 ROGERS DRAWS A PARALLEL WITH ROBINSON CRUSOE

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 8. – Mr. Butler, Mr. Coolidge's Friday, just returned from a reconnoitering tramp over on to the west end of Crusoe Island and reported to Robinson that from the looks of what had been washed up on the beach from mishandled Democratic crafts that Crusoe should have plenty to subsist on for another four years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – We all would like to see our boys the first to make the Paris flight, but as the Frenchmen have started they are carrying the good wishes of everybody over here.

249 WILL ROGERS SAYS TODAY:

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 9. – It would be better for American aviation that the French cross first. If we crossed first we would think we done all that could be done and just stop. Didn't we invent aeroplanes and then think after we had invented them that that was all you was supposed to do with them?

Look at that Italian, flew half way around the world, lost his plane and cabled Mussolini collect. Mussolini shipped him another plane that night, now he is off again. Picture one of our boys with a burned up plane over in Europe cabling Coolidge collect. The message would never reach destination. And then he wouldn't not only not have a plane to ship him that night or any other night, but Congress would have to meet and filibuster for two weeks before we could possibly be able to provide the money to send the boy a ticket home.

European nations might not have our foresight for amassing the dollar, but they know what altitude of the elements the next war will be held in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – All power to those two great Frenchmen, but we got boys.

250 ROGERS IN COOLIDGE'S TOWN AND TAKES A PEEP AHEAD

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., May 10. – Made a speech here in Coolidge's home town last night. He was Mayor here one time.

They all said that my speech was as good or better than what he used to make at the Mayor stage of his career, and the town is no better than Beverly Hills, or Claremore, so they are kinder predicting here that I might get to live

off the Government in some capacity some day.

Smith College is here. It's the college that replaced Princeton on Harvard's schedule when Princeton wouldn't quit swearing at Harvard on the field.

Yours with a political ear to the ground,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I guess Hoover will have to go out and find the lost aviators. He is doing everything else that is being done out of Washington.

251 ROGERS PREDICTS A SOFT ANSWER TO FRENCH ANGER

BENNINGTON, Vt., May 11. – France is raving at us because the flight was not a success. What did they expect us to do, move New York over near them until it was over? I am in favor of us retaliating on France for this ill feeling by blaming them for our farmers' relief not getting to where it started.

You can bet Nungesser and Coli won't blame us when they are found. And they will be found, for they are too game to be lost. They have gone through hundreds of things worse than this.

It would be a good thing if our boys would fool Paris and go on to Constantinople and land. This only shows you the feeling in those countries the minute any little thing comes up. Then we have folks that say "Cancel the debts."

Yours,

Will.

252 WILL ROGERS WIRES AN OPINION ON THE SACCO-VANZETTI CASE

BOSTON, Mass., May 12. – I am the only person in Boston who has not expressed an opinion on the Sacco-Vanzetti case. All I know is that it should not take a nation or a State seven years to decide whether anyone committed a crime or not. It's a good thing they were young men when the crime was committed, otherwise they wouldn't live long enough for justice to make up its mind.

The Mayor in the cradle of liberty.

Will.

253 MELLON HAS DONE PRETTY WELL ON NOTES MR. ROGERS RECALLS

RUTLAND, Vt., May 13. – Have just been reading some English papers commenting on Secretary Mellon's attitude toward the note they sent him

about the debts. Fine chance England has of getting the better of Mellon on notes. That's how he got what he has now—out of notes. Notes are one of the best things he handles.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – I am tired of reading about "our town has reached its quota of flood relief funds." There isn't any quota! A new break is reported every day and thousands more are in need. If you were hungry and some one gave you a sandwich would you have your quota? Can that quota gag and keep on working!

254 MR. ROGERS HAS DISCOVERED WHY CHINESE DISLIKE US

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 15. – When American diplomacy gets through messing us around over in China, I can tell them what has caused this hate of us over there. It's our missionaries who have been trying to introduce "chop suey" into China. China didn't mind them eating it there, but when they tried to call it a Chinese dish that's what made them start shooting at us.

Yours for corn bread, chitlins and turnip greens.

Mr. Rogers.

P. S. – This is Rhode Island, the place where half their Legislature went out of the State and hid one time, and the State never run better in its life than it did then.

255 WILL ROGERS REVEALS A SURE DRAWING CARD FOR LECTURES

ONEONTA, N. Y., May 16. – When I am playing in a town and it looks like there is not going to be much of a house, I announce through the papers that that night I will read passages from "Elmer Gantry," the Baptist sheik, and the house will be packed with Methodist and Presbyterian women. Old Elmer sure had It.

Yours,

Will.

256 WILL ROGERS HAILS THE NEWS THAT BOOTLEGGERS MUST PAY

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., May 17. – The biggest news that has hit the financial section of this country was yesterday, when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that a bootlegger had to pay income tax.

We ought to have our national debt paid in a couple of years now. If he is a married bootlegger he can charge off $3,500 for his wife and $200 for every baby bootlegger in the family.

He is also allowed to charge off his payment to revenue officers and for all loss from breakage and explosions.

Yours for the latest news,

Will Rogers.

257 ROGERS ADMIRES COOLIDGE FOR HIS "PRETTY LANGUAGE"

PITTSFIELD, Mass., May 18. – Calvin Coolidge doesn't say much, but look how pretty he writes. This was his message yesterday to the medical society.

"As human beings gain in individual perfection so the world will gain in social perfection, and we may hope to come into an era of right thinking and right living, of good will and of peace, in accordance with the teachings of the Great Physician."

Gee! That sounds like one of those birthday greeting cards. With those beautiful thoughts there must have been a third term breaking through the cloud.

Yours in appreciation of beautiful language, even if it doesn't mean anything—but those old doctors sure ate it up.

Will Rogers.

258 WILL ROGERS NOTES A POINT OF DIFFERENCE WITH CHINA

HARTFORD, Conn., May 19. – We are still trying to make China see things our way, even if their eyes are not shaped like ours.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

259 NO JOKES FROM ROGERS TILL LINDBERGH ARRIVES

CONCORD, N. H., May 20. – No attempt at jokes today. A slim, tall, bashful, smiling American boy is somewhere out over the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, where no lone human being has ever ventured before. He is being prayed for to every kind of Supreme Being that has a following. If he is lost it will be the most universally regretted single loss we ever had. But that kid ain't going to fail, and what could be better to celebrate his arrival than another do-

nation to over 600,000 of our very own, that are not even fortunate enough to be flying over water, but have to stand huddled upon the banks and look into it as it washes away their lifetime's work.

They didn't even have enough to buy a paper to know that he had gone. Nothing would please him better than for you to help them in his honor, for he comes from the banks of the Mississippi, and he knows what it can do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

260 THE MORAL WILL ROGERS DRAWS FROM LINDBERGH'S GREAT FEAT

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 22. – Of all things that Lindbergh's great feat demonstrated, the greatest was to show us that a person could still get the entire front pages without murdering anybody.

Nobody knows what he will do now, but he has had an invitation to return to America and address the regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Claremore, Okla.

Boy, that Prince of Wales better not appear in the same crowd as this bird and expect anybody to look at him.

One of his ardent admirers,

Will Rogers.

261 WILL ROGERS MOURNS THE LACK OF DEMOCRATS IN MAINE

PORTLAND, Me., May 23. – I am in Maine for the first time. Now I have showed in every State, this year, including New Hampshire.

Maine is beautiful now and Portland is a great old town. Fine harbor that used, in the good old days, to harbor not only some great lumber fleets, but some Democrats. Short-sightedness has killed off both industries, Maine is and will be more so a very historic State, being the first State that ever broke a prohibition law. This town will be pointed out in years to come as the home of the original American bootlegger.

Yours for historical and human interest stuff,

Will.

P. S. – Daily Lindbergh item: Lindbergh is the greatest American since Theodore Roosevelt, and that statement don't belong in a joke column either.

262 HOW TO REWARD LINDBERGH; IDEAS FROM WILL ROGERS

BOSTON, Mass., May 24. – There is a hundred and twenty million people in America all ready to tell Lindbergh what to do. The first thing we want to get into our heads is that this boy is not our usual type of hero that we are used to dealing with. He is all the others rolled into one and then multiplied by ten, and his case must be treated in a more dignified way.

In the first place, the Government should reward him handsomely with a life pension and a high position in our Government aviation program. Second, instead of us paying money to see him on the stage or screen (where he don't belong), take that admission money and make it into a national testimonial that will provide a fund for he and his mother for life. Let him have his entire time open to assist aviation, then he will be a blessing to us and not a side show.

We don't ask our retiring Presidents to go into vaudeville and we would resent it if they did. England don't allow their Prince of Wales to go on paid exhibitions. Well, this lad is our biggest national asset. He is our Prince and our President combined, and I will personally play benefits for him the rest of my life to keep him from having to make exhibitions out of himself. We only get one of these in a lifetime.

Yours, one of the hundred million advisers,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – And listen: While waiting to do something to honor Lindbergh, make another contribution to the flood. That will please him more than anything you could do. Six hundred thousand are being fed and cared for by the public. It's our worst calamity in our lifetime.

263 ROGERS ON THE BLACK HILLS AS COOLIDGE VACATION GROUND

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., May 25. – The President is going to the Black Hills of Dakota.

Everybody in the West that does anything and wants to hide out until the thing blows over, goes into the Black Hills. He won't be as bad as some that will be in there, but he will be waiting for more to blow over than any one in "them thar Hills."

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Another levee broke today; another hundred thousand standing on the banks. Don't forget that when you eat your big dinner and sleep in a nice dry bed tonight.

264 FRANCE TAUGHT US, ROGERS SAYS, TO APPRECIATE LINDBERGH

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 26. – I see where Mr. Coolidge says "Lindbergh's feat grows on him." I wonder, if we should really be honest with ourselves, wouldn't we admit over here that the way France has appreciated the feat and honored him had something to do with waking us up to its real importance. You know they appreciate good aviation and know it when they see it.

We didn't offer him any U. S. cruiser the day after he landed there. We didn't talk of all these things we were going to do until after France showed us how. Give them a little credit. Yours,

Will Rogers.

265 WILL ROGERS SENDS OUT ANOTHER FLOOD APPEAL

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., May 27. – So many prominent Frenchmen have been kissing "Lindy" on both cheeks that it will be worth seeing when he meets Cal. If Coolidge and Jimmy Walker kiss him, they will have to stand on a stool.

I hate to keep digging on it, but we still have 600,000 of our own whose homes are now floating toward Nicaragua. We can't seem to get the Government interested in them financially. I wish you would send some checks to the Red Cross of New Orleans. I am going there next Wednesday night, June 1, to give a benefit, and it already has more money assured than any one given in any part of the country. Why? Because they are right there and they know the needs of the people.

If 600,000 people had lost their all and were being fed by charity in the East they would raise fifty millions in a day. Come on, let's help them, even if they are not Armenians. They can't help it because of their nationality.

I will tell you about it when I get down there.

Yours,

Will.

266 WILL ROGERS PASSES COMMENT ON FLOOD, LINDBERGH AND KINGS

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 29. – Didn't I tell you Saturday that there were 600,000 people needing help? And that it would take more money than they had asked for? Now today Mr. Hoover says there are 700,000, and he is asking for only 2,000,000 more dollars. This whole thing has been underestimated from the start. Why not ask for some real sum? It couldn't be too high. Re-

member Wednesday night to send a check to the New Orleans Red Cross. We want to break all records at that benefit.

Will.

P. S. – That Lindbergh is certainly showing up the diplomats in knowing what to say. No diplomat wrote any of his speeches. They haven't been able to think up any that good for themselves. He hit it right yesterday with the King of the Belgians. I suppose when he meets King George tomorrow he will say "Glad to meet you; I have heard quite a bit of your eldest son."

267 WILL ROGERS NOTES A CLEAN TOWN AND COMMENTS ON THE NEWS

HERSHEY, Pa., May 30. – If I knew your address I would send you some fine chocolates. This is the cleanest and best run town I ever saw. It is run and operated entirely by Mr. Hershey, the most modest and the greatest philanthropist of any man in America.

The Jess Livermores held a social robbery at their beautiful home on Long Island last night. Evidently every one attending were members of the same set.

On my way to New Orleans tonight for the benefit. Send some money. The flood proper has not reached Southern Louisiana. Kick in with this other two million, and if Hoover didn't ask for enough I will let you know.

Yours,

Will.

268 MR. ROGERS MUSES ON SPEECHES BY LINCOLN AND BY OTHERS

ATLANTA, Ga., May 31. – Another Decoration Day passed and Mr. Abraham Lincoln's 300-word Gettysburg Address was not dethroned. I would try and imitate its brevity if nothing else. Of course, Lincoln had the advantage; he had no foreign policy message to put over. He didn't even have a foreign policy. That's why he is still Lincoln.

Yours for shorter and better speeches,

Will.

P. S. – The Government has advised Lindbergh to come home.

We are afraid that every nation that treats him good will want something off their debt.

269 ROGERS FINDS NEW ORLEANS OUR MOST APPRECIATIVE CITY

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 1. – I thought they had mistaken me for Lindbergh here today. This is without doubt the most appreciative city I have ever seen.

This whole valley's appreciation to all the rest of the United States is wonderful. I am not going to tell you about the show and how much we got until tomorrow, but it will beat any benefit given for the cause anywhere. Thanks to friends from all over America for checks.

Hoover has done a wonderful work down here. Tomorrow I am flying all over the new part where the water has broken through and is still rising. Just saw today the cut they made to save the city and saw the refugees. If you could see this you would double your donations.

Remember, we are a million and a half shy yet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

270 ROGERS IN FLOOD ZONE, SAW MORE WATER THAN LINDBERGH

BATON ROUGE, La., June 2. – I have flew over more water today than Lindbergh did, only this had housetops sticking out of it.

New Orleans broke the record with their benefit last night. Forty-eight thousand dollars! That's more than double any other one given, anywhere. They know the needs of it here.

Want to tell you more about it and who all sent checks in an early Sunday article. Thanks everybody.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – See where Cal Coolidge won the first political skirmish from Al Smith. Lindbergh is landing in Washington before New York.

271 WILL ROGERS VISUALIZES FLOOD VICTIMS' HOME-COMING

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 3. – On my way home to Oklahoma. What's happier, especially if people have forgot what you used to be?

Flew over hundreds of miles yesterday and saw the advance guard of 700,000 people returning home. Home to what? To a great, big, flat mud-hole. No houses, no barns, no fences, no plows, no seed, no work, no stock, no stoves. What a home-coming!

Also yesterday received personal telegram from John Barton Payne, the head of the Red Cross, America's great possession, in which he made this amazing statement:

"We are still a million and a half short of our quota."

Remember that there has been a new quota set for you in the last week, so get busy. What did we rescue them for? So they would have the pleasure of starving later?

Will Rogers.

272 CALLING LINDBERGH "LUCKY" AROUSES WILL ROGERS'S IRE

CLAREMORE, Okla., June 5. – I hate societies. That's what's the matter with this country now. It is societied to death. But I would like to organize one, and will even go so far as to be sponsor for it.

It is called the Society to Boycott Any Newspaper in America That Has as a Headline or Allows to Be Used in the Article the Word "Lucky" in Regard to Mr. Lindbergh's Name. It's the politest way of lessening the glory of his feat that they could possibly think up.

The only requirement necessary to belong to my society is that you write to your editor and tell him why you didn't buy the paper that day.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – This is Claremore, Okla., a town in physique but a city at heart.

Another P. S. – Through mistake in printing figures the paper reported eighty thousand raised at New Orleans benefit. It was forty-eight thousand.

273 WILL ROGERS SET TO BE FIRST TO CROSS ATLANTIC BY BRIDGE

DODGE CITY, Kan., June 6. – Three weeks ago Sunday I was up with Chamberlin in this same plane. If I had known he was thinking about taking an outsider over I would have joined out myself. Then I would have been the first scared comedian to go over.

He is a fine, modest young man—another Lindbergh—and a great aviator, too. That he didn't jump weeks ago was no fault of his. He was the victim of rows and fusses in which he had no part.

Don't take any of the credit away from him because he was just the second one over. Say, the second plane can drop in that ocean just as easy as the first.

Well, never mind, I will be the first one to go over on a bridge.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I am on the crack California train going West. There are several moving picture promoters on here that are just like Chamberlin—"they are just going on till their gas runs out."

274 COUPLA QUIPS BY WILL ROGERS ON TOPICS IN CURRENT NEWS

WINSLOW, Ariz., June 7. – I guess if Mr. Coolidge ever vetoes a movie relief bill he will have to spend the following Summers in Hollywood.

Water is going down in the Mississippi Valley and the politicians are coming up now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Home to Beverly to collect the taxes and see Pola's new husband.

275 ROGERS TELLS THE PROPER TIME FOR PREACHING PROHIBITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 8. – See where Mr. McAdoo made a prohibition address to a graduating class down in Tennessee. It's too late to preach prohibition to them when they are graduating. It's when they go into long pants and short dresses that's the time to get at 'em.

Yours, the homing Mayor.

Will.

P. S. – The old town here looks fine. I never saw the jail as empty.

276 MR. ROGERS POURS HIS SCORN ON MEN WHO THINK THEY KNOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 9. – There are two types of men in the world that I feel sincerely sorry for. One is the fellow that thinks he "knows women," and the other is the one that is always saying "I know the Mississippi River."

The Bolsheviks used to sponsor bomb throwing. That's when they were doing the throwing. Now that they are on the receiving end, it's inhuman.

Yours, the Mayor on the job,

Will.

P. S. – Will H. Hays is here supervising production and divorces.

277 MAYOR ROGERS SUGGESTS A NEW CAREER FOR LINDBERGH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 10. – I know Lindbergh has had all kinds of offers, but has he ever had an offer to be a Democrat?

He may be one. People who do strange and unusual things generally are. If he will run for the Democratic Presidency it will release for more or less practical work Al Smith, McAdoo and eighty-eight others. Then when Cal is summering with the farmers, let Lindy summer at Newport among people whose votes really count.

My only interest is in having elections competitive again.

Mayor Will.

278 TRANSOCEAN FLIGHTS BRING OUT A NEW LESSON FOR WILL ROGERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 12. – I don't think people have realized yet the most important thing these ocean flights have brought out, and that is the quicker transporting of our marines to other people's wars.

In the last year transportation has held us back, sometimes a week or so late. But with airplanes there's no excuse. So our slogan will be now: "Have your civil wars wherever and as far away as you want, but on the opening day we will be there."

If Lindy will come here I will be glad to show him Mary Pickford's home.

The Burgomaster,

Will Rogers.

279 WILL ROGERS SENDS A WORD OF CONSOLATION TO DEMOCRATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 13. – Democrats should never complain again. I thought they were worse off than anybody, but they are not. Look what

happens in Russia to the party that criticizes their Government. Over here they are condemned—but not to death.

Yours,

The Busy Mayor.

P. S. – We are just sitting here in California right now doing nothing. Just waiting for two things—Lindy and Henry Ford's new model.

280 THOUGHTS FROM WILL ROGERS ON NATIONAL DISARMAMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 14. – They sure are disarming fast at the disarmament conference in Geneva. Japan insists on being allowed to have a navy equal to ours. I sometimes wonder if Mr. Coolidge does take these conferences seriously.

For two weeks last Summer I sat at Geneva and listened to one argument on disarmament, and if I could reproduce it on the stage I would have a better show than Ziegfeld ever had. Of all the fool things that we go into (and we don't miss any) why, these disarmament conferences will go down as the prize.

No nation can tell another nation how little it shall protect itself.

The Burgomaster.

281 WILL ROGERS FINDS WE HAVEN'T QUITE A CORNER ON DEMOCRACY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 15. – Our President left for a quiet vacation with twelve carloads of cameramen, reporters, cooks, valets, maids, butlers, doctors, military and naval attaches. I saw King George when he left Buckingham Palace in London last Summer for his vacation, and you could have put all he and Mary both had in a Ford truck.

We ain't got exactly what you would call a corner on democracy.

Will.

P. S. – A stomach ache which the Mayor inherited from the last Administration was erroneously reported in the press today as nervous indigestion. It has been found to be nothing but the effects of home cooking. I've started eating in a different restaurant every meal now, and my stomach thinks I am in a different town every day, so I am back to normal again. Thanks for wires. One doctor thought I had had a prosperous enough season to call a bellyache appendicitis.

282 FORTHCOMING OPERATION A JOKE TO WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 16. – Here is where the joke writers and everybody get even with me.

When the doctors found it was not appendicitis, knowing me personally, they said it must be gall or cholelithiasis. So I am in the California Hospital, where they are going to relieve me of surplus gall, much to the politicians' delight.

I am thrilled to death. Never had an operation, so let the stones fall where they may.

Will Rogers.

283 ROGERS IN HOSPITAL, ENVIES ONLY REBECCA, PET RACCOON

CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, 11 o'clock Friday morning, June 17. – When you lay in a bed you naturally feel sorry for yourself. Then you get to thinking of other people and how bad off they are.

So right now I can't think of a soul that I would change places with, except Rebecca, Coolidge's pet raccoon. Who would have ever thought that coon would get to summer in the Black Hills?

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Well, here comes the wagon. I do hope my scar will not suffer in size with other, older and more experienced scars.

284 JUST A LINE FROM WILL ROGERS ON HIS BED IN THE HOSPITAL

CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 19. –

"Relax – lay perfectly still, just relax."

Will Rogers.

NOTE – Mr. Rogers was operated on in the California Hospital on Friday and last night was reported to be making steady progress toward recovery.

285 ROGERS HEARS FROM PRESIDENT AND HE 'DOES APPRECIATE IT'

CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 21. – I got this today:

Executive Office

Rapid City, S. D.

June 20, 1927 Mr. Will Rogers, Beverly Hills, Calif.:

I am sincerely sorry to hear of your illness and trust that your recovery may be speedy and complete.

Calvin Coolidge.

Well, I certainly do appreciate that. It was mighty thoughtful, and I hope he and that wonderful wife have a wonderful Summer.

And I got lovely wires from Senators Borah, Jim Reed, Pat Harrison and Capper; also Alice and Nick and all my friends. Everybody that I make a living kidding about seemed to be watching for some turn in my illness.

People couldn't have been any nicer to me if I had died.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – If an automobilist has lost two inner tubes, if he will communicate with me he will learn something to his advantage.

286 MR. ROGERS EXTENDS HIS OWN INVITATION TO COL. LINDBERGH

CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 22. – Every town in the world is urging Lindbergh to come there and be entertained, to make speeches and drive for hours through cheering crowds. In other words, they absolutely guarantee that he will be all in when he leaves their town.

As down-and-out Mayor of the "best little town" between Los Angeles and Sawtelle, I hereby officially write Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh to visit Beverly Hills, and guarantee we will give him no parades, he is to make no speeches, thank us for no medals and attend no privately arranged parties.

We just want him to come and buy a lot.

His Honor Will Rogers.

P. S. – Just saw the scar. If they charge by the inch, that operation will be the serious one.

P. S. – Harry Carr—I want to thank you—you know us joke fellows don't get many thanks for nice things we sometimes say about people and I sho' want to thank you.

287 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON TENDERNESS FOR THE WORM

CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 23. – The West sho' has tamed. The Society for the Protection of Single and Unmatured Worms won't let Calvin load his hook with one.

Next they'll be requiring an anesthetic be given the fish. Why, anybody that knows Cal knows he wouldn't harm a fish or a worm.

Besides, who knows when they will grow up and have a vote? Stranger things are voting now.

Yours,

Will.

288 WILL ROGERS MUSES A BIT ON A WORLD OF OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 24. – One half the world may not know how the other half lives, but if all the letters and telegrams I get are not liars, I can tell you what the other half have been operated on for.

They have sewed me up with so much cat I am having a back fence built at home and will use that instead of a bed.

Yours, the howling Mayor,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I guess I am not missing anything by being laid up because all of my prominent friends have left town any how waiting for the grand jury indictments.

289 WILL ROGERS SEES ONLY ONE WAY TO HAVE A NAVY IN THESE DAYS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 26. – Didn't I tell you what would happen at that disarmament conference? The reason the Washington one did anything at all was because we did all the sinking. England is not going to sit quietly around a table and agree to let somebody have as big a navy as hers. You don't get navies that way.

There is about only one practical way of getting a navy nowadays. That is to go out and build one.

Will Rogers.

290 WILL ROGERS TELLS ABOUT A RECENT MOVIE WEDDING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 27. – Rod La Rocque and Vilma Banky, the popular movie stars, were married in one of my churches in Beverly yesterday.

Sam Goldwyn, producer of the wedding, called me up and said he thought it would be a good publicity idea to hold it in a church. I said: "What denomination, Sam?" He replied, "Oh, any kind, just so it has a steeple high enough to pick up in the picture."

The novelty everybody experienced in the church was the big kick of the wedding.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I knew I would get in somehow on these transatlantic flights. I just today booked a great-grandson to go over with Commander Byrd.

291 MR. ROGERS PENS A FEW NOTES ON HIS OPERATION AND OTHERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 28. – I didn't know it at the time, but every old friend that I would lose track of for a while I know now where they were; they were having the same operation as mine. If you would place all our scars end to end it would make a cute strawberry pink line that would take six hours to pass a given point.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – They did not remove my gall bladder as they did not want to eliminate all chances of my entering politics.

292 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THE BYRDS AND THEIR RECORD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 29. – Say, this Byrd family is going to put old Virginia on the map where she used to be during Washington and Jefferson time. You want to look up their history. It reads like a romance.

Just a bunch of old Virginia country boys. Yet they, every one, have done something great. One is Governor of Virginia now, who will be Democratic nominee for President in 1932. As sure as my scar itches.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Oh, Lord! Here she comes with the castor oil again.

293 MR. ROGERS FINDS SAFE FLIERS ANYTHING BUT SCARCE HERE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 30. – All an American aviator has to do these days is to have a helmet, put in some extra gas and two chicken sandwiches and be met next day by the Mayor of Honolulu or Paris or Berlin or Shanghai. The tough part nowadays with aviation is to think up some place to go.

I always told you we have the aviators. Just give them the planes. I have flown in the past year with at least a dozen boys whom I wouldn't be afraid to start to Siberia with.

Will Rogers.

294 ROGERS KNOWS HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE YOUR RADIO GO BAD

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 1. – Wasn't it great about Commander Byrd and his gang landing safe?

Don't tell Mrs. Byrd, but my nurse says he is better looking than Lindbergh. I can imagine how humiliated he was when his radio went on the bum. Mine went fluey during the ninth inning of a tied world series game, and I wished I had had an ocean to drop it into. Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Lost my last tube today and have no interior mechanical connection with the outside world. In fact I've lost my outside aerial.

295 WILL ROGERS, OUT OF HOSPITAL, SUGGESTS NEW 'NON-STOP FLIGHT'

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 3. – I will give $500 for the first Ford car "non-stop flight" from Claremore, Okla., to Beverly Hills, Cal., or vice versa, whichever way yours runs better, east or west.

Remember, no stops for gas, oil, red lights, trains or loose-armed traffic cops. You can come alone like Lindy or you can have a Levine, just so you keep coming.

This is for scientific purposes. I would have offered more, but after the operation! Yours,

The Returned Mayor,

Will.

296 FOURTH OF JULY REFLECTIONS BY THE SAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 4. – Well, this is the Fourth of July and my kids popping these giant crackers haven't been any great patriotic solace to my old battle scarred tummy.

This is Coolidge's and Georgie Cohan's birthday. Georgie writes his country's songs and Calvin writes its speeches. Georgie started out waving a flag and Cal the ballot. Shows you which one will get you the farthest.

I was born on Nov. 4, which is election day, and if it hadn't been for election day there would have been no Coolidge in the Black Hills. My birthday has made more men and sent more back to honest work than any other days in the year.

At that, I wish both of them well. They are both good kids, even if they do both talk with a whine.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

297 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS OWN FLIGHT, WITH TERMINUS IN BEVERLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 5. – Dozens of inquiries by wire want to know if this non-stop Ford flight from Claremore to Beverly Hills, or vice versa, is on the level. It certainly is.

I will deposit the five hundred with any reputable man. The only trouble, since the Julian oil scandal, we have no reputable man here. You can come straight across or follow the great circle by the way of Newfoundland. You can steer by dead reckoning or telephone book. You can receive weather reports on fog, mud or sheriff's attachments.

It must be between these two cities, no other trip will get a nickel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

298 MR. ROGERS'S VIEWS ON CHINA AND THE GENEVA CONFERENCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 6. – The war in China seems to be about over. Neither side could read the names in the casualty list. When you can't

read the names in the papers, there ain't much use killing anybody, when nobody knows who you killed.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Two more disarmament conferences and there won't be enough ocean to hold all the cruisers they all want to build.

299 MR. ROGERS LIKES MR. COOLIDGE IN 'THOSE COWBOY CLOTHES'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 7. – Calvin sho' does look good in those cowboy clothes. I never liked him in that yachting cap. And that old Mother Hubbard apron that they had him pitching hay in, for the pictures, up in Vermont that time, was terrible.

But those chaps will sure bring out the dude rancher vote. If he keeps on taking on all these mannish ways, why it looks like the old mechanical horse is liable to be for sale.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The Fords are lining up in Claremore to run for the $500.

300 MR. ROGERS ALSO AOLOGIZES, BUT WITH RESERVATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 8. – I certainly was glad to read Mr. Henry Ford's statement this morning in the papers in regard to the Jewish people. It was a fine thing for a big man to do. it takes big men to admit a fault publicly, and it has been a lesson to me.

From now on I am going to lay off the Republicans. I have never had anything against them as a race. I realize that, out of office, they are just as honest as any other class and they have a place in the community that would have to be taken by somebody. So I want to apologize for all that I have said about them and henceforth will have only a good word to say of them.

Mind you, I am not going to say anything about them, but that is not going to keep me from watching them.

Yours, the repentant Mayor,

Will.

301 MR. ROGERS ON MOTOR PLANS AND MOVIE DEVELOPMENTS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 10. – It don't make much difference now whether Mr. Ford ever announces the specifications of his new car. They can be built like an ox cart and they will sell. He has all his small old customers back again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Lasky announced a 10 per cent cut in movie stars' salaries. That reminded the Government of cutting, so they announced that there would be a small 100 per cent cut in Lasky's theatre building program.

302 WILL ROGERS THINKS IRELAND STILL ALL RIGHT FOR TOURISTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 11. – I knew that Vice President of Ireland that was murdered very well. He was a fine, able, conscientious man. I picked him then as one of the coolest, nerviest customers I ever met.

Hope this don't stir up trouble for Ireland, for they were just coming along fine. Tourists, don't miss it this Summer. If you do, you will miss more real hospitality and scenery than in any country in Europe. Yours,

The Conversing and Convalescing Mayor.

P. S. – Say, the Anti-Saloon League was about to let Calvin and Andy Mellon out, there one time. Guess they would have put Wayne B. Wheeler in as President and Billy Sunday as Secretary of the Treasury.

303 OBSERVATIONS BY MR. ROGERS ON ANGLING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 12. – They don't no more than stop Cal fishing with worms than he goes out with flies and catches even more. If they stop his using flies, why, he is getting so Western that he is just liable to pull out his .44 and shoot a flock of fish, or take down his old lariat and four-foot enough for dinner. There's no stopping the man. He is a modern Roosevelt.

Yours, a fisherman with a seine,

The Mayor.

P. S. – Judge Ben Lindsey is in Hollywood. His companionable marriage idea created no stir there at all. The idea is as old and commonplace out here as traffic lights.

304 ROGERS NOTES AN INVASION OF FORDS FROM OKLAHOMA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 13. – Say, stop that Ford-Claremore-Beverly Hills flight. They are coming in here from Oklahoma so thick we can't see the movie stars for Oklahoma Fords.

Every time I hear a noise outside I know it is another Ford car. They have made some great time. They have come over 1,800 miles in around three days and nights.

I will be careful with my jokes after this. It's costing me more to joke than I get for them. So if there are any more Fords coming please turn back. Imploringly,

The Mayor.

305 WILL ROGERS ACKNOWLEDGES HIS RED CROSS LIFE MEMBERSHIP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 14. – Today I got my official document from the Red Cross headquarters of being made a life member. Well, sir, I am just crazy about it for two reasons.

One, of course, is that it is the greatest organization in the United States (including the world). I think it's greater than the Republican Party (including Government salaries). But the other reason is it looks like a diploma.

You know I never had any kind of diploma. I never finished from anything. I always did want something that looked important. I never even had an oil share.

I waited all these years to get something to frame. And if Congress don't help the Mississippi Valley this next term I will devote my few remaining years to telling the truth about them.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – The pay season on Oklahoma Fords entering Beverly Hills is closed, sine die, positively.

306 FIGHT, BUT DON'T CONFER, SAYS ROGERS, FEELING ENCOURAGED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 15. – This morning lots of people will feel discouraged over the disastrous ending of this disarmament conference without doing anything. But I don't.

I think it was the most successful conference we ever attended. It's the

only one where we lost nothing, promised to give up nothing. It's the first one in our history where we come out as strong as we went in. If we would just do nothing at all of them, I wouldn't mind us attending them.

And the minute these other nations find we have nothing to give up, why they will gradually quit holding them, and with no international conferences the world would be peaceful and perfect.

That's where they learn to hate each other, is at the conferences. So, hurrah, we are back home without the loss of a boat.

Fight, if necessary, but don't confer.

Yours,

Bill.

307 ROGERS CREDITS BEST LAUGH OF THE DAY TO WILL H. HAYS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 17. – Today's best laugh was by my old friend, Will H. Hays, who said films are made in Hollywood by the best thoughts of the real thinking people of all nations.

Bless your heart, Bill. If you get away with that you could be campaign manager for a Democrat President, and have him elected. That's the height of ability.

Mind you, I am not kicking on the statement, for it gives Ben Turpin, myself and Bull Montana about our highest rating.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – If people are dying in the East by suffocation as bad as the Los Angeles papers state, then there is no use me sending this dispatch to my Eastern papers, as there is none of you living to read it.

308 MR. ROGERS FINDS OUR STRATEGY COMMENDABLE IN NICARAGUA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 18. – I see where our bombing planes down in Nicaragua bagged fifty natives yesterday.

The natives put up a pretty good fight. They threw rocks and knives at the planes, but our forces were too cunning for them. They wouldn't fly low enough to be hit.

Strategy has won many a war and it may pull us through this one.

Yours,

Will.

309 WILL ROGERS REMARKS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 19. – See where they've been making raids on all the new bootleggers at the new summer capital at Rapid City. Of course, we all know Cal is dry every way, but it's the men that are associated with him that have to drink.

Will Rogers.

310 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF THE COMING PRIZE FIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 20. – Sporting writers have been so universally wrong about every big prize fight that all they are saying this time is "if this happens" and "if that happens." They are afraid to trust their judgment by announcing where the fight will be held for fear they might be wrong. The winner will be the one that will draw the most money with Tunney.

Tex Rickard can sell you tickets for that fight now with the names of the fighters on it.

Yours,

Will.

311 THOUGHTS ON MONARCHIES BY MAYOR ROGERS OF BEVERLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 21. – When they crowned the little King Michael yesterday over in Rumania the only words he uttered were: "Come on mamma, let's go home. I am hungry."

That's the truest words ever uttered by a King, for the best thing they do is eat. However, I saw the movies of the last inauguration and Mr. Coolidge looked so bored it looked like he said: "I wish they would hurry up and get done here, Grace. I am getting hungry."

Lots of people over here think the Rumanian King is too young. You can't get 'em too young. The younger they are the better Kings they make.

Yours,

Will.

312 QUICKEST TO LICK DEMPSEY WITH A LAWSUIT, ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 22. – This fight proves one thing: You can lick Dempsey quicker with a lawsuit than you can with a boxing glove.

Tunney better start hiring Kearns to drag out the old injunctions. Give me a lawsuit against him with enough figures on it and I believe I can lick Dempsey.

Sharkey lost, like thousands lose out in life every day, because he stopped to argue. He put his hands down to gab with the referee when he ought to have had them up. And naturally Dempsey pasted him.

I tell you a prize ring is no place for superfluous conversation.

A born referee.

William.

P. S. – I know the papers don't mention it and maybe I shouldn't, but let's be truthful out here among ourselves, ain't it hot?

313 WILL ROGERS PUTS IN A WORD FOR THE, PREACHERS' WIVES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 24. – Since Judge Lindsey's ceremonial upheaval preachers are all trying to prove that the old-time marriages are the best and point to their own as example.

That's fine; but how about the preachers' wives' opinion? I want to hear from them. I believe there is some of those deserving sisters, if they had had a trial marriage, wouldn't be where they are today.

There's a race of people that I would like to see something done for, even before we exterminate Nicaragua!

A friend of the preacher but a true sympathizer with the wives.

Deacon Rogers.

314 MAYOR ROGERS TELLS THAT HE IS READY TO MARRY BUD STILLMAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 25. – Mrs. Stillman and the girl sweetheart's family are trying to tip each other's canoe. Mrs. Stillman says they are very primitive people. The Canuck family say, "It ain't Bud we are leery of; it's too much mother-in-law that scares us."

Now I wouldn't call a suspicion like that exactly primitive. Ma Stillman says she wants the girl to keep on learning. The girl figures if she knew enough to cop Bud she knows enough to hold him.

Bring 'em to Beverly. I will marry 'em.

The Mayor.

P. S. – On account of the visibility, it took Lindbergh two days to find Portland, Me. He will be so old his whiskers will catch in the propeller before he can see Pittsburgh.

315 POLITICAL AND PUGILISTIC COMMENT FROM MAYOR ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26. – My old friend Nick Longworth is out here setting some traps. Nick has been seeing what it is you can promise a farmer that will relieve him. Whatever it is, Nick will promise it to him.

With Longworth and Dempsey both here, the local Rotary and Chamber of Commerce are all set for talent. Dempsey hit Sharkey so hard in the jaw that he had to stop talking. Sharkey claimed he was fouled.

Any time you stop Sharkey talking he has been fouled.

The Mayor.

316 WILL ROGERS'S OWN IDEA OF TWO NATIONAL MELODIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 27. – Lots of people don't know the difference between the two songs of America and England—"Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," and "Rule Britannia, Britannia Rules the Waves." Here is the difference: "Britannia Rules the Waves," is a fact; "Columbia, Gem of the Ocean," is just a song. Yours,

A Diagnoser of Songs.

317 WILL ROGERS PROVIDES HIS OWN NEWS SUMMARY, WITH COMMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 28. – Here is the world events as they happened in the press yesterday:

President Coolidge attended his daily rodeo, where a team of horses put on a runaway for him, the only new things done at a rodeo in years.

King of Rumania had oatmeal and castoria for breakfast.

Aimee declares the temple is as strong as ever; that the only thing can ruin it is poor collections.

Nick Longworth, in his Los Angeles speech, said he was glad this was a democratic country, but he seemed to be pretty well pleased that Republicans are running it.

Yours,

Will.

318 WILL ROGERS GIVES ADVICE, ON REAL NEED IN AVIATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 29. – Lindbergh is doing great work. He is visiting each town one day trying to interest people in aviation. When he gets through it wouldn't be bad to have him visit Washington for at least a week and try and interest them. Don't get the idea because three of our planes flew to Europe and made it that we are ahead in aviation. It's not how far can three men fly, but what have you got for the other hundred and ten million to fly in; and where are they to land when they come down?

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – August the second, which is Tuesday, don't forget the national anniversary celebration of Walter Johnson at Washington, D. C. He is the other Swede that Lindbergh copied in showing the world how to be great and still be modest. Do something to help round out a great sportsman's career. Remember next Tuesday the only man in America that stayed a hero for twenty years.

319 WILL ROGERS SENDS COMMENT ON THREE NEWS EVENTS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 31. – John Roach Straton should match the winner of the Tunney-Dempsey go against the winner of the Ma McPherson-Aimee McPherson fight, the bout to be staged in Babe Ruth's tabernacle.

The Prince of Wales landed in Canada. But not until Lindbergh had gotten out of there.

China lost 100,000 people in one quake and could only make one edition of our papers. One robbery could beat that. Yours,

Will Rogers.

320 WILL ROGERS GETS LIGHT ON MODERN FARM VALUES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – A farm in the country is judged now by how many blocks it is away from a filling station.

Yours,

Will.

321 CHAMBERLIN'S NEW FEAT IS A GREAT ONE, WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 2. – That was a great feat of Chamberlin's yesterday off the Leviathan. In some respects he showed a better record crossing the ocean than Lindbergh. Lindbergh only had to contend with the elements.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The deer season just opened. Any one driving an automobile on Beverly Boulevard or Mulholland Drive should wear red coats and carry an American flag.

322 WILL ROGERS SEES COOLIDGE ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 3. – I think Mr. Coolidge's statement is the best-worded acceptance of a nomination ever uttered by a candidate. He spent a long time in the dictionary looking for that word "choose," instead of "I will not."

It don't take much political knowledge to know that a man can get more votes running on the people's request than he can running on his own request.

Mr. Coolidge is the shrewdest politician that ever drew Government salary.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

323 NO WONDER COOLIDGE WAS PALE, WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 4. – All the newspaper men that were in the room when Mr. Coolidge handed them out his statement have written about his being very serious and very pale. When a New England Yankee gives up $75,000 a year the surprise is not he was pale but that he didn't faint.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – A deer hunter in Ventura county brought in his first man yesterday.

324 WILL ROGERS SEES COOLIDGE DRAFTED, BUT BY THE SIOUX

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 5. – The Disarmament Conference ended by us blaming England for knowing enough to keep their country protected. That's like blaming Jack Dempsey for knowing how to box. When we have had as many wars as they have our statesmen may know as much as theirs, but I doubt it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Mr. Coolidge attended his daily rodeo and the Sioux Indians made him big chief of their tribe. He said he didn't choose to be chief again, but he was drafted.

325 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON FOOLS AND THE SACCO CASE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 7. – I haven't expressed an opinion on the Sacco-Vanzetti case, because I don't know any more about it than the people that have expressed an opinion on it. A fool that knows he is a fool is one that knows he don't know all about anything, but the fool that don't know he is a fool is the one that thinks he knows all about anything. Then he is a dam fool. People are trying to tell you all that happened in a case that happened seven years ago, when they couldn't tell you all that happened yesterday.

Just ten weeks ago I spent an hour in Governor Fuller's home discussing the case with him, and I do believe whatever he did he conscientously believed to be justice.

Yours,

Mayor Emeritus.

326 WILL ROGERS SAYS DAWES SPEAKS PLAINEST ENGLISH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 8. – Say, did you get Dawes blaming England right to the Prince's face? That's one thing about Charley, there is no wondering what he meant when he said so and so. He may not speak the best English, but he speaks the plainest English in American politics today. There is no word "choose" with Dawes, it's either will or will not, and here's hoping that his political hat didn't go over Niagara Falls.

Yours,

Will.

327 WILL ROGERS SEES TRUCKS AS BEST PEACE BRIDGE SYMBOL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 9. – The papers can't get over Dawes getting the press notices over such speakers as Baldwin, England's Premier, which is really their President, the Prince of Wales and Secretary Kellogg. Up to the time of Dawes the Vice President's speech was always the following: "Gentlemen, the President wishes me to convey to you his sincere regret at not being able to be with you here and to tell you that his heart and soul is in this noble cause of yours."

The loaded trucks couldn't wait till the speech was over before they were crossing the new bridge with their best wishes. That will cement more good relations than all the apple sauce spilled on the speakers' stand.

Yours,

Will.

328 WILL ROGERS SEES GREAT NAVY FROM CONFERENCE FAILURE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 10. – Who said the disarmament conference was a failure? Didn't Mr. Coolidge yesterday issue orders to start in on a secret building program? There is some sense to a return from a conference and start building and not sinking. If that's a failure we can have a great navy some day just out of such failures. Good boy, Cal.

Yours,

Will.

329 WILL ROGERS IS ENJOYING PRE-MOVIE CALIFORNIA

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 11. – Up here attending the beautiful Santa Barbara fiesta, showing the life in California before Fords, movie salaries and realtors in knee-breeches made a Coney Island out of the State.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The weather was not unusual.

330 NO COOLIDGE NEWS WITHOUT A RODEO, WILL ROGERS SAYS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 12. – Didn't read anything about Mr. Coolidge today. Guess there was no rodeo yesterday. Twelve planes were to

have left for Honolulu today, but they are waiting till Tuesday, which is always a better day for flying.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

331 ROGERS SEES REPUBLICANS CONTROLLING THE ELEMENTS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 14. – Biggest crop in years is reported to Mr. Coolidge. That man is in league with the Lord to give the farmers relief without letting it go through Congress. I tell you the Republicans are controlling the elements. Watch election year for even bigger crops than this year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

332 WILL ROGERS DECLARES A TIE FOR BRAINS ON STAGE, SCREEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 15. – Doug Fairbanks stated yesterday in an interview that there are more brains on the screen than on the stage. After viewing some of the productions put on lately by both screen and stage, I think most people will agree that in the matter of brains displayed it's an absolute tie between the two.

Yours, a disciple of both,

Will.

333 WILL ROGERS, EX-MAYOR, GIVES OUT A WARNING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 16. – The State Legislature of California passed a law saying that no one not a politician could hold office. And I hereby notify the world that Beverly Hills has left my bed and board and I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by said municipality. I don't want to knock but the town never was as dead. There hasn't been a Beverly date line about a divorce since I got out, not a shooting, not even a swimming pool built. I didn't choose to be Mayor in the first place but they drafted me.

Just a good man looking for something better,

Will.

334 WILL ROGERS KEEPS UP HIS INTEREST IN AVIATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 17. – California is awful lonesome this afternoon with everybody that is anybody flying to Honolulu.

You can't beat those Germans for efficiency. They flew over to the edge of America, and it looked kinder foggy, and they couldn't see the landing field very good, so they turned around and flew back.

I saw a late picture of Lindbergh. That banquet chicken is slowly getting him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

335 WILL ROGERS SEES HOOVER AS DOCTOR FOR SICK STATES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 18. – Herb Hoover is out here among us. He is just waiting around between calamities. When we, as individuals, get sick or hurt we send for a doctor. But when whole States get sick we send for Hoover. He is America's family physician. He is a great guy, is Doc Hoover, and I hope they don't spoil him by putting him into politics.

If my good friend, Mr. Ford, don't hurry up with his new model the next national catastrophe Hoover will be called on to rescue will be the Ford dealers.

Just Plain Citizen,

Will Rogers.

336 OCEAN AIR RACES BRING A PROTEST FROM ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 19. – After my Ford nonstop promotion I may never be able to promote or back anything else, but if I was backing an entry for an ocean airplane flight I would certainly think enough of the people's lives taking the chance for me to put a radio sending apparatus on there for them the first thing. Then if I had any more money left I would get some gas and a propeller for it. Then I would have a law passed to choke the guy that promotes a race out of these hazardous trips. You know everybody that we got flying is not a Lindbergh.

Yours,

Will.

337 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE WEST LOOKING 'GREENER AND FINER'

COLUMBUS, N. M., Aug. 21. – Just crossed Arizona and New Mexico. I never saw 'em looking greener and finer. Coolidge's coming to the West certainly has been a Godsend to this country. 'Course he may be wasting a lot of rain on such few voters but right now these States are standing in grass up to their waists and "choosing" him for "'28." The Democrats, with their usual foresight, had already sold their cattle.

Regards to Dan Moody and Amon Carter.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – The only advantage that I can see in one land airplane looking on the ocean for one that's down is that if he finds it what's he going to do? If he leaves 'em and comes back they will float away from where he left 'em and if he comes down with 'em there will be just two lost instead of one.

338 WILL ROGERS IS TO BE HEAD OF EX-MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

TOPEKA, Kan., Aug. 22. – This is Topeka, the home of both Kansas Senators. Capper's life has been dedicated to the farmers, and Curtis on the helping of the Indians. Both denominations, the farmers and the Indians, are now destitute.

Tonight in Kansas City I am to be made President of a large body of men, the Ex-Mayors' Association, an earnest bunch of men trying to come back, all placed where they are by the honesty of the ballot. What this country needs is more ex-Mayors.

Yours, President of the Ex-Mayors' Association,

Will Rogers.

339 WILL ROGERS SAYS HE SHIES AT TAKING BILLY SUNDAY'S JOB

CRESTLINE, Ohio, Aug. 23. – Passed through Chicago today. It was raining bad and practically all the shootings were confined to indoors. A few who had raincoats were outside plugging away at each other, but, take it all in all, it was what would be known as a dull day for du Pont.

Had a pleasant hour on the train chatting with Billy Sunday, the male McPherson. Billy is a nice fellow and Ma is wonderful. Billy wants to retire and wants me to take over his practice.

I am afraid I would get to defying the devil to come up through the platform some time, and it would just be my luck that he would come up before the collection.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

340 ROGERS EXAMINES WHITE HOUSE DOUBTS COOLIDGE WILL LEAVE IT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24. – Arrived in Washington today to examine the new White House roof. If it don't fall on me, why Mr. Coolidge can quit teasing those little perch and come on home and get to vetoing. Fixing up and spending $400,000 on that house is just another one of the dozen things that makes me know he is going to run again. Can you see him spending that much dough out of his Administration to fix up a house for somebody else to live in? Don't be silly. It's fixed great. He will be crazy about the old homestead when he sees it. He won't want to move out in 1932.

Yours, official Presidential house examiner,

Will Rogers.

341 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS ONE JOKE IS ON HIM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 25. – Good joke on me. I left Hollywood to keep from being named in the Chaplin trial and now they go and don't name anybody. Not a name was mentioned but Charlie's bank. Charlie is not what I would call a devoted husband, but he certainly is worth marrying.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – When the papers spoke about Mr. Coolidge visiting "Old Faithful" I thought they meant Mr. Stearns.

342 WILL ROGERS FINDS WASHINGTON BETTER WITH CONGRESS AWAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26. – Tourists, you are missing something if you don't visit Washington while the politicians are not here. You have no idea the difference it makes. The bootleggers have followed their constituents back home. The embassy bars are closed; even Washington's national pest, the lobbyists, have gone home to take up another collection. Why, if they could get this

Capitol moved away from here this would be one of the best towns in America. I think there are people in this city smart enough to vote.

Yours, boosting for a town that's not to blame for its shortcomings,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – There hasn't been a cuspidor used since Congress adjourned.

343 WILL ROGERS NOW SPEAKS AS CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 28. – Bobby Jones is to Atlanta what the movies are to California and Lindbergh is to America. If golf players took a speck of pride in what they do, Jones's playing should really be a help to humanity. After seeing him play, thousands of able-bodied men should be shamed into doing some useful work.

Yours,

Congressman at Large,

Hon. Rogers.

P. S. – My first official duty as Congressman at Large, which was bestowed on me last night, is to change the library of the overhauled White House into a fishing pool. That's economy for the tax-payers.

344 WILL ROGERS SEES HUMOR IN CUSTOMS SEARCH OF FLIERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29. – I see the customs authorities in England searched the round-the-world fliers when they landed. I guess they thought the boys had smuggled over a couple of baby grand pianos or some early Oklahoma period furniture. I was there last Summer when Gertrude Ederle swam in and they searched her. Figured she had brought in some cigars or cigarettes or millinery in the pockets of her bathing suit, I reckon. People tell you England has no humor. Why, they are funny even when they don't try to be.

The Congressman at Large,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Did you ever see two people as much alike as Levine and Lindbergh? Both their names begin with an L.

345 WILL ROGERS WOULD MAKE EVERY GOLF COURSE AN AIRPORT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 30. – Bobby Jones, Atlanta, Ga.: Bobby, you can be the means of saving a lot of human lives. The big problem of avia-

tion is having emergency places to land. Now you insist on every golf course having one fairway long enough and level enough to land a plane on, all marked with crosses to show it. Every golf club should be patriotic and humane enough to do this.

Think what it would mean to an aviator with a missing engine to know that every golf course was a life preserver. If they don't do this voluntarily the Government will make 'em do it some day.

Now all you got to do, Bobby, is to say you won't play on a course that won't go to that much expense for their country and their fellow-man. If you do this you will do as much for aviation as Lindbergh.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

346 ROGERS SCOFFS SOMEWHAT AT INTEGRITY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 31. – Just finished taking scenes here in Washington for a movie of the old stage play, Hoyt's "A Texas Steer." It was the story of a man elected to Washington on bought votes. We are bringing it up to date by not changing it at all. In the stage version he didn't know what to do when he got in Congress. That part is allowed to remain as it was. He used to play poker more than legislate. That's left in. There was a little drinking among the members at that time. For correct detail in our modern version that has been allowed to remain in.

Yours for government buy the people,

Congressman at Large,

Rogers.

347 WILL ROGERS IS PULLING FOR "FLYING PRINCESS"

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 1. – We certainly are pulling for that lady aviator. Just because we can't pronounce either barrel of her name won't lessen our reception of her. She is the only titled person we ever heard of that did anything. If a lady 63 years of age can fly across the ocean it certainly ought to muster up nerve enough in the rest of her sex to look a mouse in the face.

Will Rogers.

348 WILL ROGERS SEES DEMPSEY, BUT NOT IN THE RING

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 2. – Just spent the day at Dempsey's camp. Watched him train. He is in great shape. He went out in 55 and came in in 69. Leo Flynn, his sparring partner, went out in 41, came in in 42.

It looks like from what I saw they will send in Flynn against Tunney instead of Dempsey.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

349 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A MEXICAN AVIATOR

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 4. – We haven't got any corner on air feats. A young Mexican Army flier flew into Juarez, the sober end of El Paso, yesterday, from Mexico City, 1,200 miles, in less than ten hours, an average of 125 miles an hour, with a German engine.

One wing caught fire. He saw a rainstorm, flew over into it and put it out. That's doing some Lindbergh thinking, ain't it? If we find out they got some airplanes down there we are liable to quit picking on 'em.

Yours, the Congressman,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Whoever located this town of El Paso where it is was looking far ahead.

350 WILL ROGERS COMPARES AIRPLANES AND AUTO DEATHS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 5. – Every paper is raving about legislation to stop ocean flying because thirteen people have been lost, just a fair Sunday's average in auto deaths. From ten to fifteen is just about the number that are always in a bus when it meets a train at a grade crossing, yet you never see an editorial about relief from that. You may not die as spectacularly in a machine as you would if you dropped in the ocean, but you are just as dead.

Yours back in a town that don't look so good since a certain party ain't mayor. Mind you, I am not knocking.

Congressman-at-large from the whole United States,

Will Rogers.

351 WILL ROGERS'S TRIBUTES TO LOEW AND WHEELER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 6. – Wayne B. Wheeler and Marcus Loew died. I happened to know them; Loew intimately for twenty years. Now a man has died in the movies that all the hysteria and eulogies that they generally bestow can rightly be used on. Marcus Loew was a man. He would have stood out in a legitimate business.

Wheeler will be hard to replace. He made a strong political party with nothing to start out with but a caucus. He was to the League what Mussolini is to Italy and what Mr. Coolidge is to the Republican party. The best fight a man can put up is to have his enemies say if he passes out in the thick of the fight: "Well, I am glad he is out of the way."

Yours, the Old Congressman,

Will Rogers.

352 WILL ROGERS THROWS LIGHT ON FARM OFFER TO COOLIDGE

BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 7. – The good people of Dakota offered to give Calvin a farm if he would live on it. I wouldn't advise you to give those people too much credit for generosity. There is not a farmer in any State in the West that wouldn't be glad to give him a farm if he will paint it, fix up the fences and keep up the series of mortgages that are on it. And if you think Coolidge ain't smart, you just watch him not take it.

Yours, Congressman-at-Large,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – That wasn't a philanthropist that made him that offer.

That was some comedian.

353 HOW TO SEE THE BIG FIGHT AS WILL ROGERS PLANS IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 8. – Notice—How to save money if you are going to the big prize fight: If you live in the West get your seats in the west side of the ring and get off at Omaha. New Yorkers take the 10,000 east ringside seats and detrain at Toledo. Ushers will seat the South at Louisville. Canada will occupy the northern ringside section with nothing between them and the fight but the Great Lakes.

One fighter will be painted white and the other black. Don't crowd after the fight is over. Ushers will pass among you and announce the winner.

The standing joke of the next century will be the man that came home and said "I had a ringside seat to the Dempsey fight."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

354 WILL ROGERS HAS A QUERY ABOUT THESE OCEAN AIR TRIPS

BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 9. – I just want to ask one question. When I get it answered it will relieve me and perhaps others. If a flier was going from New York to San Francisco, where it is all overland—you never see them do it with a hydroplane where they can land only on the water. Then why is it they take a land plane across the ocean. No one has disappeared yet over water in a hydroplane.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

355 WILL ROGERS GIVES A TIP TO ASPIRING DEMOCRATS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 11. – The trouble with the Democrats is that they all want to run for President. If they had somebody on their side that would announce he didn't choose to run, why he would be such a big novelty that he would be nominated by acclamation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – A few $10 seats for the fight still left, with radio attachments.

356 WILL ROGERS FIGURES PROFIT OF A JONES-HAGEN MATCH

BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 12. – Tunney and Dempsey training on golf will draw over $3,000,000. If they can ever get Bobby Jones to fight Walter Hagen it ought to draw $6,000,000.

There is a lot of suspicion of this fight. That is on account of Tunney speaking perfect English. Any time an American speaks perfect English he is under suspicion. We know he is covering up something.

Yours,

Congressman Rogers.

357 WILL ROGERS PICKS A SPOT FOR A COOLIDGE SUMMER HOME

FIRST NATIONAL STUDIO, BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 13. – I want to be the first to offer the Coolidges a Summer home. It's located at Claremore, Okla. Oklahoma is a doubtful State. That is, it is doubtful if it is allowed to stay in the Union if it don't mend its political ways.

We have the ranch house screened to keep the fish out. We have had as many as 10,000 fish in one rodeo there. We will guarantee him a Wild West show and Indian war dance twice a day. If a farmer mentions relief in his presence he will be shot at sunrise.

Remember this offer is for either next Summer or the four following ones.

Yours,

Congressman at Large

Will Rogers.

358 WILL ROGERS SENDS ALONG A DEFINITION OF AN OPTIMIST

FIRST NATIONAL STUDIO, BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 14. – Been talk of calling an extra session of Congress to care for the Government's business. What's the use of doing that? Ain't Borah and Coolidge already there? Coolidge won't call any extra session. If he had his way, he would postpone the regular opening indefinitely and we'd all be better off.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – My idea of an optimist is a near-sighted man in a five-dollar seat at the big prizefight.

359 WILL ROGERS SAYS FIGHTS ARE NO NOVELTY TO DAWES

FIRST NATIONAL STUDIOS, BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 15. – I see where Vice President Dawes refused a ringside seat free to the fight. It's no novelty for him to have a ringside seat to see a national argument, just between two. He has to watch ninety-six in one ring and gets paid for it, and should.

My old friend Mayor Bill Thompson of Chicago is out here with us. He is making speeches on the Mississippi flood. Knowing Bill was generally on the

opposite side from the crowd, we kinder figured he would speak in favor of floods. But he didn't. He was agin 'em right from the first word.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – A few five-dollar seats left around States bordering Illinois.

360 WILL ROGERS STUDIES EFFECT OF A MAN LOSING A MILLION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 16. – Just been over visiting Charlie Chaplin at his studio, and watching him work. I wanted to see how a man acted that had just been separated from a million. That would be the supreme test of a comedian. He is funnier than ever. He showed me the new picture. If the next wife settles for a cent less than two and a half million, she is a chump.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

361 WILL ROGERS SEES MCADOO AS ANOTHER "DRAFT" HORSE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 18. – At the prize fight in Chicago the usual Chicago rules will prevail, guns instead of boxing gloves. Chicago has offered free ammunition to all out of town visitors.

Lindbergh is coming here tomorrow. He is the one man in this world that I would stand on a soap box on the corner and try to get a peek at. I got my box and my corner picked out.

I see where my good friend W. G. McAdoo has followed Coolidge's example and announced he is eligible for the draft. Two draft horses may pull against each other at the next election.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

362 WILL ROGERS WILL WAIT TO SEE NEXT YEAR'S FIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 19. – Tunney and Dempsey are letting up on their training, just going nine holes on the links instead of their previous strenuous eighteen. On Wednesday and Thursday they will just do a little light putting and a couple of simple questionnaires.

Amon Carter invited me to the fight, but I would rather wait and see them fight next year. That will be the third and maybe for the championship. I hope we can hear the shooting over the radio from Chicago that day.

Will Rogers.

363 THOUGHTS BY WILL ROGERS ON AVIATION AND PUGILISM

FIRST NATIONAL STUDIO, BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 20. – Leaving tonight to go to San Diego to make a speech at Lindbergh's banquet. It wouldn't be so hard to speak if you knew anything of importance he had ever done.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – See where the aviator and the lion landed O.K. and remained friends. That's the pilot that might get along with Levine.

P. S. – Can't tell you how to bet on the fight yet, as I haven't heard from Abe Attell.

364 WILL ROGERS IS THRILLED BY LINDBERGH'S AIRPLANE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 21. – Lindbergh has been welcomed to all his various old homes, but today I saw a sight worth remembering. It was the other half of "We" landing on the field where she was made.

San Diego can rightfully claim a great credit in the flight. But you can't beat Los Angeles. They had to get in on it somehow. They claim they raised the pigs that the ham sandwiches were made from that Lindy took to Paris.

The pig was raised on Hellman's ranch and the ham cured by Joe Toplitsky.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – In five years this town will have grown till it reaches Tijuana, Mexico. Then it can rightfully be known as the best city in America.

365 WILL ROGERS TAKES A FLIGHT WITH LINDBERGH AS HIS PILOT

BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 22. – I couldn't go to the fight today, but there is not one of that mob there that wouldn't have traded places with me.

I flew in a plane piloted by "Slim" Lindbergh, from San Diego to Los

Angeles. You have never seen him at his best till you sit out in the pilot's seat by his side. When he has a plane in his hands there is no careworn or worried look. That's when he is in his glory.

He brought eleven of us, including my wife, on a wonderful trip in a giant three motored Ford plane.

When Ford takes to the air, aviation is assured.

Yours,

Will.

366 THE RICHER THE AMBASSADOR THE BETTER IT SUITS ROGERS

BURBANK, Cal., Sept. 23. – I want to announce to President Coolidge that the appointment of Dwight Morrow as Ambassador to Mexico is perfectly satisfactory to me. Andy Mellon has disproved the popular Democratic theory that a rich man can't possibly be any good. I am going to Mexico next month, and the richer the Ambassador the better it will suit me.

Yours for more wealth in office. They might turn honest just for the novelty.

Will.

P.S. – Slow counting was all that beat Hollywood out of a championship. The Chicago referee would have begun counting quicker, but he couldn't think what number to begin with. Then he counted halves, too.

367 ROGERS DOUBTS GERMANY DISARMED WITHOUT URGING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 25. – Arthur Brisbane says that 11 people died listening over the radio to the fight. They just committed suicide waiting for the announcer to quit announcing the list of papers and tell them who won the fight.

Germany, this morning in the papers, wants everybody to disarm, saying they disarmed. Yes, but look what it cost to disarm 'em. Is it worth that, making a nation disarm? Besides, disarming only prolongs wars. Both sides fight till they get 'em. We didn't have any when we went in the last time. Less diplomats is what you want, not less arms.

Yours,

Will.

368 WILL ROGERS SEES NO ISSUE IN THE PROHIBITION ROW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 26. – Jim Reed says prohibition will not be the issue with the Democrats, and, as usual, Jim is right.

How are you going to make an issue of it? The drys want it in the Constitution and it's in there.

The wets want a drink and they get it.

So what's all the argument about?

Yours,

Will.

369 WILL ROGERS FOR BOULDER DAM, BUT FLOOD VICTIMS COME FIRST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 27. – One of our Western Senators says: "The Mississippi flood people say theirs is a national problem. Well, so is the Boulder Dam, and I will fight any effort to set it aside in favor of the flood."

Well, there is no difference in the two problems to a politician; but to a human being there is this difference: One is to do nothing but save lives and property, while the other is to develop a dam for cheap power and water, the same as dozens of other projects on other rivers are developed every day, without dragging in the Mississippi.

If the Colorado ever overflowed you can turn it out across the land anywhere on its lower course, and there is enough sand to soak up the Atlantic Ocean. The dam should be built, but not as a club over the Mississippi sufferers.

Yours,

Will.

370 WILL ROGERS COMPLIMENTS MAN WHO KISSED HIS OWN WIFE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 28. – Some old boy got $3,500 damages for kissing his own wife publicly. His defense at the trial was that it was mistaken identity and that the moon drove him to it. Give him credit for one thing, he didn't lay it on to drink.

The American Legion is coming home from France. Somebody will have to meet them with doughnuts and tickets.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Seven Governors of States are in Denver arguing and fussing over who owns the Colorado River. Mexico, where the river goes to, of its own free will, ain't saying a word.

371 WILL ROGERS SAYS DEMPSEY MAY WHIP TUNNEY SOME YEAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 29. – I saw the fight pictures last night. I don't see why Dempsey shouldn't whip Tunney some time. He keeps getting nearer to it every year. Tunney seems to be getting older faster than Dempsey. When the knockdown comes you can go out of the theatre and get a drink and come back before the counting starts.

The entire audience gave Dempsey the decision, so it looks like the old act will go on again next year, bigger and better than ever, same cast, same management, same boobs for an audience.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

372 MEXICAN RELATIONS PLEASANT OVER 'PHONE, SAYS WILL ROGERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 30. – Mr. Coolidge just talked to the President of Mexico over the phone. Everything was pleasant and fine, but wait till Mexico opens its mail tomorrow morning and gets its daily note from Kellogg.

You read about the disaster in St. Louis and what the Red Cross did. No matter what happens or where it goes to happen they are the first there. That's why everybody in America should belong to it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

373 WILL ROGERS SEES HOW RICKARD WOULD STAGE WORLD'S SERIES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 2. – If Tex Rickard sold 40,000 ringside seats to an event that took place all within twenty feet, how many would he sell around a baseball field to a world's series? He would have them play in the center of the Mississippi Valley and seat 'em all around the Rockies and Alleghanies.

It sure does good to have an athletic event approaching and not have to read about how the contestants played golf to get in shape for it. If Pittsburgh walks Ruth and Gehrig every time they can beat 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

374 WILL ROGERS DISCOUNTS AN OVERSEAS CRITICISM

BURBANK, Cal., Oct. 3. – I see our papers quote a sarcastic criticism from a British paper about our Legion boys' visit to London, saying "We've had enough of this Yankee flag waving." Now that was only one paper said that. That's like England saying "America's form of government was all cock-eyed" just because they had read in the paper where I had said it was.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I will feel there's something missing when I visit Tennessee next time. Monkey business might have gained Governor Peay national prominence, but being a real human being made him three times Governor of Tennessee.

375 WILL ROGERS INDICATES A LITTLE HOME PROSPERITY

BURBANK, Cal., Oct. 4. – I unconsciously broke an American record of five years' standing yesterday. I bought a new car and didn't trade an old one in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

376 WILL ROGERS LISTENS IN VAIN FOR A HOME RUN BY RUTH

BURBANK, Cal., Oct. 5. – I had heard so much about this fellow Ruth and his homers that I listened in on the rodeo today and I never was so disappointed in my life at any one. Why, he only hit three singles, I thought he was supposed to knock home runs. We are proud in Oklahoma of our favorite sons, the Walloping Waners. We have produced the only two brothers that ever helped each other in a pinch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – You know yesterday I told you about breaking a record by buying a new car and not trading one in; well, if I just had paid cash for it I would have broken a real record, but I didn't.

377 WILL ROGERS FINDS MOVIES NOT CLASSIFIED IN LABOR

BURBANK, Cal., Oct. 6. – See where Secretary Kellogg sent word to Mr. Borah that we were not only going to personally conduct the next Nicaraguan election, but if necessary the marines would do a little voting on the side themselves.

Secretary of Labor Davis was out to the studio here yesterday. He told me he can't find any classification of labor to put the movies in. Put 'em with politics, and they still won't be in any classification.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Pittsburgh will win tomorrow.

378 WILL ROGERS STILL PREDICTS PITTSBURGH VICTORY "TOMORROW"

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 7. – I told you yesterday that Pittsburgh would win tomorrow and it looks like that's the day they will win. With Lazzeris, Bengoughs, Pipgrasses and Cvengroses playing no wonder Babe Ruth is popular. His is the only name we can pronounce.

Well, it's just as well to get the baseball over with, for the boys that are working their way through football are all ready to break a leg for big gate receipts.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

379 WILL ROGERS WILL BET $5,000 THAT COOLIDGE WILL RUN AGAIN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 9. – This is to my friend, Arthur Brisbane:

Now, Arthur, here is the proposition: You keep saying Coolidge won't run. I have always said he would, not because he wanted to, but because he has to. Now, I am not for a moment conceited enough to think my opinion is as good as yours on any subject, but you writers can write one way and believe another. But no man bets one way and believes another. In fact, the only way to back an opinion is by some deed or some money, not by an editorial.

So, I will bet you $5,000 that he runs; no ifs about it. I bet he runs. You bet he doesn't. The winner to give the $5,000 to charity, preferably to form a society for the advancement of political knowledge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Have Hearst indorse check. There is such a thing as a man becoming land and property poor.

P. S. – This whole thing is not any joke either. When a comedian bets $5,000 it's a serious business.

380 PLENTY OF ADVICE ON HOW TO USE SURPLUS, WILL SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 10. – See the United States Chamber of Commerce has advised Mr. Mellon how to divide up the government's $400,000,000 surplus. They don't tell him how to enforce prohibition or any of those hard things, but the minute there is some money to be split up they are there with the suggestion.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – If you didn't happen to read their first proposal to Mellon, it was that their members should get three hundred and ninety of the four hundred million.

Another P. S. – Will hear from Arthur soon. He is always a couple of days late with the news.

381 MR. ROGERS ON FRENCH TARIFF; HE'S ALSO STILL FOR COOLIDGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 11. – See where we are sore at France now for imitating us and putting on a tariff against our goods. Kinder puts us at a disadvantage on account of the size of France.

If it was some South or Central American country, we could claim it was unlawful and make 'em take it off.

Haven't heard from Arthur yet. I doubt if he has seen it. I don't guess he slums much in his reading.

If the Republicans don't run Coolidge, history will repeat itself. You saw what happened to Pittsburgh when they thought they could win without Cuyler.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

382 W. R. HEARSTTAKES UP WILL ROGERS'S BET THAT COOLIDGE WILL RUN AGAIN NEXT YEAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 12. – I have received this:

Will Rogers, Beverly Hills, Cal.:

Dear Will: Since you have brought me into the Rogers-Brisbane controversy as to whether President Coolidge will run again in spite of his definite declaration that he will not, let me say I will accept your bet of $5,000 and moreover, will give you odds of 2 to 1; in other words, I will wager $10,000 to $5,000 that President Coolidge will not run in 1928.

I have no inside information, but I know the President to be a truthful, honorable gentleman and a high-minded patriot who wishes to stand, and deserves to stand, with Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Cleveland, and all the great Americans who have been unwilling to endanger the republican character of our American institutions by substituting a dictatorship for a democracy by breaking the eight-year limitation, the more than two-term restriction, established by the Father of our country.

Moreover, the people have shown their devotion to the principles of Washington by voting out of office the party and the public men who violated his injunction against foreign entangling alliances, and I firmly believe that the public would be equally drastic in their action concerning any public man who thought more of his petty personal ambition than he did of Washington's patriotic injunction against the dangers of a protracted Presidential term.

William Randolph Hearst.

All right, Mr. Hearst, it's a bet. I can understand your position. You, as a Democrat, don't want him to run. Neither does any other Democrat want him to run. But it's the Republicans that he has to listen to, and not the Democrats. It's not "his petty personal ambition." It's that he has to run to protect the party that has kept him in office all his life. You say he will be defeated. Now, I will outdo you in generosity. I will bet you 5 to 1 that if he runs he will be elected.

I base this belief on the ground of the Democrats splitting, which is the surest ground in the world, especially if a wet is nominated. And if a wet is not nominated the wet Democrats will go Republican. So they split either way they jump.

Now, Mr. Hearst, it wasn't you I was after at all. It was Arthur I was fishing for. I base both bets on two things—Republicans needs and Democratic precedent. Now, when I start collecting, W. R., I hope this don't make you short. The charity which I will devote the winnings of the last bet to, is the upbringing of the Rogers offspring, so they won't have to rely on public office for sustenance.

Arthur got out of this pretty lucky.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

383 ROGERS ON WHAT MIGHT BE WITH REED IN WHITE HOUSE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 13. – Say, did you read this morning what Jim Reed called the Republicans? Why, you would think if they had any pride at all they could come out and deny it. I guess they would if they could.

It took Missouri seven years to find out that Jim was right. I hope the nation can catch on quicker than that. I would love to see Jim in that White House. He would sure have some of those old rich boys going in and bringing sticks out of the water for him.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I only got one more bet to make and then I'm through. I'll bet one million dollars everything Jim said about the Republicans was true.

384 WILL ROGERS SAYS GIRL FLIERS SHOULD FIND MORE USEFUL JOBS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 14. – We wish some girl would make it across some ocean. It might encourage all these others that are trying to be first across to take up some more useful employment. Look at the English Channel swimmers. The last two women to swim it lately didn't even get a chance to advertise the grease.

See Queen Marie's daughter is reported to have eloped with a Rumanian naval Lieutenant. There's a mistake there somewhere. He can't be a Rumanian Naval officer, unless they just kept one for decorative purposes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Coolidge lectured yesterday on art and Mellon on Pittsburgh.

385 ROGERS SAYS RUTH ELDER'S MOTTO IS "SAVE THE LIPSTICK"

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 16. – Outside of Notre Dame there is not much to brag about in the papers today.

Kamal Pasha or somebody is making a speech in Turkey that is lasting for five days and nights. He must be arguing whether to put prohibition in their platform or not.

Ruth Elder, that dutiful and home-loving wife, says "save the lipstick first." So the plane was lost.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

386 FIREMEN'S HOME ON DESERT MAKES ROGERS WONDER WHY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 17. – Had lunch today with Mr. Brisbane. He seems sure Coolidge won't run. He thinks it will be Mellon or Hughes against Smith. He thinks next year will be very prosperous in spite of election. Brisbane has built a home on the edge of the Mojave Desert. He is going to build some homes there for retired firemen. Can you imagine a fireman retiring to go to the Mojave Desert? He will think he is fighting a fire yet. He is strong for California, but he says the real money in real estate is to be made between Thirty-fourth and Fifty-ninth streets, New York.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

387 WILL ROGERS SENDS A NOTE ON WESTERN AVIATION PROGRESS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 18. – While you are talking about progressing aviation, don't overlook this company, the Western Air Express.

One year and a half ago they started with only twenty pounds of mail. Today, in here packed around me, is 550 pounds. We are coming into Salt Lake. Only been six hours from Los Angeles.

They have flown 650,000 miles, with only four forced landings and no one hurt.

Brigham Young might have seen more women than I have, but I have seen more of Utah today than he ever saw. Who said this country was all settled up? Tonight we will see how it feels to fly at night.

Yours,

Will.

388 ROGERS CONTRIBUTES A NOTE ON AN AIRPLANE JOURNEY

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Oct. 19. – Breakfast at home in Beverly yesterday (Tuesday) and dinner in New York tonight (Wednesday).

Only one bad feature on whole trip. Got lost in the pistol smoke over Chicago.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Going to New York to match up some dress material for my wife.

389 WILL ROGERS ILLUSTRATES AIR TRAVEL AS A TIME SAVER

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 20. – Left New York at 1 P.M. today; am at Cleveland at 5 P. M., and will be in Beverly tomorrow night for corn bread and beans.

No special planes, just regular mail planes; fare $400 each way, and you save two days each way.

So, if your time is worth anything, travel by air. If not, you might just as well walk.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

390 WILL ROGERS CHASES WOLVES ON HIS FLIGHT BACK HOME

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Oct. 21. – Had the greatest kick flying this morning I ever had. All the way across Wyoming we chased wolves and antelopes. Will be home for dinner. Left Tuesday morning, spent one night and half a day in New York City and back in Beverly Friday afternoon. Have only been away three nights. If you had left Los Angeles on the train at the same time I did you wouldn't even arrive there till Saturday morning, and, boy, what pilots those air mail babies are. Lindbergh came from a great school.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This Las Vegas you will hear a lot of it when Boulder Dam is built. We just flew all over and around it. It certainly should be built. The man that never saw it by air never saw it.

391 WILL ROGERS BACKS MORROW AGAINST MEXICAN BANDITS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 23. – Dwight Morrow is on his way to Mexico to become a diplomat. His diplomacy started early; in fact, at the border, when he got into an armored train. We needn't worry about him. Those Morgan boys can generally take care of themselves. If the train is held up by bandits, I bet you the outlaws come out second best in any financial transaction. If the worst comes to the worst he will float a loan and take their guns and horses as collateral.

These are anxious hours for Old Amherst. Cal will stick by his classmates. It's too bad he hasn't got a war to send some of them to.

If Dwight gets away with Mexico in good shape, I hereby propose him as first ambassador to Russia.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

392 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS NEW PLAN TO MRS. GRAYSON

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 24. – Morrow got to Mexico O.K. He was only an Ambassador and not a candidate.

Poor Mrs. Grayson, to save wear and tear on bidding her friends goodbye so much, won't be on the ship on its next two starts.

If they ever get Prince Carol on the throne in Rumania they could use Madam Lupescu as lady-in-waiting. It's funny to me they don't get that guy on the Mann act.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

393 BANKERS ARE HAPPIER THAN BORROWERS, ROGERS IMPLIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 25. – The American Bankers' Association are holding their annual benefit at Houston. It's their biggest benefit year. The government has contributed permission for them to consolidate to freeze out the little fellow. The public, of course, will contribute everything else, so really the only problem before the convention is "how much bonuses on loans will we make 'em pay above the legal rate of interest?"

Branch banks are all the go now. They realize they have got to bring the bank nearer the robber. He won't be annoyed by driving through traffic just to rob one bank. The branch bank is the robbers' only salvation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Every banker that could afford a failure in the last year is there.

394 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEW OF THE MAGRUDER INCIDENT

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 26. – The navy called in Admiral Magruder. He said the navy was spending too much money.

There is only one unpardonable thing you can say either in navy, army or politics, and that is to propose to cut down its expenditure. You can accuse them of negligence and even laziness, but to suggest spending less money! Well, he just lost his compass in mid-ocean.

On the Riviera in France they found a bunch of people wearing no clothes and not particularly caring who they were married to and they called it a cult. Over here we call it society, and lack of dress is standard equipment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

395 WILL ROGERS COMMENDS SENATOR CURTIS'S POSITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 27. – I liked Senator Curtis's announcement in the papers this morning better than any Presidential ones we have had.

He said he would accept it if he was elected, but that he wouldn't accept the nomination unless he was elected. I think that's a most straightforward and clear-sighted decision. If more men wouldn't run for offices unless they can get 'em we would have fewer races and politics would improve a thousand per cent.

I am strong for Charley because he's an Injun, and he is close enough to Oklahoma to understand the farmers' problems.

Yours,

Will.

396 WILL ROGERS HOPES TO JOIN THE FESS-MAGRUDER CLUB

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 28. – Col. T. Coleman Du Pont, United States Senator from Delaware, has lost use of his vocal cords. Now I feel sincerely sorry for his personal discomfiture, but if his ailment could be made contagions and he distribute it among his brother members of the Senate his illness would prove to be a tremendous national blessing.

Since Senator Fess has been reprimanded for complimenting Coolidge, and Magruder has Philadelphia sunk from under him, I have been accused of being lax in my national criticism for fear of exile. I want to say that I am only trying to think up something terrible enough to say.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

397 WILL ROGERS ON RANCHES, CONGRESSMEN AND CATTLE

SAN SIMEON, Cal., Oct. 30, 3:50 P. M. – The fellows that keep saying big ranches are all done away with ought to see this one, 300,000 acres.

If this was back East they could call it Delaware, Maryland, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and eight Senators and twenty-five Congressmen would have to live off it. Out here that much beautiful land don't have to support a thing but wonderful cattle and horses. You can just tell the difference when you look at land that has to support a Senator or a white-faced bull.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Yours for more cattle and less Congressmen.

398 WILL ROGERS MAKES CONTRAST BETWEEN AUTO AND PLANE DEATHS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 31. – Five people killed in plane yesterday and it is headlined today in every paper. Saturday in Los Angeles at one grade crossing seven were killed and six wounded and the papers didn't even publish the names.

It looks like the only way you can get any publicity on your death is to be killed in a plane. It's no novelty to be killed in an auto any more.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

399 WILL ROGERS ASKS $20 FEE TO JOIN 'AMERICA ONLY' CLUB

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 1. – Mayor Bill Thompson of Chicago has started a society called "America First." You send $10 to defray the expenses of trying to keep it "first." Bill has the nucleus of a good idea, but, like any good idea, it's the improvements that make it.

So I hereby offer stock in a society called "America Only" at $20 a share. Why be only first? Let's be the whole thing. Why spend $10 to be in front when $10 more will put you in front, behind and in the middle all at the same time? If everybody in America will give me $20 I will be more than glad to show

them where we are the "only nation in the world." Besides, this money will not all revert to me. A small percentage will be spent in exterminating all other nations.

Who'll be the first to display super-patriotism and join "America Only"?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

Founder and Treasurer.

400 WILL ROGERS GETS MORAL AID, BUT NO DUES FOR HIS SOCIETY

FIRST NATIONAL STUDIOS, BURBANK, Cal., Nov. 2. – I am hearing already from my "America Only" Society. Have received several wires, collect. Everybody is interested, but nobody has sent dues.

I have yet to find a legitimate excuse for any other nation existing at all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Just received applications from two Washington jurors.

401 REFLECTIONS BY WILL ROGERS ON OUR HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 3. – Bureau of something or other in Washington announces that "America has reached the highest standard of living ever reached by any nation."

Yes, and if they will just cut down on the original payments we have to make from a dollar to 50 cents we will show you some living. It's an injustice to ask a hard-working people to pay a dollar down. It should be 50 cents down and 50 cents when they come to try and find it to take it back.

Course, we don't get meat as often as our forefathers. But we have our peanut butter and radio.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – You wait till Henry Ford's new car comes out. You ain't seen any high living yet.

402 WILL ROGERS EXPECTS TO SEE HENRY FORD GIVING 'em AWAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 4. – Everybody is just tickled to death over the new Ford plan, but I was just a little disappointed in it. I thought sure, after his waiting all this time, that he was going to give 'em away.

Of course, renting 'em ain't bad. I bet you the next time some other concern gets to crowding him he will give 'em to us.

I hereby put in my order for the first one that lights in California. I think I will get two or three. I always did want to go out in the morning and choose my car.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Thanks for the birthday greetings. I was trying to keep it quiet.

403 WILL ROGERS IN IDLE TIME TURNS TO THE NAVAJO COUNTRY

ADAMANA, Ariz., Nov. 6. – For the first time in my life had nothing to do and nowhere to go, so I says to the balance wheel: "Did you ever see the petrified forest, the Navajo Indians, the Cliff Dwellers and all those interesting things?" She said no.

So here we are just prowling around making no speeches, doing no act, just trying to buy a Navajo blanket from a Navajo; in other words from the producer to the ultimate consumer without a middle man.

It's a beautiful country and the same climate California charges you for.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

404 WILL ROGERS SAYS NAVAJOS DON'T PROFIT BY OIL ROYALTIES

LAGUNA, N. M., Nov. 7. – They struck oil on the Navajos' land three years ago. I foolishly asked how often they get their payments for their oil royalty. Well, they hadn't any yet. They took a million of it to build a bridge across the Little Colorado River so tourists wouldn't have to drive so far around to see the Grand Canyon. The Navajos paid for the bridge and there has never been a

Navajo crossed it yet.

If the Indians' oil royalties hold out they will have enough to build the Boulder Dam for the whites.

I suppose I will be recalled for telling this, like Magruder and Summerall.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

405 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ABOUT TERMS FOR GOVERNORS

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 8 – Just messing around seeing some of our wonderful country. Here in Santa Fe, the oldest town in America, the tourists say, "Oh, aren't the people quaint and unique! I wonder what they do and think about."

Well, today they are voting on the same thing New York State is—whether to keep a Governor two years or four. So, wherever there is politics, people have the same worries. I think a good, honest Governor should get four years and the others life.

As we become more enlightened we will extinguish our office seekers every two years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

406 AS WILL ROGERS VIEWS RESULTS OF THE ELECTION

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 9. – News of the day about Tuesday's elections: Smith carried New York through force of habit. Vare carried Philadelphia through something. It may not have been just habit alone. Cleveland, Ohio, admitted they needed a Mayor and New Mexico here voted that if any man couldn't get it in two years in this State that there was no use giving him four.

Kentucky decided it was all right for the State to have some of the money bet on horse races, that the profit should not all go to the bookmakers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

407 A FEW NOTES BY WILL ROGERS ON AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 11. – Been a-coming through a Kansas cornfield all day. This country is so busy gathering corn they can't get 'em to town to holler for relief.

Down South the bo weavil eat 'nough cotton to keep it high priced. Cattle couldn't wait for election year to go up in price.

If Cal can give 'em one more year of rain and bo weavil, I'll cop William Hearst's ten thousand.

What other man has the Republicans got that can control the weather and the insects like that? John Roach Straton and his divine healing is the only one I can think of offhand.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

408 WILL ROGERS SIZES UP MAYOR THOMPSON AND CHICAGO

CULVER, Ind., Nov. 13. – Had a long chat with Mayor Thompson in Chicago yesterday. A smart guy that, and don't you believe otherwise.

The thing of playing George Washington against King George; he knows it's a lot of applesauce better than you do. Bill don't dislike the King personally, but they have been kinder giving George Washington the worst of it in the Chicago second and third readers. If it had been in the fifth or sixth readers, Chicago never would a noticed it.

P. S. – Notre Dame's defeat yesterday in New York was the first setback Al Smith has had. I am going up to South Bend tonight to help cheer Knute up.

Will Rogers.

409 WILL ROGERS SENDS A BEAT ABOUT THE NEW FORD CAR

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 14. – Here is the biggest news I have ever gathered. It's a real beat on the rest of the press.

I have spent the whole day with Henry Ford, saw and drove in the new car. And here is what you have been waiting for for years; get ready, everybody.

HE HAS CHANGED THE RADIATOR!

I didn't even notice whether it has four wheels or five, two doors or

twenty, whether it uses horses or is pulled by a motor. When I saw that radiator changed, I was just so tickled and overcome I couldn't tell you if the thing has got fenders or wings.

I am to meet him early in the morning again, and may be more composed. Then I can tell you tomorrow more about it. But what more would anybody want to know?

Yours, Old Sleuth,

Will Rogers.

410 WILL ROGERS IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE NEW FORD HE RODE IN

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 15. – Start building more roads, for you can announce to the world that Uncle Henry Ford has a conveyance. Cops, mount your steeds, for this new baby will do seventy miles. Wire wheels, four-wheel brakes.

I tell you, breeding and association will tell; she looked like a Lincoln. The only Fordy thing about it is the fellow that wrote the name on it—it is the same handwriting as old Lizzies.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Just flew in here from Detroit with twelve others in big three-motored Ford plane. Great trip! If you like aviation don't miss seeing it take the air. I went clear to Detroit to see it.

411 MR. ROGERS FOR SEX EQUALITY IN POST-NUPTIAL SHOOTING

DODGE CITY, Kan., Nov. 16. – Headline in papers here today said "Ruth Elder bids good-bye to husband and sends him back to Panama."

More women envy Ruth over that than anything she has done. Thousands of women wouldn't care to brave the Atlantic but would love to send their husbands to Panama.

I think this fellow Remus, who is on trial, should be a hero to us men. He is the only man in our time that has had the foresight to shoot his wife first.

Yours for equality in sex in firearms practice after marriage,

Will Rogers.

412 THOUGHTS BY WILL ROGERS ON FLOODS, HOOVER AND HOLD-UPS

WINSLOW, Ariz., Nov. 17. – I happened to be playing up through New England last Spring when the Mississippi flood drive was on, and they were very, very generous, never dreaming that they would ever need help. But they did, and there is the old Red Cross, and old Doc Hoover is at their bedside.

I get what the wheat farmers are sore at Hoover about. He wouldn't let them hold up the people for bread during the war. Their excuse is that everybody else held us up, so why pick on them?

They were the only ones he could catch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Coming home. After seeing the Navajos and the Ford cars, what else is there?

413 MR. ROGERS SEES NEW SIGNS THAT MR. COOLIDGE WILL RUN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 18. – Did you read Mr. Coolidge's acceptance speech of next year's nomination in the paper this morning?

Why, say, if we are doing only just a third as well as he says we are doing, why, we wouldn't no more let him leave us, no matter what his own chooseclinations are. Why, I hadn't read the speech half way through till I paid a dollar down on half a dozen things I didn't need.

We'll show the world we are prosperous if we have to go broke to do it.

Yours,

Will.

414 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES FOOTBALL SEASON'S RESULTS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 20. – The football season is about over. Education never had a more financial year. School will commence now.

Successful colleges will start laying plans for new stadiums; unsuccessful ones will start hunting a new coach; cheer leaders will join the Rotary luncheons for hog-calling contests.

Heroes have been cheered that will never do anything to be cheered again.

We are trying to arrange a post-season game between Harvard and the motion-picture leading men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

415 MR. ROGERS DRAWS A MORAL FROM WASHINGTON'S DIARY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 21. – Say, did you read what Rupert Hughes dug up in George Washington's diary? I was so ashamed I sat up all night reading it.

This should be a lesson to Presidents to either behave themselves or not keep a dairy. Can you imagine, 100 years hence, some future Rupert Hughes pouncing on Calvin's diary? What would that generation think of us?

Calvin, burn them papers!

Yours for the suppression of scandal,

Will Rogers.

416 WILL ROGERS TELLS THE WORLD WHAT TO DO ABOUT A SURPLUS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 22. – Mellon, foolishly and unpolitically, saved up a little money out of our national "jack pot." Well, a forthcoming war or a colossal national pestilence couldn't have stirred up half the excitement among entire America as what to do with this little dab of money.

Half of Congress met three weeks early, not to solve the Mississippi floods nor to build Boulder Dam, but to split up the "jack pot." We owe thirty billion dollars, but we couldn't think of applying it on that; it's too near an election.

I am beginning to believe that Mellon is the poorest Treasurer we ever had. I would like to be Treasurer. Here would be my policy, and you see if it wouldn't be the best thing for America:

Save nothing, have nothing in there. Then Congress and the entire nation could have nothing in view only what they made themselves.

A Candidate.

417 WILL ROGERS REVIEWS A THANKSGIVING LIST

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 23. – This is Thanksgiving. It was started by the Pilgrims, who would give thanks every time they killed an Indian and took more of his land. As years went by and they had all his land, they changed it into a day to give thanks for the bountiful harvest, when the boll-weevil and the protective tariff didn't remove all cause for thanks.

So here is what the Republicans have given us the past year: A war in Nicaragua and China, and a rehearsal in Mexico, two floods and a coal strike, and pictures of the Black Hills.

And all we got in return is the promise of a new Ford car and lower taxes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

418 WILL ROGERS ON OUR WEALTH AND OUR GAMBLING RULES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 24. – If you think we are not prosperous and cuckoo both, read these: "Three hundred thousand dollars for seat on Stock Exchange." You pay that for a seat where nobody sits down. They stand and yell and sell something they haven't got, and buy something they will never get. You can get on the Curb for forty thousand. All you have to do is make signs to a guy in a window, and try to keep from being run over by a truck.

In the next column we read "Kentucky prohibits betting on races." You can gamble on how high people pay for their bread but you can't bet on how fast a horse will run. We must appear odd to the foreigners.

Will Rogers.

419 WILL ROGERS FINDS A COMMENT IN THE DAY'S NEWS FROM EUROPE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 25. – All the day's news comes from Europe.

Rumania's dictator died. So that helps Prince Carol's case. He is only two wives removed from the throne now.

Another headline says, "One Hundred Million More Men Under Arms in Europe than 1914." "England sends word to Italy to lay off Jugoslavia."

It's taken a long time for Europe to get back to normal, but it's slowly doing it.

Yours,

Will.

420 WILL ROGERS DESCRIBES THE EUROPEAN FOOTBALL GAME

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 27. – The Balkan nations have gone into a huddle. It looks like Bulgaria's ball on Rumania's ten-yard line. Poland was penalized ten yards for being offside against Lithuania. Mussolini is the triple-threat man of the game. It will all wind up like the last one, just another incompleted war. They will have to bring it back and line up again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

421 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ABOUT THE ACTIVITY OF THE DRYS

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 28. – See by the Arizona morning papers that the biggest bunch of drys ever collected are staggering into Washington to try and keep Congress from nominating Al Smith. If he is elected it will take away millions and millions of dollars now appropriated among them for law enforcement. It's not more teeth that's wanted in enforcement acts, it's more money.

Arizona is fat and prosperous and all set for another Winter's argument on the dam.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

422 WILL ROGERS' DISPATCH

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 29. – The head of the Democratic ticket is just about set outside the machine, so I want to start early with my Vice Presidential nomination. It's Dan Moody, the Governor of this little province.

Now Dan this is not just what I would like to offer you, but it may lead to something worth while. To any guy that can run Texas, America ought to be a pipe.

The newspapers have dug up another sensational murder trial. Man and Woman and Dead Husband. Watch the sales double.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

423 WILL SHOULD SEND OBREGON A WIRE JUST LIKE THIS ONE

LAREDO, Tex., Nov. 30. – Going into Mexico just as a tourist, not as a critic, and want it publicly known not as a candidate.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

424 WILL ROGERS FINDS MORE FORD THAN FIGHTING DOWN IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 1. – Been traveling two days and one night in Mexico. Just as well been crossing Kansas as far as excitement was concerned.

The world is a small place after all. This whole nation is just waiting tonight to see what Ford will charge for his car. If it is cheap, tomorrow will be declared a feast day—"Los Fiesta de Fords."

Yours,

Will Rogers,

Aragon Hidalgo.

425 WILL ROGERS, DOWN IN MEXICO, PRAISES AMBASSADOR MORROW

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3. – Am on Presidential train and with Ambassador Morrow have just inspected Government agricultural schools and big water project. I am interpreter between Mr. Morrow and President Calles.

Say, this fellow Morrow has made a big hit down here. He's going to do some real good. He is a great fellow.

I don't generally send dispatches for Sunday papers, but this is an exception.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

426 WILL ROGERS SEES A BULL FIGHT, BUT DECLINES TO TAKE PART

ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN SOMEWHERE IN MEXICO, via Laredo, Tex., Dec. 5. – Having a great trip but can't find any revolutionists.

Yesterday the President, out on one of the big ranches where we were entertained, went into the bull ring himself and fought the bull. He had no weapons

and didn't hurt the bull. He tried to get me to go in, but the bull was still armed, so I stayed in the grand stand.

It was bull fighting that would have pleased Americans. No horses and no bulls hurt; only a couple of men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

427 WILL ROGERS, FROM MEXICO, SAYS HE HEARS NO SHOOTING

ON BOARD PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN, Somewhere in Mexico, via Laredo, Tex., Dec. 5. – Ambassador Morrow and I, just today, saw a dam and irrigation plant that will irrigate two hundred thousand acres. That's as big for Mexico as the Boulder Dam scheme is for the United States, and they have three others like this one under construction, so they are doing something down here besides shooting at each other.

Morrow has learned five words of Spanish and is eating chili. Over a hundred and fifty American civil engineers down here on all this work.

Haven't heard a gun fired since I left San Antonio.

Adios Amigos,

Will Rogers.

428 WILL ROGERS ANXIOUS FOR NEWS OF GOVERNMENT MATTERS HERE

ON BOARD THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN, coming into Mexico City, Dec. 6. – Just getting in off a great trip. Ambassador Morrow and President Calles had a great time and it gave them a great chance to get better acquainted without the usual formality.

Did Congress open yesterday and why? Did Calvin tell 'em anything, and what and for why?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

429 WILL ROGERS HOLDS TO HIS BET THAT COOLIDGE WILL RUN

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8. – Arrived in Mexico City and found President Coolidge has issued another "choose." My bet with Mr. Hearst still holds. He means well, but necessity is where I will win my bet. He told the Republicans

to search vigorously, and they will have to. Mexico was pleased with his message.

If Vare and Smith fall down on the American Senate have them get in touch with me and I can get them in the Senate here.

The farmers in the Middle West wanted relief so the Republicans gave them the Republican Convention.

Who in the world are the Republicans going to run? I can come home if necessary.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

430 TRUTH NOT SO BAD AS RUMORS IN MEXICO, SAYS WILL ROGERS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 9. – They just last night removed the censorship on news from Mexico, and now I don't know anything to say. From now on you will get the truth, and I'll bet you the truth is not as bad as the rumors.

I am having dinner tonight with General Obregon, the sole surviving candidate of all parties. Just think, if you had to eat with every Presidential candidate of both parties at home you would be eating out the rest of your life.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

431 GUADALUPE DAY PLEASES ROGERS, BUT HE CAN'T STAND A BULL FIGHT

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12. – Witnessed a sight today, the greatest and oldest thing of its kind on this continent – Guadalupe Day.

There must have been 200,000 come from all over Mexico to worship at the birthday of Mexico's patron saint. It takes more than laws to change beliefs.

Let me know when Lindy is coming; I got to get out and give up my bed at the Embassy.

Went to a bull fight yesterday, but when the horses commenced dropping I couldn't stand the gaff. However, it's the only thing starts on time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

432 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE WORLD PRAYING AGAIN FOR LINDEBERGH

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13. – Just flew over and looked right down in crater of Popocatepillar. It's easier to fly over than it is to pronounce. They have some good fliers here. The whole country is crazy about Lindbergh's flight. He is the first thing that America has sent here that was not in the form of a note. He will get a great reception and I will lose a good bed.

That kid has the whole world praying for him again tonight.

Here's hoping,

Will Rogers.

433 WILL ROGERS YIELDS 'POST' TO LINDBERGH

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14. – Lindbergh is right here— just left him in the next room. Didn't have to give up my room at the embassy; the Ambassador gave up his. Said mine wasn't good enough for Lindy.

He has just this minute talked with his mother in Detroit. He couldn't hear very well and Mr. Morrow did the talking. He invited her down here for Christmas, and she said, ask her son, and he told her to come on. So it looks like she may be here to spend Christmas with him.

He don't seem very tired. He was twenty-seven hours in the air. I saw over 200,000 people, including the President and all his Cabinet, wait for eight hours to welcome him, and even our own country couldn't equal the welcome. They went cuckoo.

Any other aviator in the world would have come down to see where he was, but that determination made him stay up there till he found the name of a hotel, one building, and found it on the map, and then laid a compass route from there.

You people up there can't realize what this trip of his means to the two countries. An American audience couldn't have been any more sincerely worried during the time we heard he was lost. When we heard he had found his way and was coming on, I was standing by President Calles and he said:

"What a brave and great man he is!"

To give you an idea of the ardorous nature of these people in comparison to America and Europe: In France and America they like to tore up the plane to tear off souvenirs. Here hundreds took it up on their own shoulders and carried it to the hangar.

Here instead of being bombarded with ticker tape the streets were two

inches thick with flowers.

The Ambassador has been working on this flight since he was first appointed. He was just in my room and said he was the most pleased man in Mexico tonight.

Tell the doubtful ones that Lindbergh will not be taken to a bull fight, that there are other amusements here. He is resting now and says he don't want to go to sleep till night comes.

Morrow and I have resigned as Ambassadors in Mexico. Now there is only one when he is in the country.

The Ambassador gave me a dinner here in the embassy last night at which the President and all the Cabinet attended, the first time a President of Mexico ever was in the American Embassy. We had many a laugh. These are real people down here if we only knew them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

434 WILL ROGERS TELLS THE WORLD WHAT A HERO EATS FOR BREAKFAST

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15. – Somebody could have been President yesterday without a revolution if they had just thought about it while he was at the aviation field with all the soldiers in Mexico. They could have taken the palace, sent out their laundry and announced that they was President.

While we were having breakfast this morning at the embassy somebody told Lindbergh that he ought to stay and see some of Mexico while here. He said:

"I saw all Mexico yesterday but the Gulf of Lower California."

To show you the modesty of this fellow, the Ambassador was reading how the whole world printed extras of his trip. He said: "The papers ought to give me a prize for getting more sensational headlines for less reason than any one ever did before."

If you have wondered what a hero eats for breakfast, he had fruit, ham and eggs and toast and coffee, just about what a common feller will eat when he can get it.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Has the Senate found out who gave the Senators the money down here? I want to see if there is any left.

435 WILL ROGERS, UP WITH 'LINDY,' SAYS HE'S A GREAT FLIER

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16. – Just been flying over the city with Lindy in a Mexican plane. It don't make any difference to that baby what the nationality or the breed as long as it's got a propeller. He is going to take up President Calles and also Obregon.

He says he is going to stay here till after Christmas so he won't have to buy all his friends back home presents. I think he will go to some of the other South American republics from here and then make Cuba.

Lindy says they take him to a show to watch the Spanish girls dance and then everybody gets around him and talks to him so much he can't see her.

So Tom Heflin is finally getting Republican ideas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

436 WILL ROGERS TELLS ABOUT LINDBERGH AND BULL FIGHTS

TAMPICO, Mexico, Dec. 18. – Just flew in here by plane from Mexico City. Flying to Brownsville, Texas, in the morning. Left Lindy at the rodeo. He was going to the bull fight from there.

Don't believe he would have gone at all if there had not been so many fanatical requests not to, even before he thought about it. Being a guest of the country there was hardly no way he could keep away from it. Besides he really wanted to see one.

That's the way with all Americans, but we seldom want to see another. I stayed away two Sundays and they killed twice as many horses as they did the Sunday I went, so staying away don't do any good. There is only a certain class of people that go, but they go every Sunday. The only way they ever lose a fan is by death, but baseball is replacing it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

437 WILL ROGERS SAYS FLYING IS THE ONLY WAY TO TRAVEL

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19. – Flying is the only way to travel. Left Mexico City at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, spent the night at Tampico, lunch in Brownsville and Kelly Field, San Antonio for dinner.

Mexico is as excited about Mrs. Lindbergh's arrival as they were Char-

lie's. Had no more need for me in Mexico after Ambassador Morrow's appointment had been ratified.

Flew over the Rio Grande Valley, which is wonderful. The only thing the matter with it, they say the Republicans are about to take it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

438 WILL ROGERS DOESN'T WANT ALL OKLAHOMA TO BE FOOLISH

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 21. – Well, ain't Oklahoma making a fine mess of itself? Now, I don't want this to be taken as sour grapes, or a jealous dig, but I thought I was supposed to represent about all the foolishness from that State, as that's what I get paid for.

But I do feel sincerely grieved that a great State like we have thinks they have to contribute nothing but laughter to the rest of the Union. If they are going to do the comedy, you will pardon me for turning sad. But I do want the rest of the world to know that we have something down there besides political clowns, even if we haven't shown anything else.

Yours for a Warden instead of a Governor for our State,

Will Rogers.

439 WILL ROGERS, HOME AGAIN, HAS THE FIRST NEW FORD CAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 22. – Mr. Henry Ford told me he would make me a present of the first new Ford car, and sure enough, when I got here today, here she is. It's the first one delivered for actual use, and believe me I sure am using it. Nobody is looking at these Rolls-Royces here in Beverly.

Here is hoping that Mrs. Lindbergh has a good trip and lands in Mexico today. She will get a great welcome. Her coming after Charley will be like a wonderful dessert after a great meal for them. They never saw a three-motored ship down there.

Got to get back in my Ford.

Will Rogers.

440 WILL ROGERS HAS FOR SALE SOME MEXICAN 'DOCUMENTS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 23. – I got some Mexican documents I want to sell if I can. They are mostly pictures, so you won't have to be able to

read to understand 'em. On that account I want to sell to some tabloid newspaper.

One shows a bullfight, and one bull's name is "Sam" and another bull was named "Uncle." Now that looked like they were trying to kill "Uncle Sam," and I think it calls for intervention.

Another picture is of two men talking to each other. One has money in his hand and the other has a wrinkled brow and his shoulders are stooped from much responsibility. Which leads me to believe he is at least a United States Congressman.

In addition to price of documents I want railroad fare and expenses to any and all investigations.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

441 WILL ROGERS PLAYS AT PESSIMISM FOR A DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 25. – Well, the neckties were all red and the sox were all too small. So there is practically nothing I can do but just sit and wait for another holiday. If Santa has failed us this time we will see what he brings us on next Nov. 4. I am just afraid it will be another red necktie.

Yours pessimistically,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – It is just an ideal Xmas day here in California – a cold, drizzling rain all day. I was in hopes the weather would be "unusual" and the sun would shine, but it didn't.

442 MR. ROGERS HAS A SUGGESTION FOR LINDBERGH'S FLIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 26. – Lindy is leaving Wednesday to go to Guatemala and from there on down to Nicaragua.

He was talking before I left down there about how he could tell which side of the battle line to land on when he got there; the American Marines are on one side and the rebels on the other. He said he guessed he would have to come down in "no man's land" to remain absolutely neutral.

We are still settling that election for them down there. Mexican stocks have gone up since Lindy flew into Mexico. Why don't the farmers get him to fly over their place?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

443 ROGERS SURE THAT MUSSOLINI WILL FIX THOSE EARTHQUAKES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 27. – See where Rome had an earthquake yesterday. You watch Mussolini get out and issue a decree against those things. He will make 'em sorry they ever hit that country.

France will be scared to death for fear he will pass it on to them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

444 WILL ROGERS GETS A BANK LOAN, AND SEEMS SURPRISED AT IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 28. – You have all heard of the tremendous success of a bank called the Bank of Italy. Well in yesterday's papers was a very unique statement by its founder, Mr. Gianini. He said he was making no personal fortune from it, didn't want to, that he only wanted to help other people, and wanted to die poor. Well, when I read that I went right down to his main bank to see how he would help other people. I put in a bid for a loan, to try and do all I could to make him die poor, and the funny part about it is that this fellow is on the level with it, he really is practicing it. I got the loan; so hurry up and get in, everybody, before he turns banker.

Will Rogers.

445 WILL ROGERS SEES NEW VALUE IN THE LINDBERGH FLIGHTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 29. – Lindbergh's Central American tour will do more than establish good relations, it will make people study maps that haven't studied anything but golf scores and menu cards in twenty years.

Speaking of advanced aviation, yesterday on the battleship Pennsylvania I took my first catapult in a plane from a ship. From a standing start, on a runway only sixty feet long, you are doing sixty miles an hour at the end of it, shot by compressed air. Just watch your head and see that you don't leave it behind you. Maybe you don't know it, but every one of our battleships carries three or more planes.

We are going great now if another disarmament conference don't hit us, via airplanes.

Will Rogers.

446 WILL ROGERS COUPLES CAMERAS AND MURDERERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 30. – I was in Milwaukee last Winter when the following happened:

Early in the morning a man killed his wife. He was captured right away, tried before noon and was taken ninety miles away and lodged in jail, awaiting execution before sundown of the same day.

Course you couldn't do that on a well-advertised murder trial for you wouldn't have time to take enough pictures, and what's the use of a young man murdering anybody if he couldn't see his pictures in the papers. The camera has made more criminals than bad environment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS – 1928

447 WILL ROGERS SEES CONGRESS ANXIOUS TO 'SPLIT IT UP'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 1. – Secretary Mellon has asked Congress to please wait till after March 15, when the new income taxes come in, before passing any legislation, as he don't know how much there will be, if any.

But Congress says, No, we are going to divide it up now, whether there is any to divide or not. What do you suppose we are in Congress for, if it ain't to split up the swag? Please pass the gravy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

448 WILL ROGERS WANTS TO HEAR FROM A NON-MILLIONAIRE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 2. – Did you read all the New Year's optimism and apple sauce in the papers today by all our leading men and bankers? Same gang every year. Every one either a millionaire or an officeholder.

Now, there is 30,000 millionaires in the country and 110,000,000 that

are not yet. You never see a New Year's prediction by one of the 110,000,000. Looks like just for the novelty one paper would print just what some poor man saw in store for the coming year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

449 WILL ROGERS ASKS WHY ROAD NEAR MEXICO MUST BE 'MILITARY'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 3. – See where they got a bill in Congress to make a road from Brownsville, Texas, up along the Rio Grande to El Paso, then on out to San Diego along the Mexican boundary.

It's a good idea and should be built, but it's called in the bill a military highway. Now, if we was building a road along the Canadian border we wouldn't insult our neighbors by calling it a military road. Can't you get Government aid without calling it military?

No wonder it takes all Lindbergh's time to try and make friends, as fast as our statesmen's lack of courtesy loses them for us.

This case is like calling a hospital "the home for incurables." There is a tactful title for you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

450 WILL ROGERS SAYS 'LINDY' HAS NEW TASK IN NICARAGUA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 4. – "Lindy" lands in Nicaragua tomorrow. He has kept us out of wars. Now we will see if he can get us out of one after we are already in it. That's asking a good deal of the boy.

If we would get out of there and let the Nicaraguans alone they might like us by the time we got ready to build the canal.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

451 WILL ROGERS DEFENDS NAVY AND WOULD BAR INVESTIGATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5. – Everybody is hopping onto the navy as though they purposely had the submarine sunk. They blame the navy for the bad weather. They blame the navy for having a submarine in the water at all.

The Mississippi flood happened last year, and nothing has been done about it yet by Congress. Yet if a boat sinks they think the navy ought to have it lifted to the surface by daylight. Don't you suppose the navy feels worse about it than we do? Why pick on a mourner?

We would rather see it not investigated. Then the causes will be remedied. But anything that is ever investigated, nothing is ever done about it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

452 WILL ROGERS LOOKS FORWARD TO THE JACKSON DAY DINNER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 6. – Leaving here tonight for the Jackson Day dinner in Washington, D. C., where we will open bids for the Democratic nomination. Al Smith can't come, as a New Yorker has never been that far away from home. He sent a message of 90,000 words, which the toastmaster will read.

I am not interested in who they nominate that night or in anybody's message of regrets, but I do hope they will have plenty to eat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

453 WILL ROGERS IS SKEPTICAL ABOUT NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

NEWTON, Kan., Jan. 8. – Been passing all day through Kansas, and reading Kansas City papers. They are pretty sore about having the Republicans coming there next June and managing the town all up.

I guess at the Jackson Day dinner in Washington we will draft some town to hold the Democratic one in. Nobody has applied for it. Naturally, I certainly hope Claremore don't draw it. We are just getting on our feet good there now.

I am going through Senator Curtis's range now. He will be hard to beat in this roasting ear belt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

454 WILL ROGERS PRAISES CHICAGO'S HANDLING OF CROOKS

GARRETT, Ind., Jan. 9. – Just passed through Chicago today. Wanted to go up and see my old friend Mayor Thompson, but had had English breakfast tea for luncheon and afraid he would smell it on my breath.

You can kid about Chicago and its crooks, but they have the smartest way of handling their crooks of any city. They get the rival gangs to kill off each other and all the police have to do is just referee and count up the bodies. They won't have a crook in Chicago unless he will agree to shoot at another crook. So viva Chicago!

Yours unhit,

Will Rogers.

455 WILL ROGERS SPECULATES ON DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CITY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 10. – I haven't spoke to a one of my Republican friends. The minute the dinner and the convention city is picked, I can take up any Republican offer.

Say, the Democrats are flocking in here from all over. Cleveland, Chicago and Frisco are the three cities they will pick from, and Frisco is the only one with a certified check. So it looks like we gather there from June to December.

Cleveland wants it because they never saw a Democrat, but everybody is pulling for Frisco.

Visited the Senate. Yes, nothing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

456 WILL ROGERS SENDS REPORT OF HOTEL LOBBY NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11. – I know you are anxious to know who is to be nominated on both tickets. Well, here's who was nominated in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel in less than an hour's listening:

"Hoover is the fellow they will put over." "Dawes is the man. The banks will take Dawes." " Watch Lowden. The farmers are naming the man this year." "They will tie up for a week, somebody will mention Coolidge, and that will be the pay-off."

"Well, they better name Smith. That's our only chance." "Smith can't win. The country's dry." "Jim Reed, he's the best yet." "Look out for Heflin if they don't nominate a Catholic." "George of Georgia is the dark horse." "Donahey can carry Ohio, even if he ain't running."

Now, don't tell me I didn't tell you the news.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

457 LOOKS LIKE GESTURE TO SMITH TO JOIN THE KLAN, ROGERS SAYS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12. – As usual, the Democrats fooled everybody, including themselves, and Houston got the convention. I certainly did what I was sent here to do; I kept it out of Oklahoma.

They went to Texas on account of it being a doubtful State. It looks like a gesture to Al Smith to join the Klan. But don't let 'em bluff you, Al. You go on down there, you will be received great, and I will bet you get a square deal if you can call getting the nomination on the Democratic ticket a square deal.

Save me a corner room at the Rice Hotel with plenty of windows, an electric fan and mosquito netting.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

458 HE DIDN'T OFFEND MR. COOLIDGE, ROGERS SAYS; HAS A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PROVE IT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13. – I found on my arrival in Washington that some people had censored me severely for leaving the impression the other night that Mr. Coolidge was on the radio. Well, the idea that any one could imagine it was him uttering the nonsense that I was uttering! It struck me that it would be an insult to any one's sense of humor to announce that it was not him.

So I wrote Mr. Coolidge a note explaining, and received a two-page letter within thirty minutes from him, written all in his own longhand, saying that he had been told of it, but knew that anything I did was done in good natured amusement, and to not give it a moment's worry. He also thanked me for my kind reference to him on various occasions of which he had heard.

I knew my man before I joked about him. It's as I have often said: You can always joke good naturedly a big man, but be sure he is a big man before you joke about him. What I did over the radio on Mr. Coolidge I did an entire year on my tour of every State last season, and I knew it didn't offend good taste.

I want to here publicly thank Mr. Coolidge for that lovely letter, for I am personally very fond of him. With an election coming on, I know of no man connected with either party who I have ever had the pleasure of meeting for whom I have a greater regard.

When there is no malice in your heart, there can be none shown in your homes. But between you and I there is a lot of people in this country who should never be so absent-minded as to refer to their sense of humor.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

459 WILL ROGERS IS STIRRED TO COMMENT ON NICARAGUA

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 15. – What a beautiful sight as the Texas steamed into this flag and crowd draped city on a beautiful Sunday afternoon! It made you proud and showed what a friend we could be to the whole world if we would only let them all alone and run their various countries the way they think best.

This was a great thing, the President coming here, and we have a great delegation representing us. With these men looking after our interests in Central and South America I think we could send our Nicaragua delegation home.

It takes quite a sense of humor for these people to understand us shaking hands with one hand and shooting with the other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

460 ROGERS CITES, FOR PRESIDENT, LINDBERGH'S PUNCTUALITY

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 16. – The President made a good speech. He didn't say that we would do anything for these countries, but, on the other hand, he didn't say that we would do anything against them. So it was what you might call a conservative speech.

He was an hour late arriving here and a half hour late to deliver his speech. Now, here is a tip for him if he is going to be an Ambassador:

Lindbergh, the best Ambassador in the world, is never late. If he says I will arrive in Siberia at 3:30, at 3:29 he will be there. So no man, even a President, can do better than to follow the example of Lindbergh.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

461 EFFECT OF THE CUBAN CLIMATE UPON REPORTER WILL ROGERS

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 17. – It seems kinder lonesome around the old town since Calvin went away. He lit out this morning before Cuba got up.

Secretary Hughes spent the afternoon at the races. The two Democrats on our delegation, Judge O'Brien and Senator Underwood, held a harmony dinner last night and got the party down to two factions.

Ambassador Fletcher of Rome calls up Mussolini every night. Morrow is here to see that Mexico gets a square deal.

The conferences are all being held in the Biltmore Hotel yard.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

462 WILL ROGERS FOR ONE ANTHEM THAT WILL DO FOR ALL NATIONS

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 18. – We stood while twenty-one nations played their national anthems. The conference is already a standing and musical success.

I have one suggestion to offer for international good-will, that is, have an international national anthem that goes for everybody when it is played. It's for all; the Chink, the Limy, the Wop, the Zulu, and even the Rotarians. Make it short and it will please every nation. Some of these anthems today were longer than their countries' records. I propose Irving Berlin as its composer.

When you have stood in the tropical sun for twenty-one national airs you are about ready to vote for your nation to annex the other twenty.

Yours, groggy from martial music,

Will Rogers.

463 MR. ROGERS NOTES POLITENESS OF NEIGHBOR NATIVES AT HAVANA

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 19. – President Coolidge made a speech here and our diplomats are all here, so that means that Lindbergh will have to follow soon and get the people in a good humor again.

I do know that these other nations are the politest people in the world. We have all been here five days and not a one has mentioned Nicaragua.

It's like Dempsey being in a crowd and having no one mention Tunney.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Suppose you read about what Michigan did with their child murderer. They sent him to jail for life before the newspapers could make him famous.

464 WILL ROGERS BESPEAKS HEARTY WELCOME FOR COSGRAVE

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 20. – Talking about visiting Presidents and welcomes, don't forget our guest, the President of Ireland. He is a great fellow, and if his welcome here is as cordial as his country gives to Americans, his tour will be a triumph. Show him a good time, Jimmy Walker. I'll keep Heflin off.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

465 WILL ROGERS FINDS FLORIDA NEEDS NO SYMPATHY NOW

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 22. – I never like to pick on anybody when they are down. That's why I have laid off the Democrats, and for over two years I have not told a joke against Florida. I knew the people and I felt sincerely sorry for them.

But I have just seen the State and noticed the conditions down here now, and my sympathy is getting back to the old envy again. With this climate and this close to sixty million people, Florida needs the sympathy of no one, and the jokes of no one can hurt it. Game people, these Floridians! But you can afford to be game when you know you've got the goods.

This Mayor here sold Coolidge a lot while showing him the city Wednesday.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

466 WILL ROGERS SEES LITTLE HOPE OF FLOOD RELIEF FROM CONGRESS

LAFAYETTE, La., Jan. 23. – Just passed through the lower Mississippi flood district again, first time since last May. Congress has taken up the tariff, farm relief, big navy, Al Smith, Ku Klux, Nicaragua, Cuban independence, Mexican oil, Boulder Dam and Tom Heflin, but nothing has been said about building the dikes higher. They will wait till the night they adjourn and then pass a resolution against another flood.

Will Rogers.

467 WILL ROGERS SETS FORTH WHAT HE'D DO TO RELIGION IN SENATE

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 24. – If we are going to have an amusement hour in the Senate every day I want a chance at it. I would denounce the Catholics Mon-

day; the Baptists Tuesday; the Methodists, both North and South, Wednesday; the Presbyterians Thursday. Friday would be society day—the Episcopals. Saturday would be a general summing up against any denomination I had forgot during the week. Not that I have it in for any of these, but if religion must be the butt of our legislative amusement, I would at least stick to our Constitution and be unbiased.

A Senator in waiting,

Will Rogers.

468 WILL ROGERS GIVES OUTLINE OF MODERN MURDER CASE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 23. – This murderer out here, Hickman, confessed, so that means a long-drawn-out trial. It's going to be a fight to a finish between the alienists and the photographers.

American murder procedure is about as follows: Foul enough to commit a crime, dumb enough to get caught, smart enough to prove you was crazy when you committed it and fortunate enough to show you was too sane to hang.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

469 WILL ROGERS GETS A LAUGH FROM A LINDBERGH STORY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 26. – Got a laugh the other day by some fellow writing from Panama, saying that Lindbergh was "showing signs of nervousness, that he would pick up a book and then lay it down and not read it."

I saw him do the same thing in the embassy in Mexico, but I just thought to myself, there is another example of this boy's splendid judgment. If he had read any of the books that he picked up, I would begin to have doubts about his condition.

If more people laid down books without reading them we would have more Lindberghs and fewer Loebs and Leopolds.

An honest author,

Will Rogers.

470 WILL ROGERS TELLS HOW HUGHES EXPLAINED NICARAGUA TO HIM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 27. – You know we are doing lots of hollering on various sides of this Nicaragua now. One night at a little dinner in Ha-

vana last week, Secretary Hughes explained the whole thing to me in such plain language that even I could understand it. And, by the way, if we just knew that man like he really is, he would be President by acclamation. He is just as common as any of us if it wasn't for his learning.

He says the way the play come up we had to go in there, and that nobody wants us out of there half as bad as we want to be out. I am only quoting you a man that ought to know.

Yours, second handedly,

Will Rogers.

471 NOT DEALING IN REALITIES AT HAVANA, SAYS WILL ROGERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 29. – Somebody at the Havana conference Saturday brought up the question of revolutions, what, when and how to treat 'em. The delegates want to vote to make revolutions unlawful. That is, while they are in, but, when they are out, have them declared legal again.

It's rather embarrassing, for all the delegates are there by grace of a revolution at some time. Even Mr. Hughes. But he settled the argument in his usual tactful way by announcing: "We are not here to deal in realities. What kind of a conference do you think this is?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

472 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEWS OF MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 30. – Dr. M. S. Taylor and Judge Ben Lindsey are debating tonight in Chicago On "Companionate Marriages," and knowing that I had been in the "Follies" and out here in Hollywood they wanted my opinion.

I think marriages should be companionate. I hate to see them meet and marry when they are not friends at all. And as for divorce, I think People put too much dependence in it. You don't see many cases where the parties did any better the second time than they did the first or the third and fourth or the fifth and so on marriages.

It just looks like the people are grabbing at a straw.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

473 WILL ROGERS MEDITATES ON THE NEWS OF THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 31. – News of the day:

Coolidge in a speech told what the budget system had saved, and Congress sat and licked their chops. They could see a new post-office in every line.

The papers says Dempsey's eyes are bad. You shake Tunney and a half million check in front of him and you will find he can still put on enough glasses and gloves to see both objects.

Been reading about the weather in the East. We have had it bad here – two heat prostrations yesterday, and one bather went out too far.

Yours in a Panama hat,

Will Rogers.

474 WILL ROGERS WANTS HOOVER TO KEEP CHARGE OF FLOOD RELIEF

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 1. – See in the paper this morning that there is some talk of Mr. Hoover resigning from the Cabinet. Certainly would be too bad, for we would have to draft him back again in April and May to take care of the flood situation on the Mississippi.

If he had charge of that relief work for a few years continuously he could have that whole country trained so they would leave the South and move North for two months every year. They would only have to do this till the year 1950, when Congress would vote relief.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

475 WILL ROGERS NOT A CANDIDATE THIS YEAR; HIS PHRASE IS 'I DO NOT CONTEMPLATE'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 2. – There was a piece in the paper this morning where somebody back home was seriously proposing me for President. Now when that was done as a joke it was all right, but when it's done seriously it's just pathetic. We are used to having everything named as Presidential candidates, but the country hasn't quite got to the professional comedian stage.

There is no inducement that would make me foolish enough to ever run for political office. I want to be on the outside where I can be friends and joke about all of them, even the President. As long as it is all right with him, why my conscience is clear.

So I hereby issue my statement, which is as follows:

I don't contemplate becoming involved in a political conflict of any nature during the Autumn of 1928.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Should the Democrats, however, become successful I would accept the postoffice in Beverly Hills and Claremore, Okla. I can take care of both letters.

476 WILL ROGERS STEERS CLEAR OF THE HICKMAN MURDER TRIAL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 3. – I want to die claiming only one distinction, the only writer to refuse newspaper offers to cover the Hickman trial. Instead of being ashamed of it, it looks like every town tries to make their murder the biggest one of the year.

Alienists always furnish humor, if no facts, to a case. Here was one's testimony yesterday. "I find Hickman to have two gold teeth, and sore adenoids."

So the moral is, keep away from gold teeth and watch your adenoids.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

477 WILL ROGERS FAILS TO REACT TO BIG TOE INSANITY TEST

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 5. – Well, the alienists in the murder trial again took the comedy honors yesterday. One testified that Hickman was insane because when he tickled the bottom of his feet, his big toe turned up instead of down. So take off your shoes and have somebody tickle you and see which way your toes go, north or south. I tried it and mine didn't pay any attention to it. So I guess I am a cross between crazy and sane.

Say, did you read what Calvin told the newspapers? He said while you are bragging on nations, give this one a boost.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

478 WILL FINDS A SLIGHT FLAW IN AERIAL DINING SERVICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 6. – I want to do all I can to further avia-

tion. A good Jewish friend of mine wrote me from Newark, that he made the trip East by plane from here, had a wonderful trip, but all the box lunches that are handed you on the way by the company have nothing but ham sandwiches. Now this is a thing that I will see is remedied, so our slogan will be "food for all races."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

479 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS SOME MORE NON-WAR TREATIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 7. – America and France signed a treaty that they wouldn't fight each other. Now, if we could just sign one with some nation that there is a chance of having war with, why it would mean something. This is too much like New Hampshire signing one with Arizona. The four babies we want to get one with are England, Japan, Mexico and Nicaragua.

Yours for better understanding with our enemies than with our friends,

Will Rogers.

480 MR. ROGERS SEES UNANIMITY IN WELCOMING LINDBERGH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 8. – Lindbergh made Havana today. I can just imagine the welcome he got, for I was there a month ago and watched them rehearse for his reception.

The Pan-American Conference is still in session there. They will no doubt pass a resolution welcoming him, and that will be the only unanimous resolution they will pass during the entire conference.

For fairer treatment to our sister republics, then we won't have to hold conferences.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

481 JOHN D. RIGHT AS FAR AS HE GOES, WILL SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 9. – Did you read young John D. Rockefeller's plea to the oil men. He implored them to tell the truth, or tell something, whether it was the truth or not, but to please not just sit there, as that made the

whole industry not only look dumb, but guilty.

Poor young John D.! He is trying to do what is right, but his Bible class should include all his holding companies.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

482 WILL ROGERS SYMPATHIZES WITH CANDIDATES BESET BY BORAH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 10. – My good friend Bill Borah makes life miserable for these Presidential candidates. Every time a new one shies his helmet into what he hopes will be the Presidential ring why Borah floors him with the question, "How do you stand on the prohibition question?" And the poor fellow, not knowing which side the most votes are on, is stuck before he starts.

There are men bareheaded in this race now that will be sun-struck before even the heat of Kansas City and Houston hits 'em.

Yours with a hat on,

Will Rogers.

483 WILL ROGERS SEES SENATE ACTION AS A SLAP AT COOLIDGE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 12. – Talk about me even joking about our President while the dignified United States Senate went clear out of its way to take an unnecessary slap at him with a resolution that he shouldn't run again. Now, off hand, you would think that a Senate resolution meant something, but they carry no more authority than a Chamber of Commerce one does.

The Senators voted that Coolidge shouldn't run again, but that each one of them were eligible. They wanted to show that the country was not entirely destitute of great men, that there were ninety-six men that could improve on Cal at any minute.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

484 WILL ROGERS GIVES PRAISE TO ROCKEFELLER AND HOOVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 13. – Young John D. issued a straightforward statement Saturday that it didn't sound like a rich man at all. He is liable to shame some of these other big men into being for the country, and if he does

that will do more good than his gifts have.

Hoover is formally in the race now. He is the only candidate in either party by acclamation. The others are candidates by personal desires. It will be interesting to see what kind of race a known qualified man can make. This election will decide whether qualifications are an asset or a liability.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

485 WILL ROGERS SEES NEED FOR LINDBERGH AGAIN IN CUBA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 14. – Guess Lindbergh will have to go back to Cuba. He hadn't reached Key West before the Argentine and United States delegation at the Pan-American Conference were hissing each other.

So that Nicaragua can have a fair election next Fall and no candidate spending too much, why, we have the marines on horseback down there now watching the voters. It's a great idea for Nicaragua, but we haven't got enough marines and enough horses to even patrol the Pennsylvania and Illinois precincts.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

486 WILL ROGERS THINKS WE WON IN NOT LOSING AT HAVANA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 15. – See where the Pan-American Conference is to break up next Monday. A lot of people feel discouraged that there was no more accomplished, but I tell you the United States did mighty well. They didn't give up anything, and any time we can attend a conference and come out as good as we went in, why we are ahead.

They will quit holding conferences the minute they find we are not going to give any more than any other nation. A conference is a place where countries meet and find out each other's short comings and form new dislikes for the new conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

487 WILL LEARNS A RAISE IS NOT TO BE HAD FOR THE ASKING

NEWTON, Kan., Feb. 17. – Had visits from two of my "bosses" just before leaving California. Mr. Lorimer, who was out drumming up subscriptions

for his Saturday Evening Post, and his charming wife and two fine grown sons come out to our shack slumming. We settled the Republican nominations. The next day Mr. Adolph Ochs, owner of the New York Times, and his gracious wife and entertaining sister-in-law spent the day with us. We took up the hardships of the Democrats. He thinks, of course, Al will be nominated, and my friend Jesse Jones of Texas for Vice-President. Aided by Mrs. Rogers I coyly hinted for a raise from both gentlemen, but even socially they are always the business man. So it looks like I just fed two hungry editors for nothing. Once a sap, always a sap.

Yours, underpaid,

Will Rogers.

488 WILL ROGERS SEES EVIDENCE OF DEMOCRATS GETTING WISER

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19. – The bill of Senator Walsh of Montana the other day to investigate the power trust kinder put the boys in the Senate on record as to who was on the payroll. I was glad to see some Democrats among those favored, for it shows the old party is learning enough to not just sit as usual and let the Republicans grab everything. Fine chance that bill had passing before the campaign funds were made up.

The older Democrats are getting smarter every day. They wanted in on the campaign contributions, too. It's a great country if you got the influence.

Just a tax payer,

Will Rogers.

489 WILL ROGERS AGAIN IN THE AIR PRAISES PLANES AND PILOTS

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 20. – Left Chicago last night at 10 o'clock in a snowstorm and flew to Omaha. These mail babies go through. They can get through weather that most people couldn't find their way from the house to the garage with a well-lighted course. Good planes and good pilots!

It's safer and more gratifying than running for a Presidential nomination, which seems to be the other popular fad nowadays.

The farmers out here threaten to keep Norris as Senator in Washington till they get relief. If I was you, Mr. Coolidge, I would take care of the farmers at once.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

490 ROGERS SEEKING GOV. BULOW TO RUN HIM FOR SOMETHING

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 21. – Am here in South Dakota. Coolidge found it in the Summer time, but I guess I am about the only one who ever came here in the Winter.

I am looking for that Democratic Governor of theirs who made such a big hit at the Jackson Day dinner in Washington. He is the fellow that said they had a big game preserve up here and they just built a high fence around it and turned Calvin in there and gathered him in and shipped him back to Washington in the Fall.

I am going to bring that old boy out of these hills and run him for somethin'.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

491 WILL ROGERS SENDS A NOTE ON THE ROADS OF IOWA

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 22. – I am here in Iowa looking over the future Californians. We are just picking the best. We are not letting 'em all come like they used to, it's restricted immigration now.

This State has been trying for seven straight years to get an election held to vote bonds for roads. The election requires half the voters to vote. Well, the roads have been so bad they have never been able to get the voters to town. So now they have called an election for the month of May.

That gives them an entire month to come in on horseback and vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

492 WILL ROGERS TAKES A FLING AT MISSOURI LEGISLATORS

St. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 23. – Just passed through Jefferson City, Mo., the home of the State Prison and the State Capitol. The worst in the State is sent there. The Sheriff was on our train and he had two men who had escaped, and he was taking them back to the Legislature.

You remember Missouri got so sore at Jim Reed one time because he wouldn't let 'em join the League of Nations that they was going to hang him. Well, they are naming the Missouri River after him now. And maybe the Mississippi.

Yours for the news,

Will Rogers.

493 WILL ROGERS SEES HOOVER AS A CLEVER POLITICIAN

WATERLOO, Iowa, Feb. 24. – Say, that Hoover is turning out to be a better politician than everybody gave him credit for. He is the only man since prohibition has been in that is for the drys, but not against the wets.

Both sides been studying it and the more they read it the more it looks like it is for both of them.

Passed through Chicago this morning. Since this bomb throwing at officials started Mayor Thompson went to Washington to see about flood relief.

Will Rogers.

494 WILL ROGERS FINDS FARMERS HOPELESS OF RELIEF MEASURES

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 26. – Just been prowling around up in this country with the farmers. They have about given up hope of getting farm relief and have decided to fertilize instead.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Hope Harry Brooks was not lost. A fine boy and great pilot.

495 WILL ROGERS CALLS ATTENTION TO ROBINSON AS A CANDIDATE

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Feb. 27. – At the conventions pretty near every State will waste a complimentary vote on some useless native son. Of course, most of them will have to do so with a smile, but when the great old State of Arkansas shouts, "18 votes for Senator Joe Robinson," why they won't have to apologize to nobody.

Joe is for you or agin' you, whichever you want. He'll play you poker or golf, kiss you or fight you. Whenever he makes a speech he makes you think

he is going to bite you. He is tougher than a top sergeant, but a Senator and a statesman combined, a rare combination.

The Democrats could nominate a lot worse and the chances are they will.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

496 ROGERS MAKES A SUGGESTION TO THE COAL MINE OWNERS

CAMDEN, Ark., Feb. 28. – If I was a coal mine owner and couldn't understand my help any better than they do, I would resign and announce to the world that as an industrial leader I was a "bust." And I would devote my life to seeing that the world burned cow chips.

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, do you know this little city has a $6,000,000 plant where they make wrapping paper out of post oak and black jack trees? Arkansas has made wonderful improvements in lots of lines, but I doubt if I could get a better wife out of the State today than I did twenty years ago.

497 WILL ROGERS HAS A GOOD WORD TO SAY FOR THE POLICEMEN

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 29. – Right here in Memphis today over twenty-five policemen went to a hospital and volunteered to give blood transfusions to a kid that was near death. I know that I am out of order in speaking of the good things that cops do, but I am one of the old-fashioned people who believe if somebody pounced on me, I could holler for one and he would come and help me out without me having to pay him anything.

The poor fellows can't catch many criminals as our towns have them too busy marking cars that have been parked too long.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

498 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES POLITICS AND MUSCLE SHOALS PROJECT

FLORENCE, Ala., March 1. – Spent the day looking at the marvelous Muscle Shoals dam and projects. Everybody should see it. It's a monument to the neglect of our politicians. It was built to manufacture nitrates for fertilizer. It's the only idle nitrate plant in the world. Every country is building new ones.

When you see a $150,000,000 plant lying here idle it gives you an idea of the pull in legislation that the power trust exerts. They say "If we don't get it nobody else will."

The Madden bill settles it right, and the farmers will get fertilizer, but you watch the same gang kill it that killed Walsh's resolution, including Heflin and George.

Will Rogers.

499 WILL ROGERS SAYS WILL HAYS AMUSED HIM BY TESTIMONY

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 2. – My old friend, Will Hays, took Patrick Henry's old phrase and cleaned up on it. "Give me Liberty bonds or give me checks." Bill says he got $260,000 but gave some of it back. As bad as I felt, I had to laugh at that one.

Then he says he got it back again, that sounds more plausible. Then he says lie gave back some more. That brings on another doubt. Then he says he held the other but didn't want to use it. He is resorting to fiction again.

Finally, Sinclair was so flabbergasted at Will returning any of it that he took it and gave it to the Democrats where he knew none of it would ever come back.

Just a sore-headed voter that didn't get any of it,

Will Rogers.

500 WILL ROGERS PRAISES ALABAMA FOR ITS SCHOOLS

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 4. – Say, Alabama is sure humming on good schools. That one in Auburn will compare with anybody's university, and coming over here I spent the morning at Tuskegee, that living monument to Booker T. Washington.

They have a great idea there that some of our schools are copying. They teach the pupils that they are going to have to work, and how to work. Our old mode of college education was teach 'em so they think they won't have to work.

And singing! Oh, boy! After hearing 1,500 of those colored pupils sing negro spirituals, I feel sure I will shoot the next white person that I hear try to sing one.

Say, Tom Heflin and I are all O.K. again. We realized there wasn't enough Democrats to afford to fall out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

501 WILL ROGERS CRITICIZES SMITHSONIAN AIRSHIP STAND

ALBANY, Ga., March 5. – Caught a tail wind and flew in here from Montgomery, 160 miles, in seventy minutes, brought by Major Weaver and Lieuts. Cote and Ott. I would have been a whole day making the trip on the train.

Just read the Smithsonian Institution's explanation about the Wright flying machine. They say the trustees decided Langley's machine could have flown first but didn't. I could have flown to France ahead of Lindbergh but I just neglected doing it. I had a lot of other things on my mind at the time.

Those trustees remind me of the Senator that votes on something and then hears from back home afterwards. These heard from the whole of America when that plane went to England.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

502 THE CYNICAL WILL ROGERS SEES JUDGESHIPS AS SILENCERS

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 6. – Congressman Green, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and in favor of strong inheritance taxes for the rich, has been made some kind of judge at an increased salary. It's funny the Administration never thought of giving Borah or Jim Reed or Walsh some judgeship where it would keep them from ferreting out so much Republican devilment. I'll bet all three of them could get appointments to the Supreme bench tomorrow if they would take it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

503 WILL ROGERS SEES BIG FUTURE FOR SMOKY MOUNTAIN PARK

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 7. – Spent the day in the mountains with my eastern Cherokee brothers, the ones that old Andrew Jackson wasn't able to run out of this country. They are pretty poor and their land is poor, and they don't get anything from the Government, but they are not hollering for relief.

Was also in the Big Smoky Mountain Park that Rockefeller just gave $5,000,000 to today. It's going to be the Yellowstone of the South. It's beauti-

ful and can't help from being a big success as a public park for tourists. They got the stills in there already. All they got to do now is to get the roads into 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

504 ROGERS FOR LESS SUPERVISION OF OTHER PEOPLES' ELECTIONS

GREENSBORO, N. C., March 8. – The Senate says that the marines were sent to Nicaragua to supervise an election and have to stay until it's held, which is next October.

In the meantime the marines are doing all they can to see that there are fewer votes to supervise and Sandino is doing all he can to see that there are fewer marines to supervise.

The next time we go wet nursing some ambitious republic's election, why go in so early? Go in on the day of election. We are the only nation that ever supervised anything a year before it was supposed to come off.

Yours for shorter and fewer supervisions,

Will Rogers.

505 ROGERS SEES A BIG TURNOVER COMING IN AUTOMOBILES

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 9. – Has somebody with a knack for statistics kept track of how many times they have been told the joke of a "certain small make car" catching up with a big car going seventy miles an hour and asking "Do you know how to get this 'certain small make car' out of second gear?"

We can save half the wasted time in this country if we can get people to quit telling that joke. I hereby offer a substitute:

All automobile prosperity is based on what they call the "quick turnover." Well, with all these cheap make cars developing sixty and seventy miles an hour and our improved roads and many sharp turns, you are going to see the greatest turnover in the automobile business this country ever witnessed. Undertaker shares will go higher than General Motors.

Yours for the airplane, where it's safe,

Will Rogers.

506 WILL ROGERS IS CRITICAL OF POLITICAL 'LAME DUCKS'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 11. – Congress killed the "Lame Duck bill." A lame duck is a Senator or Congressman who has had his official position shot from under him by the excellent judgment of the voters back home.

Now, wouldn't you naturally think if a man was told by a majority of his voters that he wasn't wanted any more that he would naturally step out and say, "Why certainly; put in the man who has defeated me"? Now, that would be the case in any other business in the world, but not with these political babies. They say, "You may beat me in November, but I will be on your neck till the following December."

Viva politics!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

507 WILL ROGERS SENDS $5 TO MAKE FIVE REPUBLICANS RESPECTABLE

ORLANDO, Fla., March 12. – See by today's paper where Senator Borah made an appeal to the country to donate a dollar or more each to save the respect of the Republican Party. I just mailed $5 to make five Republicans respectable. Wish I could afford more, but this continued prosperity has just about got me broke.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

508 MR. ROGERS IS TAKING NOTES UNDER SUNNY SKY OF FLORIDA

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 13. – Everybody used to argue over who was the greatest ball player, Sisler or Hornsby. Well, I saw them play against each other here today, nine innings, nothing to nothing. The Braves have a great team and so has Washington.

Everybody in shirtsleeves and straw hats. And I think it's snowing up North.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

509 WILL ROGERS SEES RED CROSS NOBLY AT WORK AGAIN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 14. – There's your wonderful Red Cross on the job again. Be it Mississippi Valley, Vermont, Florida or California, no one

knows when their section may be next.

Just think, four Sundays ago I drove all over that beautiful and peaceful valley in California and visited the Harry Carey ranch.

Florida has been mighty nice about it. Yesterday they headlined it as an earthquake just through force of habit, but today they have stuck to the truth.

We have great sectional rivalries, but it don't take much to wipe it out when something happens.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

510 WILL ROGERS COMPARES PARTY 'CORRUPTION' RESULTS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., March 15. – The Democrats are having a lot of fun exposing the Republican campaign corruptions, but they would have a lot more fun if they knew where they could lay their hands on some of it themselves for next November. The difference in corruption in the two parties was 7,000,000 votes last election, so the Democrats have got to investigate and find out how to improve their corruption.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

511 WILL ROGERS MEETS JOHN D. AND A DIME CHANGES HANDS

TAMPA, Fla., March 16. – You can never tell in this world when positions will be reversed. Last night, in Daytona Beach, John D. and young John D. and family came to my little show.

I was invited to the house for breakfast this morning. On arriving the elder John D. made no effort to give me the customary dime, whereupon I took out one and gave it to him. He took it. I'll say he took it. I guess this prosperity in big business is overrated.

I went around the course with him. He is the only man I will watch play golf – there is some excuse for him playing it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

512 WILL ROGERS REPORTS WALKER REACHED PALM BEACH ON TIME

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 18. – Mayor Jimmy Walker just blew into Palm Beach, the Winter residence of New York's Mayors, on time. I am here giving a benefit for the Salvation Army tonight and Jimmy has graciously agreed to introduce me. That shows you that these Mayors stick together even if one has been thrown out.

I think that town out West (you never hear its name any more) made a mistake by canning me, and New York would make a bigger mistake if they ever let Jimmy go. He is a great ad for Tammany Hall. He is to them what the Prince of Wales is to England without the falls.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

513 WILL ROGERS SEES REASON IN CAPPER'S REQUEST TO PARTY

OCALA, Fla., March 19. – Did you read Senator Capper's appeal this morning to the Republican Part "to please clean up before election?" He intimated that they could get back to normal after election but to kinder lay off till some of this has blown over. Now that's not an unreasonable demand to make of a party—to remain decent one year out of four.

The farmers not only didn't get any relief during this Administration, but they don't seem to have got any of the relief handed out before the election.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

514 ROGERS GLAD THAT LINDBERGH TOOK PRIZE FROM THE MARINES

THOMASVILLE, Ga., March 20. – Certainly glad to see Colonel Lindbergh got the Wilson Prize "for the greatest contribution to international peace and good-will." I thought for a while there that the marines would get that; they are the only Americans that have been in as many countries as Lindbergh.

I am glad he is taking the Senators and Congressmen flying.

If he can get them "air broke," why, they will all be boosters for it. That was a smart trick doing that.

Well, that's about all he does.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

515 WILL ROGERS SAYS SMITH MADE THOSE FELLOWS 'LAY OFF'

RALEIGH, N. C., March 21. – With Pilot Yost of Pinehurst caught a tail wind and flew in here from Atlanta, over 400 miles, in less than four hours. This is the line they are going to put an air mail route on to New York. Certainly need one through line to the South like they have to the Coast.

Having dinner tonight with Josephus Daniels, who used to handle the navy before we contributed to the social success of a conference and sunk ours, thinking we would shame somebody into following suit.

Say, Al Smith kinder made those fellows lay off somebody's name when they couldn't prove what they said, didn't he?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

516 WILL ROGERS SEES OPPOSITION IN THE FIELD OF BEING FUNNY

ATLANTA, Ga., March 22. – Why try to be funny when an association does it for you? This week's prize for humor goes to the Maryland Racing Association for barring Harry Sinclair's horses from races. Be a good joke if the Senate investigated them.

I suppose all the touts at the Maryland tracks will have to live at the Y. M. C. A. and the book-makers will have to show their church cards. They will have Governor Ritchie making prohibition speeches.

It's a great country when you are down and out. Well, Harry, I hope Oklahoma don't get so pure that they refuse your taxes. If they do we will all the rest of us go to work.

Yours, but not a sportsman,

Will Rogers.

517 WILL ROGERS THINKS OUTLOOK IS PRETTY GOOD FOR HOOVER

PINEHURST, N. C., March 23. – Things must look pretty good for Hoover. This fellow Bascom Slemp, after considering for months the best offer from Coolidge, Lowden, Al Smith, Jim Reed, and even Willis, has finally decided to go with Hoover. He don't generally decide till it's practically in the bag.

After the three women in Congress went up first, why, all the legislators want to go up now with Lindy.

Nicaragua voted the other day not to have us supervise their election, but that's not official, as we didn't supervise that vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

518 WILL ROGERS PUT HIMSELF ON THE OIL WITNESS LIST

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25. – I was called to Washington before investigation committee to explain about the dime I gave to Rockefeller. Even porters are afraid to take tips here now. There is politicians acting honest now that never acted that way in their lives.

Senator Borah was at the depot taking up collection to get lysol to scrub Republicans.

I am hiking right out to see Alice. I will have all the dope by tomorrow on who the candidates will be.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

519 WILL ROGERS FINDS CONGRESS DOING OTHER PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

MANSFIELD, Ohio, March 26. – Blew through Washington yesterday. Everybody that I tried to talk to about the nomination was a candidate himself, so all their opinions were sorter biased.

Both houses spent all last week arguing politics. Congress spent the week on Ohio politics. Suppose they will take up Indiana next, and that will keep 'em all Summer.

The Senate spent the week discussing Al Smith. Suppose they will take up Ritchie next week.

Did you ever figure it out? They are the only people in the world that are paid to do one job and do every other one there is but that. If business men strayed that far from their actual business, we would have the prosperity of India.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

520 WILL ROGERS IN PENNSYLVANIA, NOTES TWO OUTSTANDING FACTS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27. – Am here in Pittsburgh, but am the only person that didn't come to investigate the coal situation.

Henry Ford is paying $8 a day and having no trouble in his mines. Ain't it funny when it looks like a business can't be run right, he bobs up and shows that it can. I believe that fellow could make a farm pay.

Talk about Andy Mellon's great Treasury record, you ought to see his State political one. He is the only man, since Mussolini in Italy, that controls both the Republican and Democratic delegations to both conventions. I think he will instruct both delegations for Coolidge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

521 WILL ROGERS FINDS A JAIL T'WOULD BE DISGRACE TO GO TO

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 28. – Seven times Cleveland has voted down bonds to rebuild a jail that was built in 1866.

In company today with every prominent minister in the city, Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and Baptist, we went through the jail. Honest, it would be a disgrace to serve a term in it. It will have to be rebuilt by outside subscription from humanitarian cities like Akron, Hamilton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Oberlin and Detroit.

I think it and Borah's fresh air fund to cauterize the Republicans are the two outstanding charities of the hour.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

522 WILL ROGERS UP IN A BLIMP IN DEBATE WITH JUDGE LINDSEY

AKRON, Ohio, March 29. – This town of Akron is responsible for the most aggravating invention that ever was let loose on modern civilization. It's spoiled more perfect days than rain and bad weather. There is 110,000 people in some part of the world every minute of every day just fixing punctures in Akron tires, part of 'em rubber.

I just took my first trip in one of these blimps that Mr. Goodyear makes.

It is shaped like a gall bladder. It makes me think of my operation. Judge Lindsey and I went up together and discussed companionate marriage, which was over the heads of most people.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

523 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS MORROW AS A CANDIDATE

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 30. – When you get through discussing all the Republican candidates and it comes out what's the matter with each one, why not pick out one that nothing is the matter with – Dwight Morrow? Being President is child's play compared to pacifying Mexico. He gave up something to be of service to his country. He is the biggest ad Wall Street ever sent out. He almost makes 'em look respectable. If there ever was a regular guy, he is it.

I have no ulterior motives in his election outside of the Ambassadorship to Mexico myself, which few would envy me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The above nominations don't belong in a joke column either.

524 IT'S NOW COL. WILL ROGERS, SUH, BY ACT OF KENTUCKY GOVERNOR

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 1. – Today the Governor of Kentucky made me aide on his staff with the rank of colonel. I thought I would get out of Kentucky without being made a colonel. But luck was against me. This Governor is a Republican, and I do hope people will not think anything changed hands but the commission.

His name is Sampson, a very strong man. He certainly slayed the Democrats "with the jawbone of an ass." His Democratic opponents ran on "no horse racing in Kentucky," thereby not only supplying Mr. Sampson with the jawbone, but making themselves the whole animal by thinking that Kentucky would vote against horse racing.

So it's Colonel Rogers, suh. Boy, put a sprig more mint in that julep.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

525 COL. ROGERS GIVES ADVICE ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 2. – You hear a lot of talk about the campaign this year being awful cheap, and maybe on the level, but I want to tell you that I would hate to offer $160,000 to either side. I'll bet it wouldn't have to be in bonds. They would grab at a promissory note or even an anonymous check.

So don't be afraid to contribute. Both sides are doing business at the old stand.

Yours,

Colonel Rogers of Kentucky, Suh.

526 MR. ROGERS MOVED TO ELOQUENCE OVER BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., April 3. – What a place this is. The home of the sensitive stomach. It's the rendezvous of everybody with an ailment between the chin and hip.

Everybody is getting along fine. Cheerful and just saturated with sanitarium scandal. Cure you by giving you everything to eat but food. These patients' idea of a wild party is to get their hands on two slices of bacon or just an old lamb chop bone.

Showed me through the breakfast food factories, and I thought here is where I find out something about what it is. They showed me how the boxes were made and how they shipped them out—in fact, everything but. So I leave here just as ignorant as the other one hundred and ten million.

But they can sure overhaul a stomach that's been missing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

527 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS INDIANA HUMORISTS AS CANDIDATES

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 4. – lndiana is noted for its great crop of humorists – George Ade, Kin Hubbard and a flock of others. Indianians, jealous of these men's reputations, used to say, "We have people in Indiana besides humorists." And sure enough they did have, but they were all in jail but the humorists. So why don't they elect some of them?

George Ade would redeem your State in national esteem. He is a graduate of Purdue, a university that can't beat Amherst doing anything. You would have to draft him the same as the Republicans will do with Coolidge. Abe Mar-

tin for Lieutenant Governor in case Ade laughed himself to death when he saw the inside workings of the State.

Yours for candidates that can win,

Will Rogers.

528 WILL ROGERS OFFERS ADVICE TO WOMEN CANDIDATES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 5. – Illinois is faced with another one of its clown elections. There is a woman running over there for Congress that Alice Longworth told me one time had the keenest political mind of any one in Washington and was the most able woman that could possibly enter politics.

It's Mrs. McCormick. Now, if you elect her she will be seated, and when she is she will be heard from. She is not like other women that go into politics who get up and tell you about the "woman's angle." She tells you about the people's angle. When you women enter a man's game there is only one angle.

Yours for information on real candidates,

Will Rogers.

529 WILL IS LONG ON AVIATION AND THE FUTURE OF U. S. A.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 6. – I am going to beat my friend Brisbane to this one. I read: "Aviator flies in seven hours over Timbuctoo and Sahara Desert. It takes five months to make the trip overland."

So, if you are going to Timbuctoo, that's all the more reason why you should have an aeroplane. And don't sell America short; get some good stock and hold it till it's worth more and then sell. But don't gamble.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

530 WILL ROGERS SAYS RED CROSS WILL BE READY AT CHICAGO

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 8. – As a life member of the Red Cross we are rushing doctors and nurses to Chicago with all speed to have them there when the bombing starts Tuesday morning. We are establishing first-aid stations just about where we figure the voting booths will be blown to.

I am covering the Chicago election for the Nicaraguan press. As we are putting on their election for them in October they are anxious to learn what it will be like. The roads away down here are packed with refugees leaving Chicago.

Colonel Rogers.

Aide to Governor Sampson of Kentucky, suh, should he ever need aid.

531 WILL ROGERS FOR TOWN SIGNS AS AN AID TO AVIATION

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 9. – Flew 220 miles from Louisville over here with the Cardinal Aircraft Pilot Gast. We got a head wind and made it in 1 hour and 45 minutes. Takes all day on train.

Say, you luncheon clubs, stop eating and singing songs long enough to get you some paint and a brush and go out and put the name of your town on the biggest roofed building you got. It would be a tremendous aid to aviators. Lots of towns can't afford an airport, but any of you can do this. You Kiwanis's or Rotary's could do it some day and not miss over half of some speech.

Pray for any friends in Chicago tonight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

532 WILL ROGERS SEES LONGWORTH AS A GOOD OHIO CANDIDATE

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 10. – You have heard about Ohio's favorite sons. Well, I have been all through the State, and if you take it from me, the most popular native son they have had there is Nick Longworth.

So what's the matter with Nick for candidate? He is the most able and popular speaker the House has had. In fact the greatest since Alexander Hamilton.

Everybody talks about what a great campaign Al will make. Well, Nick can stay with him, I don't care how late he campaigns.

Colonel Rogers,

Late of Kentucky.

P. S. – Did you read about those great Kentucky basketball players?

533 WILL ROGERS IN A NEW ROLE AND SIGNS HIMSELF SHAMUS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 11. – See where Henry Ford wouldn't visit Ireland till they took their tariff off something or other. That ought to keep about everybody from visiting this country. I think Uncle Henry has a tough time competing with those jaunting cars in Ireland. He can make a billion cars, but he will never make as good ones as those little donkeys – no overhauling, no tire trouble, no carburetor adjustment, no insurance, no depreciation, no upkeep, and they can carry more and pull more than any Ford ever built. In fact, those donkeys is where Ford got his idea of his car. Viva Ireland!

Yours,

Shamus Rogers.

534 WILL ROGERS BELIEVES AVIATORS 'ARE GOING TO MAKE IT'

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 12. – As I wire this from Rochester we haven't heard anything from the German and Irish flyers, but I am leaving here after my sermon tonight and will be in New York standing with Casey Jones on Mitchel Field all day tomorrow.

I don't know, but I just believe they are going to make it. I met this Irishman over in Ireland and I just can't picture him anything but alive.

Politics can wait. This is important business we got to think of today. I am going to be a-looking, a-hoping and doing a little amateur praying.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

535 WILL SPENDS THE DAY WATCHING FOR FLIERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 13. – I stood on that field all day, and if you could have seen those anxious faces, good old homely German people and Irish with buoyant hope! It's a shame if brave fellows like that are lost.

But no wonder they had trouble coming west. Lieutenant Balfour had a hard time getting our ship from Mitchel field here against that strong west wind.

But it's not too late to hope.

Yours, hopefully,

Will Rogers.

536 WILL ROGERS FINDS INTEREST IN FLIERS, SMITH, ANDY COHEN

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 15. – That certainly was nice of that Irishman to let those two Germans stay in there with him when he saw that the load was so big they couldn't make any time against that wind.

You folks thought I was kidding you when I have been telling you all this time about these head winds. The reason they make it going the other way is because they got Congress behind 'em. The only sure way to have a successful trip made this way is to have our Congress meet in Ireland.

There is no politics in it, but Smith is the only fellow that ever went South for a vacation in the Summer time.

I am going out to see Andy Cohen. He is bigger than Aimee McPherson out home.

Yours,

Will.

537 WILL ROGERS SAYS NOBLE IDEAS DON'T GET ANYWHERE IN POLITICS

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 16. – I received my $5 back from Senator Borah that I sent him to clean up five Republicans. I even named the five that he was to clean up. He wasn't able to raise the fund because people realized that it was a lost cause. You can't make the Republican Party pure by more contributions, because contributions are what got it where it is today.

This was a noble idea of Borah's, but noble ideas don't get anywhere. Look at Dawes's original idea of cleaning up the Senate! I doubt if he can remember even trying it now. Noble ideas don't belong in politics.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

538 WILL GETS RING LARDNER TO WRITE SOMETHING FREE

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 17. – Ring Lardner and I are seeing New York tonight and he has promised to say a few words of cheer to you. All I do is pay for the theater tickets and when the show drags I will laugh at him. Mr. Lardner now speaking:

"Good evening newspaper fans. I used to have to write in the newspaper for a living, too. It must be awful hard. Georgie Cohan is producing a new baseball play of mine which I hope you get more laughs out of than I do going

around with Will Rogers. I have a song hit in it sung by a Scotchman entitled, 'I Would Give a Thousand Dollars to Be a Millionaire.' That's all I will write for this guy for nothing. Yours, Ring Lardner."

Will Rogers.

539 WILL ROGERS AGAIN FLIES, THIS TIME IN FRED STONE'S PLANE

HAGERSTOWN, Md., April 18. – To give you an idea of what private aviation is advancing to, I left New York this morning at 8 o'clock against a head wind, in Fred Stone the actor's new plane with his private pilot, Champion. Fred is over 50, yet he has learned to fly his own plane.

Say, have you been reading about that Claremore (Okla.) boy, Payne, in that walk, trot and single-foot derby from Hollywood to Hoboken? He led them into Claremore yesterday, which, by the way, was half way. When they all saw the town they didn't want to leave.

Yours for home talent,

Will Rogers.

540 WILL ROGERS FINDS VARIETY OF NEWS IN WEST VIRGINIA

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., April 19. – Was in Maryland last night. Everybody can get a drink there but Sinclair's race horses. They have closed the saloons to them.

Say, this Senator Goff of West Virginia is pulling Jim Watson down here. He kinder acts like he is serious about this Republican Presidential nomination. This State is worried more about how to make a coal mine pay than it is about Presidential candidates.

The D. A. R.'s canned William Randolph Emporia White as speaker and used President Coolidge as substitute. Mr. Coolidge that night stole Governor Ritchie's act, State rights, and didn't do it as good as Ritchie, so now the D. A. R.'s want to reinstate White.

It is about time for this Ohio River to get up, as there has been no flood relief passed I am going to get out of here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

541 WILL ROGERS NOT FOR PEACE, BUT FOR GOOD SHOW AT HOUSTON

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., April 20. – I am here in Clem Shaver's, the head of the Democrats, home town. He tells me that the Democrats are going to be so peaceful and hungry for harmony at their convention that you won't hardly know they are Democrats.

Well, if I go there and they are as he says, I certainly will ask for my money back. They have worked for years to bring their conventions up to a show and now they want to crab it.

I have been investigating the condition of the coal mines all day. They are not nearly as bad as the condition of the second-hand automobile dealers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

542 WILL ROGERS FINDS ANOTHER WOMAN WHO BELONGS IN POLITICS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 22. – Say, you know I wrote you the other day about a wonderful woman politician who has since been nominated, Mrs. Ruth McCormick of Illinois, daughter of Mark Hanna.

Well, there is a live Democratic woman, too, and that's Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of William Jennings Bryan. She is running for Congress in Florida from the Miami district and she is another woman that really belongs in politics, for she was bred to politics. That will be two daughters of two great politicians.

Who are the Republicans going to nominate for President? They are liable to furnish the comedy this year.

Well, Sinclair come clear. Now, if his horses in Maryland can just prove they are innocent.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

543 WILL ROGERS FINDS CHICAGO QUIET AND KIND TO ENGLISHMEN

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23. – Say, Chicago is as quiet – only one big murder headline today, and Englishmen are allowed to use their own accent on the street again.

The League of Women Voters are here in convention demanding these

planks in the next platform: Democratic women want birth control for Republicans, and Republican women want equal corruption for both sexes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

544 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS A TUNNEY LITERARY TEST

CHICAGO, Ill., April 24. – Gene Tunney just lectured before Yale's class on Shakespeare. He said he read Shakespeare ten times before he could get what he meant.

Now that brings up the question: Is there something wrong with Shakespeare or with Gene? If everybody has to read his stuff ten times, why Shakespeare is not the author he is cracked up to be. But if somebody else can read him and get him the first time, why, Tunney is not the high-brow that he is cracked up to be.

So read my stuff at least ten times, and if you can't get it, why, you are neither a Shakespeare or a Tunney.

Yours for simpler authors and harder hitting fighters,

Will Rogers.

545 ROGERS ADVISES INVESTORS TO LOOK INTO EGG BUSINESS

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25. – Speaking at a banquet here tonight at the opening of a beautiful seventeen-story building built by the butter and egg men. It's a monument to the American people who can't tell a good egg from a bad one. It's a tribute to what a rooster and a churn can do.

You can buy eggs on this market the same as you can buy General Motors stock. So, get you some eggs and hold 'em. Somebody will eat 'em no matter how old they are and if you can't pay your cold storage bill hardboil 'em and sell 'em for picnics.

Yours a cacklin',

Will Rogers.

546 ROGERS EXPECTS ANOTHER FLOOD TO REACH SOUTH BEFORE RELIEF

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 26. – I am just sitting here looking out over the Mississippi River, and it's up pretty high. So I am just giving all my friends

down South warning. Now, it will take this raise a long time to reach away down there, but it will get there ahead of Government relief. So get ready. This water has got to go somewhere. Have your Fords made into amphibians.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – It looks like the only thing can stop Hoover now is crooked politics, and it will just about do it.

547 WILL ROGERS FINDS OLD FRIENDS IN FLYING AROUND IOWA

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, April 27. – Just flew in here in a new Ryan monoplane against a terrific head wind with Pilot Livingstone. Talk about meeting great people. I had breakfast in Des Moines with "Ding," the great political cartoonist. He won't leave Des Moines. That's where he gets all those wonderful rube ideas. The streets are packed here today with farmers' automobiles waiting for relief.

This is the home of Quaker Oats and Cherry Sisters. I am going out to see the sisters. They were really the inspiration of me going on the stage.

Tomorrow Topeka, the home of Charley Curtis, and he would make a great President.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

548 WILL ROGERS TAKES EARLY VIEW OF A CONVENTION CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 29. – Out of all the States I have been in, and out of all those that have ambitious Presidential sons, I take a straw vote every night. Curtis is the only one who really has the backing of his State. These others are just family support, but old Kansas is for Charley.

I am right now in the room of the Meulbach where the nomination will be held and I can see Convention Hall, where the delegates will be notified who has been nominated. It's their main suite of rooms here and they are in here now working on ice boxes, sawdust and cuspidors.

It's a great life if you take it serious.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

549 WILL ROGERS HOPES THE PRESS WILL BE KIND TO AVIATION

SALINA, Kan., April 30. –When will the newspapers commence giving aviation an even break? There were eight people killed all over America in planes Sunday and it's headlined in every newspaper today. If there was a single State that didn't get that many in automobiles yesterday it was simply because it fell below its average.

I see where Tunney has gone into training for that fellow Heeney. He trained on Shakespeare and Homer for Dempsey. But he just took a set of Zane Grey and Harold Bell Wright to get himself in condition for Heeney.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

550 WILL ROGERS GETS A NEW KICK OUT OF AVIATION IN THE WEST

CHELSEA, Okla., May 1. – I got the real kick of my life out of aviation today. Left western Kansas and flew down to Oklahoma and landed right on the old ranch I was born on. First machine was ever in there. When I was raised there, I never thought there would ever be anything faster than a horse get in there.

I ask you and plead with you again, you luncheon clubbers, will you please paint the name of your town on top of your building? I will pay for the paint if you will do it. We were lost today, and all the towns in Kansas had no names we could make out till we got to Bartlesville, Okla., who had their name out.

Are you ashamed of your town?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

551 WILL ROGERS SEES CONGRESS IN A GENEROUS MOOD

OMAHA, Neb., May 2. – Just flew in from Chelsea, Okla., bucking a head wind. See by the papers that every appropriation bill is being passed. Too bad you didn't ask for something. You would have gotten it.

Suppose four different groups from four different parts of the country all want something and all trade votes with each other so that everybody gets theirs. What chance has the Treasury got? There is times when it looks like the James boys got their robbery reputation on mighty scant evidence.

If all these appropriations go through, then Judd Gray and Ruth Snyder were innocent.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

552 WILL ROGERS FLYING BACK HOME TO OPPOSE ANY RECOUNT

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., May 3. – Left Omaha this morning for a little flight and as we happened to get a tail wind just kept on coming. Will soon be in Salt Lake. Make Beverly Hills tonight. That's rambling.

Going to California to see that they don't have a recount on Smith and Hoover like they did on Hughes that time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

553 WILL ROGERS SAYS WILL HAYS EARNS HIS PAY IN THE MOVIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 4. – Say, those that thought Will Hays was over in Europe just to get away from the Republicans are mistaken. No wonder Bill draws such a big salary from the movies. He earns it.

Did you see what he did yesterday in France? France was about to bar our movies and Bill made 'em sign a contract where they not only retain our movies but for every seven of ours the French see they will have to look at one made in France. That satisfied the French producers; all they wanted was to make theirs compulsory.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, I run out of paint. Some towns were painting their own homes with it.

554 WILL ROGERS PRAISES WALSH FOR HIS HONESTY AND FRANKNESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 6. – Senator Walsh issued a statement that on account of its extreme novelty has not received the proper amount of publicity that it should. He resigned as follows: "There just don't seem to be any burning desire on the part of the people for my nomination. I feel sure they want Smith."

We may not owe Mr. Walsh the Presidency but we certainly do owe him something for his eyesight, honesty and frankness. Jim Watson is still wearing smoke-colored glasses.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Owing to shortage of funds I am limiting my offer to supply paint for names of towns with not more than four letters.

555 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES WHAT CAROL OFFERS RUMANIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 7. – See today where Prince Carol says that "Rumania is the laughing stock of the world," but he insinuates that if he can get on the throne he will add just the amount of dignity and wives that it has been lacking. He says the girl friend, Mme. Lupescu, is perfectly willing to share him with the needy Rumanians. She is broadminded that way.

Been reading Sunday's casualty lists from automobiles. It looks like everybody gets run over but Presidential candidates. Is there no justice in the world?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Paint has been put down to towns of three letters. Ada, Oklahoma, for instance. Mooselookmeguntic, Me., sent me a bill for $79. They had to put a letter on each house and borrowed three houses from Connecticut.

556 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES A FEW CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 8. – They examined some of the Presidential candidates yesterday to see what they had spent on their campaigns. Norris made the best showing. He had only spent $6 for an ad in a country newspaper and has the Wisconsin and Nebraska delegation to show for it, which proves that cheap advertising pays.

Goff has spent $90, but received nothing definite so far. George of Georgia has spent $100 and has Georgia—that's about $4 a delegate. Walsh receipts were $1,075 and the expenditures $1,090.65, so he is in the red $15.65. Curtis spent $11,000. It cost money to get William White and his gang to vote for anybody.

Now, none of these men have spent much, but on the other hand they haven't got far. So it just shows you can't get something for nothing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

557 WILL ROGERS SAYS IT'S CHEAPER TO BE PRESIDENT THAN SENATOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 9. – The Senate is still examining the expenditures of Presidential candidates. The humor of the thing is that you can be elected President of this country on one-tenth what it costs to be elected Senator.

Old Prince Carol is still on the front page, so I can see a lecture tour in America next Fall for him.

Tax relief, farm relief, flood relief, dam relief—none of these have been settled, but they are getting them in shape for consideration at the next session of Congress with the hope that those needing relief will perhaps have conveniently died in the meantime.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

558 WILL ROGERS SHOWS SURPRISE AT THE RESULT IN INDIANA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 10. – When Indiana votes that Jim Watson would be a more competent man for President than Herb Hoover, there just ain't nothing you can say. Mind you, Jim is a good fellow as far as politicians go, but I leave comment in the hands of George Ade, Kin Hubbard and Booth Tarkington and Jesse Andrews. Old Perdue, it looks like you have failed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

559 WILL ROGERS OFFERS ADVICE TO JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 11. – I hate to be the first to make notice of it, but I believe that it is a record. Japan and China have been fighting now for one solid week and we haven't entered our marines. What's the matter, are they barred? Maybe they are eliminated on account of being professionals.

I don't want to tell young John D. Rockefeller his business for he is a friend of mine. But if he wants to get rid of anybody why don't he stop their pay. That's more successful than writing them letters.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

560 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON MELLON AND THE NOMINATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 13. – Did you read where Mellon says "Hoover is the best man, and has the most qualifications for the job of being President?" But he did not want the Pennsylvania delegation instructed for him. He wants to go to Kansas City and wait for the best offer. In other words, he will take an inferior man if the inducements are better.

You can't blame men like Jim Watson for wanting to have their State delegation to trade off, when one of our biggest men, like Mellon, wants to do the same thing.

And the poor fellow voting in the primary still takes it serious and really thinks he has something to do with the nomination.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

561 WILL ROGERS ASKS FOR CREDIT FOR LONG-DISTANCE FOOT RACERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 14. – It's about time somebody give a real endurance test some credit—this foot race to New York, and a 20-year-old kid from Claremore, Okla., leading it. It's all right to kid it and call it bunions, but no athlete in any other branch of sport could get up every day for three straight months and run from forty to seventy miles.

Sporting writers write pages over some football player's seventy-yard run. Our champion prize fighters can only fight thirty minutes every two years. There is not a golf player in America that could have stood this same trip in an automobile. You will find it's the grit and heart that's doing this more than bunions or ingrowing toe nails, so be fair and give 'em a break.

Yours from Claremore,

Will Rogers.

562 MR. ROGERS SEES PROSPERITY IN THE INCREASE OF DIVORCES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 15. – Somebody is always quoting figures to prove that the country is prosperous, and it takes a lot of quoting; but the only real bona fide indication of it was in the paper today: "Divorces in Reno have increased over 105 per cent in the last year."

Now, that's prosperity, for you can't be broke and get a divorce. That's why the poor have to live with each other. There is nothing that denotes prosperity quicker than to hear that "so and so and his wife ain't getting along."

I maintain that it should cost as much to get married as it does to get divorced. Make it look like marriage is worth as much as divorce, even if it ain't. That would also make the preachers financially independent like it has the lawyers.

Yours for the downtrodden,

Will Rogers.

563 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS THE PERFECT PUBLIC DINNER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 16. – A big step forward in modern civilization was made last night here in Los Angeles (the last place you would expect civilization to advance). It was a dinner given at $100 a plate, with the distinct understanding there would be no speeches. The place was sold out and everybody tickled to death. The funds from the dinner were divided among those who wanted to make speeches but were not allowed. Everyone in the hall received $100.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Jack Dempsey told me tonight he would fight Tunney in September if he got enough money for it. I told Jack I would fight Tunney myself if they gave me enough money, and time to brush up on my English and Shakespeare.

564 WILL ROGERS FORSEES LIVELY ELECTION IN THE SOUTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 17. – An ex-Governor and State leader had a fist fight in South Carolina. One called the other a Republican. Had the accused killed him for calling him that it would have been hard to convict him in any court where justice is really dealt out. If they are fist fighting in the pri-

maries what will it be in the election? You stock buyers better be buying Du Pont Powder and Winchester Arms.

Say, Oklahoma just pulled a good stunt to advance fields and aviation interest. They rounded up all the planes in their State and toured the whole State.

Hoover went fishing in Pennsylvania and caught twenty-eight delegates in New Jersey. Some fishing!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

565 WILL ROGERS BLAZED TRAIL FOR QUICK TRIP TO COAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 18. – In an article over three months ago I told you of this proposed trip to the Coast by train and airplane combined. Now the papers are just full of it. Guess they thought on account of mine being a joke column that it was the bunk. I should have relayed the news to an editorial writer and let him tell about it. Then it would have been authentic.

The only thing I see about the scheme that is not practical is why would you get off the plane and onto a train just because night had come. We never got off a train and into a wagon just because it's dark.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Overestimated my resources when made offer to furnish paint. It was typographical error. I meant I would send brush to any town who would paint name.

566 WILL ROGERS STILL THINKS 'DON'T CHOOSE' MEANS 'WILL'

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 20. – When a word comes out and you don't know what it means, you rush to old man Webster. But when one comes out and even Webster don't know what it means, why our only chance to learn what it means is to ask the man that used it, but when he only replies "it means what it means," why we are not any better informed than we were at first. So we just have to wait till something happens that makes him divulge his secret.

Well, in Kansas City three weeks from Tuesday it happens, we will learn for the first time on any stage if "choose" means "yes", "no," "maybe," "I can't tell yet," "who knows," "search me," "probably" or "perhaps."

I claim that it means "will under proper pressure," so don't argue; just wait three weeks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

567 WILL ROGERS THINKS CONGRESS ALL WRONG ON BOULDER DAM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 21. – Wasn't this your idea of what the original founders meant Congress and the Senate to be,

"When a bill is introduced, let it be voted on, and either approved or rejected by a majority"? It was never meant that by political manoeuvring any bill could be prevented from being voted on. Yet that's the standing of Boulder Dam in the Senate. In other words, you don't find out if the prisoner is innocent or guilty; you just keep him in jail till he dies.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Another notorious case out here of a young girl and a rich man, assisted, as usual, by the fond mother.

568 WILL ROGERS SEES REAL HUMOR IN OUR ATTITUDE TO GAMBLING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 22. – Big headline in the paper says, "Three newspaper men arrested in connection with horse-race betting." In the adjoining column, "Wall Street stock market reaches another four million; call money is the highest in its history."

You don't have to look much further in the paper for humor than that. And we call Latin American Governments primitive for allowing lotteries. We only have one rule: If you can build a business up big enough it's respectable.

Just a sorehead because I didn't have any General Motors.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Did you know those foot-racers run seventy-six miles yesterday? That's three full-length marathons in one day. Try to ride a horse seventy-six miles in one day and you'll truck him back home.

569 WILL ROGERS SEES LINDBERGH ABOUT TO SETTLE DOWN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 23. – Several weeks ago I told you that "a certain fairly well-known aviator would be connected with this railroad and air line." Well, this morning the papers are just full of "'Lindy's" acceptance. The whole country seems tickled to death that that boy is going to settle down and go to work, quit gadding about and finally see if he can't amount to something.

In this new job all he has to do is to pick out the planes, the pilots, the route and the fields, about the same type of job that it took Jay Gould and Jim Hill a lifetime to work out. Wonder who gave Lindy a letter of recommendation for this job?

Yours for opportunities for young men,

Will Rogers.

570 WILL ROGERS GIVES COOLIDGE FULL CREDIT FOR CONSISTENCY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 24. – By golly, you got to give Calvin credit for consistency. He told 'em a year ago that he thought this farm bill was wrong, they took it back and took out the word "hog" and replaced it with "pork" but he still wouldn't fall for it. Politicians couldn't understand any man vetoing a bill with an election coming on.

I have always claimed that the farmer will get no relief by legislation, for there is more people eating than there is raising, so he is a minority before he starts. His belief should come through taxes. When a farm don't pay anything it shouldn't be taxed.

I am not worrying about Andy Payne winning the race, but I am worried if he will win anything else.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

571 WILL ROGERS HAS LITTLE FAITH IN PROMISES BY CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 25. – News of the day: Congress has promised the country that it will adjourn next Tuesday. Let's hope we can depend on it. If they do it will be the first promise they have kept this session. If they only hadn't promised it, there might be more grounds for hope.

They just distributed $225,000,000 of Andy's hard earned savings. If

your part of the country didn't get your share it's because your Congressman didn't take a bag with him.

Andy Payne of Claremore, Okla., wins foot race, but is liable to have to run back to Los Angeles to get his money.

They got Henry Ford running foot races now. He must have left home in one of his own.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

572 WILL ROGERS SEES MORE POLITICS THAN RELIEF IN THE FARM BILL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 27. – You can always tell when the Senate is getting near a close – the Boulder Dam bill will come up. Some day somebody with the interest of that bill at heart will bring it up the first day of Congress, and then if some Arizona Senator can talk from then to the close, why it will be a record and not just a repetition.

They knew Coolidge would veto the farm bill. Well, if they had help this Summer, why didn't they have some kind of a compromise bill ready that he would sign. No sir. There was more politics than relief in that bill.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

573 WILL ROGERS GIVES ADVICE TO BUNION DERBY WINNER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 28. – Breeding and ancestry hasn't got a thing to do with this boy Andy Payne. His daddy and I grew up together about the same age, and he was raised on an outfit next to ours. He never run in his life. He always rode horseback. He has another kid that was named for me, and I am certainly going to try and keep him from running down to Buenos Aires or up to Alaska or somewhere. If Andy don't get this prize money, this certainly ought to be a lesson to him to never run far unless he is sure. If I was him, from now on I would just enter some short sprints of maybe just fifteen hundred or two thousand miles.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

574 ROGERS FINDS A PREDICTION ABOUT THE SENATE FULFILLED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 29. – I told you not to be too optimistic about the Senate resigning. They filibustered all last night. We pay for wisdom and we get wind.

Andy Payne didn't get his money but they took him to Washington and let him see Mr. Coolidge. That will go down in history as the $25,000 look. If he didn't see Mrs. Coolidge he was stuck.

Charley Paddock, the great runner, was in the East training for the Olympics, and they drag him clear back to Los Angeles to make him run a special race to raise money.

I guess the most professional thing we have in America is an amateur association. A dollar is valued more than a stride.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

575 WILL ROGERS HAS A NEW IDEA OF HOW TO BUILD BOULDER DAM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 30. – How would this do as a compromise way to build Boulder Dam?

Put California Senators and Congressmen on their side of the river and Arizona's on their side and let 'em start throwing boulders at each other, and in a year there would be enough rocks in the river to make Boulder Dam.

The boys are all on their way home now to take care of their campaign contributions.

It's a tough year for the voter. Every man is trying to be elected as cheap as possible. Even Pennsylvania and Illinois votes was never bringing as little as they are this year. It don't hardly pay a man to vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

576 ROGERS WARNS THAT 'GOFF' IS JUST A SENATOR, NOT A GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 31. – Headline says "Goff wins over Hoover in West Virginia," but as soon as the West Virginians find it's only a Senator and not a game they will call for a recount.

Another Decoration Day passed and Lincoln's speech is still untouched. But Mr. Coolidge made a mighty nice speech, and what he said about this international peace that Kellogg is working on was news. People had no idea that it has progressed that far.

The balloon race must work right with the weatherman. If they didn't they couldn't start just before a storm like they always do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

577 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS QUICK CHANGE IN NEWS VALUES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 1. – Shows you how quick even a President's plans can drop from public interest. Last Slimmer Mr. Coolidge's vacation place was the one big news of the year. Now everybody's interest in "Where will Al spend next Summer?"

One thing, they can't accuse Coolidge of trying to cater to the voter by going to a doubtful State. Wisconsin is never doubtful. You can always depend on it doing just exactly what the other forty-seven don't. If the fish are as queer as the voters, lie will eat steak all Summer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

578 WILL ROGERS SAYS A WORD ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL "BUT"

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 3. – Just when Secretary Kellogg had his "no-more-war-plan" all going good and about ready to sign up, why, England, Japan and France came through with the old usual diplomatic clause which says, "We agree in principle, bu—" Well, there was the but. "We are heartily against all wars, unless, of course, we should see fit to do a little fighting ourselves. Then, of course, this agreement would be null and void. But we certainly join you in preventing others from having the pleasure of fighting."

If Kellogg can get all us four big nations to agree that Monday follows Sunday without them having "I agree in principle, but—" in it, he will be the world's greatest diplomat.

Yours, just an amateur diplomat,

Will Rogers.

579 ROGERS TIP TO SPECULATORS: DON'T SELL DEMOCRATS SHORT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 4. – I see by this morning's papers that Mr. Coolidge is sending somebody to Kansas City to protect his interest. If I had any interests to be protected in any political convention I believe I would send the marines. Be a good joke on the Republicans if they go and nominate somebody else if Coolidge would veto the nomination. He is liable to do it just through force of habit.

With everybody's mind on stock selling and buying I just want to give you a tip. The way things are looking don't sell the Democratic Party short.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

580 FLYING TO THE FIJI ISLANDS ROGERS'S IDEA OF THE BEST WAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 5. – When four men in a three-motored plane and carrying all that gas can fly 3,200 miles over the ocean in one hop and keep in communication with the world every minute of the time, why aviation has really arrived. If I went to the Fiji Islands that's how I would want to land—in a plane and be ready to get away in case they looked hungry.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

581 WILL ROGERS'S OWN VERSION OF HIS AIRPLANE ACCIDENT

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 6. – Wheel broke when she come down and turned over and lit on her back. Am the first candidate to land on his head, and being a candidate, it didn't hurt the head.

Grabbed another plane and on into Salt Lake City on the way to where these Republicans meet. Anyhow, if we had landed twenty feet further, we would have hit in Boulder Dam. On to Kansas to draft Coolidge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

582 MR. ROGERS TAKES A SURVEY OF THE DAY'S HAPPENINGS

CHICAGO, Ill., June 7. – Had a fine trip in from California on the air mail. Arrived in Chicago twenty-four hours after leaving old Beverly.

Iowa and Nebraska are just planting corn. What the farmer needs is for a convention to be held some time when he is not so busy.

All the politicians are trying to stop Hoover, and all the people are for him, so lay your bets.

They blew up a Russian cafe in Hollywood and like to got all the movie stars that had been educated up to caviar. I would like to have seen Charlie's exit when he found it wasn't a movie blast.

Yours, on to the convention,

Will Rogers.

583 WILL ROGERS SEES MR. MELLON AS NAMING PARTY CANDIDATES

JACKSON, Mich., June 8. – Flew up from Chicago today to round up some anti-bunk party delegates. Am taking off at daylight in the morning for Kansas City, where the Republicans are gathering to await word from Mr. Mellon as to who will be nominated.

If Mellon really had the economy of the country at heart, like he says he has, he would have mailed everybody a post card and told them, instead of having them go clear to Kansas City to await his announcement.

I went last night to an endurance dancing contest in Chicago where they have been going for six days and nights. I watched 'em all night. I was training to listen to the keynote speech in Kansas City.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

584 MR. ROGERS SEEKS RELIGION IN POLITICS AND FINDS IT NOT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 10. – Today being Sunday (even in a political convention), I just got an idea I would see just how religious all these politicians really are, as I had heard that religion might play some part in the Fall festivities. So I grab a cab and rush from one church to the other all over town, and not a single candidate, or delegate, or even delegates, was among the worshipers.

Still, this Fall, in the campaign, you will hear them get up and shout "Our religion is the bulwark of our great and glorious country; we must continue to be God-fearing people; our Church is our salvation." Well, our Churches are our salvation, but some of those babies won't be among those rescued.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Everybody is just sitting at the depot waiting for "Uncle" Andy Mellon to come and tell 'em who will be nominated. He is the "head man" in this show.

585 WILL ROGERS SUMMARIZES THE CONVENTION TIPS HE GETS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 11. – Here is the tips that are going the rounds today; Hoover on the first ballot; Coolidge on the second ballot; Dawes on the third; Lowden on the fourth; Curtis on the fifth ballot. Then, in case there is a deadlock, why it will go into a hat and all the Senators draw for it.

Just talked with Borah and he says he don't care who gets it, as long as he can disagree with him.

Kansas City is a-doing herself proud. They did have some pick-pockets here when it started, but they all starved out.

I am still for Mrs. Coolidge on a vindication platform.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

586 'STOP SMITH,' WILL ROGERS SAYS HAS REPLACED 'STOP HOOVER'

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 12. –We met this morning for no reason, and adjourned for the same. When Andy Mellon come in, everybody stood up, as though a lady had entered the room. Rather an effeminate move I thought.

The best thing at the convention was Schumann-Heink singing. Oh, what a grand old lady she did look, and how she sang!

I wish she had sang Fess's keynote speech.

It looks like they met this morning just to take photographs. Every delegate had his photographer. The keynote now is, not to "Stop Hoover" but to "Stop Smith."

I think we will have the boys out of the hotels by Thursday, so let's go on to Houston, where they at least know how to fuss.

Will Rogers.

587 MR. ROGERS CALLS FOR A HAND FOR A GREAT FLIER, CARRANZA

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 13. – Say, while a lot of your minds are sorter half-way taken up with this Republican applesauce, I hope there is enough san-

ity left to give this Mexican aviator, Carranza, a hand; the one that flew to Washington. I knew him down there; he is a great flier in any man's country.

We spent all day here today on resolutions. I wish some one would pass one that they adjourn and go home. Moses made a speech this morning and denounced Smith, and incidentally eliminated himself from the Vice Presidency.

If Smith ever gets after him in the campaign, he will make him wish that Pharaoh's daughter had never dug him out of those bullrushes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

588 ROGERS LINKS CONVENTION WITH A BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14. – Bank was robbed just before the convention opened this morning. Chicago and Indiana delegations are under surveillance. Towns will book these conventions.

Young Bob La Follette made the only real speech that has been made in the convention. He spoke in favor of the people. He was listened to, but his amendments were not adopted. They kept in the Wall Street ones. If there is enough banks to rob, there is no telling when the convention will adjourn.

It's Heflin for Vice President to "stop Smith."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

589 MR. ROGERS PAYS HIS RESPECTS TO MR. CURTIS, THE CANDIDATE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 15. – Well, it's over here. That's one thing about these Republicans, they don't allow things to clog up. I been telling you for days that Curtis would be the one. He is a Kaw Indian and me a Cherokee and I am for him. It's the first time we have ever got a break—the only American that has ever run for that high office.

Watch your campaign. It will be America as typified by the West, or America as typified by Eastern immigration. So, hurrah for you, Charlie. A real two-fisted bird who used to be a jockey.

Come on, Injun! If you are elected let's run the white people out of this country.

On to Houston to the biggest show on earth.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Kansas City, you did yourself proud. It's Oklahoma that supports you and makes you a city, but I didn't hear a complaint about you. Of course, the show at times was terrible, but no show can be better than the cast.

590 CONVENTION AFTERTHOUGHTS WHICH COME TO WILL ROGERS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17. – Did you ever see a town after they had just finished sweeping out a convention?

The Republicans have all gone back home to collect. You know, they don't pay off till after you have voted. The farmers that were supposed to be so mad are all in a good humor now. They got a good rain today. That's their only relief.

The Republicans picked absolutely the strongest ticket they could have. Hoover has a tremendous popularity with the people; it was the politicians that were against him. He licked them. Now watch em start telling how great he is.

On to Houston to nominate a Vice Presidential candidate.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

591 WHY WILL ROGERS IS GLAD MISS EARHART SUCCEEDED

PAWNEE, Okla., June 18. – Having a little visit with my old friend Pawnee Bill here, on his buffalo ranch.

Oklahoma sure looks fine. Greatest wheat crop in years. If there just wasn't any new cars for sale farmers would be out of debt this Fall.

Certainly glad that girl made the ocean trip. Now the rest of these other women can devote their time to steady thinking of some other way to make the front page.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

592 MR. ROGERS SEES GOV. RITCHIE AS AN IDEAL VICE PRESIDENT

CLAREMORE, Okla., June 19. – Andy Payne, the foot racer, has just come home, and Claremore has given him a big welcome. I had to rush home to protect my own interest. I am about to lose my favorite-son standing.

I just had a talk with Andy. He is a fine, modest young kid. He promised to run out to California and see me sometime.

I see where Governor Ritchie of Maryland withdrew. There is your real, legitimate Vice President. If they nominate a dry Vice President the Democrats will maintain their comedy reputation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

593 ROGERS ADVISES THE FARMER TO TURN HIS MIND TO GOLF

CLAREMORE, Okla., June 20. – Say, what do you know about Claremore having a golf course? I tell you turning your land into a golf course is the salvation of the farmer. That's the only thing to do with land now, is just to play golf on it. Sell your land and caddy.

Say, there is a lot of people down here that haven't paid their bet against Smith yet. I have been led to believe that it was all over.

I am flying tomorrow to Fort Worth, the ranchman's post office. Hurrah for Amon Carter, West Texas, and Dan Moody! Jesse Jones get me some chili ready, and a ticket to the hall where they are exhibiting the New York delegation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Claremore's got a manicurist. Here's the town for the Democrats in '32, if they meet again.

594 MR. ROGERS ARRIVES IN TEXAS AND NOTES ITS HOSPITALITY

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 21. – Just flew in from Vinita, Okla., against a head wind. On to Houston in the morning.

Was met at the field by the champion host of the world, Amon G. Carter; also by H. L. Mencken. Mencken says, after seeing the South, he is going to start picking on the North.

We are holding a preliminary convention tonight at Shady Oaks Farm (all of us party advisers). It looks like a dry Vice President. Then those that are wet can go to the President's dinner and those that are dry can go to the Vice President's.

Texas starts entertaining you when you hit the State line. I thought the convention was held here, the way they act. It ain't just Houston, it's Texas that will show you something.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

595 ROGERS FOR VICE PRESIDENT, WITH SLOGAN 'SCALP THE KAWS'

HOUSTON, Tex., June 22. – Say, I got a great new political scheme. Captain Hickman, Captain of the Texas Rangers, wants me to run as Vice President on the Democratic ticket, me being Cherokee Indian, and Charley Curtis a Kaw Indian.

Hickman's theory is that the Cherokees have always licked the Kaws, and that there is many more Cherokees than Kaws. Pretty sound reasoning, and besides, nobody knows how I stand on prohibition. Coolidge was President six years and nobody knew how he stood. Religion—I am a holy roller. Farm relief, I never voted for, against, or even read the Mary McHaughen bill.

Vote for Rogers and scalp the Kaws.

Yours,

Will.

P. S. – Great trip in here by air from Fort Worth on the Texas Transport Mail Line. See Houston from the air. Jessie Jones has a sky line.

596 ROGERS LISTS SOME MATTERS THAT INTEREST CONVENTIONS

HOUSTON, Tex., June 24. – The following three events have caused more talk at the conventions than Keynoter Fess forgetting his speech:

First, Mary Pickford nicking the Government for three thousand bucks. Mary is not only our sweetheart, but our best bargain hunter.

Then Mae Murray, with no preliminary advance notices, has a baby sixteen months old, which was thought an unheard-of feat even in the movies.

Then Tom Heflin's platform collapses. That was the first platform crash of the political season. Two others will follow in order.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Houston is as cool and sober as Beverly Hills.

597 WILL ROGERS GIVES A TIP TO RADIO LISTENERS TODAY

HOUSTON, Tex., June 25. – Say, listen. I want to give you all a little tip. The minute you read this in the morning, run right to the radio and get the Houston Convention.

Now I know they are all terrible to listen to, ordinarily, but get the keynote speech of this bird, Claude Bowers, Tuesday evening. I was the first one that suggested him for this job when I followed him at the Jackson Day Dinner in Washington last Spring. He is a bear.

You haven't heard the Republicans called anything till you hear this fellow—comedy, oratory, facts and sense. Shut off on all the others, but you will thank me for tipping you off to this guy. He makes the Republicans pretty near as bad as they are. That's how good he is.

Yours for straight tips,

Will Rogers.

598 WILL ROGERS IS SWEATING FOR DEMOCRACY AT HOUSTON

HOUSTON, Tex., June 26. – The principles of the Democratic Party were never listened to with more heated brows and perspiring necks than is paying its bodily tribute here. I have perspired for Jefferson, sweated for Jackson, fainted for Tilden and am dying slowly for Smith. I don't know that we are helping democracy, but we are certainly perspiring for it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

599 WAITING FOR THE BENEDICTION IS WILL ROGERS'S VIEW OF IT

HOUSTON, Tex., June 27. – The Democrats always do the unusual. They come here with the reputation that they never can get a convention finished, and here we are at one and its main problem is how to keep the thing going till Houston gets its flag money back.

Smith has been practically approved on the floor of the convention three different times, and Joe Robinson for Vice President once. Still they won't go ahead and have it done officially. We are all just sitting here waiting for the benediction.

The platform it looks like they will adopt is wet on week days and dry on Sundays.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

600 SMITH IS ELECTED, SAYS ROGERS, IF ALL HIS SECONDERS VOTE

HOUSTON, Tex., June 28. – The only thing I got against Al was his seconders. If so many hadn't seconded him we would have been home a week ago. If his seconders all vote for him he will walk in.

And don't let anybody kid about the heat here, especially from Eastern cities. There is always a dandy breeze and it's cool at night. It's the hotel lobbies that are the black holes of Calcutta.

Let's see, this is Thursday. The elevators in the hotels are going up today.

Democracy has found a candidate. Now they are looking for a drink.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

601 'ALL OVER, HARMONIOUS,' WILL ROGERS'S CONCLUSION

HOUSTON, Tex., June 29. – She is all over, and don't let anybody kid you that the Democrats didn't nominate their best possible ticket and the same applies to the Republicans, so it will be a pleasure to just sit back and watch four fine men run.

Joe Robinson will make a great presiding officer over the Senate. I got a wife out of that State, and they do know how to tell somebody else when to hush and sit down.

The whole thing ended so harmonious that they acted more like friends than Democrats. If they could just hold the election now, before they have time to go home and think up something to call each other!

Houston and Kansas City both did fine jobs.

Yours drowsily,

Will Rogers.

602 WILL ROGERS FINDS TEXAS HAS WORLD'S BIGGEST RANCH

KINGSVILLE, Tex., July 1. – Just leaving to fly to Kelly Field, the training field of the world's best aviators. Had a great two days visiting at King's ranch, the biggest ranch in America—and the hospitality is bigger than the ranch.

Texas is getting ready to vote for Al. They kinder wanted a dry candidate, but they would rather have a wet than lose the post—offices.

Since these nominations have been made Coolidge could catch a whale and not land on the front page.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

603 WILL ROGERS FOR ONE SPEECH AND FOR STAYING WITH IT

MARFA, Tex., July 2. – See by this morning's paper where AL Smith is going to make sixteen speeches, all different.

Now off-hand, that looks like a pretty hard thing to do, but it's not. You could put sixteen different interpretations on the Democratic platform and still not exhaust half the alibis. And Hoover could speak incessantly on that Republican promissory note.

If I was a politician I would pick out one good reason and one good speech and stay with it. Lindbergh only made one speech all over America, and is a hero yet. But if a politician was that smart he wouldn't be a politician.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

604 AIRPLANE MEDITATIONS BY CONVENTION-WEARY ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 3. – Just flew in home. If you want a pretty trip, fly over the Imperial Valley and the Salt Sea, then over the desert, mountains, fig orchards, then 10,000 acres of grapes in one orchard.

No wonder both parties did a nose dive when prohibition was mentioned. Oranges, lemons, alfalfa, filling stations, real estate offices, all this after looking for one solid month at delegates with nothing on their mind, only to get their side in office.

No wonder they only hold these things every four years. It takes that long to get a straight face for the next one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

605 WILL ROGERS, LOSING $5,000, OFFERS ANOTHER COOLIDGE BET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 4. – I got to figure some way of laughing Mr. Hearst out of that $5,000 that I lost on Calvin. I don't know just how five thousand bucks worth of jokes is going to strike him. He don't need the money,

and on the other hand, he may say he don't need the jokes. I will repeat to him the nominating speeches made at both conventions. The Republicans and the Democrats paid a couple of hundred thousand for them, so they ought to be worth five.

By rights Coolidge should be made to pay half this bet. He layed down on me. If he will pay half, I will pay half in money, or here is another way out. I will bet the five I owe that Mr. Coolidge will "choose" to run in 1932 in case Al or Herb (whichever one gets in) don't turn out to be what they are cracked up to be, so I hereby go on record as being the original "Coolidge for 1932" man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

606 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THE FOURTH AND TAMMANY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 5. – Fireworks was sure popping last night. The Fourth has turned out to be a national benefit for the du Ponts.

Some guy went over Niagara purposely yesterday and run Coolidge, Hoover and Smith all off the front page. Shows what hard work, preservance and taking advantage of your opportunities will do for you.

Did you read Al's eulogy on Tammany Hall yesterday? It was mighty touching. He said any one was welcome, rich or poor, just so they was a Democrat. So it looks like the campaign issue this Fall will be "Who has done more for humanity, Tammany or the Red Cross?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

607 WILL ROGERS SEES GREAT DEMAND FOR FRONT PAGE PLACES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 6. – I tell you these are sure hard times for fellows fighting to stay on the front page. Coolidge had to catch two fish on one line on his birthday to make the grade. A Belgian millionaire had to jump out of his plane and light running in the English Channel. If it had been two Summers ago he would have drowned a Channel swimmer.

Mayor Walker is out here in Hollywood trying to get in the movies. Hoover says the farmers have got him wrong, that he has always been especially fond of them, and I myself hope that Hearst will be reasonable. I know if

I had won I certainly would have been lenient with him. The only thing is Brisbane is liable to want his commission out of it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

608 MR. ROGERS SETS OUT TO INFORM DR. WORK ON PROHIBITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 8. – I see where Mr. Work, Mr. Hoover's head man, says that prohibition will not be brought out during the campaign; that "the campaign we propose to follow will be informative and constructive."

Now, Mr. Work, I don't want to tell you yor business, for you just left a good job to take up this one. But when you start in "informing" or "educating" the country on anything, you got you some job. There is millions more people in this country interested in a drink than are interested in political knowledge.

You start out with a drink and a lecture on statistics, and see which one you can dispose of first.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, didn't Clem's wife throw a cat into the electric fan, though?

609 WILL ROGERS PRESENTS A FEW VIEWS ON SPORTS AND POLITICS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 9. – This foot runner Paddock certainly is a professional, as far as the amateur association is concerned, they have been running him all over America to raise funds to send over runners that nobody would pay to see run.

It's unfortunate for Paddock that America don't share in the gate receipts in Holland. If they did, our association would let him go over. He was an amateur when he was running for the same money, but to go to Europe and run for nothing he is a professional.

See where Vice Presidential nominee Joe Robinson is visiting Al Smith, to wish him health and good fortune till March 5 next.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

610 ARCTIC EVENTS SLIGHTLY BEWILDER WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 10. – It's been a terrible thing those airship men up north getting lost. But I want to tell you it's been pretty near as bad a hardship on us here trying to keep track of the whole thing. Who was lost? Who was found? Who is lost hunting who was lost? Who was lost hunting for those that were searching for those who were lost hunting the original rescuers? That North Pole from what little I can gather is kinder over-rated anyhow. If those brave men would devote their time and energy to electing a good Democrat, that wouldn't advance science but it would help a race of people get some postoffices.

Yours for science that pays,

Will Rogers.

611 LOOK FOR CANDIDATES NEAR A RADIO OUTFIT SAYS ROGERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 11. – Every man that was nominated to something or other during the late party uprisings are having trouble trying to pick out a place to be notified in that he was nominated. In case they have trouble locating any of these candidates I would suggest they look in front of some radio broadcasting outfit. They will be there from now to November.

Say, Mayor Jimmy Walker give a lot of the film people an awful roasting out here for being Republicans, and I am like Jimmy. I think any of us that are in the amusement line should naturally be Democrats.

Yours for reciprocity among comedians,

Will Rogers.

612 WILL ROGERS SEES SENSE IN NEW DEMOCRATIC MOVE

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 12. – Say, did you notice who the Democrats grabbed off for stage manager? They are finally getting some sense and quit trying to appeal to the poor people with poor people. They figured let us grab off some rich men and make our party look like somebody had something.

There is nothing impresses the "common folk" like somebody that ain't common. This fellow took General Motors when it was nothing but a few bent

axles and some old carburetors and put it on Wall Street and got away with it. Now, if he can combine all the loose nuts of the Democrats he is liable to repeat.

Yours for money in politics,

Will Rogers.

613 WILL ROGERS TAKES NOTE OF TWO ITEMS IN THE NEWS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 13. – See where Tammany Hall has told her boys to work at home, where their line is understood. They are taking no chances on it being a liability.

See where Peggy Hopkins is going to marry an Englishman. If nationalities hold out Peggy ought to have quite a future—the bride of all nations.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

614 WILL ROGERS DEPLORES THE LOSS OF CARRANZA

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 15. – Just flew in from Santa Barbara and found a real, legitimate use for my polo field. We landed on it.

And speaking of aviation, I sure feel bad about this boy Carranza. I had flown with him in Mexico City. He spoke English, and he and I got very chummy down there. He was a fine aviator and a great young fellow. Mexico will feel mighty bad, for they were sure proud of him, and they had a right to be.

That's one of the sad things about it. There has been and will be lots of fine pilots lost in developing aviation to such a point that it will be safe for a lot of folks less useful to the world than these fine young fellows are.

All America grieves with Mexico, for the boys like him belong to the world and not to one country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

615 MORE NOTES BY WILL ROGERS ON AVIATION AND POLITICS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 16. – We all know what the aeroplane has done in war, commerce, science and business, but today we get a touch of it from the social angle.

Fred Stone, our most respected and versatile actor, arrives from New York City in his own plane to pay myself and family a visit. He carries a pilot, but he can steer the thing himself. There is nothing that guy can't learn.

Hoover called on Dawes yesterday. Charley told him, "Hell and Maria, I am glad I won't have to listen to that gang another four years."

Today Herbert runs into Calvin. Now wouldn't you just like to really know what those two say? Fish with goiters get a rest today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

616 WILL ROGERS HAS DECIDED IT'S A HARD THING TO BE A HERO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 17. – This poor explorer Nobile, the way they are talking about him it's hard to tell whether he was saved or lost. This thing of being a hero, about the main thing to it is to know when to die.

Prolonged life has ruined more men than it ever made.

Well, we can't tell much about election till the boys are both notified. I don't believe there will be much doubt, however, but what they will take it. We will soon be seeing whether preachers have influence or just endurance.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

617 REMINISCENCE OF OBREGON COMES FROM WILL ROGERS

GALLUP, N. M., July 18. – I had just finished writing about Carranza, my little Mexican friend, when now comes the death of another.

Nobody that enjoys humor could help but be crazy about Obregon. I never met a public man in any country with as many laughs tucked away as he had. After escaping one assassination while I was there he spent over $1000 answering congratulatory telegrams on his escape. He said to me:

"I can't afford to be missed again. It's cheaper to be hit."

He gave me a beautiful memento of my Mexican trip and came to the flying field to see me off. I think Mexico has lost a real patriot.

That country certainly don't deserve all this hard luck.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

618 WILL ROGERS THINKS SMITH HAS MADE A MASTER STROKE

NEWTON, Kan., July 19. – Al Smith did a thing the other day that I don't think has received enough publicity. It was a Godsend to America, and the smartest thing a candidate ever said.

Some photographers wanted him to pose in the act of laying bricks and he said:

"I can't lay bricks, and any bricklayer that saw it would know I couldn't. That's a baloney picture, and I am not going to stand for any baloney pictures during this campaign."

Now he may lose the photographers' vote, but he will gain the entire picture reading public instead. I will always claim that those Coolidge cowboy baloney pictures last Summer drove him out of the White House four years early.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

619 WILL ROGERS FINDS HUMOR IN AMATEUR ASSOCIATIONS

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 20. – That lawn tennis association didn't monkey with Tilden long when they saw he couldn't win, did they? The rules say "You can write articles, but not on the same day you play." They figure it's too hard on an amateur to write and play the same day. It takes a professional to have that much endurance.

Outside the Maryland Racing Association, who barred Harry Sinclair's horses for running on an oiled track, I don't suppose there is any body of men in America that are as consistently humorous as these amateur associations.

Saw Amelia in Chicago.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

620 WILL ROGERS IS ON A TOUR OF THE TRAINING CAMPS

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., July 22. – Flew down today to see Heeney training. That's the first one of the four camps I have visited – going to Al Smith's next. The way the whole thing looks to me, I don't see how this fellow Raskob can lose. He can sell every Democrat a car.

See by the papers today that Al don't know when he will accept the nom-

ination, as they are having trouble getting the radio for him to accept over. That's a bigger thing nowadays than the election is—"When can I get the radio?"

Be funny if the night some candidate accepted there was static, and the audience couldn't tell if he accepted or not.

I sometimes wonder how Lincoln ever let the people know he was in a mood to do some running.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

621 WILL ROGERS, IN NEWPORT, TELLS HOW IT IMPRESSES HIM

NEWPORT, R.I., July 23. – Well, here we are in Newport. They won't let an actor bathe at Bailey's Beach. I just come to show 'em that actors didn't need to bathe at Bailey's Beach. Keep the place for them that need it.

In flying from New York we flew low here over the beach and beautiful homes. That's one way they can't keep the riffraff from looking in. If this exclusiveness looks to me like a good thing I am going to take it back and introduce it in Beverly Hills. We screen folks won't let a mere millionaire land in our town, but Newport is a great old place. If you are not a sailor or a millionaire you feel out of place here.

Flew over beautiful Montauk Point today. Say, don't miss that. It's a wonderful place.

Yours, in Newport, but out of place.

Will Rogers.

622 POLITICAL AND FISTIC NOTES FROM WILL ROGERS IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Mass., July 24. – It looks like this State of Massachusetts is going for Smith. If it does, it will be a blow against Harvard's English department. They are becoming discouraged anyway. Our English is getting worse than our habits.

Tunney is going to fly to the fight. Just before every fight Gene flies there. He would be a great booster for aviation if he fought often enough. He does that to disconcert the other fellow. That left hand of Gene's will disconcert

Heeney more than even Lindbergh's flight did.

I told Heeney he should go to the fight in a captive balloon. Good luck to you, Graham McNamee, and here's hoping you don't have static.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

623 REMARKS FROM WILL ROGERS ON POLITICS, FINANCE, SPORT

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 25. – Don't sell General Motors short just because they have gone Democratic. Raskob resigned and the stock went up five points.

Dempsey is to second Heeney. The people will pay more to see Dempsey as second than Tunney as fighter.

Tilden is an amateur again till the French tournament get their money back.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

624 WILL ROGERS TAKING PART IN A RELIGIOUS GATHERING

WINONA LAKE, Ind., July 26. – Am here at Winona Lake. It's to the Presbyterians what the River Jordan was to those foreigners over there in the old days. These meet here to wash their sins away every Summer. Will Hays will be here as soon as he comes from Hollywood.

Billy Sunday lives here, and I am really pinch-hitting for him. I am preaching not only on the evils of liquor but the evils of the stuff they sell for liquor. Billy takes up a collection. Being a Methodist, I won't trust these Presbyterians that far. I want mine before they get in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This is the only place I have visited that Mayor Walker has not arrived as yet. Late again.

625 NEW VIEW OF MAYOR THOMPSON FROM WILL ROGERS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., July 27. – Mayor Bill Thompson today said he was going to try and do better and make Chicago the happiest city in America to live

in. I have a notion to stay here and live. He made it seem so beautiful, everybody is trading their machine guns for hymn books.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

626 OBSERVATIONS BY WILL ROGERS AS HE FLIES ACROSS COUNTRY

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 29. – In flying out from the East I stopped over Saturday in Cheyenne to see the frontier days celebration—the one they all got their idea from. It's a great show and the people as much as the contestants make it.

No private plane; still flying air mail with two hundred and six dollars worth of stamps pasted on me from Chicago to Beverly.

People down on the ground tell me that it is very warm crossing these deserts. I just borrowed a pair of mittens from the pilot.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

627 MR. ROGERS GETS A SURPRISE IN A CALIFORNIA AIR FOG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 30. – Flew into a Los Angeles airport this morning to wait till the fog raised to get over to another one at Santa Monica, when all at once a plane dropped down through fog that was thicker than smoke in a Presidential nominating room. And who crawled out of the thing but the kid himself, Lindbergh!

Fog don't stop that lad. I asked him where he was going and he told me, "Confidentially, East."

Say, what do you know about my old friend William Randolph White? He asked Al a question and Al didn't answer. When they get Al to hesitating on an answer, why he looks bad. Many a public man wishes there was a law to burn old records.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

628 ONLY PROHIBITION IS LEFT US, ROGERS FEARS, AS OURS ALONE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 31. – All America used to have to do to win the Olympics was to buy some steamer tickets over there.

The thought never entered our head that any nation could beat us in field sports, because we were the first ones that specialized in one event and had trainers. Now they have all learned and are doing that, so we are no greater than any other nation, after they get on to our tricks.

Same way with our mass production and buying on credit. They are getting on to that now.

So it looks like prohibition is about all we have on 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

629 WILL ROGERS SEES DISASTER AHEAD FOR THE NIGHT CLUBS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 1. – See where they are really stopping 'em selling booze in the night clubs in New York. That means that they just have to go out of business, for you can't look at those shows sober.

It's this woman Willebrandt that is doing all this and she is a Republican. The Democrats will say that it is just a political move, but when you take away an out-of-town yap's booze it's more than politics. It comes under the head of disaster, for how is he going to tell the folks back home what a devil he was in New York if he can't buy some courage?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

630 WILL ROGERS SEES OLYMPIC LOSS DUE TO THE AUTOMOBILE

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 2. – Santa Barbara has the greatest old California fiesta and celebration you ever saw. Even W. G. McAdoo was in costume on a horse with all the old Catholic padres, which shows that he must be for Smith.

About the only way the United States can ever win a race at the Olympic Games is to annex Canada. The fact of every fourth person in the United States owning an automobile is having its effect.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

631 WILL ROGERS SAYS HOOVER IS SHORTENING HIS SPEECH

BOHEMIAN GROVE, Cal., Aug. 3. – Just blew up from Los Angeles with a head wind all the way. This is that famous Bohemian Grove Club you have heard so much of. It's wonderful in these great redwood trees. I thought the place was very exclusive, but I run onto Harrison Fisher, Jimmy Swinnerton and even George McManus, and Hoover belongs.

He is busy shortening his acceptance speech. He is not going to promise as much as he first thought he would.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

632 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO THE INJURED FRED STONE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 5. – Just flew down from the Bohemian Grove. Hoover didn't show up at their great show last night. Some advisers came and he had to stay and listen to them. That must be the hardest part of being a candidate, to have to listen to their hooey.

Somebody must have taken the dessert away from our athletes in Holland, they are doing better.

If you ever said a prayer say one for the return of Fred Stone to the stage. He has given more people real, clean, wholesome laughs than any man that ever stepped on our stage. What a character of a man he is! To see him is to admire him, to know him is to love him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

633 WILL ROGERS CHIDES AMERICANS WHO FLY ABROAD, BUT NOT HERE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 6. – I meet people every day who say, "I have never been up over here, but in Europe I had some wonderful trips." Well, I have just traveled to Frisco, where we have two different lines running daily three-motored, twelve-passenger planes 400 miles in less than three hours, yet they are not full. Why? Because there is not enough foreign tourists who trust our aviators with their lives in preference to trusting their own countrymen.

A foreigner feels that if he is taking a chance he would rather be killed by his own countryman, but with us it's different. "Let us fall in Paris, or fall in the Channel, and we will get a bigger death notice."

No safer, finer lines ever ran than these two. It must be the liquor that accounts for our bravery on the other side.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

634 WILL ROGERS TELLS A SECRET THAT IS KEPT FROM HOOVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7. – A reassuring wire from Mrs. Stone says Fred is getting along fine. That's great news.

Here is a secret, but don't let it out. They are going to tell Hoover Saturday that he is to go into the finals against Al.

His speech is to be shortened to forty-five minutes. That's a long time for a man just to say, "I am proud that my country has chosen me for their standard bearer and I hope that I will be able to live up to that high standard."

I see where Coolidge this morning says that Hoover will win. Cal has to issue almost a sensational statement nowadays to get in the papers. He can catch a whale now and never even land on the editorial page.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

635 WILL ROGERS HOPES TO CATCH FLORIDA HOME BLOWN HIS WAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 8. – Florida had a stiff breeze yesterday, which has developed with each succeeding edition in our California papers till by this afternoon's extras the tornado is sweeping the whole State. I am going to set a net and perhaps catch one of the best homes that are reported to be blowing this way.

Well, Al has finally dignified the clergy by offering to debate with one. In the old days he would have kidded that off with one wise crack. That's the trouble with our candidates. After nominations they take things serious and lose the touch that put 'em where they are.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

636 GREAT THINGS AHEAD WITH MOTION PICTURES BY RADIO

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 9. – Did you read in the paper this morning about 'em being able to broadcast the actual moving pictures over the radio?

When a lot of us old timers are just a sitting staring into space, and look like we are day dreaming, or going cuckoo, our wives will holler: "What are you setting there gawking at. Come on to bed." Maybe we will be looking out into the universe watching Clara Bow disrobe in her latest photo radio drama entitled "You ain't Seen Nothing Yet."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

637 WILL, ROGERS QUOTES MOSES AS HE MIGHT TALK TO HOOVER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 10. – Moses come west today, not the Moses of bullrushes fame, but one from the granite swamps of old New England. He, tomorrow, is to strike the mountains of California and out will come a commandment which will read, "Go forth, Herbert, and preach even unto the destitute corners of this land the benefits of Republican prosperity; promise aid to the farmer who needs succor, and is one; preach to 'em the parables of the protected tariff, lay ye heavy on the evils of the wine when it is red. And, for God's sake, save the postoffices for the Republicans."

So sayeth the words of Senator Moses. Amen.

Will Rogers.

638 WILL ROGERS DECLARES HOOVER SPEECH SURPRISED HIM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 12. – Well, the whole thing Saturday over the radio certainly was a surprise to me. I didn't think Hoover would accept, but he did. He says every man has the right to ask the following question: "Is the United States a better place for the average man to live in because the Republican Party has conducted the Government eight years?" If we are privileged to ask the question, I will be the first to bite. Is it?

In the first place, Herbert don't know all about human nature, or he wouldn't try to appeal to the average man. No man wants to admit that he is average.

Did you see the picture and specifications of that average man they located last year? That took all the joy out of wanting to be average.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

639 WHAT WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS IN HOOVER'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 13. – According to the Republican press of the country, Hoover's speech ranks right along with Washington's after-dinner effusions and some of Lincoln's monologues, but according to the Democratic press it was just another Republican press clipping and is in a "class with all Presidential seconding speeches."

But as an independent I could see much truth and novelty in it. He was against poverty and favored education, even if you couldn't get into a fraternity. He said prohibition was a noble experiment, and he believed in noble things, even if they were only experiments.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

640 WILL ROGERS TELLS HIS IDEA OF POLITICAL BOLTERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 14. – In the old days some politician had to attack the trusts to get in the papers, then in these late years he either had to rob the Government or be killed by his wife. But the new way is to bolt your party and jump to the opposing candidate.

They always announce that they will take their supporters with them. Their support generally consists of a wife who didn't register and two children too young to vote.

Then if he makes speeches for his new party candidate that will more than offset his own vote, so I know either party hates to see a bolter coming his way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

641 WILL ROGERS SAYS THE PARTIES ARE WORSE THAN THE CANDIDATES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 15. – See where Mr. Lowden now is complimenting Hoover, and on the other side Charley Bryan, brother of W. J., and also Josephus Daniels, the man that took the cocktail shakers off the navy, are out for Al. They say he is accused of being a wet, but he has never been accused of being a Republican.

All of which shows that when the votes are counted this Fall that every party man will be about where he generally is. No matter how bad any candidate is, he can't possibly be as bad as the opposing party.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Hoover will be here tomorrow. I hope he promises us Boulder Dam.

642 ROGERS HOPES BYRD FINDS LAND SEEING NEED OF GOLF COURSES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 16. – You been reading about Commander Byrd's expedition? Well, he is starting next week. That fellow looks like he makes the best and most thorough preparations to do anything of any person I ever heard of. If he fails there is no use for any one else trying.

It will break the politicians' hearts to see this bunch of men leaving before election; they wouldn't care what happened to 'em if they only voted for their side before leaving.

Let's hope they find some land, for we are going to be mighty short of golf courses before long; especially since we started allowing the poor to play.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

643 WILL ROGERS SEES CANDIDATES AS ACTING EVERY MINUTE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 17. – Hoover opened his tour of one nighters here tonight. He is breaking in the act that will either get him in the White House or into the most obsolete circle of all—men who have run for the Presidency.

From now till November neither of the boys can be themselves. They are on parade. They are eating and sleeping in a show window. They are acting every minute.

Coolidge is the only one nobody ever knew when he was acting and when he wasn't. He was like a ukulele. You can't tell when somebody is playing one, or just monkeying with it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

644 WHY WILL ROGERS APPROVES CURTIS'S STAND ON FARM AID

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 19. – Shows you what ends we will go to for amusement in this country nowadays. They are even having notification meetings to tell the Vice Presidential candidates they have been nominated. In the old days that come in the nature of a warning.

I like my Injun compatriot Curtis's stand on farm relief. He said: "Appoint a Congressional committee to study the problem and when they have found out about it pass legislation in accordance." Now who could have thought of a better way to sidetrack anything than to wait till some Congressmen and Senators found out anything about it. That they don't know anything about it in the first place is why they are Senators and Congressmen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

645 WILL ROGERS SAYS SPEECHES HAVE SPOILED THIS SUMMER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 20. – A day hardly passes without somebody being notified of something. Notification speeches have just about spoiled what otherwise would have been a very pleasant Summer.

If we got one-tenth what was promised to us in these acceptance speeches there wouldn't be any inducement to want to go to Heaven. Did you ever see such love and devotion to the farmer??

And Smith, when he accepts on Wednesday night (as he probably will), I bet he will tell how he and Tammany used to lay awake at nights just to think up ways to help the farmer skin the city slicker.

Yours in sympathy for those that fall for all this,

Will Rogers.

646 ROGERS WOULD NOTIFY HEFLIN THAT SMITH HAS BEEN NOMINATED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 21. – Say, wasn't that some trip Goebel made. Good thing he didn't fly across Texas, or he couldn't have made that time. I tell you when you read about those fellows doing things like that, it kinder offsets what politicians are promising to do.

I see where Smith has answered White, the newspaper editor, and told the preacher to get back to his collections.

Now he is acting more like his old self.

During all these notifications, I wonder if you are not going to notify Heflin that Smith has been nominated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

647 ROGERS AT A SNAKE DANCE, COULDN'T HEAR SMITH'S SPEECH

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Aug. 22. – I would like to hear Al's speech tonight but my boys and I will be up to the Hopi snake dance. Al used bad judgment in picking a night for the Tiger to howl when the snakes were dancing.

This dance is an old Indian custom, almost as old as some of the gags that Al will use tonight about lower taxes and better conditions for the poor man and relief for the farmer.

Hoover ought to get all the votes at the dance, for that is no place for a wet.

Here's hoping, Al, the static don't crab you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

648 WILL ROGERS DISAPPOINTED THAT ALL CANDIDATES ACCEPT

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Aug. 23. – This has really been a Summer of acceptances. There hasn't been a refusal all year. Why do we nominate men that are in such receptive moods? I believe we have men in this country that would promise to enter a lion's den, if they were notified to do so, by a committee of what is humorously called our best citizens, and before he entered the den, he could be allowed to make a speech of acceptance, length unlimited.

One snake was not notified that this dance was supposed to be religious and he bit an Indian. Intolerance is even an issue among the snakes.

Yours for the varsity drag from now on,

Will Rogers.

649 WILL ROGERS ADVISES FLIGHT OVER THE GRAND CANYON

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Aug. 24. – Hadn't seen a newspaper in three days, and after seeing one I had not missed a thing.

To prove that the snake dance is a sacred thing before the last Indian had finished a two-step with a six-foot rattler in his mouth why drops of rain begin to fall. The only way an Indian spectator could see the dance would have been to climb up on some funny looking white woman's shoulder, for there sure was queer types there.

If you never take but one airplane trip in your life, make it the one where you fly over the Grand Canyon.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

650 WILL, ROGERS FINDS POLITICS DEAD OUT IN CALIFORNIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 26. – I don't know whether you noticed it or not but Calvin is fishing later this Summer than he has in years. Politics is so dead out here that there wasn't but one sermon on it in the whole town today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

651 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A PLAN TO WIN DURANT'S $25,000

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 27. – My good friend, Mr. Durant, offered $25,000 for the best suggestion as to the enforcement of prohibition. I would like to grab off that $25,000. Then I could pay Hearst that $5,000 that Coolidge laid down on me for.

Here is my plan. Have the Government pass a law making it compulsory for everybody to drink. People would rebel against it so that they would stop drinking.

That's a funny thing about American people, tell 'em they have to do anything, and they will die twice or do it. If I win I will drive nothing but a Durant car.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

652 THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AFFECTS MR. ROGERS'S CAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 28. – I just found out by the papers today why Coolidge wouldn't run again. His humiliation over his son John turning out

to be a saxophone player was too much for him, but wait till he finds out John maybe belongs to a fraternity. That would be the last straw.

I don't know anything about politics and nothing about machinery, but I do know that since General Motors have gone Democratic that my Buick won't pull up a hill, and it is the same hill that it used to go up on high before Raskob went into politics.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

653 WILL ROGERS HAS A SCHEME FOR STOPPING ALL WARS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 29. – This Kellogg peace treaty—a lot of folks don't seem to be enthusiastic about it, but it's based on a great idea, and if he does get away with it he deserves a lot of credit.

I have a scheme for stopping war. It's this—no nation is allowed to enter a war till they have paid for the last one.

This, as you remember, was to be a very economical campaign, but on account of the Democrats having something to offer besides speeches, a voter is going to be able to accept some competitive bidding for the first time in years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

654 WILL ROGERS SEES TUNNEY OFFSETTING ANY LITERARY LOSS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 30. – I see by today's paper that Gene Tunney says "the only joy to be obtained by losing is by facing a man of physical and intellectual equality." So it looks like his two fights with Dempsey were a total loss as far as intellectual ecstasy were concerned. But I imagine the financial returns offset the literary loss.

Two explosions rocked Hollywood this afternoon and nobody knows who set them off. Evidently somebody had heard one of the talking pictures taken part in by screen actors.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

655 WILL ROGERS APPROVES OF CURTIS AND ROBINSON

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 31. – Did you read about the wonderful reception that Ireland gave Mr. Kellogg? That's a mighty fine omen when Ireland comes out for peace.

Vice Presidential candidates Joe Robinson made an awful good acceptance speech in Little Rock yesterday. I don't mean to detract in any way from either of our fine Presidential men, but I tell you both parties have got just about as good Vice Presidents as could be had, and that's not taking anything away from Charley Dawes.

Charley wasted as fine a talent as has been wasted in years on a job that is really nothing but watchful waiting.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

656 WILL ROGERS HAILS CALLES AS A RARE POLITICIAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 2. – President Calles of Mexico issued a very unusual statement. He said: "When my time is up I will get out. I won't accept the job of Provisional President till one is elected, and I also won't at any future time accept the Presidency of Mexico."

In all our 150 years of politicians we have never had one say that. On their dying bed they believe they will some day get back into office. But Ambassador Morrow always told me that this was a very unusual man, this Calles, and that he had none of the earmarks of a politician.

Wouldn't it be great if Mexico started electing by the ballot instead of by the bullet, and us electing by the ballot instead of by the bullion.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

657 WILL ROGERS URGES TOWNS TO GET AIRPORTS READY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 3. – They are having the air races out here next week, with planes coming from all over America, so get your town marked with its name so an aviator can tell where you are, even if nobody else knows. And get you a flying field even if you have to trade your Chamber of Commerce for it, and paint your name even if you have to trade your Rotarys, Kiwanises, Lions, Tigers, Tadpoles, Civitans, Junior apes or any other organized

form of eating for the paint to do it with.

So Babe wouldn't meet Hoover. Maybe he thought it was some new pitcher they was bringing into the league.

See where Straton got more votes for Al Smith again yesterday.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

658 ROGERS SEES ALL RELIGIONS HANDICAPS IN THIS CAMPAIGN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 4. – I have been libeled by my friend Brisbane. In his editorial he says that at one time I was a Sunday school teacher. Now, he is wrong. I went, but I didn't teach. I didn't even take up the collection. Some banker always did that.

On account of me being a candidate he is trying to drag me into all this religious controversy. You see, if he can prove that I was connected with a Sunday school it will lose me the Catholic and Jewish votes, and if he can prove that it was a Methodist Sunday school it will lose me the Baptists.

All religion in this campaign seem such handicaps that I think it's better to claim you are an atheist.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

659 WILL ROGERS SAYS CAMPAIGN HAS PASSED ACCEPTANCE STAGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 5. – Well, it looks like everybody has accepted that is going to accept. So now they can settle down to see what chance they have of receiving what they have already accepted.

Being associated with national calamities more or less for years, you would think that Hoover belonged on the Democratic ticket, wouldn't you?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

660 WILL ROGERS SAYS AMERICA IS NOW 'SITTING PRETTY'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 6. – Politics are receiving a lot of attention because we have nothing else to interest us. We don't have to worry about anything. No nation in the history of the world was ever sitting as pretty. If we

want anything, all we have to do is go and buy it on credit.

So that leaves us without any economic problem whatever, except perhaps some day to have to pay for them. But we are certainly not thinking about that this early.

Yours for more credit and longer payments,

Will Rogers.

661 WILL ROGERS HAS CHAMPION IN TRAINING ON SHAKESPEARE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 7. – I got a wire today from Tex Rickard. He has booked the fellow that won the Olympic Marathon to come over here and race, and Tex wants to book him with Andy Payne of Claremore, Okla., best medium-priced town in America.

Andy is the boy from home that won the foot-and-mouth race from Beverly to Claremore. Why, Tex's man only run twenty-six miles. Andy used to run that far every morning limbering up, just to get ready to run sixty or eighty miles each day for a whole Summer.

Besides, I am going to make a Tunney champion out of him. I got him reading Shakespeare, and told him not to meet anybody that was not his equal. So we can't be monkeying with some foreigner.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

662 AS WILL SEES IT, FARMERS ARE NOT NEEDING RELIEF

NEWTON, Kan., Sept. 9. – The farmers starve three years out of four but the good year is always election year. It really looks like the Lord was in cahoots with the Republicans, but if He is that would make you almost lose faith in Him. Even up to nominating time this year the farmers wanted relief, now they are so prosperous they would be insulted if you suggested it to 'em.

Same way four years ago, La Follette was figuring on their support, and he run into a bumper crop. So the only way the Democrats will ever get the farmers' vote is to hold the election in the spring, when they are broke.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

663 ROGERS REBUKES TUNNEY FOR CRITICIZING HOME BREW

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 10. – Did you see this morning's paper where Gene Tunney was drinking beer in Paris and said he didn't drink beer at home because our home brew was terrible?

Now listen, Gene, you can criticize our boxing skill, you can make light of our intellect, you can denounce us as morons, but don't make light of our home brew. You are condemning the very spirit of our American homes. It's made by hand, not by factory. We have had nine years' practice and we don't want to be told we can't learn anything in that time.

So you stick to your books. You may know Shakespeare, but you don't know our beer.

Yours for home industry,

Will Rogers.

664 WILL ROGERS SEES BABE RUTH AND HEARS ABOUT NIGHT CLUBS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 11. – Got here just in time to see the Babe win his own game. Why these people back here are all excited over election, while out West everybody is tending to business.

The court here today just passed a ruling that the night clubs that they had padlocked here would have to be unlocked, that "where do you suppose people were going to go between midnight and noon?" The judge says, "What do you think this is, Arkansas or somewhere?" They claim it was a political move in the first place to deprive the Republicans coming to New York from getting a drink.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

665 WILL ROGERS SEES LESSON IN FRED STONE'S RECOVERY

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 12. – Been up today to the hospital in New London, Conn., to see Fred Stone. He was hurt as bad as reported at the time, but is coming along great. If the world could see what that man is recovering from it would be worth the accident, just to prove to people what clean living and physical fitness will do for you when you really need 'em.

Anxious to see the Argentina-United States polo championship. Saw this week's United States team play, but haven't seen next week's team in action.

As Maine goes so goes New Hampshire.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

666 WILL ROGERS ADDS A WHISPER TO THE CAMPAIGN DEBATE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 13. – Our clever little movie star, Bebe Daniels, don't overlook many sporting events. On the eve of the international polo games here she has just denied that she is to marry Tommy Hitchcock. Just before the tennis match she denied an engagement to Tilden, and during the Olympics she publicly denied a betrothal to Charley Paddock. On November 4, I hope she has the good judgment to refuse both Smith and Hoover, and when Christmas rolls around, if she is going to marry Santa Claus, why keep it a whispering secret.

As Maine goes, so goes the opposite way Mississippi. Whisper that to your friends.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

667 ROGERS ON GANG KILLINGS AND OTHER NEWS MATTERS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 14. – I think some of these crooks are just getting killed to show they can have a bigger and finer funeral than their rival had.

It's hard to tell whether there is more guns or flowers at the funeral. I would rather have the undertaker's privilege, with some good high-class gang, than to have a seat on the Stock Exchange. In order to outdo each other some gangs will start raising their own flowers.

Two railroad events took place this week for the first time: John Coolidge went to work on one and Al Smith starts to ride on one. John had to go to work in an old New England town. It's the only place where he could find a room in America for twelve dollars.

Al, don't try to sleep in that hammock!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

668 WILL ROGERS SEES SIGNIFICANCE IN SMITH AND HOOVER TRIPS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 16. – Smith says that this prosperity thing is a myth, and left for the West last night in an eleven-car deluxe private train to prove it. Hoover comes tomorrow to the wettest part of New Jersey, which trip is not only a noble but brave experiment. His audience will run about a corkscrew to the listener.

They again postponed the international polo matches to give the United States Selection Committee a chance to recuperate from their hard Summer of selecting.

Paul Block's 15-year-old boy gave $1,500, his lifetime savings, to the campaign fund. Education should be made compulsory in this country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

669 WILL ROGERS PRAISES WIVES OF EDISON, FIRESTONE AND FORD

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 17. – Just had dinner tonight with Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone and their wives. Say, there is the ones you want to meet, these three famous men, we know all about them, but you ought to meet these wives that made them famous. No frills, no put on, just three lovely wholesome family folks. Talked children and grandchildren all evening.

And say, Thomas A. pulled a good one. As you all know he is very deaf; well, he walked over to the window overlooking Broadway, and says to us, "Broadway seems so quiet." I think he was looking at it to see if his lights was working O. K.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

670 WILL ROGERS BESPEAKS OKLAHOMA WELCOME FOR SMITH

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 18. – Oklahoma, Al Smith is coming down there tomorrow, and I want the old home to treat him right. He has been good to lots of us back here. Don't pull off any snipe shooting or badger fights, don't even break his derby. Show him the State produces something besides outlaws, bo-weevil and comedians.

Tell him what a great territory we had before we struck oil and Republicans, followed by mortgages, foreclosures and impeachments.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

671 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ON FARM DEBTS AND FARM VOTES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 19. – As I write it's pretty near farm relief time. About 8 o'clock every night they get relief over the radio. Last night Smith marketed their surpluses at a profit for 'em. Tonight, Hoover, through cooperative marketing, will assist them in payments on new cars. Then tomorrow night Smith will take 'em in hand again. But you notice nights when there is legitimate entertainment on the air and the candidates can't get on why they don't seem to care what happens to the farmer. So it looks to me like the candidates are trying to relieve the farmer of his vote, instead of his debts.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

672 WILL ROGERS MAKES A PLEA FOR AID TO FLORIDA VICTIMS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 20. – Let's lay off politics today and get down to something necessary and worth while. I don't think we are taking enough interest in this Florida and West Indies relief as we should. Florida is in real need. The Red Cross needs much greater funds than have been sent.

I know giving to campaign funds this year when the competition is so keen has about got everybody broke, but I think Florida is worth more to us than trying to get the postoffices for the next four years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

673 ROGERS DOUBTS THE VALUE OF CAMPAIGN SPEECHES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 21. – It's too bad there is not some machine or way of registration just how many votes a political speech gets or loses. I claim if we had some way of finding out it would do away with political speeches.

Coolidge made less speeches and got more votes than any man that ever run. Bryan was listened to and cheered by more people than any single human

in politics, and he lost. So there is a doubt just whether talking does you good or harm.

Take your campaign contribution and send it to the Red Cross, and let the election be decided on its merits.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

674 WILL ROGERS ENJOYS SMITH ATTACK ON "POWER TRUSTS"

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 23. – In Omaha Al relieved the farmers, in Oklahoma (near Claremore) he bawled out the Baptists, but in Denver he reached his peak when he told the truth about the power trusts. It's no novelty to hear the farmers verbally relieved, and to reprimand a Protestant is nothing new, for they do that to each other, but when you hop on the power trusts you are standing on the very arches of the Republican Party.

I had a joke about the power lobby in the papers and I got so many letters from power magnets saying, "there was no power lobby," that it almost made me lose faith in rich men. So sic 'em, Al.

Yours for everybody owning their own river,

Will Rogers.

675 WILL ROGERS FINDS BASEBALL BIGGER THAN THE CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 24. – The Republicans of New York have a very strong candidate for Governor, Mr. Ottinger from up-State. Now the Democrats have figured it out that on account of him being Jewish, and Mr. Smith Catholic, that what they needed to balance the ticket would be some Protestant from New York City, and they got to looking around and couldn't find one. John Roach Straton, the last survivor, had left.

You hear ten people back here ask, "Who is going to pitch for the Yankees tomorrow?" where you don't hear one ask, "Who is going to be elected?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

676 WILL ROGERS LINKS CORRUPTION AND GOLF AS ALWAYS WITH US

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 25. – Al spoke in Montana on oil corruption.

That subject can get more applesauce and less votes from an audience than any subject ever invented during our time. Jim Reed has made the subject so entertaining that the audience instead of going out voting against it, they start practicing it. Senator Walsh adopted it as a motto and eliminated himself from the race. It was an issue in 1924 and Calvin won by nine million.

Corruption and golf is two things we just as well make up our minds to take up, for they are both going to be with us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

677 WILL ROGERS IN A MIXTURE OF BASEBALL AND POLITICS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 26. – Everybody you see is nutty figuring out mathematical possibilities. If Smith can carry New York and Massachusetts and hold the Cubs' heavy hitters, and McGraw wins a double-header today and can carry New Jersey, and the St. Louis Cards lose the Solid South, and Curtis swings the Cleveland Indians' vote, and the Athletics get all the farmers, why that will mean that Hoover and Robinson will have to win every game, even if the Selection Committee don't know who will play the Argentines while the Yanks are taking New England and holding the border States runless, and stop all the whispering, why then it looks like Mrs. Willebrandt won't be in the same league next season.

Yours for statistics,

Will Rogers.

678 WILL ROGERS SAYS WOMEN MAKE POOR POLITICAL SPEECHES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 27. – The whole campaign has switched from Hoover and Smith to Mrs. Willebrandt. Now, I used to think that no one in the world could possibly make a poorer speech than some man politician, but after attending both conventions and various dinners and public affairs, I have found that any woman politician can make a poorer political speech than man any time they try.

I don't know why it is but it just looks like the wrong women are in politics, for I have heard other women on other subjects make brilliant speeches. I believe their cause would get further if they would just vote and not try to explain publicly why.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Charles Curtis's daughter at Kansas City was the only exception, and I don't think she is in politics.

679 WILL ROGERS URGES THE NEED OF RELIEF FOR FLORIDA

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 28. – None of the other candidates won't draw your attention to it in their speeches, where it would do tremendous good, but Florida is really in great need of much more money than has been raised. I got a wire from Judge Payne, the head of the Red Cross, and he says that the need is tremendous, and have just got letters and wires from personal friends in Florida who I know wouldn't misrepresent, and they say the same.

Sunday they are holding a funeral for 2,500. That ought to make us forget "whisperings" and "issues" and "promises"; so, Al, I wish you and Herb, along with your appeals every night, would include Florida.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

680 WILL ROGERS BOOSTS POLO, ADDS A WORD ON PROHIBITION

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 30. – Saw that polo game Saturday in New York. That was the greatest game ever played. The best men and the best horses in the whole two Americas. Don't miss the next one, Wednesday, no matter where you have to come from.

Al made one great mistake in his prohibition speech Saturday night. He said, "We can't expect anything from the Republicans." Well, I don't know how we could possibly expect more than we have unless a man has unlimited expectations.

But Herb won't answer. He is pulling a Coolidge and is getting the Democrats' goat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

681 WILL ROGERS STILL SILENT ON HIS CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 1. – I haven't made my announcement for either man yet. Myself and Coolidge, I guess, are about the last to come out for any body. Some think Calvin will go for Smith in the end, if he is paying Hoover back for what Hoover did for him in 1924. Why, Hoover must have either been sick or out of the country during the campaign.

The Democrats in New York State are gathered in Rochester tonight to try and find some body to nominate for Governor. A good many of them are for nominating Al Smith.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

682 ROOSEVELT NOMINATION LEADS WILL ROGERS TO RUMINATION

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 2. – Al Smith unanimously nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt today for Governor of New York.

Roosevelt will always be remembered as the man that any time as many as three persons met, either in conference or convention, he would arise and nominate Al Smith for President. You could just wake him in the middle of night and he would start to nominating Al.

His nominating days over, he is now going to take up politics seriously. He is a Roosevelt by blood, but a namesake politically. If he had retained his splendid qualities and stayed with the Republican end of the family, he would have been President, but I doubt if he could have retained those qualities and been Republican.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

683 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS THE HEIGHT OF CONCEIT

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 3. –Well, Gene Tunney got married today and everybody wishes them good luck. I thought on account of his going to Europe to marry that maybe he was going to get Shakespeare to marry them.

What will become of that author that has been walking around with him? He will stroll alone now.

My idea of the height of conceit would be a political speaker that would go on the air when that world's series is on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

684 WILL ROGERS SEES LINDBERGH AGAIN SHOWING HIS NERVE

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 4. – Charles Lindbergh holds the world's record for length of time he remained a hero from the time he landed in Paris

until yesterday, when he declared his preference for President. That took more real nerve for a man with his standing to do than his flight did, for with these people that take politics serious they don't believe there is any way in the world if you belong to the opposite party, that you could possibly be any good.

You watch Coolidge. You don't see him coming out for anybody, do you?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

685 WILL ROGERS HAS A FLING AT PARTY TREASURERS

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 5. – I been hearing appeals over the radio for funds and I thought sure it must be for Florida or Porto Rico or some equally deserving cause and come to find out it was the Democratic campaign Treasurer seeking first aid.

Nights when the candidates don't talk over the radio, why their treasurers do, asking for money enough to pay for the radio for the next night for the candidate. Both parties have got to a point now where they will take old clothes or second-hand cars, or anything.

There is peculiar charities in this country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

686 WILL ROGERS SEES HOOVER REFUSING TO BE THE COMEDIAN

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct, 7. – Hoover spoke Saturday, but he didn't answer any of Al's questions. He acted like he hadn't read 'em. On the stage we call the man that asks the questions the "straight" man and the one that answers them the "comedian." I guess Herb figures "well you are going to make no comedian out of me."

If St. Louis is as big a surprise in politics as they were in baseball, I look for the State to go for me on the anti-bunk party.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

687 WILL ROGERS FIGURES IT'S SAFER TO FLY THAN DRINK

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 8. – Seven people were killed in the whole of America over the weekend in airplanes, and the way the newspapers head-

lined it you would have thought Nicaragua had invaded us. Yet in New York City alone, fifteen was killed and seventy wounded with bad liquor, to say nothing about Chicago, so it's safer to take a flight than a drink.

So much money is being spent on the campaigns that I doubt if either man, as good as they are, are worth what it will cost to elect them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

688 WILL ROGERS NOW CONVINCED THAT BASEBALL IS CROOKED

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 9. – These candidates on their rounds better not hit the same town as Babe Ruth or they will feel like they are running for Congress instead of President.

Yes, baseball is awful crooked. It was all fixed to stretch the series out to four games.

New York City is all excited over the poison liquor, and they are thinking of passing a city ordinance to make it unlawful to sell it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

689 WILL ROGERS SEES NEED OF HOME-RUN CONTROL

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 10. – Hoover has always attended all our disasters, cheered the unfortunate and cared for the maimed. Where was he when Babe Ruth unleashed death and destruction on the upper Mississippi Valley? Who is going to take up the cause of home-run control? It certainly has taught St. Louis a lesson. I bet you they will be careful the next time to watch and not try to win a pennant on the same year that it looks like the Yanks will win.

Smith and Hoover are gradually creeping back on the front page again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

690 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THIS 'SPEAKEASY' BUSINESS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 11. – This "speakeasy" business must be the most independent and prosperous business in the world, especially in New York, for no other industry in the world could afford to kill its customers off like that.

They must run an undertaking business on the side.

I will say this for the police. There are lots of these places they don't know where they are. The customer never lives long enough to tell the police where he got it.

New York has notified 'em that if they don't quit putting so much poison in their liquor they will revoke their license.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

691 WILL ROGERS SEES CANDIDATES AND ZEPPELIN OFF THE COURSE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 12. – With this Zeppelin 1,200 miles to the south of its true course, and Al Smith, a Democratic candidate, 800 miles south of his true course, and Hoover going to New England, 100 miles north of what should be his true course, it's a cinch with such poor navigation all around some of these are not going to reach their destination.

But did you ever see as much ground covered and as many speeches made as these two Vice Presidential candidates are making? It's out of all proportion to the position. One of them is going to get badly fooled, the one that is elected.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

692 WILL ROGERS SEES THE ZEPPELIN AND THINKS ABOUT LINDY

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 15. – Everybody is always advising the Government not to go into business, yet the Navy football team played to 125,000 people in Chicago Saturday. That's not bad business even for a Government. I propose they keep them playing every Saturday the year round and buy their own battleships.

Just this minute watching that Zeppelin flying over New York. You know that's quite a kick to see something that has been in the air for days, and flew all the way from Germany by way of Cape Horn. Lindy would have been in hard luck if he had gone on it with only two ham sandwiches.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

693 WILL ROGERS DEPLORES COMPETITION WITH POLITICS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 16. – We opened up our show last night. Putting on a Fred Stone show without Fred is about like Ringling bringing in his circus and announcing that he is sorry but that the elephants, clowns and horses were not with it. Lindy attended our opening to pay his respects to the clever daughter of his fallen aviator friend.

That's been Fred's greatest worry, that his fall, given such wide publicity, might injure the game, but an accident like that might happen to any one.

Hoover opens here next Monday night. It's pretty tough for us, getting six sixty, when the other candidates are showing all over the country for nothing. Their leaders even conscript people to make 'em go in and listen to them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

694 WILL ROGERS SEES THE COST OF SAVING MONEY GOING UP

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 17. – Smith in Sedalia, Mo., read some figures and records of Republican economy. The Department of Agriculture had spent $45,000,000 more in '27 than in '24. That means that cost of "promise of relief" has advanced that much.

Mellon's department had saved some money, but it showed that it cost fifty million more to save it than it did the same department in '24, showing that even the cost of saving money has gone up.

They have also been printing Government documents on both sides of the paper. I don't know how any one ever found it out that they were using both sides.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

695 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS WHAT AN ELECTION POLL SHOWS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 18. – The Literary Digest is taking a poll to see how many people there are in the United States who are interested in politics that can write their name. Up to now there has been about a third more Republicans that can write than Democrats. Course, when election day comes and all you have to do is make your mark, why I think the Democratic total will

pick up. Republicans have to learn to write on account of signing checks, but Democrats never have to be bothered with that.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Only two more weeks for Coolidge to decide who to come out for.

696 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A LOST AIR MAIL FLIER

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 19. – It was a dark, rainy, cloudy day on the New York end of the air mail. No planes through in two days. I wanted to get home to my family in California. I insisted on going. It wasn't bravery—it was dumb ignorance and an unlimited confidence in all air mail pilots.

"We will try to get through if you insist." And we got through, clear to Cleveland. Yesterday he didn't get through.

I kinder feel like his skill saved my life; so "Hoppie," old boy, here's hoping you are piloting the best cloud the Boss has got in His hangar up there, and you don't have to worry about low ceiling, engine missing, head winds, or even whether the old rip-cord will pull in case—

Yours,

Will Rogers.

697 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S SPEECH

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 21. – Mr. Coolidge broke his long silence and spoke Saturday at the unveiling of a Civil War monument. There was very little politics in his speech. It was mostly about war and monuments. While he didn't exactly advocate another war, he did speak most highly of that one between the Republicans and Democrats. But he did come out strongly in favor of monuments (on account of the granite coming from Vermont). He favors bigger and better monuments.

A little politics sneaked in when he insinuated that it was the prosperity of the last six years that made the money for the monument possible, so it was after all another Republican achievement.

Smith spoke in Chicago on oil and corruption. If I spoke in Chicago I would speak on "Prepare to Meet Thy Keeper."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

698 WILL ROGERS SEES A JOKE IN CAMPAIGN MANAGERS' CLAIMS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 22. – Of all the comical things, the so-called local party leaders take the cake. Smith's leaders have assured him he will carry every State he has gone into. Meaning he could carry all of them, but he don't like to travel so much. Moses, the Republican apostle, told Hoover today that Smith wouldn't get ten votes even on Oliver Street, and that Hoover was a cinch for everything east of the Golden Gate, and a chance for a split in Honolulu.

How do they know what people are going to do? You would think they had a sworn affidavit of every voter. Of all the "yes" men they are the prize. If either candidate believes one half of 1 per cent what any of his henchmen say, then Hoover or Smith neither one are smart enough to be President.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

699 HOOVER'S SPEECH HERE WINS COMMENDATION FROM ROGERS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 23. – Hoover dug up a whole new subject last night, and made the best speech of his campaign.

It was about keeping Congress and the Senate from having anything to do with the nation's business. If he had gone a step further and come out for their entire abolishment, I believe he would have been elected unanimously on the spot.

Smith is always saying, "If I get in I will appoint a commission to look into so and so." That's what fills poorhouse—people that have waited for some Government committee to act.

Outside of traffic, there is nothing that has held this country back as much as committees.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

700 WILL ROGERS IS CURIOUS ABOUT 'JEFFERSONIAN PRINCIPLES'

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 24. – I hope the Democrats win this election just for one thing. I have heard 5,000 hours of "speeches" on a "return to Jeffersonian principles," and I want to see what "Jeffersonian principles" are.

Is it just an oratorical topic, or is it an economic condition? I know that Jefferson was for the poor, but in his days that was good politics, for practically

everybody was poor.

I just want to tell you all when you get through raving about both of these candidates, that Coolidge could start tomorrow and beat both of them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

701 WILL ROGERS SEES ONE WAY TO MAKE IT AN ELECTION TIE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 25. – Al was good last night in Boston Shows what he can do if he can get anybody arguing with him. But Hoover won't make the same mistake and leave another opening. His next big speech is the very last night before election, and before Al can answer it the voters will be staggering to the polls, voting dry to protect the other fellow against liquor.

If Hoover wins The Literary Digest vote and Smith wins the one on November 6, that would make it a tie and throw the election into Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

702 WILL ROGERS ADMIRES THE BIG FAMILY IN POLITICS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 26. – The best thing I've seen in a political speech was where Chairman Raskob said he had eleven children. That's wonderful. If more men in politics would raise children instead of issues, we would have a bigger and better country. No wonder Al wanted to swing him over to his side.

New York is getting their disguises ready, and memorizing the various names they are to vote under all day November 6.

Coolidge gave Mary and Doug lunch, but took nothing off their income tax.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

703 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS JUST WHAT'S IN THE AIR

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 28. – Saturday all the papers headlined Al Smith saying, "There is something in the air. I don't know what it is, but there is something in the air."

I believe I can tell him what it is. It's at least 200,000 words of "applesauce" delivered every night by speakers from both parties over the radio. So that's all there is in the air.

If every radio set went static from now until November 6 it would be a godsend to a suffering public and no loss to political knowledge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

704 WILL ROGERS CALLS PROSPERITY ONE OF THE 'DUMB' ISSUES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 29. – Smith is broadcasting tonight from Baltimore through WJZ, Hoover is broadcasting tonight from Washington through Senator Moses.

Of all the "dumb" issues that candidates bring up to try and influence people how to vote, I think "prosperity" takes the cake. How a speaker can convince a man that he is prosperous when he is broke or that he is not prosperous when he is doing well is beyond me. If a voter can't feel in his pocket and see if he is doing well without having some total stranger tell him, then this Government shouldn't be in the hands of the people. We might as well have candidates argue with us that we have a pain in our stomach.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

705 WILL ROGERS COMES OUT FOR COOLIDGE IN 1932

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 30. – I will say one thing about this campaign: after running for months without an "issue" they have finally found one—that is, the Republicans have. It is Smith. That's their issue.

Al sure is drawing the crowds. If I was him I wouldn't care whether I was elected or not. He can go in vaudeville and make more than a President 'cause there is always plenty of things to denounce as long as there is a Republican Administration.

Coolidge won't come out for either side. He is afraid it will be held against him in 1932. Paste that in your hat and remember it. I am the original Coolidge-in-'32 man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

706 WILL ROGERS SEES LITTLE IN CAMPAIGN PROMISES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 31. – Well, the promising season ends next Tuesday, and at about 8 o'clock that same night the "alibi" season opens and lasts for the next four years.

To show you what campaign promises amount to, can you remember back a few weeks ago when the promise was made on both sides that "the campaign was to be run on a high plane"?

This campaign ends Tuesday, but it will take two generations to sweep up the dirt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

707 WILL ROGERS TELLS ABOUT THE NICARAGUAN ELECTION

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 1. – We sent our marines not so much to supervise Nicaragua's election Sunday as we did to keep them from being at our election Tuesday and getting into real serious trouble. We won't vote on Sunday, as we are holding our last political sermons then.

I bet you those Nicaraguans are just about ignorant enough to have nothing in their election about bigotry, religion, prohibition, pro-British, brown hats, bad English, 100 per cent or any of those great issues that we know mean the life or death of our country.

Nicaragua is perhaps so backward and primitive that they don't know enough to believe in campaign promises.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

708 WILL ROGERS HAS A NEW IDEA ABOUT THE VICE PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 2. – Al paraded in his home town here today. His reception couldn't have been any bigger if he had swum the Channel or stowed away on an airstrip. He started the parade at 11:00 o'clock, so early that Jimmy Walker had to accompany him in boudoir cap and pajamas. Smith presented Walker with the keys of the city.

Mrs. Al Smith paid us a lovely compliment last night by attending our show. Al was speaking somewhere too, but I guess she wanted to come and listen to reason one night out of the campaign.

Only two more days, and Coolidge and I are still holding out, I am for Curtis and Robinson splitting the Vice-Presidency between 'em. It's really too much for one man to handle. They could take it time about, keeping their names before the public while the other one was acting as Vice-President.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

709 ROGERS COMES OUT FOR HIMSELF TO OFFSET COOLIDGE FOR HOOVER AND McADOO FOR SMITH

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 4. – McAdoo finally come out for Smith, and to offset that Democratic gain, why Coolidge came out for Hoover.

So that leaves only myself in the open.

I have been studying the two parties and here is their difference: Hoover wants all the drys, and as many wets as possible. Smith wants all the wets and as many drys as he can get.

Hoover says he will relieve the farmer, even if he has to call Congress. Smith says he will relieve the farmer even if he has to appoint a commission.

Hoover says the tariff will be kept up. Smith says the tariff will not be lowered.

Hoover is strongly in favor of prosperity. Smith highly endorses prosperity.

Hoover wants no votes merely on account of religion. Smith wants no votes solely on religious grounds. But both would accept the Mohammedan vote if offered.

Hoover would like to live in the White House. Smith is not adverse to living in the White House. And in order to get in there either one will promise the voters anything from perpetual motion, to eternal salvation.

So I am out openly for myself.

If I have any religion I have at least not advertised the fact. If I want the Constitution changed, or if I want it left as it is, I know that is the people's business and not mine.

I have never spent twenty years abroad, nor have I spent twenty years in the shade of Brooklyn Bridge.

I have neither lived off tax payers, or corporations.

If I was born of poor parents, either in city or farm I have kept it a personal affair.

I am not the greatest "Administrator of all time" neither am I "The great-

est executive a state ever had."

I have never fed the Belgians nor have I kept Tammany Hall from starving for 8 years.

In fact so little is known about me that I must be just about a normal American.

If defeated I will have less squawks, or alibies.

I have promised nothing, and am the only one of the three that can make good, so to offset Coolidge and McAdoo I come out for myself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

710 WILL ROGERS OFF THE TICKET BUT IS NOT DOWNCAST

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 5. – Owing to jealousy, and me not paying my entrance fees, I find my name has been left off the ballot.

Now here is how we will fool 'em. There is a fellow running somewhere on the ticket called Thomas. He is a Socialist, so vote for him in place of me, and in case he gets in we will split it, I will run the Government and he can do the fishing. So vote for Thomas and elect Rogers.

The election ain't over till 6 o'clock tonight, but it's been over since last June. Just think. We got people in this country that have to wait till votes are counted before they know.

This is going to be the greatest lesson in geography that New York City ever had. They never knew how many people live west of the Hudson River.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

711 WILL ROGERS FOUND IT QUIET FOR A NATIONAL ELECTION

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 6. – It's so quiet here today it's like Yom Kipper instead of election. Taxicabs are rushing back and forth taking voters from one precinct to another.

We have to put on a new version of our show after election. Got a Hoover and Smith version just waiting.

The South will give the Republicans no more votes than they ever did. Only this is the only time they have ever counted 'em.

Both men's fate tonight is in the hands of the counters. That's like trusting yourself to a woman jury. I would rather have counters on my side than "issues." I want to hereby be the first defeated candidate to claim "a moral victory."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

712 WILL ROGERS WOULD SELL DEMOCRATIC PARTY FRANCHISE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 7. – FOR SALE—Would like to sell, trade, dispose of or give away to right parties franchise of what is humorously known as Democratic Party. Said franchise calls for license to enter in national elections; said right of franchise is supposed to be used every four years, but if intelligent parties had it they would let various elections go by default when understood they had no chance.

If in right hands and only used in times when it had an "issue" or when Republican Party had split, think it could be made to pay, but present owners have absolutely no business with it. Under present management they have killed off more good men than grade crossings have. Address Raskob, back at Chevrolet workshop.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

713 AFTERTHOUGHTS OF MR. ROGERS ON NOTABLE ELECTION RESULTS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 8. – Offers pouring in all day for the purchase of the Democrats. All want the title, but no one wants any of the cast.

I bet preachers are looking for a new act more than I am after election. It will take them months to get their minds back on religion. Nobody knows yet who is Governor in this State. There is a Jewish fellow running, and if he gets it and makes a good Governor for four terms, why, the religious issue won't come up again for President till 1936.

Smith carried all the Democratic States he didn't go into, and Hoover had a cinch in all the Republican ones he didn't speak in. I believe a dumb candidate could have beat 'em both.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

714 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE REASON FOR THE DEFEAT OF GOV. SMITH

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 9. – When the editorial writers get all through analyzing all the various reasons for Smith's defeat—religion, prohibition, Tammany, brown hats, prosperity, wisecracks, Raskobs and all the rest of them—maybe one of them will accidentally hit on the real reason, a Democrat.

Hoover would have beat Coolidge, if Coolidge has been running on the Democratic ticket.

While in Northampton, Mass., the other day to vote Mr. Coolidge found a house that rented for $32 a month, and took it. He is not only a President, but a detective.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

715 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS HOW HOUGHTON DIDN'T RETIRE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 11. – Arkansas voted last Tuesday against evolution and Republicans. They don't want anything taught about either subject in their schools.

Houghton goes back to London as Ambassador, it seems his resignation was lost in the mails and didn't reach Mr. Coolidge till just as they had finished counting the votes in New York, so Mr. Houghton owes the salvaging of his job to the inefficiency of the Republican postal system and not as some "catty" ones thought to Mr. Coolidge's favoritism.

Many a guy wishes he hadn't resigned by being misled by the promises of a lot of "dumb" party leaders. You never saw a smart fellow like Joe Robinson resigning, did you?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

716 ROGERS FINDS HE CAN COMMEND COLLIDGE, HOOVER AND SMITH

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 12. – Big boost for three of our most prominent men today. Mr. Coolidge says "we can do our own cruiser building without any European supervision" and that "we have no alibis to offer to anybody." Atta boy, Calvin!

This trip of Mr. Hoover's to South America is the smartest thing ever done by a President-elect. That and the Orient is where our trade of the future

will come from. Send Presidents down there instead of marines.

And tomorrow night when you hear Al Smith speak you will get the real human side of a great fellow. He won't have to be denouncing anybody, and will be at his best, and will make lots of friends.

So, no kick with any one of the three boys today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

717 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEW OF EUROPE'S ATTITUDE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 13. – We got one of the most stubborn murder cases here in New York. It seems the fellow that shot Arnold Rothstein is just bullheaded and won't come in and give up.

There was some little talk of even going so far as to arrest him, but that's been squashed.

Been reading editorials on President Coolidge's debt and armament speech. Several papers have asked, "What would Europe do if we were in difficulties and needed help?" So this is in reply to those inquiries. Europe would hold a celebration.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

718 WILL ROGERS SAYS HOOVER WILL PICK OUT ABLE MAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 14. – Ambassor Fletcher from Rome on his way to join Hoover's party was by to see me today. You know I told you politicians that if Hoover was elected that he would just about fool you all by surrounding himself with a lot of able men. Well, he did it. This fellow knows all about South America.

I would liked to have gone on that trip and I believe I could have been pretty useful and taken a lot of unnecessary work off Mr. Hoover's shoulders. I could have spoken at all the unimportant events, that is, I would have been the luncheon club speaker. It don't take very good speaking for that. That's the training table for after-dinner speakers. Then he could have gone on at nights.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

719 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S FUTURE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 15 – Everybody has been wondering what Mr. Coolidge will do after March. Well, one thing certain, after issuing that Armistice Day speech, he had no idea of being made Ambassor to England or France.

I see they have promised this Rothstein murderer now if he will come in and give up they will give him a medal and his gun back. I think if he holds out they will do by him the same as the other prominent guests, they will give him the keys of the city.

Whey does every peace envoy always go on a battleship? No wonder Lindbergh's trip was so well received.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

720 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA FOR SAFETY IN SEA TRAVEL

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 16. – Pardon a mere comedian for entering this sea controversy, but if I was going to South America and saw my boat wasn't going any too good, I would swing over and keep in next to the coast line.

Course that's just a rough idea of mine and perhaps is not practical. I got the idea from some excellent air pilots that I have flown with. When things don't look just right they go the long way round and keep over territory where they have the best chance of landing in case it's necessary. But that's why an aeroplane is safer than a ship, or a bus at a grade crossing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

721 THE RELIEF OF THE FARMER AS WILL ROGERS SEES IT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 18. – It's been a great Fall for the farmer. No matter how much his mortgages were, he could always turn on the radio every evening and receive consolation. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays Mr. Hoover would care for his every desire; on Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays Mr. Smith would succor him.

This was up to November 6. Then Smith lost interest in him, Hoover discovered that it was the Argentine planter that needed aid, so it looked like the

poor farmer was left with no relief from his radio but a jazz band. Then Mr. Coolidge rushed into the breach, and last Saturday night the old tiller of the soil got his usual relief.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

722 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT HOW THINGS HAPPEN FOR THE BEST

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 19 – I am a great believer in all things happening for the best. Now, take Raskob. I guess it's just as well he wasn't a success in politics, for don't he go right to work and put out the cheapest six-cylinder car on the market? A cheap car means more to the people than all the "burning issues of this great campaign."

Now, maybe after January 1 Al will settle down and get his mind on something practical.

Hoover has to hurry up and get to South America before Calvin makes a speech and declares war on 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

723 WILL ROGERS SEES A TEST OF PUBLIC MEN IN GOLF PICTURES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 20. – Al Smith has gone South to play golf. That shows that there must be prosperity when even the Democrats can afford golf courses.

I attribute Hoover's success to the fact that we have never seen his picture on a golf course. Nothing outside of a Senatorial investigation can ruin a man so completely with the general public as golf pictures can.

That's why Calvin has remained so strong. You have seen him in every other costume imaginable, but you have never seen him in knee breeches.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

724 WILL ROGERS HAS A GOOD WORD FOR THE COOLIDGE FUND

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 21. – People that know them well tell me that the Coolidges are more interested in getting that $2,000,000 fund raised for the

deaf and dumb school than they are in getting a job for themselves. It would be a mighty fine tribute to this gracious and charming woman for her to hand her old school that on March 4.

And this new Governor Roosevelt. Did you now what that guy has been doing for years at Warm Springs, Ga., for infantile paralysis victims? No, you didn't, for nothing has been said about it. Well, look it up. It's a real charity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

725 HOOVER ALREADY MAKING GOOD HIS PROMISES, SAYS MR. ROGERS

NEW YORK., N.Y., Nov. 22. – Hoover is the first elected candidate I ever saw that kept him promises. He said he would follow out Coolidge's policies, and I see where he is fishing already. I see where he caught a "dolphin." I suppose the Senate will hold an investigation now to find out what a "dolphin" is.

Hoover is putting in at Nicaragua. He wants to see some of our marines. He hasn't seen any since the old days in China. If it wasn't for the movie weeklies picturing them going from one country to another, we would never know what they looked like.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – New York's got a new one, a "free lance model."

726 WILL ROGERS THINKS FOOTBALL A NUISANCE LIKE POLITICS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 23. – Today, Saturday, minds are not on politics, they are not on national affairs, they are on football. Did you know that football is becoming about as big a nusiance as politics? Millions of football fans are going to football games this afternoon. Mind you, I think it's a great thing. You spend all these years playing football and then you go through life waiting for somebody to give you a signal.

Harvard and Yale have been beaten by everything but the pages in Congress. They play today, to determine which is the worst team in America. I think it will be a tie.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

727 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES FOOTBALL AND COLLEGE SUCCESS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 25. – The football season is closing and college life is about over for the year. A few students will stay out the season for the dances, and some of the players may take up a couple of pipe courses and hang around till Spring practice starts, but most of the good ones will go home for the Winter to show the clippings.

The college president will be looking over the gate receipts to see if he stays another year. Cheer leaders will go back to train calling. The alumni will start arguing over a new coach.

It's no trouble to tell the successful educational institution these days. It's the one that can afford a new stadium next year.

An old Yale man that is disappointed with life,

Will Rogers.

728 WILL ROGERS SAYS VICTIMS OF HIS JOKES DON'T SEEM HURT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 26. – An old friend of mine, Mr. Paul Block, hopped on me for joking prominent men. Well, they all come back in the dressing room afterwards and don't seem much hurt.

Among the insulted last week was General Pershing, Barney Baruch, Herbert Swope and Charley Schwab.

He says I kidded Yale's football team. I did that up in New Haven with our show and the boys all took it good-naturedly. He says I owe Hearst five grand. That I admit. I have been waiting, hoping that Coolidge would veto the election and save me the five.

Now, Paul, don't take these big men so serious. When you meet 'em and know 'em they are as human as anybody. So the next time you come I will introduce you and you will come back and we will finally decide that most people need kidding.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

729 WILL ROGERS WRITES OF DEMOCRATS AND THANKSGIVING

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 27. – Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. Mr. Coolidge asked us to thank the Lord, but to kinder let a hint fall to Him also that we are aware that a Republican administration had assisted Him in proving this plen-

tiful bounty. But the poor Democrat, I don't mean him as an individual, I mean just as a democrat, the President could have just as well set by a minute as a whole day for him to offer gratitude for what's been coming to him. He would't have known what to have done with the other thirty seconds anyway.

But all these storms and wrecks, is that a Republican visitation? But like my two Black Crow friends, "Maybe I shouldn't have brought that up."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

730 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS NICARAGUAN ENTHUSIASM

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 28. – I see where Mr. Hoover got a great welcome in Nicaragua. No wonder. I guess he and Lindbergh were about the only Americans they ever saw that weren't marines.

I see where The New York World suggests barring The Literary Digest from announcing the results of the election beforehand. They claim it takes all the life and pep out of the minority party. I would think the election four years previous would do the same thing, so why not bar it too?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

731 THIS IS THE COUNTRY BOY'S YEAR, MR. ROGERS IS FORCED TO DECIDE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 29. – Say, our champion New York University team looked like Man o' War till that bunch of Oregon apple knockers got a hold of 'em this afternoon.

It was no place for a raccoon coat athlete, up against an old bunch of wheat shockers whose college emblem is a pair of overalls.

These old salmon giggers from the mouth of the Columbia had the city slickers strewn from goal to goal.

With Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and Al Smith going down, all in succession, it just looks like it's the country boy's year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

732 WILL ROGERS GIVING WARNING, CONGRESS IS TO MEET AGAIN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 30. – Well, Mr. Coolidge went down South in old Virginia and spent Thanksgiving, but you notice he didn't go there till after it had gone Republican. He used to spend his Thankgsgiving in Massachusetts, but not lately.

With all our boasted prosperity, I don't see that we are any better off. The old turkey hash showed up as usual today and will be with us the next few days, just the same as it did when we was poor.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I am warning you now, that if something is not done to prevent it, Congress is going to meet right away, so come on, good patriots, and help protect your country.

733 WILL ROGERS SEES CRUELTY BY WESTERN FOOTBALL TEAMS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 2. – The Humane Society stops all cruelty to animals. Why don't they do something in this football situation by making it an ulawful offense for a Western college to assault, maim and disfigure the inmates of Eastern infirmaries?

After meeting Stanford yesterday the cadets said: "Who took the Navy away from us and brought these instead? It's more government inefficiency." And the Notre Dame-Southern California game demonstrated again that after all this is a Protestant country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The people went Republican in Virginia, but the quail stayed Democratic. Calvin couldn't come home with them in the bag.

734 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS THE LAME DUCK SESSION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 3. – Congress opened today. It's called the lame duck session. A lame duck is a politician who is still alive, but the government paymaster has been notified that he will become totally disabled on March 4.

Today's session was very congenial. They met, prayed, and adjourned. But wait till the Boulder Dam bill comes up. Then the City of Washington will

get a shock to its national pride. They will find that the power lobby didn't just settle there on account of the beauty of that charming city. We shall soon discover the susceptible.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

735 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A 1932 JOB FOR THE MARINES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 4. – I like this part of Mr. Coolidge's message best: "Both parties in Nicaragua were pleased with the outcome of their election and have asked for the marines again next time. But I did not commit myself." Yes, I think I would let Hoover contract 'em for that one.

The marines will certainly be tickled to know they can get booking four years ahead. They have always just had to pick up little wars from day to day. Now they can kinda look ahead and plan, and have a permanent address.

If they satisfied both parties after election, I believe the Democrats will sign 'em right here at home, for the November, 1932, follies.

I will get deeper into the message tomorrow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

736 WILL ROGERS'S OWN REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE NATION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 5. – My November message on the "State of the Nation": The nation never looked like it was facing a worse Winter—birds, geese, Democrats and all perishable animals are already huddled up in three or four States down South. We are at peace with the world because the world is waiting to get another gun and get it loaded. Wall Street is in good shape, but Eighth Avenue never was as bad off. The farmers are going into the Winter with pretty good radios, but not much feed for their stock.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I don't want you to think this message is pessimistic. Mr. Coolidge is an optimist, and will be till March 4.

737 EVEN MR. ROGERS IS DEALING THROUGH THE STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 6. – If the Democrats had had the party incorporated and listed on the Exchange as "Democratic Hopes and Aspirations, Inc.," then let somebody buy ten shares to get it started, millions would have bought it on the Exchange that wouldn't think of taking it at the polls. They buy anything there worse than Democrats.

You can't sell a pair of shoes in New York without it's done through the Stock Exchange. I got an order in with a broker for ten subway tickets.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

738 WILL ROGERS ADDS HIS FINDING TO THE REPORT ON THE VESTRIS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 7. – Hoover is going in and out of those South American countries so fast they must be equipped with revolving doors.

That Vestris investigation certainly turned in a thorough report. They said the ship was wrong, the crew was wrong, the captain was wrong, the inspectors were wrong, England was wrong, America was wrong, the ocean was wrong.

The only thing they failed to criticize was the thing that caused it all, that was the weather.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

739 WILL ROGERS PICKS HIS TEAM, ONLY FIVE, TO RUN THE NATION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 9. – Everybody is picking an all American team. Here is mine: Edison, Ford, Hoover, Rockefeller Jr., Lindbergh. They will have to play basketball as there is only five.

But you let that bunch act as a board of directors and run this whole country. Take the whole thing out of politics. In ten years we wouldn't have a cent of debt, and would move Thanksgiving Day up to where we now hold elections, then we would have a real cause for giving thanks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

740 WILL ROGERS INTERESTED IN SECOND WHITE HOUSE PLAN

NEW YORK, N.Y. Dec. 10. – I told you Mr. Coolidge would run again some day. Didn't you see where he asked the St. Louis Post-Dispatch to get another White House where you could escape the asphyxiation of the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue? That request couldn't have been made for Hoover, for it will take eight years to get it through Congress. I think that trip to Virginia the other day did it, when for the first time he saw Washington's and Jefferson's old weekend hideaways.

But he can acquire the same results by just shutting the gate on the house he is in. It's not the humidity in Washington, it's the humility in having to meet who you do. Every Senator with a hill east of the Rocky Mountains will start trying to peddle it to us now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

741 WILL ROGERS THINKS PRINCE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAFE IN AIR

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 11, – With planes equipped with three motors, equipped to light on land or water, with pilots as fine as any country possesses, why did their Cabinet make the Prince spend two and a half weeks of antiquated travel? It wasn't fair to him or his sick father. They knew planes are safe. Why, in five years we will look back on this incident as almost unbelievable. We will wonder why his advisers didn't make him walk across Europe for fear the train might wreck.

Well, the whole world knows that had it been left to him he would have gone to that bedside the same as you or I would go to our father's – the quickest way. Because that's a game kid. You got to trust aviation in war. Why can't you trust it in peace?

Yours,

Will Rogers

742 WILL ROGERS'S SUGGESTION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 12. – For her fourth offense selling liquor the great State of Michigan sends the mother of ten children to the penitentiary for life. I guess that will just about blot out the liquor business in the State. I suppose she was the last one selling. Any woman that tries to raise ten orphan kids

in that cold State not only ought to be allowed to sell booze, but the State should furnish it to her to sell, and guarantee that it was pure. That would make her the greatest life saver in Michigan.

It certainly ought to be a lesson to people with ten children to never move to Michigan.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

743 ROGERS DISCOVERS A JOB FOR HOOVER IN SOUTH AMERICA

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 13. – Didn't I tell you those Latin races are the most hospitable people in the world? Look, they are putting on a war just for Mr. Hoover's benefit. He can start right in taking over their war relief.

The Argentine Socialists are blaming Mr. Hoover for the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti. That gives you about the best line on the intelligence of the "Reds" that you could have.

New York has just appointed a new police chief. The murderers just wouldn't surrender to the other one. But this new one, he is just as high toned as they are. So we ought to get some results, now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

744 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEA ABOUT BOUNDARY DISPUTES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 14. – Say, didn't I always tell you that Prince of Wales was quite a boy? He can do a whole lot besides look good and dance. He stood responsible for that operation that his own younger doctor performed. If he had been allowed to come in an airplane he would have saved his father two weeks earlier.

I do hope we are smart enough to stay out of this boundary dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay. Any nation that will argue over land as cheap as land is today ain't in their right mind anyhow. Oklahoma and Texas been arguing over a boundary and Oklahoma won. We made Texas take the land. I wish my neighbor would want my farm. He would certainly get it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

745 WILL ROGERS WANTS DEMOCRATS TO PICK NEW WHITE HOUSE SITE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 16. – Didn't I tell you we would have nothing but arguments as to where this miniature White House is to be located? We will perhaps have another civil war to see which side of the Montogomery Ward line it's located on. I don't think it should be a partisan question at all. As the Republican party is the one that have to continuously live in it, I think they ought to at least let the Democrats locate it anyhow.

Just think, one of those filibusters have held up Boulder Dam for seven years, and when it came to a vote only eleven men were against it. Maybe one man is holding up the Kellogg peace treaty.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

746 WILL ROGERS STILL IN DEBATE OVER PRINCE OF WALE'S TRIP

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 17. – The best informed man in America wrote me this today in a letter, so I get paid for it. Mr. Brisbane says: "Will, the Prince obeyed orders in not taking a plane. The King is a link to the past, and must stick to the past. The aeroplane is a link to the future. He still drives to Parliament in a carriage. Once the duty of every Britisher was to obey the King. Now it's the King's business to obey the Prime Minister, who represents every Britisher and improvements."

I don'd care how right you are, Arthur, and I don't care how careful Premier Baldwin was. I still claim he should have flew, or flown (whatever it is in English) and I bet the Prince will tell you so, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

747 WILL ROGERS COMPARES WAR TO A HOCKEY GAME HE SAW

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 18. – I saw the picture of the Paraguayan and Bolivian Army. Tex Rickard used to be down in those two countries. Why don't they let him put on that fight for them? I saw a hockey game he put on here Sunday night and war is kinder effeminate after it. He would build a grand-

stand, charge admission, and the peanut and hot dog and movie privileges would put even the losers on velvet. Let the winner meet Peru in the semi-finals and that winner meet Dempsey in the finals.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

748 WILL ROGERS INTERESTED IN AFGHANISTAN'S AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 19. – Well, they finally stopped us from sending marines to every war we could hear of. They are having one in Afghanistan. The thing will be over before Congress can pronounce it, much less find out where it is located.

It seems the King over there thought he was adopting modern ideas by limiting his subjects to one wife per each. No wonder they threw him out. He was just old-fashioned and didn't know it. He wasn't modern. He was just queer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

749 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEA OF WHAT A MAN SHOULD WEAR

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 20. – There is some nuts got a habit here in New York—I doubt if it has reached your town, for most of your States have asylums—it's to go bareheaded on the street.

Now, he has worn something on his head ever since his mother tied a hood under his chin, but he has never attracted any attention; so he lets it rain down his neck to show people that he bathes.

If your head hasn't got enough in it to carry a hat, why all the sunshine on it in the world won't do it any good.

We have a scene in our show where another comedian and myself come out with dress suits and barefooted, no difference from being bareheaded on the street. Only we get paid for attracting attention and being funny.

Let women leave off something, they do it much better than men. Every time a woman leaves off something she looks better, but every time a man leaves off something he looks worse.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

750 SUGGESTIONS BY WILL ROGERS AS TO CRUISERS AND PEACE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 21. – When the Senate can't think of anything else to argue over, they argue over "Which bill will we pass first?" Some think they should pass the cruiser appropriation bill first, and some think they should pass the treaty between France and America where they say "it's wrong to fight each other."

Being only a taxpayer and having no legal right, might I just suggest that the reason France says it's wrong to fight us is because we have more cruisers than they do? Now, this is only a suggestion and it may not be based on facts, but perhaps if we had more cruisers than England they, too, might sign a treaty saying "War is wrong with you people."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

751 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS SOME CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 23. – Christmas finds the following watching to see if there really is a Santa Claus.

Kellogg is looking for some Senators' autographs in his sock.

Bolivia is tying to set Paraguay's whiskers on fire and burn up the tree.

Arizona is so sore at California over Boulder Dam that they have turned atheist and won't celebrate Xmas.

Ten thousand Republican candidates for Cabinet jobs are beginning to have grave doubts.

And 14,000,000 Democrats say it may be Christmas to some people, but it's just the 25th of some month for them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

752 WILL ROGERS SENDS OUT SEVERAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 24. – Merry Xmas to you, President and Mrs. Coolidge. Only two more months and then breakfast without a Senatorial committee. There ought to be time off for good behavior for a President.

Merry Xmas to you and Mrs. Hoover, Herbert. You are away on the ocean on a battleship, out of reach of Xmas postcards. That ain't Xmas, that's Heaven.

And Merry Xmas to you, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dawes. Charley, lots of 'em have forgotten you after four years of solitary confinement, but not me.

And a last Merry Xmas to Charley Curtis before he leaves public life, and to the Senate and the House a Merry Xmas. May the literacy test never be applied to your constituents.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

753 WILL ROGERS RUMINATES ON THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 25. – Well, the Xmas spirit is over now. Everybody can get back to their natural dipositions. If there had been as many good wishes in the heart as there was on paper the devil would have to dig up some new clients.

Christmas will never be a real charity benefit till we learn to eat those Xmas cards. If we spent as much with the Salvation Army as we do with the telegraph companies every Xmas, why the poor would be fat all Winter.

But we can all go back to work with a clear conscience. We fed 'em Xmas and New Year's; now all the poor have to do is just to fill in the few meals till next Xmas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

754 WILL ROGERS TELLS OF PENALTY OF CABINET PICKING

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 26. – Mr. Hoover changed his mind and is going to Washington and break the news to the officeseekers, instead of having them come down to Florida and him have to feed 'em while there. That will knock those two railroads out of the biggest business they would have all year.

A President-elect's popularity is the shortest lived of any public man. It only lasts till he picks his Cabinet.

Say, this police commissioner has rounded so many crooks up and put 'em in jail that it's interfering with the theatre attendance.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

755 WILL ROGERS SEES A FLAW IN PRIZE PROHIBITION PLAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 27. – This is a prosperous country without a doubt. Did you read where some fellow got $25,000 as a prize just for saying, "Make liquor so high that the bootlegger can't sell it at a profit"? Then the producer will sell direct to the consumer and it will only cut out the middleman, the same thing they have tried to do in every industry since the world began, and haven't succeeded.

Besides, where is your economic problem of finding work for your unemployed bootleggers? Now if a man got $25,000 for suggestion that, what ought some fellow get for suggesting one that would work?

A California boy suggested education, but it's the educated that's doing all the drinking.

Yours for bigger prizes and better suggestions,

Will Rogers.

756 WILL ROGERS FIGURES OUT ANOTHER REPUBLICAN VICTORY

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 28. – Mr. Coolidge couldn't hit a quail in the old Republican State of Virginia, but he ruined those Democratic turkeys in Georgia. Another Republican, an old colored fellow, called the turkeys up to where he could shoot 'em. So it was really another 100 per cent Republican victory over Democratic trustfulness.

Coolidge calling Hoover to Washington now makes me believe he will turn the thing over to him now and not wait till March, saying: "Here is this Senate. You take 'em and wrestle with 'em. Me for the rod and gun."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

757 WILL ROGERS SENDS SOME DIFFERENT NEW YEAR MESSAGES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 30. – Before our usual list of millionaires issue their yearly optimistic New Year's statement, please publish the following statements by men who are not connected with Wall Street:

Percival Proud, an actor: "It's absolutely the worst season our profession has ever witnessed, and I see no chance for the better."

James Swap, second-hand car dealer: "You can't sell a second-handed

car unless you take in a third-handed one. It's a tough year."

Jim Goodview, suburban real estate: "They are building the houses up, instead of out, so who wants any more grounds?"

Sam Wildoats, farmer: "1929 just brings on 365 more days to pay interest to the people who are prosperous."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

758 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ABOUT THEATRE SEAT PRICES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 31. – The old year went out tonight through the necks of millions of bottles. It's a good thing the drys won at the last election. New York couldn't a carried any more. There's not an idle flask in the city tonight. If they would just give the poor the empty bottles and let 'em sell 'em there would be no poverty for a year.

Our musical shows are getting $11 a seat tonight. That's box office prices, and one patron was able to get one at that price at the box office, and dropped dead with amazement before he could get to it. It would take Coolidge, Smith and Hoover playing the Three Musketeers in Yiddish to be worth $11.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – If the Democrats had listened to me and not entered a ticket at all this year, they would have been celebrating too tonight.

DAILY TELEGRAMS – 1929

759 WILL ROGER'S OWN SUMMARY OF THE NEW YEAR PREDICTIONS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 1. – Nothing much in papers today but just what I predicted to you the other day would be on New Year's Day—optimistic predictions by all prominent men who are doing well.

Mr. Coolidge: "I look for nothing but prosperity through January and February."

Mr. Hoover says: "I look for things to kinder drag along in a haphazard

way till about March, then real prosperity will start and continue for four to perhaps eight years. After that there may be depression."

Mellon says: "The country is prosperous if they just let well enough alone."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

760 ROGERS SEES DRY LAW WITH US WHILE THERE'S A BOTTLE LEFT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 2. – See where Mr. Hearst has offered $25,000 now for some plan to get the Eighteenth Amendment out of the Constitution and into effect. This twenty-five is being thrown away on a lost cause, the same as Durant's twenty-five on the plan to enforce prohibition. It's not going to be enforced, and it's not going to be taken out of the Constitiution, and there is where I will win my five back on W.R. if he will bet me. But he is too smart to think either one of these will happen. It's in our Constitution and will stay as long as there is a bottle left.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

761 WILL ROGERS DEFENDS BOY WHO RAN THE WRONG WAY

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 3. – Everybody is a-picking on that poor boy out there in California that run the wrong way with that football. If I was an editorial writer like Mr. Hearst, Mr. Brisbane, Bruce Barton, Glenn Frank and all of those, I would ask how many out of the hundred and ten million of the rest of us are headed the wrong way? How many out of us have even had presence of mind enough to pick up a fumble? How many grabbed out of the scramle what they think is success and don't know till they reach the goal line whether it's the right one or not.

So come on, preachers, hop on this as your text. All I want is 10 per cent of that Sunday's collection to get this boy a medal for at least doing something different from one million other college boys. Even if it was wrong, his mind wasn't standardized.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

762 WILL ROGERS SEES NO COMFORT AHEAD FOR MR. HOOVER

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 4. – Mr. Hoover lands at Old Point Comfort tomorrow. That's about the last comfort he will get for the next four years.

If his proposed Cabinet meet him at the train in Washington it should be a greater reception than Lindbergh's.

Mr. Coolidge also just got back off a trip away down in Georgia. That's as far for him as Chile and Peru was for Hoover. Mr. Coolidge took passports down there with him.

We are loaning Europe two financiers to show 'em how to pay each other off without any money, by just reorganizing and issuing more stock like we do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

763 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO PERSONALITY OF RICKARD

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 6. – The world is full of men who do big things, but when you meet 'em they are not outstanding personalities. Pretty near everybody is almost alike.

Tex Rickard was one of the very few outstanding personalities of our time. It's a loss that we didn't have his autobiography written by himself. He was a character. I wouldn't a missed knowing him for anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

764 WILL ROGERS SEES NEW TEST AHEAD FOR THE AIRPLANE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 7. – Say, it looked like we would have to shoot those aeroplane endurance guys to get 'em to come down. They beat all airship records and are going after the record the Arizona Senator talking against Boulder Dam made. When motors function that long, how could there be any safer transportation in the world than a three-motored ship with a good pilot?

I see where Mr. Coolidge reported to Mr. Hoover about how things were on his trip to Georgia.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

765 ROGERS SEES PEACE TREATIES AS MERE WRITING TESTS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 8. – These so-called peace treaties are a funny thing. The Democrats had one years ago, but nobody wanted peace just because the Democrats suggested it. We have had ten years of peace without any treaty but now the Republicans want to make it even more peaceful.

You ask 'em, "Does it prevent war?" "No." "Does it prevent peace?" "No." "Is it for anything?" "No." "Is it against anything?" "No."

I think the whole thing is just to find out if we can write.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

766 WILL ROGERS DISCOVER WHAT THE WOULD WAITS FOR

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 9. – The big automobile show is on here in New York this week and the only change in a whole two billion dollar industry is they have all stolen the same low flat radiator cap.

If I was them I would advertise, "My car stands well in traffic," There is millions standing, to where there is not dozens moving.

One-half the world has no excuse for not knowing what the other half is doing, nowadays. They are sitting in a taxicab waiting for a green light, the most looked forward to thing in the world today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

767 THOUGHTS ON CABINET-MAKING FROM EX-CANDIDATE ROGERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 10. – I see where Mr. Coolidge keeps conferring with Mr. Hoover. Looks like he might get in the Cabinet himself. Mr. Kellogg wants to get out after his treaty is signed. So why not let Mr. Coolidge go Secretary of State and keep the same old gang.

That Postmaster General has been a great booster for aviation, so keep him, and if he wants Bill Donovan in there as Attorney General, I hope there won't be any gathering or united bunch that will try and tell Mr. Hoover not to appoint him.

We have had enough of that for one year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

768 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEA ABOUT WITCHCRAFT MURDER

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 11. – I see by tonight's papers the Pennsylvania jury sentenced that 14-year-old boy to life imprisonment because he believed in witchcraft, for that's all he had ever been raised up to be. Like sentencing one of our children for acting according to their religious beliefs.

No doubt about there being witchcraft in that county. The jury's verdict shows that plainer than the boy's deed.

What's become of an old-fashioned law they called "change of venue"? I think it's still in vogue, among the rich at any rate. The Lord certainly had that dozen in mind when he said, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

Andy, your State's gone haywire.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

769 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS NEED FOR US TO JOIN THE LEAGUE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 13. – I see where we sent a delegation up to Canada to ask them if they wouldn't prohibit liquor from being sent out of their country, but our committee is coming back empty-handed with the exception of just what little they can carry. Canada told them: "If it is against your law to bring it in and then you can't stop it from coming in, how are we going to keep it from going out when it's not even against our law?"

We will have to get into the League of Nations after a while, just to get other nations to help us take care of our own business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

770 WILL ROGERS PRESENTS VIEW OF WETS ON THAT $25,000,000

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 14. – The Senate is fighting over a bill providing for $25,000,000 more to add to the prohibition enforcement. The drys claim they need the extra money to get more evidence. The wets claim: "Why should we furnish the drys money for evidence? We have to buy our evidence ourselves."

Since Morrow did some real good for his country and received such

praise, our rich men are beginning to realize that you got to be something besides rich, to be favorably known nowadays. J. P. Morgan is the latest recruit.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

771 PEACE TREATY SIGNED BLIND, ROGERS SAYS, TO HURRY CRUISERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 15. – Borah and Kellogg wanted peace without explanation. Jim Reed and Moses (imagine these two wanting same things), they wanted peace including explanation. They all compromised with the following footnote to Europe:

"We had the treaty explained (but don't let that mislead you), we learned no more from the explanation than we did from the treaty. So we hereby sign blind, in order to hurry on with the cruiser bill, and trust and pray that there is nothing in the treaty that interferes with the Monroe Doctrine, farm relief, prohibition or birth control."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

772 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF MR. HOOVER'S CABINET

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 16. – The favorite sport now of all newspapers and politicians is picking Mr. Hoover's Cabinet out for him.

Anybody that has ever endorsed a cigarette has been named to be on it. I don't care how many of these "write-up" cabinets you have been picked on. The only one that is going to draw any salary is the one Mr. Hoover picks himself. He is going to fool you when he picks his "all American."

He is going to have so many business men on there that he will make politicians wish they had taken up some other life.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

773 WILL ROGERS CITES A REASON FOR KEEPING DEMOCRACY ALIVE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 17. – Al Smith made a mighty nice, straightforward speech last night over the radio. And it's a good idea to not let the party die down, for you got to watch. You let the Democrats not be looking for just a

minute and one of them Republicans will grab that Washington Monument and light out with it.

I hated to see Al passing the hat for the rich Democrats. He is too big a man to be handed a tin cup and sent out on the highways.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

774 AS TO JOBS AND VACATIONS: A FEW NOTES BY WILL ROGERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 18. – Say, Al Smith landed a job in a bank here yesterday. Leaves on his vacation to Florida Sunday.

Mr. Hoover has conferred with about everybody there is in regard to work but Sandino and Peggy Joyce. He leaves for Florida Monday to draw straws for his Cabinet.

If California can't land Mr. Coolidge after March 4, why we will just have to console ourselves with Aimee and Ben Turpin.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

775 WILL ROGERS ANNOUNCES MR. HOOVER'S DEPARTURE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 20. – Mr. Hoover leaves the Employment Bureau today for a much-needed vacation, this time on a goodwill mission to Florida to personally thank them for their excellent judgment shown in the Republican primaries on Nov. 6 last.

Train stops are only scheduled through the old rock-ribbed Republican States of Virginia and North Carolina, where they will take on enough provisions to carry them through rebel territory.

Any applicant from Pennsylvania that don't receive a Cabinet appointment will know that they have been "hexed."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

776 MR. ROGERS'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE NEW TRAFFIC PLAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 21. – This fellow Whalen is really trying his best to do something with this traffic situation in New York, and everybody is

hoping he gets away with it.

For the first time in New York, he is making pedestrians act like an automobile. Now, whether they know that much depends on the people. Pedestrians must hold out their hand when getting ready to turn. Continually doing this is going to be hard for just a few of us here in New York.

Taxicabs must go over to New Jersey to turn right, and to Long Island to turn left.

Your theatre ticket is good for any theatre you happen to pass by.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

777 MR. ROGERS RECALLS THAT HE WAS ORIGINAL MORROW MAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 22. – I only got one distinction. I was the original Morrow for Secretary of State man. It will be offered to him. Hope he takes it. He is a great fellow. Our present friendly relations with Mexico are due to nothing in the world but the sheer personality of that man. A trained diplomat would never have adoped his plan, and it was the only one that would have worked. It would have been mighty easy to spoil things down there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P.S. – California had rain. You give us plenty of moisture in the ground and Florida can have all your Hoovers, Morrows, Works, Striblings and Dempseys.

778 MR. ROGERS ON THAT FUND FOR ENFORCING PROHIBITION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 23. – It's hard to get money out of the Senate for anything but for politics.

Yesterday the Democrats bet Mr. Hoover $24,000,000 (of the people's money) that he couldn't enforce prohibition. They are going to put the whole thing up to him by saying, "We give you plenty of money to do it."

That would be just like asking these Senators why they are not all great statesmen. We pay 'em enough money to be statesmen on.

Watch Coolidge veto it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Some woman here in court yesterday said she had forgot whether she shot her husband or not. Suppose she intended to but just got busy on something important and forgot it.

779 WILL ROGERS'S IDEA OF USES FOR THAT TWENTY-FOUR MILLION

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 24. – The Democrats are having a tough time finding somebody to give the $24,000,000 to. Mellon says:

"I don't need it." Coolidge says: "Don't leave it on my doorstep."

Hoover says: "My charity distributing days are over. Don't sic it on to me."

What they should do with it is take $1,500,000 and pay off Raskob, Kenny and Lehmann, get Bishop Cannon a new typewriter and take the other $22,000,000 and establish an endowment fund to take care of Senators whose political schemes backfire.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

780 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS OWN VIEWS ON STOCK EXCHANGE SEATS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 25. – Certainly a great business opportunity showed up in the paper today—"No training, no conscience necessary; all you need is six hundred thousand dollars, but you get it back the first good day."

Wall Street is dividing the kitty with 275 more members. The eleven hundred they did have could take care of Mr. Sap but when Mrs. Sap started playing they just had to go out and get more help to take in the dough.

The farmers ought to go in together and buy one seat. That would relieve the whole bunch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Didn't we used to have a word during the war called non-essential?

781 MR. ROGERS HAS PHONE NUMBER OF THE LIFE-SAVING CAPT. FRIED

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 27. – New York gives its annual reception again to Captain Fried of the America.

First Officer Manning and his men are just starting in on their life-saving careers. They are practically amateurs yet. But, this Fried—it's getting so a boat won't make up its mind to sink till they know he is out on the ocean some place. He takes on more passengers in the middle of the ocean than most ships do at port. If Hoover don't put him on his Cabinet, why Mussolini will on his. An S O S is that bird's telephone number.

So, viva the whole America crew and the generous passengers on board!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

782 MR. ROGERS ON GETTING ALONG WELL WITH ONE'S NEIGHBORS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 28. – Just had a long visit and lunch with Ambassador Morrow. He is tickled to get back to Mexico, as he feels that there is where he can do the most good to his country. He told me of many helpful changes going on there now.

Coolidge will have no brighter accomplishment to look back on than his judgment in sending Morrow to that post, for after all, peace and good-will with your neighbor is a nation's greatest recommendation. You show me a man that gets on fine with his neighbors—no matter how often he beats his wife—and he must be a man with some good in him, even if it's just good judgment.

Morrow changed the whole system of diplomacy, from a drawing room to a pencil and some figures.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

783 IF YOU WOULD BE PRESIDENT RISE EARLY, MR. ROGERS WARNS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 29. – Al said he didn't know Hoover was in Florida. Yes, he has been in there since November.

Hoover invited him over at 9 o'clock, and Al said, "I am a big town boy, I don't get out that early."

Then, even at 11, Al had to go without his breakfast.

That's a tip to you, Al. All the boys we are electing President nowadays are early risers.

Kenny went along to referee, Raskob to try and pick up a contribution to the Democratic deficit.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

784 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES CRUISERS AND RIGHTS AT SEA

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 30. – President Coolidge wants the cruisers voted for during his administration and paid for out of Hoover's budget.

Mr. Coolidge is going to have his budget balanced when he goes out, if he has to give out some I O U's.

Senator Borah wants a conference to decide "your rights on the seas, during a war which you haven't yet been able to get into."

That is just like holding a convention to discuss "the rights of innocent bystanders during a fight between police and bandits."

He only has one right and that's the right of a decent burial.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

785 WILL ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT THE EINSTEIN THEORY

NEW YORK, N.Y., Jan. 31. – This Einstein has proven a great comfort to us that always knew we didn't know much. He has shown us that the fellows that we thought was smart is just as dumb as we are.

The Senate investigates everything. It would be worth the money to see 'em light on this, still I guess they would do about as well as they do on some other things.

It's printed in the papers here after coming over by radiograph. It's either a laundry slip or a night club bill. I think this Dutchman is just having a quiet laugh at the world's expense.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

786 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A WAY TO USE THAT $24,000,000

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 1. – The drys are still trying to figure out some way of making Mellon take that twenty-four million for prohibition enforcement. Be a good joke on 'em if Mellon used it trying to enforced prohibition in one wing of the Capital.

I see some of the Senators are not for building the cruisers till we get a war booked. So we will have to figure out some kind of guarantee to those fellows that we will scare 'em up a war.

The Democrats are so used to running second in everything, they are satisfied with the second best navy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

787 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE NEWS OF FISH AND GAME VARIETY

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 3. – This week-end news comes under the Fish and Game Department. Our two leading actors left the humans flat last week.

Taking them up alphabetically, Mr. Coolidge went clear to Florida to speak to the birds and casually remind them that their luxury was directly traceable to a Republican Administration, that under a Democratic regime they would no doubt revert to slavery.

While Mr. Coolidge was orating to the jaybird, the woodpecker, and the robin red breast on the advantages of prosperity, why Mr. Hoover fought off and defeated single-handed a 45-pound sailfish that was trying to get into his Cabinet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The Virginia quail are wondering when Carter Glass will build a sanctuary for them, as they can't continually rely on poor marksmanship.

788 WILL ROGERS ASKED, HE SAYS, TO BE TOASTMASTER AT A FIGHT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 4. – Jack Dempsey invited me to Miami to be master of ceremonies at the Stribling-Sharkey fight to see who will be Secretary of War. I felt it an honor when you know that Hoover, Coolidge and Smith are all available.

I don't know what the duties of a toastmaster at a fight are, but I would like to tell 'em the advantages of California under a Hoover administration. We have imported silk worms in California that are working twelve months a year, where in Japan they only worked three. They ain't organized yet.

Let's see. Tomorrow is Tuesday. Donovan is out of the Cabinet on Tuesdays.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Watch your tariff, Republicans. Grundy is loose again.

789 MR. ROGERS SEES SUGAR WITCHES PLAGUING REED SMOOT AGAIN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 5. – Reed Smoot is being "hexed" again with his cheap foreign sugar. To Smoot the Spanish-American War was our greatest blunder, for both countries we freed grew sugar.

Kellogg can make peace or war, the Mississippi States can wash to the sea, liquors from the four corners of the earth can arrive untariffed, hides and T-bone steaks from the Argentine, wheat from Russia, but Reed Smoot prowls the docks at night to see that no "sweetening" is smuggled in.

When Smoot gets through raising the tariff on sugar, Lindbergh couldn't fly over it with a box of chocolates.

Where Brigham Young's monument was erected from old marriage certificates, Smoot's will be made entirely of sugar beets.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Watch 'em pay off Grundy at the first session of the new Congress.

790 WILL ROGERS ASSURED NOW OF PEACE TREATY'S VALUE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 6. – People that had a doubt about that peace treaty amounting to much can rest more assured now. They voted the cruisers.

Heflin found a cross on one of the flags used in the navy. He wants to make it null and void to have anything to do with any flag that Betsy Ross was not the architect of. He has traced the hemstitching on this one right to the Vatican.

Tom will be wanting to abolish boulevards that make direct right angle crossing (claiming that it was some sort of papal sign), and make 'em cross each other slant-wise.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Grundy is bringing the new tariff bill down for the boys to sign.

791 WILL ROGERS SEES AIRSHIPS IN GENERAL USE NEXT YEAR

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 7. – Just been all day over at the airplane show here in New York. It's been put on by the aero branch of the American Legion, and they have done a real job. Don't miss it.

It's not like a motor car show, with every car copying the other. If they get a new type cigar lighter, it's the outstanding feature of a whole automobile show, but these airplane guys are all thinking for themselves. They have hundreds of different shapes, makes and models.

Why, I don't think the Eighteenth Amendment spurred on drinking any faster than Lindbergh's trip has aviation. The man that travels on the ground next Summer, he just don't deserve to get nowhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Keep your eye on Grundy. Being right, and a Rockefeller both, is a tough proposition to beat.

792 WILL ROGERS TRIES TO EXPLAIN 'FLU'S' EFFECT ON STOCKS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 8. – Every day new stock market "faw down go boom," so tomorrow no session. Called off on account of the "flu." And a funny thing it was on account of the "flu." If it had "flu" up they wouldn't have had to call it off on account of the "flu," but as it "flu" downward, why everybody has to "flu" around Saturday and get ready for not only the "flu" Monday but maybe pneumonia.

I see where Heflin asked for a Senate investigation. This crash coming on the same day as the Pope becoming free don't look good to Tom.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Won't be long now till Grundy will start drawing dividends.

793 WILL ROGERS THINKS EDISON MIGHT INVENT A CABINET

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 10. – See where Mr. Hoover has gone over to see Inventor Edison, to see if he can't invent a Cabinet that will please just even 5 per cent of the people that wasn't named on it. If he can, then he will be a real inventor.

New York can't sleep tonight wondering what the stock market will open at tomorrow. Radio just had its usual amount of static over the week-end, Steel

turned out no product or received any new orders during Sunday, Montgomery Ward peddled nothing since Saturday, yet they will all change prices tomorrow.

"Why does this have to happen?" They say, "It's for the good of the country." Now you tell one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

794 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES INVENTOR IN A LIGHT VEIN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 11. – That Hoover is a mighty human guy at that. Just today he went away out of his own to encourage some old fellow, 82 years old, that had been working for years on some sort of a scheme he wanted to get patented and didn't know how. It was to make synthetic rubber boots out of nothing but just soil and oxygen from a real estate sales talk. With Hoover's influence chances are he will get it patented. (Shows you what a pull will do in this country.)

And Hoover wears rubber boots in fishing. Seems Henry Ford and Firestone dug this old crank up somewhere. They wear rubber boots, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

795 MR. ROGERS FINDS HUMAN ITEM IN THE NEWS FROM NEW JERSEY

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 12. – The most human thing I read in the papers today, or this month.

The reform school in New Jersey gave a home coming and alumni meeting where over two hundred men who had been there as boys, lots of them now prominent, came back and told what they were doing. Some brought their wives and families with 'em. One told that he served five years there for larceny, and was now a big contractor installing burglar alarms in banks, and was bonded for $150,000.

It didn't give their names, but it ought to, for I believe it would endear every one of their standing in their home communities. It would at least be a change from that old success formula, "I started as a newsboy."

Bravo, New Jersey!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

796 WILL ROGERS IS STIRRED BY LINDBERGH'S ROMANCE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 13. – Who cares about inauguration? One of those every four years. Who cares whether we voted sixteen new cruisers, or just a row-boat? What do we care what J.P. Morgan and Young decide the indemnity shall be? What do we care about an extra session? The Pope and Mussolini can't make the front page. Prohibition? Enforced or not enforced, who cares?

All those are a lot of applesauce.

The world's mind is on romance. It's Annie and Lindy that our minds are on today.

What do we care if Hoover catches a whale? Or Coolidge shoots a bear? It's our boy and that fine girl we are thinking of tonight—a great girl from a fine, wholesome family. That boy Lindbergh was just born to use good judgment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

797 WILL ROGERS SAYS HOOVER CAN'T KEEP FISHING TILL MARCH

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 14. – They are already claiming it's against "precedent" and that Hoover shouldn't enter Washington while Coolidege is "head man." Well, I am with Hoover. He fished all the way to South America and all the way back. Now they want him to fish till March. Any guy that can fish over a week and be satisfied is not the one we want for President.

This busy man's vacation is a lot of "baloney" anyhow. The bigger he is the less he enjoys a vacation. It's always a bird that never does anything that enjoys a vacation. There is nothing in the world as hard as playing when you don't want to.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

798 WILL ROGERS DISCOURSES ON YALE'S NEW STUDY COURSE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 15. – Somebody just left Yale eight million as an endowment to study humans, including senior classmen. They want to figure out what kind of a heart beats under a raccoon coat; Yale wants to know why Notre Dame can throw a forward pass further than they can a green apple.

It's to study "group conduct" and human behavior. Chicago is the place for that.

All this stuff would have been a kick to Abe Lincoln, wouldn't it? A college president's work nowadays consists of thinking up new things for the students to play with that looks like studying. A kindergarten teacher ain't in it with schemes in trying to amuse.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

799 WILL ROGERS GETS LIGHT ON WHY FLORIDA WENT REPUBLICAN

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 17. – There has been quite an argument over whose budget will pay for the new cruisers just voted. Coolidge has offered to split the cost 50-50. He will pay for the blue prints if Hoover will pay for the cruisers.

Greece owed us $17,850,000 on a war debt, so Saturday Congress passed a bill to loan 'em $12,150,000 so it would make it an even $30,000,000. We don't like to be bothered with being owed small uneven sums.

Truth comes out mighty slow. Florida wants the Federal Government to pay all the expenses of putting a windbreak around Lake Okeechobee, so the water won't all blow out. Religion didn't drive that State Republican.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

800 WILL ROGERS SAYS REED WILL BE MISSED IN THE SENATE

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 18. – The war didn't scare the Senate as bad as Jim Reed's joke that he was going to tell who voted dry and drank not only wet, but anything (whether it was wet or not). Some haven't slept since he threatened to do it. No man that has left that Senate in many a day will be missed like Jim.

Ain't it funny how many hundreds of thousands of soldiers we can recruit with nerve. But we just can't find one politician in a million with backbone.

We got a new cure for the flu here in New York, Mayor Walker's doctor prescribed the Stribling-Sharkey fight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

801 UNCERTAINTY OVER CABINET IS TROUBLING WILL ROGERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 19. – How do we stand all this uncertainty? Here it is only ten days till inauguration time and we don't know what Mr. Hoover is going to do and we don't know what Mr. Coolidge is going to do. Lindbergh is the one of our three prominent men who is not ashamed to have it known in advance what he is going to do.

Mr. Hoover ought to, out of courtesy to its members, announce his Cabinet at once, for just lots of times a Cabinet attracts more attention between the time they are announced, and the time they take seats, than they ever do afterwards.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

802 WILL ROGERS READY TO WELCOME COOLIDGE TO WRITERS' FOLD

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 20. – It seems to be the nation's pasttime now to offer Mr. Coolidge a job. I see today where the Denver Post offered him $75,000. I wonder if Mr. Coolidge wired back, "Is that to read it?" It looks like he will become a syndicate writer. Then all he will know is just what he reads in the papers. He will then become a "trained seal." That's what they call a special writer covering an event.

Well, us old-time newspaper men will give him a great welcome among us, Dempsey, Babe Ruth and myself. I would like to sit in the press stand by Mr. Coolidge's side, covering this next farm-relief session of Congress. I bet he would get more laughs out of it than anybody there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

803 WILL ROGERS MUSES ON LIFE IN THE TIME OF WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 21. – Washington's Birthday—Hear the political speeches delivered under the guise of being addresses on Washington! They will start out by saying that, "It's the birthday of our first President. Had he lived to see the fruits of the great Republican Party—"

As a matter of fact, there wasn't any Republicans in Washington's day. No Republicans, no boweevil, no income tax, no cover charge, no disarmament conferences, no luncheon clubs, no stop lights, no static, no head winds. Liquor

was a companion, and not a problem. No margins, no ticket speculators, no golf pants or Scotch jokes, and Tom hadn't yet read about the iniquities of Rome.

My Lord, living in those times, who wouldn't be great?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

804 WILL ROGERS SEES NOVELTY IN LINDBERGH'S NEW JOB

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 22. – Glad to see Lindbergh kinder settling down since his engagement. He only flew from Kansas City to Wichita yesterday. Certainly going back in his flying, and say, this marriage has made him hustle out and get him a job. He is to work for the government "on days when he has nothing else to do and is flying over Washington." But after all, that's not an odd arrangement, for everybody that works for the government "just works for it when they have nothing else to do." But this is the first time that's ever been stipulated in a contract.

New York gave Washington a great birthday today. If he had been here it would have reminded him of Valley Forge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

805 WILL ROGERS DECIDES WASHINGTON WAS A DIPLOMAT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 24. – All we seem to celebrate Washington's Birthday for is so we can revive the argument as to "what he had to say about entanglements with Europe." Every speaker makes him say just what that speaker wants him to say. Coolidge says it was Jefferson that made the "wise crack" about not messing with outsiders.

So it looks like added to all his other accomplishments Washington was a diplomat. A diplomat is one that says something that is equally misunderstood by both sides, and never clear to either.

By the way, did you notice that everybody that spoke on the Father of Our Country's Birthday was a Republican? You would think the Democrats were a stepson.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

806 WILL ROGERS SEES LINDBERGH SHOWING UP OTHER FIANCES

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 25. – Say, what do you know about Lindy? What a sucker he is making out of these other fiances who go to see their girls on a train or a bicycle. What a boost for aviation! The modern girl is going to say, "Fly to see me, kid; don't come creeping up here in a Buick."

You will find that the Dempsey shooting was financed by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for him giving so much publicity to Florida.

Hoover's only got six more days to draw names out of the hat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

807 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES TROUBLES OF CABINET MAKING

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 26. – No wonder Hoover can't get a Cabinet. Big men won't take it, for they won't take a chance on a Senate insult. If he has ever earned more than a Senator, he is in league with big business. If he ever drove a Standard Oil truck, or was a bookkeeper in a Morgan bank, he is in league with monopolies. If he is independently rich, he is in league with the devil.

But if he has never done anything, and been a financial failure at that, he will pass the Senate as a brother, and every time Hoover finds a man of that type he is a Democrat. And that's another stanch rule. You can't use even an able man from the other party. That would revert to democracy, and not politics.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

808 WILL ROGERS THINKS COOLIDGE WILL SPEND 4 YEARS UNPACKING

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 27. – Mr. Arthur Brisbane and wife were to see our show this afternoon and around to the dressing room, where we settled the Cabinet to our satisfaction. We hope they will put a Postmaster General in there that is as strong for aviation as Mr. New was.

If this Mitchell is a Democrat and if they are going to transfer prohibition enforcement over to his department, that's a pretty slick trick of appointing a Democrat to enforce it. If you got something that can't be done, appoint your enemy to do it.

Everybody is wondering what Mr. Coolidge is going to do. What can he do? It will take him four years to unpack.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

809 WILL ROGERS TELLS THE WORLD HIS VIEW OF LINDBERGH'S FLYING ACCIDENT

NEW YORK, N.Y., Feb. 28. – I was just sitting down to write to you saying that I bet the minute Lindbergh's arm was able he would take Miss Morrow and fly again and here is the paper saying he did that very thing today. I knew he would and that's great, just another example of that boy doing the right thing.

Flying is Lindbergh's business. He spent years perfecting himself at it. Because he tips over on his nose once out of a million miles, a lot of editorial writers start howling about it.

This thing of talking about "somebody's life being too valuable to risk in an airplane" is not only the bunk, but it's an insult to the men we ask to do our flying. Where does anybody's life come in to be any more vauable than anybody else's? Ain't life just as precious to one as to another?

We have heard that "can't spare you" attitude till we got a lot of men in this country believing it now. Say, get over that old ego. This country will replace you before your folks get home from the funeral.

So bravo, Lindy. You are bigger tonight than you ever was before, and that's saying a lot. And bravo, little Miss Anne, you have helped aviation more today than you will ever know. And Mr. and Mrs. Morrow, bless your hearts for your splendid help. That's why you gave your daughter to him, because you knew he could take care of her.

If flying is dangerous pass a law and stop it. But don't divide our nation between a class that should fly and one that shouldn't. Aviation is not a fad, it's a necessity and will be our mode of travel long after all the people who are too valuable to fly have met their desired deaths by the roadsides on Sunday afternoons.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

810 WILL ROGERS SAYS GOOD-BYE TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. COOLIDGE

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 1. – Mr. Coolidge, you are leaving us, and this is only a comedian's eulogy. But I will never forget what your bosom friend,

Dwight Morrow, told me that you said to him on being suddenly sworn in an office that wasn't yours. "Dwight, I am not going to try and be a great President." That's all you said. That will stand in my memory as the greatest remark any officeholder ever made. For no man is great if he thinks he is.

You should be leaving without a single regret. I have told many jokes about you, and this don't mean I am going to quit, for we love jokes about those we like. And Mrs. Coolidge, any one who ever heard me mention your name on a public stage, knows what I think of you. I am only sorry I was too masculine to contribute to the beautiful gift of the ladies of Washington.

So good luck, Cal, you and Grace.

Will Rogers.

811 WILL ROGERS REMARKS:

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 3. – I thought when we read that Mexico had ordered the pictures of the Lindbergh accident destroyed they did one of the nicest things that was ever done. But leave it to us to steal out some and go to any expense and means to get them before the public. Mexico knew what harm it would do aviation, and they also didn't want to see such a hero's picture with a smashed plane. We all know he would much rather have not had them used. If newspapers ever owed anybody in the world anything they owe it to that boy. He has furnished them with the only hundred percent clean topic they have had in two years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

812 HOOVER'S PROHIBITION TALK IMPRESSES WILL ROGERS

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 4. – It sure did seem strange to hear a Presidential speech on something besides prosperity. Mr. Hoover hadn't been sworn in three minutes before he waded into a topic that Mr. Coolidge had never mentioned in six years. That was prohibition. And judges, Senators, Governors, Congressmen and party leaders hadn't been to their homes, or hotels, three minutes till they waded into some old corn, (pre war), to kinder keep the chill off them after that rain. And over many a clinking glass the general comment was: "That was a fine speech of Hoover's, and right to the point, too."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Mr. Coolidge passed through here this evening and I believe I know what that quiet grin was about.

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813 WHAT WE EXPECT OF HOOVER LEAVES ROGERS MARVELING

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 5. – Mr. Coolidge came into office accidentally and we didn't expect anything. We just thought if this little, inoffensive fellow can keep some of the States from seceding we will all be thankful. But Hoover! Here is just a few things we look to be settled not later than Saturday:

Farm Relief—Now we have never had farm relief in all our history, but we look to him for it.

Prohibition Enforcement—Never had it since it was established, but we expect it from him.

Prosperity—Millions never had it under Coolidge, never had it under anybody, but expect it under Hoover.

And women think he will wash their dishes and look after their babies.

Nothing short of Heaven will we accept under Hoover. Good luck to you, Herb!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

814 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON COOLIDGE'S HOMECOMING

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 6. – Coolidge served his State, town, country and nation twenty-five years, and returned home to a rented house; not even a car.

What would have happened if he had come from a Western State and returned back to his home? His State Legislature would have bought him a home. His townspeople would have got him a series of cars. Why in Oklahoma, even when a Governor can return from the State Capitol without being impeached we present him with at least a county. But up in Northampton, he got nothing but wet. Suppose Wall Street paid him what they owed him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Well, that's what he gets for returning to a Democratic stronghold.

815 WILL ROGERS LOOKS AT MEXICO SAYS ALL NATIONS ARE 'CUCKOO'

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 7. – This revolution in Mexico is for no reason whatever only those that are out want in. They got no improvements to offer.

Now it's known that whoever the United States backs with money and guns will win, so we ask "What do they do it for?" Yet the Mexicans look at our democratic uprising every few years, where we know that the side with "big money" will win, where there is no new improvements to offer and it's all for their same reason—"The side that's out want in."

So every nation is equally "cuckoo." It all depends on who is looking at us. Their losers get shot, and ours the back page, so it's which would you rather have?

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This rebel leader Escobar was my principal host when there. I am just kinder figuring where we are going to run into each other again.

816 WHAT WILL ROGERS KNOWS AFTER READING THE PAPERS

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 8. – All I know is just what I read tonight in the papers.

Mr. Coolidge took the dog out.

The Cabinet had its first meeting, and Vice President Curtis introduced Mr. Hoover to the members. There is no end to that fellow Curtis's acquaintances.

Say, that Rockefeller-Stewart thing certainly ought to be a lesson to us all. Never go up against a Rockefeller when he's got an oil can in his hand.

It took war in Mexico to run Lindy and Annie off the front page.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

817 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS LINES OF SENATE ACTION ON MEXICO

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 10. – Juarez has been taken over by one side or the other, but that don't mean anything. That was just like the border States

going Republican last Fall. They will switch back next time if the other side makes 'em a better offer and that's the way with Juarez.

Shots are coming over into El Paso, the Senate will investigate now and pass a law to "make a bullet light in the same country it started from." The Senate might advocate "wider rivers between the two countries."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, Mr. Coolidge had an awful human article in the magazine. We haven't got any writers that call themselves authors that can do that good.

818 WILL ROGERS SEES RESULTS IN THE 5 AND 10 DRY LAW

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 11. – Say, this Jones 5 and 10 law (five years in jail and ten thousand dollars), from what you hear around it's got the whole boot-top industry winging. The boys just don't relish the five part of it. They don't mind the ten, they are used to paying fines, but you give him five years to meditate, and he is just doing a little meditating beforehand.

They say Washington never was as dry. Course you got to lay most of that to the Senate and Congress not being in session. I tell you if Mr. Hoover can get his judges to enforce that law, he is going to change a lot of habits. He's got 'em wondering already.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

819 WILL ROGERS GIVES A TIP TO GOV. MOODY OF TEXAS

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 12. – Hurrah for Texas for taking the comedy away from Oklahoma!

I have heard of a man being made a Democrat by persuasion, peculiarity of mind and mostly by purchase. But the great State of Texas is the first one to make a man (or his two-legged equivalent) a Democrat by act of Legislature. They passed a bill saying "if you are a Democrat, you have to stay a Democrat. You can't vote one way one election and one way the next. If you are a man that changes your mind, you are not a Democrat."

It don't say anything about the Republicans. They can go over to the Democrats without committing bigamy.

Now here is a tip to my good friend Dan Moody, the Governor. When a child is born of what is suspected of Democratic parentage, brand it with the letter "D" on the left hip. Then at the election time just run'em through the chute and tally'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

820 WILL ROGERS PICTURES DAWES AS ENVOY, GREETING THE KING

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 13. – Hurrah for Dawes as Ambassador to England. I can see Charley at one of those afternoon tea orgies saying, "If this is tea, somebody made it out of Chicago river water. Bring me a couple of saucers full of coffee."

Picture him with that old sway-back pipe and his feet on the desk a telling King George, "Hell and Maria, George, it certainly seems good to get mixed up with some real bloods after what I been a roosting with for four years in that Senate."

They will have to call out the King's own Royal Horse Guards and Dublin Fusileers to throw him down and get those knee breeches on him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – He is going first to San Domingo to check up their finances. That ought to keep him busy for almost a quarter of an hour.

821 WILL ROGERS ENTERS A PLEA NOT TO SPOIL A GOOD PRISON

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 14. – Atlanta Prison is kicking because Miss Willebrandt has been sending in government spies disguised as prisoners to see how the place is run. Now I have been getting lots of letters from friends in there. Every one of them rates it the best jail they were ever in. They all say the warden could go out on his own and open up an independent jail and have it filled in no time with men that appreciate the better type of jails. They don't kick on associating with bankers, and even politicians, but don't want the same jail with spies.

Now I know Mabel, and I know my friends in there, and I just want to get it settled if I can. It will just ruin that jail, cause every one of them write me, if its kept up, they would never go back to that jail again. So do what you can for 'em, Mabel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

822 WILL ROGERS SAYS INCOME TAX IS NO SUBJECT FOR HUMOR

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 15. – This is income tax paying day. There is going to be no attempt at humor, for it would be mighty forced. No two can agree on what is deductible. When it's made out you don't know if you are crook or martyr. It's made more liars out of the American people than golf, and this is a good time to bring up again the sales tax. Why don't we have it? Then when a thing is bought and paid for you know the government got their tax for it. States have gasoline tax and they collect it without any trouble, and we don't notice it.

By the way, did you charge off money given to the Democratic campaign? You could, it's a legitimate charity, not organized but a charity nevertheless.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

823 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA OF HOW TO HANDLE PARADES

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 17. – Well, today was St. Patrick's Day. But do you think they would parade on Sunday? No, sir. There wouldn't be any traffic to block if you used Fifth Avenue on Sunday.

You know there is nothing as overestimated as a parade of any kind. It don't draw crowds, the people that are lined along the sidewalk are just trying to get to the other side. That's all. Nobody is interested in a parade but the fellow marching and his family who are compelled to go see how bad he marches. Every city should have one street away out where it won't interfere with business or traffic, call it Parade Street, then let any organization go there and march till they dropped. Do that and see how big an audience they can draw.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

824 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES TAMMANY, WAR AND RELIEF

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 18. – Tammany Hall is in a mess. It's been uneasy ever since Smith insisted that they clean up and get respectable for that election. They are in a hurry to get back to normal.

They are proud down in Alabama, and my friend Governor Bib Graves wouldn't ask for relief if he didn't need it, so help. I will admit they are Democrats, but after all they are human beings.

Mixed in with the war notes was the following: "Heflin was St. Patrick's Day speaker at Brockton, Mass."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – No fighting in Mexico yesterday (Sunday). Both sides attended bullfight.

825 THE SITUATION IN TAMMANY AS WILL ROGERS VIEWS IT

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 19. – It don't mean nothing to you all in the United States, but to us here in New York, picking a Tammany Hall leader comes under the heading of news.

Some of Tammany is claiming that Smith, when Governor, gave the jobs to Republicans. Smith claims that makes it 50-50, that Tammany gave their votes in November to a Republican.

Jimmy Walker, don't care much who they put in just so it will be somebody that will help him stay in, and Governor Roosevelt is so busy up in Albany with a pack of Republicans on his hands in the Legislature that he has no time to get mixed up in this.

But the whole town is in an uproar. Nobody don't know who to hand anything to.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

826 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS REAL PROBLEM OF OUR SENATE

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 20. – Say, with all this argument we have had about what Mr. Taft said when he swore in President Hoover, why not bring out what Vice President Curtis said when he swore in the first six Senators? (You know we got 'em in half-dozen lots, just like eggs). Instead of saying "with no mental reservations" he got his English and his Kaw mixed and really said "with no mental obligations."

Being in the Senate as long as he has and seeing the type, why the chances are that he was honest with this government and swore 'em in that way purposely. After all it don't make much difference to the country how they get in there. How to get 'em out, that's our problem.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

827 WILL ROGERS HAS A LINE ON OKLAHOMA COMEDIANS

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 21. – Best line in the news today comes from Mexico. General Acosta wired the President, "Captured General Aguirre, and am holding court-martial." President Gil answered, Take photographs before and after."

Calvin Coolidge of Northampton, Mass., was a visitor in the county seat here today, stopped at the leading hotel, was trying to sell some stories of his early life to confession magazine.

No wonder comedians come from Oklahoma. Did you ever read our Constitution? It says: "A governor is to be duly elected and seated, and serve till duly found out and unseated." It's the one State where a lieut. governor always gets a break, if you can call it that.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

828 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS 'CAPTURE' OF MEXICAN TOWNS

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 22. – Al Smith opened the Ringling Circus last night, but Longworth and Charley Curtis won't be far behind him. They are rehearsing for theirs.

Mr. Coolidge don't seem to be able to strike anything; Mr. Hoover ought to put him on Southern flood relief. Turn about is fair play.

And by the way, aeroplanes have done some great and dangerous work down there.

A Mexican revolution is organized in the morning; and the retreat starts in the afternoon, and they capture every town they retreat through. That's why they like to start as near Mexico City as possible, then have more towns to retreat through.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

829 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS NEW USES FOR THE MAYFLOWER

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 24. – Mr. Hoover is not going to use the Mayflower. After being all Fall on these big battleships, getting on to the Mayflower would be kinder like slumming. Besides Mr. Hoover, in all his travels, has had to ride on too many boats to get somewhere without wanting to get

on one to go nowhere purposely. Mr. Coolidge used to get a kick out of taking those Senator on it and watch 'em get sick.

I guess they will be selling it now and somebody will buy it for a rum-runner.

They ought to keep it to send our delegations to disarmament conferences on, for in two more conferences we will have to borrow a boat to get there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

830 SINKING OF THAT RUM SHIP VERY IMPORTANT, SAYS ROGERS

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 25. – When they sank that rum ship, they sunk the Mexican war, Secretary of State's arrival, Grundy's tariff, and Babe Ruth, as far as public excitement was concerned. Interfering with the import of a national commodity is hitting at the very vitals of our existence.

One thing must be said in favor of our Coast Guard. They didn't sink it till after it unloaded, thereby giving the owners a chance to pay for the ship.

Some predict trouble with England over it. I don't think so, especially if we can keep it out of the hands of diplomats.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

831 PRESIDENT HOOVER'S CHANGES AROUSE ROGERS'S ADMIRATION

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 26. – Hoover gets rid of something useless every day. Wait till he sees the Senate and Congress.

He sunk the Mayflower without warning; took the White House stables and made a garage for fishing poles out of it; sent six horses to the museum that had never been able to be ridden since Taft got through with them; traded the mechanical horse for a medicine ball, and makes everybody catch it before they can get any breakfast. That's to discourage Senators eating there.

Imagine Heflin and Blease throwing that thing at Moses and Reed of Penn!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Federal Reserve sunk the stock market after two weeks of warning and brought the sucker crew in, destitute and manacled, tonight.

832 WILL ROGERS SEES DIFFICULTY FOR HOOVER IN PARTY CLEAN-UP

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 27. – I told you Mr. Hoover did one good deed every day. I see today where he is going to clean up the Republican organizations in the South. That's going to take a little over a day. Maybe a day and a half.

He will find it's easier to change the color on some than it is the morals on others. If he holds a clinic over 'em he will find the blackest ones are the whitest ones after all.

The only way that situation can be remedied that I can see is to ship in some better Republicans from the North, and there just ain't any to spare.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – They solved the Rothstein murder case here yesterday. They turned the fellow out they had arrested for it and told him to drop back sometime if he ever felt like confessing.

833 WILL ROGERS GUESSES ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S PHONE

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 28. – What do you know about Mr. Hoover having to put a telephone in the office of the President at the White House? Mr. Coolidge had been going down to the corner drug store to phone. That's Mr. Coolidge though. He just figured John Quincy Adams and Dolly Madison didn't have any, so the thought of putting one in never entered his mind.

Here is another angle, too, maybe he had one in and took it out with him when he left.

Fifteen Congressman landed here yesterday from a wet port. They only searched one of their baggage and found four quarts, and the other fourteen claimed immunity. And they shot a woman for having a half pint of home-made wine.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

834 AS A WIFE STOPPER, WILL FAVORS A SHARP SAW

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 29. – An old boy started a system here in New York Monday that looks mighty original and fills a life time's need. He came home one night pretty well incorporated. After the usual argument with

"I do," he started back out again, she started to follow. He just got a saw and started to remove one of her legs, figuring that would slow her up so that even in his condition he could keep ahead of her. If she still insisted on following, he still had the saw and she still had another leg. This looks like a sure fire remedy. The old way of knocking 'em down or locking'em up was only temporary relief. This depends on the type of wife. One sawing will cure some; two sawings will cure any.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – You stock market buyers, buy "Saws Incorporated."

835 WILL ROGERS DECIDES HE'D LIKE TO OWN AN EMBASSY

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 31. – This week's Nobel prize goes to Banker Charley Mitchell for digging up that twenty-five million when the boys was just going over the falls. He helped out the small investor, for twenty-five million would be no good to a big one. Congress wants everybody to go broke just to prove they are right.

See where the British Embassy landed 10,000 cases at Baltimore. That's just enough to tide 'em over for the week-end till a shipment worth while shows up. Siam Embassy got in two truckloads the other day. That's a lot of nourishment for a couple of twins.

I would rather own an embassy than to own a country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

836 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A PLAN TO INCREASE CHURCHGOING

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 1. – I believe I discovered a way to aid preachers in getting people to church. Publish their pictures in the papers every Monday, instead of just on the day after Easter. There is no reason why people should have to wait from one Easter to another.

The only time I ever attended one of these afternoon teas was at the embassy in Paris at Mr. Herrick's invitation. The American tourists lapped up all the tea before I could get near the tables, but he gave me some awful nice wine after they had left. He was a fine, jolly, humorous old man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

837 SEARCH OF 'CONGRESSMAN'S YACHT' SETS WILL ROGERS SPECULATING

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 2. – Headline says "Congressman's yacht held up and searched." No wonder Hoover got rid of the Mayflower. Looks like an ad to show that there is a Congressman that owns a yacht. He should feel complimented, the first Congressman searched that they didn't find something on. However, this was a brand new yacht they were just delivering from the yacht hatchery. Lucky it wasn't the old one.

Bull fight season opened in Madrid Sunday with a double header. Gene Tunney threw out the first bull and ex-Queen Marie the second one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – There is two things that can disrupt business in this country. One is war and the other is a meeting of the Federal Reserve Bank.

838 WILL ROGERS TELLS ABOUT WASHINGTON TABLE ETIQUETTE

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 3. – We used to brag on the fact that, unlike England, we had no different classes or ratings in this country, and here Secretary Stimson is called on to referee a bout in Washington's table etiquette. Washington can't go out to dinner till they decide who shall sit next to who at the diplomatic dinners. They ought to feed 'em Los Angeles style, slip everybody a plate and if they can't find the grub, why, he wouldn't be much of a diplomat.

I attended a Gridiron dinner where the President was there, and they seated the diplomats according to what they owe us. England, France, Belgium and Italy were near the President, and the nations that didn't owe us a cent were at the foot of the table. I told 'em "you all better borrow something or you will never meet Coolidge."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

839 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS WAY TO SOLVE SOCIAL PROBLEM

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 4. – When anything happens in Washington they call in the experts of that line to confer on it. Now, to get this Vice Presidential table manners controversy settled, I guess Secretary of State Stimson will go into a huddle with Emily Post and decide how to put the place cards.

If this controversy was in New York society instead of being in political life, they would solve the problem very easy by having Curtis marry somebody. They marry for a lot less reasons than that there.

Certainly lucky for Lindy that Mr. Morrow is not Ambassador to Chile or the Argentine.

Sell your house and lot this morning, for the Federal Reserve Board meets this afternoon.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

840 WILL ROGERS FINDS A PUZZLE IN COOLIDGE'S LAST ARTICLE

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 5. – All the papers today are quoting things from Mr. Coolidge's latest article, so explain this paragraph: "A strong group of the party in and outside the Senate made the mistake of undertaking to oppose Mr. Hoover with a large number of local candidates, which finally resulted in their not developing enough strength for any one candidate to impress the convention." Why has it been considered a "mistake?"

Socially, everything is quiet today along the Potomac. If we can just keep everybody from giving a dinner, we may get out of this yet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

841 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS HOW THE PARIS WAS FLOATED

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 7 – It looks like the rebels in Mexico ought to win a few battles in the press. They pass through all the towns and get the first crack at the telegraph offices.

Steamship Paris stuck in the mud. Somebody happened to think of opening the bar, and in thirty hours the passengers had it light enough to float.

Babe Ruth finally hit a home run, so the Hoover Administration has been vindicated.

Farmers, get out your sense of humor. Congress meets to relieve you again next week.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

842 WILL ROGERS SEES NO MENTION OF SEATS IN FARE DECISION

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 8. – Well, another bunch of Congressmen landed today from Panama, but Mr. Morgan's experience has been a lesson to them and everything was carried ashore internally.

What good does it do to have a high-priced lawyer? When Mr. Sinclair refused to answer questions on the stand, it's a cinch his lawyers had advised him not to. I hope the poor fellow didn't pay 'em for that kind of advice.

Supreme Court said today that New York City subway riders could ride for a nickel, but it didn't say they could get a seat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

843 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES HEFLIN AND DAWES AS AN AMBASSADOR

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 9. – You know, Tom Heflin issued today what to me was a mighty human statement.

"You shouldn't exploit my son's weakness. You should try and help him. I will be waiting for him with open arms."

Hurray for Mr. Hoover and that appointment of Mr. Dawes to Great Britain. Dawes will about put the King on a budget system.

Helen Wills goes to the center court of St. James, too. Dawes goes on account of being a Republican and Helen on account of her cannon-ball service.

Texas Guinan is becoming effeminate. She resorted to smelling salts in court today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

844 COOLIDGE AS A 'CONTACT MAN' AMAZING TO WILL

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 10. – There is one "joke job." I think it started with the movie magnets in Hollywood. It's when nobody really knows what your work is around an executive office.

You call yourself a "contact man."

I never thought I would ever see the day when I would pick up a paper and see that Mr. Coolidge was a "contact man." Yet that's what the President of the company says he will be.

I wish he had taken up some steady work. Work that could have been explained clearly what he was doing.

Just think our most industrious citizen being nothing but a "contact man." But that's what makes you a "contact man" when nobody knows what you are supposed to do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

845 WILL ROGERS PICKS OUT A FEW NEWS ITEMS FOR COMMENT

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 11. – Yesterday Al Smith was made director in a second insurance company. Saw Calvin one and raised him one. See where Mr. Coolidge is to get transportation to and from his home to the head office. He ought to have joined the Prudential. They meet on the Rock of Gibraltar.

With all our prominent men hooking up with insurance companies, it looks like they figure prohibition will remain.

Had all this social stir in Washington over a sister. Suppose it was a mother-in-law. That's not unprobable. There are some queer people elected.

Leviathan sailed with 700 bottles of "medicinal whoopee."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

846 MARION SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE BUYING A FARM

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12. – First dinner held under new Marquis of Queensberry rules pulled off last night by Ambassador from Chile. Nothing but chili served. It was as dry as a Texas Guinan night club. You have a few dry ambassadorial dinners and no one will have any trouble getting a seat wherever they want it.

Marion Talley announced this morning she would retire from opera and buy a farm. I rushed to her hotel to sell her mine and the line reached to the Hudson River. That will stop her singing. There hasn't been a farmer cheerful enough to sing since Maud Muller.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

847 WILL ROGERS PITIES HOOVER WITH CONGRESS ON HIS HANDS

BOSTON, Mass., April 14. – Tomorrow is a historic day. Mr. Hoover, all during his career, has had men almost lay down their lives to aid him in carrying out some good work. That all ends tomorrow, Congress meets, and his faith in human nature will start waning before sundown. He will find no tinge of Red Cross spirit on that hill. Six hundred gathered there from all over the country, just waiting for somebody to suggest something worthwhile, and then show him what happens to it. I can hear Mr. Coolidge laughing to himself away over in Northampton and saying, "Well, I'm glad I didn't try to relieve'em."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

848 WILL ROGERS READS FARM BILL AND PITIES THE FARMER

BOSTON, Mass., April 15. – Just read the farm relief bill. It's just a political version of Einstein's last theory.

If a farmer could understand it, he certainly would know more than to farm. He would be a professor out here in Harvard. The farmers will die in the poorhouse before the guy that wrote it can even get the Senate to understand it.

In my dumb way it read like it was all based on doing away with the middleman. That's a great idea and has been tried ever since the snake came between Adam and Eve. He is unnecessary, but he is here yet.

Then if this did work next year we would have to give relief to the middleman. But it will give 'em something to argue over.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

849 COMMENTS FROM WILL ROGERS ON CERTAIN BRITISH ISSUES

BOSTON, Mass., April 16. – England is taking the tax off tea. It's been on 300 years.

Now, why don't they take the quinine or assafitity (or whatever it is) out of their coffee? It tastes like something that had been in there 300 years, too. Poor coffee and no bathtubs have drove more Americans out of England than unfamiliarity with their language has.

Winston Churchill's party is running on "no tea tax and no betting tax." Lloyd George's gang is running on "more employment." Churchill will win. If an Englishman has got tea and can bet on a horse race, what does he want with employment?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Hoover has already deserted Coolidge's policies. Nothing in the message about the "condition of the country."

850 WILL ROGERS SEES FARM RELIEF NOT AIMED AT THE FARMER

BOSTON, Mass., April 17. – You girls certainly got to get up early in the morning if you want to marry Babe Ruth. Hollywood wouldn't even get up that early for a divorce.

Hoover called Congress to aid farm relief and up to now there has been one thousand and twenty-seven bills introduced, one was for farm relief and one thousand and twenty-six to aid the members that introduced 'em.

I am sorry that Marion Talley didn't wait a few days till she had read that message. I hope it's not too late even now to reconsider.

Just had a visit in my dressing room with Mr. Stearns, Mr. Coolidge's good friend. He's an awful nice fellow. He had just took out a policy in Mr. Coolidge's company.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

851 WILL ROGERS SEES DEMOCRATS LIVING BEYOND THEIR MEANS

BOSTON, Mass., April 18. – This city of Boston has a holiday tomorrow. It's Clarence De Mar Day. He celebrates Paul Revere Day by running the same course quicker on foot than Paul did on a horse.

I see where the Democratic campaign deficit department has called a meeting to be held at the Ritz in New York. We never thought we would ever see the day that we would see Democrats at a Ritz Hotel. They are just living above their means, that's all's the matter with them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

852 WILL ROGERS APPROVES PRESIDENT HOOVER'S NEW PLAN

BOSTON, Mass., April 19. – When Mr. Hoover appoints some judge or some prominent position, he sends out the names of the fellows who wanted him appointed. That's to stop these politicians from autographing every application that comes along. Some of them were so promiscuous with their indorsements that they must have been working on a commission. Now a lot of them are kicking on this new plan. But for every politician he loses he will gain two more friends.

The biggest marathon race we have in this country finished here today, and an old boy from Canada won it, because he never owned a Ford and didn't know how to run one. Outsiders won everything. We ride good, but we get out of wind walking to the garage.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

853 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A TIME SAVER FOR MELLON

BOSTON, Mass., April 21. – You know Mellon has been a great Treasurer for us, and when you consider what little time he has had to devote to it, most of his working hours have been taken up with issuing the following statement to Members of Congress and the Senate: "I have nothing to do with any corporations. I used to own stock in the Overholtz distilleries but that was all closed out even before prohibition."

If I was him I would have the Weather Department issue that every morning along with their daily reports. You just can't make a politician believe that you might accidentally be on the level.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

854 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS WHAT 'DEBENTURE' MEANS

BOSTON, Mass., April 22. – Say, it's costing me money to keep you all informed. I had read so much about this word "debenture," and nobody here in Boston couldn't tell me what it meant. I had to go buy a dictionary. I knew before I looked it up that it was some camouflaged word that wouldn't do the farmers any good.

"Debenture, a certificate serving as a voucher for a debt."

That ain't nothing but just a plain old note, giving and taking, and going on friend's debentures" is what makes the farmer need relief. Besides, it's the middleman that don't raise the wheat but just ships it. He is the one that gets the "debenture." That ain't farm relief. That bill ought to be called exporters' relief bill.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

855 WILL ROGERS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MR. HOOVER'S SPEECH

BOSTON, Mass., April 23. – Say, that speech of Mr. Hoover's yesterday was just about one of the strongest things a President ever said when he said life and property is less safe here than in any other civilized country in the world.

The only difference of opinion we can have about that is, do we come up under the heading of "civilized"? I doubt that more than I do the statement. One thing, he hadn't spoken two minutes till you could tell the same man hadn't written that speech that had been in there. It was about the condition of the country, but not the same condition that Calvin used to enumerate to us.

Babe Ruth came up this afternoon and didn't knock anything but a single. I never was so disgusted.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

856 WILL ROGERS BACKS SMITH IN ANY TAMMANY CONTROVERSY

BOSTON, Mass., April 24. – Well, Tammany had their election. They wouldn't listen to Al Smith. Al wanted 'em to stay cleaned up, not only during the campaign, but all the time, but the boys was just anxious to revert to type. In this controversy there, in the long run I am betting on Smith. You can't keep class down. He will always have it on 'em. He can look 'em in the face and say "Boys, did my name handicap your organization progress like your organization's name has handicapped mine? Answer me. Again I ask you?"

Say, the kid that broke the record today was a chorus girl in this (Fred Stone's) show last year. I have known her father for years. He is a comedian and a good one. He flies, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

857 WILL ROGERS WOULD BAR VISITORS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

BOSTON, Mass., April 25. – See where some society visiting President Hoover said for humane reasons they didn't have him shake hands with them. Well, that was fine. Now, why didn't they go further with their good idea and not visit him and take up his time? Then they would have been 100 per cent correct.

Charlie Chaplin has dyed his hair. Why didn't you let her go, Charlie? An old guy is funnier than a young one any day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

858 WILL ROGERS OFFERS HEFLIN PLAN TO GET SENATE ACTION

BOSTON, Mass., April 26. – I believe I got a plan for Heflin to get his resolution by denouncing men who throw bottles at Senators instead of handing'em to me.

Insert the following clause: "If you will pass this bill of mine, I will absolutely and positively abstain from opening my mouth on this or any other subject during the rest of this season."

If he tacks that clause on, anything else he wants in the body of the bill they will pass, they will even agree to sever Massachusetts from the Union.

The Leviathan has got a scientific and mechanical problem on their hands. They can sell liquor coming west but can't have any on leaving going east. So to make money they have to figure out some way where they can always travel west.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

859 WILL ROGERS ON FAILURE OF OUR GOLFERS ABROAD

BOSTON, Mass., April 28. – Guess you read what happened to our golf team over in England. It was one of the biggest defeats for lucky strikes and old gold that those producers of hardy men have experienced. There didn't seem to be a birdie or an eagle in a car load. The boys played like they were going through the blindfold test. Horton Smith, who had practiced all last year instead

of smoking, walked in winner. When we went up against fellows that wasn't worn out from endorsing, why our boys wasn't there. We outdressed 'em, but we couldn't outputt 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

860 NORRIS INSTEAD OF MELLON SHOULD GET OUT, WILL SAYS

BOSTON, Mass., April 29. – Senator Norris is doing all he can to throw out Secretary Mellon. Well, if they throw out Mellon and keep Norris in the government employ, that would be just like keeping Jackie Coogan on a team and releasing Babe Ruth. Norris is the fellow that fooled Al Smith. Smith thought when Norris bolted over and joined him that his influence would bring all the farmers in Nebraska over with him. He brought all his strength over in a Ford roadster. If you can't be good, be different.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

861 MALES AND BEAUTY PARLORS; THOUGHTS BY WILL ROGERS

BOSTON, Mass., April 30. – Did you see the figures issued by the Department of Commerce about the amount men spent on cosmetics to beautify themselves? Didn't I tell you they are getting vainer over their looks than women?

They spent over $1,000,000,000 and there is more bald-headed ones and more ugly ones and more funny-looking ones than we ever had before. They will try anything in the world that a woman does. They will have dresses on in less than ten years.

Beauty parlors are thicker than filling stations, but more power to the people that run 'em, for they earn it for having to listen to people with nothing on their mind but wanting to look better.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

862 ROGERS WARNS DEMOCRATS THAT THE NATION IS DRY

BOSTON, Mass., May 1. – See in Washington dispatches that the Democrats are planning to take the wet side and make a direct issue of prohibition in

'32. Why a man should dig his grave three years before he is buried is almost unexplainable.

I spent three years in forty-eight States each season kidding and joking on both sides of prohibition, and if you think this country is wet you got a big city angle on a nation that is composed of country folks. It's the only law we ever had where the small town and country know they hold the trump card. You can't change it without their permission, and you won't get it. They are just laughing at you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

863 WILL ROGERS CONTRASTS THE OLD MAY DAY AND THE NEW

BOSTON, Mass., May 2. – Say, what's this May Day thing? We used to look on it as a beautiful Spring day when we had a picnic and fastened ribbons to the top of a pole and danced around and sang and played. We had no mass production (only in children). We had no Federal Reserve or farm relief. Everybody was just poor and ignorant enough to be happy.

But now May Day, with all our modern accomplishments, is for the fellow that is dissatisfied. He puts in his only hard day's work of the year. He arises early so he can denounce longer. He prints an obituary notice on a banner of everybody that has tried to make him earn him living during the year, and he just has one of the best times of his life. Hurrah for progress . . .

Yours,

Will Rogers.

864 WILL ROGERS SUPPLIES ANOTHER COOLIDGE STORY

BOSTON, Mass., May 3. – Had a long and pleasant chat this morning with Frank Stearns up at his store here. He, as you know, is Mr. Coolidge's best friend. He called himself the White House cat. Here's one he told me: One of our newly rich wanted to be an Ambassador and said: "I want to do something for my country, but it must be in a big way, and must be at one of the most important posts." Mr. Coolidge heard it and remarked: "Well, I will give him the biggest post there is—the whole out of doors."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – One thing, if they throw Mellon out for competency, it won't be followed by any other dismissals for the same reason.

865 WILL ROGERS JUST POINTS WITH PRIDE TO OWEN D. YOUNG

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 5. – Sunshine and perquisites are mighty scarce in us Democrats' lives, but just lest you forget, this Owen D. Young that is doing splendid work in Paris trying to divide one bone with half a dozen dogs and not even having the bone to bivide—it's fallen to his lot to demonstrate to even the prize winners that war purses was greatly exaggerated and to be on the loser's side is a downright discouragement—well, this young man is a Democrat, strange as it may seem, and I have been his Mark Sullivan since 1920. I don't want to run him for President. I just want to keep him to "point with pride" while we are "viewing our others with alarm."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

866 WILL ROGERS GIVES A TIP IN 'WAR OF THE PLACE CARDS'

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 6. – The farmers were just on the verge of getting some promissory relief. Grundy was just about to O. K. the tariff, when lo and behold out of a clear sky we find the bill that we thought was passed and through with weeks ago, the "Who's Going to Sit Next to Who bill," had been vetoed by Alice, and now it has to go back into committee again.

I don't wish to become involved over this "four years' war of the place cards." But just take a tip from me and don't sell Alice short in any social or political controversy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

867 WILL ROGERS CALLS FOR AID FOR JERSEY WOMAN HEROINE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 7. – Rally, patriots, and help defend this case!

A Jersey woman shot a man that wanted to organize a band. She claimed it made too much noise. Don't sentence her, judge! Give her more ammunition. She's not a culprit. She's a Joan of Arc. It was a fife and drum corps, judge, the thing that like to have lost us the Revolutionary War.

And for her next shot get the moving picture solo organist who is raised up in view of the audience by some mechanical means that unfortunately always works.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P.S. – This woman's town boasted that it didn't have a Mayor, a policeman, a doctor or an undertaker. That somebody was shot proved they needed a doctor before they did a band.

868 WILL ROGERS SEES NO HOPE NOW ON DISARMAMENT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 8. – The Disarmament Conference in Geneva adjourns just at the only time when it was about to agree. Now they will go home and study on it and return with their usual propositions. France will want England to sink their navy. England will agree to France sinking their army. Both will want Germany to sink her remembrances, and all three agree on Italy sinking Mussolini.

Asking Europe to disarm is like asking a man in Chicago to give up his life insurance. We can preach "good-will," but if we lived in Europe among those hyenas we would be in war before we got our grip unpacked. While we are having Washington Days and Lincoln Days, let's have a "Thank the Atlantic Ocean Day."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

869 WILL ROGERS PROPOSES NEW RULES FOR CONGRESSMEN

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 9. – I propose the following amendment to our Constitution:

"All voters in all States are hereby asked to pass the following resolution, addressed to their Senators and Congressmen, 'We want you to help our particular district, as far as it is legitimately possible, without, of course, expense or injury to any other part of our country. But please keep in mind, that even should the President be of your opposite political faith, or even not of your particular and personal branch of your same faith, be it understood that it won't be necessary, to be re-elected back, for you to poison the President, shoot his dog, or question his integrity. In fact you can act like a gentleman, and while it will be a surprise we won't hold it against you at the next election.'"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

870 WILL ROGERS SEES A RACE AND GETS IN WITH REPUBLICANS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 10. – Just flew down to Pimlico, Maryland, to see the great "Preakness" race. Bucked a head wind but not as strong a one as the horse I bet on bucked. Forty thousand people there, counting Senators and Congressmen.

Farmers got no relief today but the mutuel betting machines cleaned up. Handled over a million and a half on one race.

Lucky for me I ran into "Doc" Admiral Grayson. Through his medical influence he got me in the inclosure where the Republicans were, otherwise I would have had to stay in the centre field with the Democrats.

Governor Ritchie was mighty nice to us, Vice President Curtis enjoyed it. Hoover would have liked it. It was one place where the Democrats couldn't join with the loose-moraled Republicans and put over anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

871 WILL ROGERS TELLS A JOKE ON HIMSELF AND A PICKPOCKET

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 12. – As I paid for this joke, I want to see it in the papers. Right at Baltimore Friday in the big race I bet on four horses, all to win, place and show. Blue Coat was tipped me by Governor Ritchie, who I think was working on commission. One was called the "Nut."

Well, birds of a feather must back each other. I bet on Earl Sande's Hermitage because Sande's my friend. Then there was a horse called Soul of Honor from Oklahoma; there's real humor for you.

I had all these tickets in my outside coat pocket and some Republican Senator or Congressman pinched 'em. I discovered it just as they got to the post, so my only hope was to pray for 'em all to lose, and they did. They all four run last, so imagine that Republican scoundrel's embarrassment. The Lord was with us Democrats, but not often.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

872 WILL ROGERS STRAIGHTENS OUT WASHINGTON'S SOCIAL WAR

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., 13. – Flew down to Washington Sunday and back this afternoon. Had dinner with Mrs. Longworth and sat by Mrs. Gann in the Senate gallery today and had a fine chat. So got everything fixed up between

Alice and Dolly. Alice is to have preferential seating relief on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Dolly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Sundays is neutral.

Senate was arguing over the die-benture. The die-benture is a bill that was born out of wedlock in the Senate, and will die in this House, where it should have been legitimately born.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Hired help all look fine and I never heard 'em arguing better. Fess and Brookhart was to mix, but Hoover fed 'em. That's what's the matter with the Senate, they're just hungry.

873 WILL ROGERS GIVES A BOOST TO A LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 14. – Farm relief, stock market, Federal Reserve, chain stores, mass production, and all that is a joke. The State of Louisiana without any blare of trumpets is doing the biggest thing being done in our land today. They stood highest in illiteracy. They opened up moonlight schools, and are teaching over a hundred thousand to read and write, mostly older people.

They are going to wipe out illiteracy in two years with both whites and blacks. That beats all your luncheon clubs, and your good roads, and your advertising campaigns. That is like learning the cripple to walk, and the blind to see. One hundred thousand happy citizens will bring your State more dividends than one hundred thousand miles of bonded concrete roads will.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

874 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES LATEST RELIEF FOR FARMERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 15. – The old farmer is getting his relief. I see today where they put high tariff on "shingles and flax-seed." Heretofore every time a farmer raised a good crop of "shingles," why, he had to compete with Argentine-grown "shingles," but with these two new tariffs, why, the old agrarian is sitting pretty. They have taken the "shingles" off his roof so he can see the Republican viewpoint. He puts a flaxseed poultice on his head and prays that he will never be so unfortunate as to be relieved again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

875 AS WILL ROGERS SEES WORK OF WHALEN'S CRIME BOARD

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 16. – The Zeppelin turned back. Trouble with riding on that is if anything goes wrong it's too far back to a hitching post.

Went over to New York today. See where Police Commissioner Whalen appointed a crime committee of twenty to help him keep a list of the crimes. If they hear of any that he don't, why they report them to him. Then at the end of the year the one that has heard about the most crimes gets the prize.

Postscript – Farmers got more relief today. Tariff was raised on window panes. Cheap glass from Glasgow has always hurt our agrarian glass growers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

876 WILL ROGERS RECORDS A BLOW AT 'OUR NEW ARISTOCRACY'

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 17. – This is Al Capone that is supposed to be Field Marshal on Chicago's western front. Well in Miami and Chicago and all the other cities he has been received by the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce and Daughters of Various Revolutions, but he blew into our little City of Brotherly Love here yesterday and before his valet could unpack his machine gun why he had been sentenced to a year in jail for wearing pistols instead of a vest. That's one of the worst blows against our new aristocracy we have had.

Postscript – The Zeppelin landed. The gorilla and the woman are coming over by boat. That kills both vaudeville engagements.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

877 ROGERS LIKES HELEN WILLS BEST IN TENNIS ROMPERS

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 19. – Helen Wills, we saw your picture in that court dress. Get back into those tennis rompers quick. It looked like the statue of Liberty with an ostrich fan instead of a lantern. Let the queen come to see you.

I got the wrong outfit broadcasting the Kentucky Derby. The announcer was seeing his first race, he knew horses like I know Homer and Shakespeare:

"Collitetti wins, ridden by Jockey Naishpur; Exterminator second. No, they are putting the floral wreath on Larkspur, a niece of Man o' War. We will now take you back to the studio where Texas Guinan will recite "Black Bess."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

878 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEW OF THE REPARATIONS CASE

DETROIT, Mich., May 20. – I see yesterday where Mr. Hoover and his advisers cut down the size of Germany's payment for our sightseeing in there after the armistice. That sounds like a fair decision. What was us and those Allies doing going in there after it was all over anyhow? It always looks like making Germany pay for the pall-bearers at her own funeral.

See where some paper this afternoon says "Lindy's life has been threatened." I imagine he feels like telling them, "Well if you will just let me alone one year and don't anybody bother me, you can have my life."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

879 WILL ROGERS'S COMMENT ON HOOVER'S LAW COMMISSION

DETROIT, Mich., May 21. – Hoover appoints ten lawyers and one woman to see if anybody is drinking and why.

If President Hoover thinks there is ten men drinking to every woman, then we will appoint a commision to look into his case. Well, it's up to the lone woman to do something. I can think of nothing that the people would have less confidence in than ten lawyers put together.

It does look like he could have appointed one fellow with just horse sense.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

880 WILL ROGERS GETS INFORMATION ON THE LATEST BIG MERGER

DETROIT, Mich., May 22. – Did you read about the latest big financial merger? It's in Chicago. All the various competing gangs of racketeers have united under one board of directors headed by the chairman. It's a $16,000,000

corporation. Each gang gets preferred stock in proportion to the notches on their present machine guns. They figure it will reduce their present overhead which consists mostly now of flowers and caskets. With everybody working in harmony it should increase service to the customers. So don't sell "American Racketeers Corporation" short.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

881 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ABOUT THE FEDERAL RESERVE

DETROIT, Mich., May 23. – Everybody that I hear kicking about the Federal Reserve is some one trying to make money by speculation. So I about come to the conclusion that the Federal Reserve might accidentally be working in the interests of the hundred million who don't know a stock from a stockyard. If 1 per cent raise in rate can upset the whole of Wall Street, then they are working on a mighty slim margin.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – If Kate Fogarty had sued Tunney's friend, Bernard Shaw, she would have gotten more publicity, and the same money.

882 WILL ROGERS TELLS ABOUT CONGRESS RELIEF TO CONGRESS

DETROIT, Mich., May 24. – Did you know that the only bill that has already passed the House and Senate and been signed by the President is the bill appropriating the salary of the members of this extra session? The farmers can grow whiskers, the orphans can grow up, the tariff can tear out the vitals of the consumers' purse, but the boys there want theirs in advance whether they deliver any relief to anybody else or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Ford's City of Detroit is going great. Don't let 'em tell you any different. As Ford goes, so goes Detroit.

883 WILL BEGAN TO FEAR THEY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO LAND

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 26. – Say, what do you know about those two old country boys flying around in Texas all this spring? Began to look like the

only way to get 'em down was to starve 'em to death. Any of you that are not familiar with that country, I can tell you what kept them up. Amon G. Carter of Dallas threatened to make a speech to 'em when they came down.

They broke the Question Mark's record but couldn't pass Heflin's.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

884 WILL ROGERS OFFERS ADVICE TO COLLEGES ON ATHLETICS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 27. – Threw Iowa out of the football league for paying too much to their players. Most of the colleges just give 'em board and schooling if they want to take any schooling. These other colleges are not so shocked that they won't play with Iowa this Fall, then break off next year. There is only one fair way to ever arrange amateur athletics in any line in this country and that's let the athletes work on commission of what they draw at the gate, then make them pay their own schooling expenses.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

885 WILL ROGERS SAYS HE IS GLAD LINDBERGH HAD QUIET WEDDING

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 28. – Well, Lindy hung one on 'em, didn't he? Everybody is tickled to death he did. The reporters and photographers had hounded him so much since his engagement that every one was pulling he would be able to marry in his own quiet way.

He knocked himself out of more wedding presents than any man that ever married. In his old days he will miss those carving sets, butter knives, salad bowls, Haviland dinner sets, six of each, and I'll bet Ford would have given 'em a car.

Well, the boy just never was born to be a business man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

886 WILL ROGERS PICKS NEW POST FOR LADY ASTOR IF SHE LOSES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 29. – I will always thank my stars that I knew Lady Astor. She is the quickest mind I ever saw. I wish we had kept her in this country.

Get her latest this week, as she was making a speech, a woman hollered out, "My children are as good as yours." Lady Astor come back at her, "Which one of mine? I have no two that are alike. One wouldn't have anything if you turned him loose in the Bank of England, and another one would be rich if you turned him loose in Timbucktoo. Now if a husband and wife can't raise 'em alike, how is the Labor Government going to make all children equal?"

If she loses in this election I hope England will make her Ambassadress over to us here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

887 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A TIP ON WHERE TO FIND LINDBERGHS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 30. – Newspapers can never blame police forces for not finding criminals. Here they have had everybody from the managing editors down to the newsboys looking for Charley and Annie and can't find them. What would they do if they were looking for somebody that nobody knew? They are just about down at Claremore, Okla. He has flew all over this country and knows the best spot. You know where he could be all this time, at one of those camps where they trained the soldiers for overseas. Millions of soldiers that was training at 'em couldn't find 'em if they left 'em and went into town. The fellow that located them for the government had been an outlaw for years; so Lindy is at Yaphank.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

888 WILL ROGERS REFLECTS ON MEMORIAL DAY

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 31. – A sure certainty about our Memorial days is as fast as the ranks from one war thin out, the ranks from another take their place. Prominent men run out of Decoration Day speeches, but the world never runs out of wars. People talk peace, but men give their life's work to war. It won't stop till there is as much brains and scientific study put to aid peace as there is to promote war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, what do you know about Owen Young getting those hyenas to agree? Remember, boys, he is a Democrat; don't try to claim him, you Republicans.

889 WILL ROGERS FLYING WEST, "PINCH HITTING FOR LINDY"

AMARILLO, Texas, June 2. – We closed the Fred Stone show last night in Pittsburgh and I started in right away pinch-hitting for Lindbergh. While he is honeymooning I am going West over his Transcontinental Air Transport Line. Left Pittsburgh at midnight last night, caught big three-motored Ford plane at Indianapolis at 9 o'clock this morning, St. Louis at 11, Wichita, Kan., at 2 and into here, Amarillo, at 5:30 this afternoon. Stay here for the night and on to the Coast tomorrow. It's going to be a great route, and the only way to come or go West, so go ahead, Lindy, and stay hid. The line is going great.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

890 WILL ROGERS IMPRESSED BY AVIATION ACTIVITIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 3. – We crossed States today just like you crossed street intersections. Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. Into the airport at 4 this afternoon. After being away a long time how can any one stand to come home any other way?

I never saw as much airplane activities in my life as I have seen from St. Louis west, millions of dollars being spent on fields and hangars and equipment. Lindbergh officially opens the line July 8. If they find him.

Well, what do you think I come home and run into? The Shriners convention is being held in Beverly Hills this year. It's worse than a Democratic convention.

Haven't seen any papers. Did Congress help anybody yet?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

891 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS CHANGES IN HOLLYWOOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 4. – If you have missed anybody around their old haunts in the East and have no idea where they are, they are right here in Beverly Hills trying to get into the talkies, and the ones that were in 'em are trying to learn to talk. I haven't had a chance to say a word since I got home for people just practicing on me to show me they talk. In the old days everybody was practicing to make signs. Now they are practicing noises. And song writ-

ers, why the city makes you come to a dead stop at every crossing with your car to keep you from running over a song writer working a theme song.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

892 WILL ROGERS DEFINES POLITICS HERE AND ABROAD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 5. – England elects a Labor Government, 300 out of 600. When a man goes in for politics over here, he has no time to labor, and any man that labors has no time to fool with politics. Over there politics is an obligation; over here it's a business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – There is one thing about Lindbergh's escape. It's the only thing that happened this Spring that hasn't been laid on the Federal Reserve.

893 ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEA ABOUT AN EMBASSY GOING DRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 6. – The best in conspicuous humor of the week comes out of Washington, as usual. The British Ambassador says no more liquor will be shipped in while he is there. Now here is the catch. He didn't say this until after his side had lost the election at home, which means that he will soon be out of a job embassing. By declaring this he gets the next one in bad by having set a precedent and incidentally not being entirely destitute of sustenance during the remainder of his short stay because there is enough on hand by economizing to last. Diplomacy is a great thing if it wasn't transparent.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

894 WILL ROGERS HAS A NEW IDEA ON RELIEF FOR THE FARMER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 7. – Congress passed a bill yesterday to redistribute some new Congressmen.

United Cigar Stores have just done away with giving out coupons and now the Government has taken it up and is giving out Congressmen instead.

If you remember, this session of Congress was called "just to relieve the farmer," so if you are a destitute farmer and can get enough other poor farmers to go in with you and sign the census rolls, why, they will relieve your stranded condition by giving you another Congressman.

The only relief I can see out of it is to send a fat one so they can eat him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

895 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A CLUE TO THE PARTY BIRTHPLACE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 9. – There is an epidemic of towns trying to claim the birth of the Republican party that almost equals in importance our problem here: "Who was the first white child born in Beverly Hills?"

All they have to do is to find where the Republican party was formed is find where the first corporation was formed. It was incorporated for the sole purpose of taking over the management and finances of the United States. It meets in Washington and its sole business is to listen to and veto a minority report submitted by the Democrats.

Its slogan is: "Stay with us, we can afford to pay more than our competitors."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

896 NOTHING HAPPENS SO WILL WRITES ABOUT THAT, TOO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 10. – Not much news today. Nothing ever happens over Sunday but rain, accidents and golf. No aeroplane crashes, so the newspapers had nothing to feature and had to give notice to the dozens that were hurt in autos. President Hoover was rained out and the catfish on the famous old Rapidan got an executive stay of execution for another week. Mr. Coolidge's personal escapades appeared in another magazine. The first thing you know he will be indorsing some "bokunk rapid-fire typewriter, that's how I get my work done." The last of the Shriners are being packed and shipped home C.O.D.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

897 HOW TO SPEND YOUR MILLIONS IS THE REAL TEST, ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 11. – The best news in the paper today was no joke. The Rockefeller Foundation, for the health and betterment of people of all parts of the world, spent $22,000,000 last year and $144,000,000 since its organization in 1913. And it's been worth $1,000,000 as an inspiration to other tremendous rich men to do fine things.

The whole viewpoint of the people in regard to our rich men has been changed in the last few years. Now we judge a man's greatness on how he has spent his money. I guess there has never been a time in our history when as many fools are making money as now, Just to be rich and nothing else, is practically a disgrace nowadays.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

898 WILL ROGERS GIVES CREDIT TO LINDBERGH ON A NEW LINE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 12. – Another great nation owes Lindbergh a debt of gratitude for an entirely new reason. He helped aviation for us when it was at its lowest ebb. Well, marriage among prospective monarchs in England was never at a lower ebb than when Lindbergh set them his excellent example. He drove us to the air and England to the altar.

I knew the Prince was about through as a sport when I heard he had taken up golf. Now we will see if the photographers muff this wedding. They will follow every sedan that leaves London from now on. It's a great linking of Windsor Castle and Minneapolis.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

899 MISTAKE, SAYS WILL ROGERS, CONGRESS MEETING IN SUMMER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 13. – Have you been reading about the disgraceful way the Senate has been carrying on lately? You know our old Forefathers that laid out the time that our Congress was to meet knew something—they always held Congress in cool weather. They knew a Senator couldn't stand up under the heat and his position, too. When hot weather hits him not only his body but his brain perspires and the discharge from both is

equally useless. This has been a great lesson to Mr. Hoover. If he held office as long as Queen Victoria, he would never call 'em again when the thermometer is high.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

900 A PARABLE BY WILL ROGERS APPLYING IT TO OUR CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 14. – They say a baboon if he gets his hand into a hole in a pumpkin will fill up his fist and then not know how to get his hand out. Instead of emptying his hand he leaves it in there till the pumpkin rots.

That has always struck the world as being the limit as an example of attacking a problem from the hardest possible angle, and it took our Congress to beat it. For over three months they have had their hand in the pumpkin and had a fist full of "diebenture" and all they had to do was to vote on it, which they didn't until yesterday. The first hour that they met on last April they could have had their answer: "Do you favor a subsidy of any nature to agriculture?" The answer would have been overwhelmingly "No" and they would have had their fist out empty right where it is now. So endeth the parable of the baboon.

Yours for research,

Will Rogers.

901 WILL ROGERS ADVISES SWITCHING FOR THE STOWAWAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 16. – You will pardon me, but this stowaway boy of ours, I am not going to be able to muster up much enthusiasm about anybody over 8 years old that will crawl into a plane where every ounce in weight counts, and risk crashing the plane on its take-off and killing all the occupants.

Well, I just can't picture him in the hall of fame. Mattewan would be about his niche. When he arrives home, if he is not met with a long, keen, hickory switch instead of a brass band, then our confidence in parenthood will drop lower, if that's possible.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Pyle's cross-America derby finished here today. Andy Payne from Claremore, Okla., winner of last year's race, come with 'em in a Ford sedan. Smart people, these Oklahomans.

902 WILL ROGERS'S OWN REVIEW OF DAWES'S BUSY DAY ABROAD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 17. – Ambassador Dawes arrived in England at 9 A. M., built a fire in his pipe at 9:15, met King George at 9:30 and told him Senate jokes till 10, refueled his pipe at 10:15, grabbed the Flying Scotchman and went to "the Heelands" to interview Ramsay MacDonald, reloaded pipe at own expense, also MacDonald's pipe, decided the world should disarm at 5:30 p.m. Both refilled pipes from Dawes' auxilliary supply and went into a huddle on World's Court, settled World's Court and duty on smoking tobacco by 6 p. m. Back to London same night and reported to Prince of Wales and Lady Astor, cabled Hoover for more tobacco and instructions as to how to put in his time from now on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

903 MORE NEWS FROM WILL ROGERS ON THE AIRPLANE STOWAWAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 18. – Brisbane was right. It turns out now that my 14-year-old stowaway was 40 years old, weight 200 pounds and was hid in the pilot's seat, and the only persons that didn't know he was stowawaying on there was the United States Senate and myself. They talk about Americans being the champions for publicity, but none ever paid as high for it as those three Frenchmen. I still claim if they had arrived in Paris without him they would have gotten more space than to arrive in Spain with him, unless he was awfully good company.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Who I entertain is my business. Who Mrs. Hoover entertains is her business.

904 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF YOUTH, 'BAD AS IT IS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 19. – Some professor said, "Be high hat, be a snob, marry the boss's daughter and quit making a play for the stenographer." Everybody said he was all wet. But he was right. He figured, "Students never took a professor's advice, so I will advise along lines I know they will take." If you don't think the old prof is right, count the poor single and the poor rich girls, and if you don't think graduates are "high hat," talk to a new one.

They will pull a diploma on you quicker than a Chicagoan can a machine gun.

But as for the stenographer, she has all she can do to support herself without feeding and clothing some college graduate. But, as bad as youth is, they got more sense than modern old age.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

905 WILL ROGERS SEES VICTORY IN ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 20. – The big contest that's been going on for months is over. "Congress vs. the people." The people win. Congress is finally going to adjourn. Who says there is not justice in the world? I don't know about the farmer getting his relief, but it certainly will be a relief to Mr. Hoover to get that gang off his hands. The tariff was left unsettled. Smoot's bill to make it unlawful for anybody to eat sugar not made of Utah sugar beets goes over till another session.

William Howard Taft is making arrangements to stowaway on the next Atlantic airplane hop.

Lindbergh's honeymoon is over. He went back to flying again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

906 HOW WILL ROGERS REACTS TO THE HEAT AND THE NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 21. – All the papers out here are headlining how many heat prostrations there are in the East. No use publishing it, for it's so hot out here that nobody is able to read it. It's not the heat I mind, it's the perspiration.

Ramsay MacDonald, the new ruler of Great Britain, took an aeroplane to go to his work in London. That should be a lesson to some of our great men, who think their lives are too valuable to the country to risk flying.

J. P. Morgan, after settling how much Germany must pay France, yesterday arranged a five hundred million combine between Fleischmann's yeast and Blue Jay corn plaster, and hopes in the next few days to include Gillette razor blades and Boston garters.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

907 NOT MUCH NEWS, SAYS ROGERS, BUT HERE'S SOME COMMENT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 23. – Outside of the heat, there just is not a bit of news in the papers.

Government affairs never was at such a stagnant state. Mr. Hoover disappears every week-end, and he might just as well be Lindy and Annie as far as anybody knows where he is.

Just signed a contract with the Beverly Hills papers to stowaway on a bicycle that a fellow is going to ride from here to New York.

An awful lot of boys and girls graduate this week all over the country. Ignorance is just about obliterated, only among the elder people.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

908 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS GOVERNMENT POST FOR FORD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 24. – Today's paper says the rattle-snakes are so bad at Mr. Hoover's Virginia fishing grounds that they are getting razorback hogs to exterminate 'em. A snake can't bite a razorback hog because he splits his tongue on his back. That adds another product to Virginia's other two. Now their slogan is, "Come to Virginia, home of hams, rattlesnakes and Presidents," (but not lately) .

Mr. Henry Ford is going to keep on talking on the "how to enforce prohibition" till Mr. Hoover will get even with him by putting him at the head of enforcement. Ford and his mass production is where the bootleggers got their ideas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

909 WHY DAWES WON'T SERVE LIQUOR REASON ENOUGH FOR MR. ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 25. – Since the whole prohibition problem has kicked up such a mess in all embassies, Charley Dawes seems to have solved it better than any one I ever heard of. He is not going to serve it in England, not because it's against our law, not for example's sake, not for the good of mankind, but he is not going to serve it because he don't drink. That's the best reason that's been given.

Some German made a scorching speech against us in the Reichstag yes-

terday. He didn't mention us by name, but he said a certain nation composed of forty-eight States and a flag with a lot of stars on it, and a President who was an engineer. Outside of that he left everybody to guess.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

910 WILL ROGERS COMPLIMENTS LINDBERGH AND FLETCHER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 26. – See the Lindberghs are flying West. They have their camping outfit with 'em. If somebody lands in your back yard and you smell bacon frying, it won't be a soul but Annie and Charley. He is the first aviator to carry his own cook.

Lucky for aviation that he picked that sensible girl. Where would we have been if he had married some girl that thought her husband was too valuable to fly?

See where Fletcher, our Ambassador to Rome, is retiring. He always struck me as being about the best man we had in that service.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

911 VIVA DEMOCRACY! VIVA DAWES! SO SHOUTS WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 27. – Viva Democracy! Viva Charley Dawes! Among all the diplomats gathered at King George's imperial court, Charley was the only one that didn't wear rompers. He would not bare his Chicago shins to the crowned heads of the British Empire. Among all the satin step-ins of the other males, his long and uncreased pants stood out like a diadem. It was not only a victory for modesty, but a godsend for the people who sell material by the yard. Even the women, they say, followed him. But not even an ankle would he reveal. Long live Charles Dawes and longer live his long breeches!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

912 WHAT THE TARIFF IS AND WHY AS WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 28. – I guess I was a little too optimistic a few days ago when I said we had got rid of Congress for the duration of the

heat season. It looks like they are still doing a little light work on the tariff, each member according to the needs of his own State. Being 48 States that makes 48 versions of the tariff. In fact, 49, as the North and South of California both raise different stuff.

The tariff is an instrument invented for the benefit of those who make to be used against those who buy. As there is more buys than there is makes, it is a document of the minority. But what a minority.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

913 WILL ROGERS OUTLINES PROGRESS OF FARM RELIEF

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 30. – President Hoover is about finished appointing the committee that is to bring milk and honey to the famished agrarian. It looks like an awfully simple problem they have to solve. All they have to do is get the farmer more money for his wheat, corn and cotton without raising the price to the man that buys it.

The committee will meet and then appoint subcommittees, and the subcommittees will appoint an investigating committee, and just before the next Presidential election the investigating committee will turn in a report: "After due examination we find the farmer really in need of succor and we advise making one out of him at the coming election.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

914 WILL ROGERS LOOKS OVER THE WEEK-END CASUALTIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 1. – Well, let's see what happened over the week-end. About the worst thing that happened over the week-end happened to Al Espinosa, the golfer. He was unfortunate enough to tie Bobby Jones, and then foolish enough to play the tie off with him. So he was listed among the automobile and aeroplane casualties this morning. The notice read: "A. Espinosa, died a natural death. He met Jones when his putter was working."

The French had a calamity over the week-end almost comparable to the war. Their Chamber of Deputies considered paying us our debt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

915 ABOUT MUSTAPHA KEMAL PASHA; AN ANALYSIS BY WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 2. – See by this morning's paper where this fellow Kemal Pasha, the head man of Turkey, is considering making us a visit.

They claim, people that have been over there, that he is the biggest man in the world today. He is a Mussolini, Borah, Aimee McPherson and Charley Dawes combined. He jerked the veils off the women, the fezzes off the men, rolled the flappers' stockings, made the people all learn to read and write a new language, put in a golf course, gave the farmers relief, discharged his Federal Reserve Board and whipped Greece all in one week.

Certainly hope that bird comes over here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

916 DEBTS, TAX CUTS AND VOTES AS WILL ROGERS GROUPS THEM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 3. – Mr. Mellon has skimped and saved and got together $185,000,000 over and above what Congress nicked him for. Now they are all arguing over what to do with it, but nobody has ever suggested applying it on our national debt, which is over $30,000,000,000. Sixty per cent of all our taxes go toward interest on all our various debts, national, State, town and county. But they will take this little dab and try to buy some party votes with it in the way of lower taxes. You wouldn't see Mellon doing that if it applied to his personal affairs. He would get his debt paid off before he started handing anybody anything, but that's just why so many of our individuals are so much richer than our government.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

917 WILL ROGERS FEARS SHORTAGE OF COMMISSION MATERIAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 4. – While everybody is off on some sort of vacation today, Mr. Hoover, our hardest worked man, is at the White House appointing commissions. He is going to have to appoint a commission to keep track of the commissions that he has appointed. It just looks like there won't be enough people in the country to go on all these commissions; I know there won't be enough good ones.

He is going to quit shaking hands for the Summer with all the rubbernecks, a move which everybody will applaud. He figures if he can just shake hands with all his commissions that he will have his right hand full all Summer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

918 WILL ROGERS SEES CAUSE FOR CELEBRATING THE FIFTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 5. – We really ought to have celebrated today (the fifth of July) to celebrate the small amount of people that lost their lives yesterday, the Fourth. They must be getting harmless powder.

An American Ambassador to England has only really two duties, one is to introduce daughters of prominent Republican leaders to King George, and the other one is to make a speech on the Fourth of July that will make England think we are not celebrating us licking them on that date. Charley Dawes did mighty fine, his speech really made it look like England had won.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

919 WILL ROGERS SYMPATHIZES WITH THE DEMOCRATS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 7. – Today I read where a speech that Franklin D. Roosevelt had made had just about threw him in the ring as the next Democratic candidate.

Now there is a fine man. In fact, that is one of the characteristics of the Democratic party, that they have had some of the finest men as candidates that we have in this country, and it's almost a shame that they are to be eternally handicapped by being "right but never President."

But you can start now trying to dig up something and in three years you won't have found anything wrong with Franklin D. Roosevelt outside of being a Democrat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

920 NEW MONEY IS SMALLER AND MORE ELUSIVE, ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 8. – I just happened to hear of it in an indirect way, and it may be that lots of us won't get any actual proof of it for

weeks, but the new shape of money is to go into circulation Wednesday. Practically the same people that handled the old will have charge of this new type. It's one-third smaller and practically two-thirds more elusive.

France wants to insert in our debt settlement that they will pay us as soon as Germany pays them. That's to be in sixty-two years, so sixty-three years from now we start receiving our payments.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

921 ROGERS SEES HOPE FOR FARMER COMING THROUGH THE RADIO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 9. – I always knew the farmer not only needed relief but he needed some help, and I had become kinder discourage as to him getting it, for there didn't seem any actual way, but this new farm board has come through with an original idea.

For one hour every day the farmer is to receive assistance over the radio. Different cigarettes have had an hour, and they are all doing pretty well, so they figure that an hour's advertising over the radio will just about put agriculture on the level with cigarettes.

And no farmer could ask more than that.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

922 WILL ROGERS MAKES AVIATION BASIS OF HIS NEWS BUDGET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 10. – I just come from the Culver City flying field, where those two fliers have been up in the air longer than a tariff commission. They are on their ninth day. They would have gone some place, but there wasn't no place far enough to go to.

Lindy and Annie landed here yesterday with a stage coach full of New Yorkers.

Why don't some of these trans-Atlantic fliers announce that they are headed for Spain? They all land there and that would make their trip look like a success.

Germany launches an aeroplane tomorrow (not a dirigible) that seats 100, so we still got a long way to go to catch Europe in aviation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

923 WILL ROGERS SEES DANGER IN MEETING MUSSOLINI

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 1. – I sho would like to fly to Rome if it just wasn't for one thing. I wouldn't want Mussolini kissing me, I would be afraid he would bite me.

See where the Mayos at Rochester deny that they had anything to do with trying to put the country on grape fruit and lettuce for eighteen days. They say the country is going crazy without their endorsement. Why would the Mayos prescribe a diet? There is more room to operate on a fat person than on a thin one.

Forty-five nations, including the United States, have objected to the new tariff, but not Reed Smoot.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

924 WILL ROGERS REJOICES OVER THE WINGLESS CHICKEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 12. – The biggest news that was in the papers today was some fellow has experimented and is raising chickens that have no wings. That's a great gift to everybody that has to eat at the second table. Now if he can get rid of the necks and gizzards we will class him along with Burbank and Edison.

Just been over to see our fliers again. This wonderful flight was no surprise to me, for I know no place where air is more buoyant than here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

925 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT ONE WAR BUTLER MISSED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 14. – That was nice about 'em promoting Smedley Butler. He has served in Cuba, France, Philadelphia and China. The only war he had missed is Chicago. He has now more medals than any American outside of John Philip Sousa.

Russia and China are arranging the details for a war. According to the Communist all are equal, so they will all be Generals.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

926 A GENERAL DIGGING OUT OF OLD WAR CONTRACTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 15. – I see where England has recognized the government of Russia. That means that war is practically assured with Russia and China, and they are getting all set for the old war contracts. They all learned something from us in the last one. Watch us start recognizing, too.

You know there is nothing that makes a disreputable nation look respecable as quick as to have it give you a fat war contract. All our highly civilized nations are great humanitarians, but if two countries are going to kill each other off neutrals at least would like the privilege of furnishing the ammunition.

When the judgment day comes, civilization will have an alibi "I never took a human life, I only sold the fellow the gun to take it with."

Yours

Will Rogers.

927 NOTE ON STRANGE AFRICAN BIRDS AND ON THE NEW FARM BOARD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 16. – Today's papers all have the story about some birds down in Africa that digs a hole in the river bank, fills it with fruit, then lets the thing set till it's about prime, then the birds make "whoopee." The only thing that will make people doubt the story is that it was told by a missionary. Must have been one of Bishop Cannon's men down there finding out the wet birds from the dry, so they could protect the Democratic party.

The new Farm Board met yesterday and they hadn't been organized long enough to make their first blunder till wheat went up 20 cents.

Two more meetings and the farmer will be prominent enough to merger.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

928 WILL ROGERS WANTS TO KNOW WHAT NATIONS FIGHT ABOUT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 17. – The thing that makes me believe that China and Russia will fight is that nobody knows what they are fighting about. Newspapers are always offering prizes for the best definition of our Constitution, or "how to solve prohibition," and every other unknown subject. Why don't some of them offer prize for a definition of what the last war started over?

That would be the biggest bit of news of our generation. So it looks like this will be another typical war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

929 WILL ROGERS SAYS DIPLOMATS SHOULD STAY WITH THEIR WARS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 18. – Russia has called home her diplomats from China. China has called home hers from Russia. If they had both done that before the argument was started there would have been no argument. That's why diplomats don't mind starting a war, because it's a custom that they are to be brought safely home before the trouble starts. There should be a new rule saying: "If you start a war while you are your country's official handicap to some other country, you have to stay with any war you start." Then diplomats would begin to "dip."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

930 WILL ROGERS SEES GOVERNORS PUZZLED BY WICKERSHAM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 19. – The Governors of all the States are gathered together in Connecticut to show how far apart they are. Mr. Wickersham sent a letter to them and, like everything that a highly educated man writes, nobody could understand what he meant. They don't know from it if he is wet, dry, damp, repeal, enforce, endure, modify, or let bad enough alone. They have tried to ask him "what he meant," and he can't tell 'em. The letter has had one astounding outcome. It's made Senator Caraway a Democrat and Senator Borah a dissolutionist. Both see a thing the same way. They agree that Wickersham is all wet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

931 WILL ROGERS PICKS TIME FOR SIGNING THE PEACE TREATY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 21. – See where Mr. Hoover has invited Mr. Coolidge down to Washington. That's what I would call the last word in hospitality, to invite somebody to Washington in July. You watch Calvin get out of it.

They are going to sign the peace treaty. They been waiting. They want to sign it on the same day that China declares war on Russia.

Best news in the papers today was that Mr. Henry Ford was going to raise his lowest wages from $6 to $7 a day. And as soon as he can get kinder on his feet and get out and sell a few cars, he wants to make it $8. Great man, that fellow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

932 THESE ENDURANCE CONTESTS STIR ROGERS TO COMMENT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 22. – My friend Mr. Brisbane is always tipping us off what to buy on the stock market. Well, I got one for you, buy oil. There is enough refueling going on in the air to consume millions of gallons. If they take the census while this refueling craze is on this country will show a loss. If a couple of guys break a record they only hold it till they get shaved. The thing looks to me not so much a test of an engine as it is a test of how long two birds can stay cooped up together and remain friends.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

933 MR. ROGERS CITES REAL RELIEF ALREADY GIVEN TO THE FARMER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 23. – Mr. Hoover's Farm Board has already helped the farmer beyond all expectations. They have told the eight million farm relief societies that infest Washington that they didn't need them and would not do anything through them.

That's all the aid the farmer has ever needed—just to be relieved of the people who are making a living off of trying to relieve him.

China and Russia have gone to war, but they don't want the news to get out. They want to keep it quiet.

Tokio has given Bromley, our flier, permission to land in Japan. If he hadn't gotten it he would have had to fly back to Tacoma, near Mount Seattle.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

934 ROGERS PUTS IN GOOD WORD FOR THE HOSE IN PLANE REFUELING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 24. – Here is some news that I think will be of interest at this time to the entire world: Claremore, Okla., will not attempt to break the refueling record. There is a city that always strives to be original.

We read a lot about the kind of planes they are in, what gas they use, what cigarettes they smoke, but nobody has ever said what kind of hose they use to get the gas from one plane to another. It's time somebody spoke a word for hose.

Mr. Hoover says we are spending too much on military expenses and is appointing a commission to investigate it. Their salaries will be added to the cost.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

935 MR. ROGERS EXPRESSES HIMSELF UPON THE CRUISER BUSINESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 25. – We signed the peace treaty Wednesday, and at the same time scrapped three cruisers that we were building. Ramsay MacDonald had bragged on us.

Every time some nation declares their good feeling for us, we have a conference, get the cameras together and sign something. Every time we declare our love for some of them, they get their architects together and build something. The bigger you are the easier you fall for the old flattery.

Claremore, Okla., has ordered 300 feet of garden hose, and two months' ration of sandwiches. They are either going out for the endurance record, or the next Democratic convention.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

936 WILL ROGERS'S IDEA OF RESULTS WHEN THE ARMY MARCHES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26. – All is quiet on the eastern front. Russia and China couldn't get the proper amount of signatures from other nations, so that war has officially been declared null and void.

From what I could learn from it while in Russia a couple of years ago, the day the Red army marches off to fight some outside foe, they are going to come back home under different management. That's where a lot of the so-

called popular support of a war feeling in Russia comes from.

That's when all governments change hands, when the army is away trying to take care of somebody else.

Congratulations to Senator Edge for his successful escape from the Senate. He and his missus are a very amiable and charming couple and will welcome our aviators with distinction.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

937 WILL ROGERS SAYS FLIERS FIND IT COOLER OVER ST. LOUIS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 28. – As I take my pen in hand to drop you these few lines, those old boys in St. Louis just won't come down. You know their greatest danger from now on is their whiskers catching in the propeller.

Don't compliment them for staying up in the air over St. Louis this hot weather. Bestow your gratitude on the folks who have to stay on the ground in St. Louis in the Summer time.

One thing about this war of China and Russia: Nobody can ever accuse either one of them of being quick tempered.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

938 ROGERS CALLS MUSSOLINI BIGGEST MAN IN PUBLIC LIFE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 29. – See by the papers that Mussolini is 46 years old today. He don't want Italy to have any celebrations, says that they have too many holidays now.

I told you three years ago when I saw him that he was the biggest man in public life. Then everybody was predicting that he wouldn't hold up. I have never yet seen a thing that he has done that wasn't based on common sense. He has done more constructive things things for his country since the war than any hundred men in any other country.

He solved the farm relief problem the other day in one command: "Raise more grain, and not so many grapes. Wine is all right, but have some biscuits to go with it. Then you can tell the rest of the world what to do."

He is one wise wop.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

939 WILL ROGERS SENDS GREETING TO HENRY FORD, WHO IS 66

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 30. – We hadn't any more than got rid of the birthday of Italy's greatest man than here our headliner has one. Henry Ford is 66 years old today. He has had more influence on the lives and habits of this nation than any man ever produced in it.

Great educators try to teach people, great preachers try to change people, but no man produced through the accepted channels has moved the world like Henry Ford. He put wheels on our homes, a man's castle is his sedan. Life's greatest catastrophe is a puncture. Americans don't fear the Lord as much as they do the next payment. Everybody is rushing to get somewhere, where they have no business, so they can hurry back to the place where they should never have left.

So good luck, Mr. Ford. It will take a hundred years to tell whether you have helped us or hurt us, but you certainly didn't leave us like you found us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

940 WILL THINKS BACKERS' "ENDURANCE" GAVE OUT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 31. – If the airplane people who were giving those St. Louis boys that $100 an hour hadn't run out of refueling money those birds would have made a record. The boys received messages, "Come down, you are breaking our hearts." They will need Rockefeller to back their next flight.

See by the paper today where this quarantine and search of cars in Florida against the Mediterranean fly is causing untold hardships on bootleggers, and Washington is talking of raising the quarantine. It's awful hard to have a rule or law that is equitable to everybody.

Russians are fighting amongst themselves in Siberia. The peace pact don't cover that. It's only against killing people of another nationality.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

941 WILL ROGERS DOESN'T WANT BOBBY JONES IN POLITICS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – They wanted to run our great golf player, Bobby Jones, for Congress. He naturally refused, again endearing him-

self to the hearts of his countrymen. It would not only spoil his golf, but his reputation. In fact, it would take away his amateur standing, for as an amateur everything is done with no thought of any possible gain. In fact, I think a fellow of his unblemished reputation has a suit against the State, especially as it was Georgia that proposed him. The first thing you know they will want Walter Hagen for Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

942 ROGERS SUGGESTS SOME THINGS THAT SHOULD BE EXTERMINATED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 2. – The Zep is coming back over, and if it has a stowaway on it it's going to ruin my whole week. There is three or four things that the government ought to take drastic means to exterminate, the Mediterranean fly, the bo-weevil, female radio torch singers and the stowaway. In fact the editor who stows him away should be stowed away, for good.

Seattle boy is smartest in America, Connecticut second, Pittsburgh third, Santa Fe, N. M., fourth, and Indiana fifth. Where is your Boston, your New York, your Claremore, Okla.?

Beverly Hills had an entry, but, as there was no questions about Clara Bow, why, he didn't get anywhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

943 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES SMOOT'S PLEA FOR SUGAR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 4. – Senator Reed Smoot interrupted President Hoover's week-end vacation in Virginia with a plea to please help the sugar industry. There is 120,000,000 of us eat it, and exactly 1,231 that raise it. But Reed has dedicated his entire political career to make sugar not only sweet but dear to the 120,000,000.

Lot's wife (or somebody in the Bible) turned around to look back and turned into salt. If Reed ever glances back we are going to have a human sugar bowl on our hands.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

944 BOY SCOUTS' GATHERING MOVES WILL ROGERS TO ENTHUSIASM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 5. – The best thing in the papers today was the story of thirty thousand Boy Scouts from forty-one different nations standing in the rain in England with bared heads, and forgiveness and goodwill to all in their hearts. That Baden-Powell just about formed one of the finest organizations ever conceived.

I still claim the Zeppelin's great trip was due to the absence of stowaways.

To make us equal with England in cruisers, we need 43, and 23 to be even with Japan. No wonder they want to hold a conference and everybody remain as is.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

945 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 6. – Dear Bill: Your little partner Dorothy Stone is opening Wednesday night in my big production, "The Show Girl." She is playing the part of Dixie Dugan at Ziegfeld's theater, Sixth avenue and Fifty-sixth street. Matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays. Tickets six-sixty. She gave up her vacation out at your place to save this show for me. I just kinder thought you might drop a hint of it in your daily wire to the papers. Regards to you and Fred Stone and your families. Flo Ziegfeld.

I don't like little hint ads, Flo, in fact, I think that is kinder what has held you back in newspaper space. You never liked to be forward. We will let you get away with this this time on account of Dorothy. Good luck to both of you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

946 WILL ROGERS PICKS AN ISSUE FOR THE NEXT CAMPAIGN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7. – Our big problem is this discontent in our prisons. Hardly a day passes that prisoners don't show some little outward sign of uneasiness, such as shooting a few guards, burning some buildings and giving some hint publicly that they want to participate in this era of prosperity through which we are struggling to make both ends meet. It just looks like the boys in there don't appreciate how fortunate they are to have no installment payments to meet.

The next political campaign is liable to be based on "bigger and better jails for bigger and better prisoners. A satisfied prisoner means a satisfied nation." Personally I would like to see 'em all turned out, as I have always felt we had the wrong bunch in there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

947 LIQUOR AND POLITICS ARE A VETERAN TEAM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 8. – Say, have you been reading these articles that Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt is writing? If you haven't you are missing something. Mr. Coolidge in his last article hopped on the lobbies at Washington. Now Mabel tells how prohibition is linked with politics. It's too bad our system of etiquette don't allow everybody to speak the whole truth while they are in office.

A high-class bootlegger makes friends with a politician before he does with a customer; in fact that was one of the first big mergers—big money, politics and bootleggers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

948 WILL ROGERS EXTENDS COMPLIMENTS TO HOOVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 9. – It seems odd that I should be the one to instruct America on historical facts but it is the birthday of our very excellent President, Mr. Hoover. He was born fifty-five years ago in the Middle West—must have been Iowa, for he moved to California. There was no professional foot-ball in colleges in those days, so he had to actually work his way through.

He studied engineering and a beautiful young co-ed, who afterward turned out to be Mrs. Hoover. Both occupations were of tremendous future value. He has seen more of the world (not only of any President), but of more than any Notre Dame football team.

He has no use for politicians, which fact elected him by the largest majority ever recorded. If he will just continue to hate them we are liable to wake up with another Lincoln or Jefferson on our hands.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

949 WILL ROGERS HANDS PRAISE TO RUSSIA AND CHINA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 11. – Mr. Ramsay MacDonald says that England got the worst of it in the late war. Say, Ramsay, if any man could figure out who got the worst of it out of the last war he could go down in history with Confucius and Calvin Coolidge. That's one good thing about wars. It takes smarter men to figure out who loses 'em than it does to start 'em. When China and Russia didn't start this late uprising that led me to believe that China, as ignorant as they are, and Russia, as dumb as they are, are the two most highly civilized nations on the face of the globe. The more ignorant you are the quicker you fight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

950 WILL ROGERS'S COMMENT ON WALL STREET'S NIGHTMARE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 12. – The whole financial structure of Wall Street seems to have fallen on the mere fact that the Federal Reserve Bank raised the amount of interest from 5 to 6 per cent. Any business that can't survive a 1 per cent raise must be skating on mighty thin ice.

Why, even the poor farmers it took a raise of from 6 to 10 per cent, with another 10 per cent bonus, to get the loan from the banks. It took all that to completely break them, and nobody connected with the government paid any attention.

But let Wall Street have a night-mare and the whole country has to help get them back in bed again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

951 WILL ROGERS IMPRESSED BY LINDBERGH'S VARIED FEATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 13. – Biggest news in the papers today was that Colonel Lindbergh had won the horseshoe pitching contest out in the Black Hills of Virginia, at Camp Hoover. What's the matter with this country when an aviator can walk off with a horse-shoe pitching test? Is there no limit to this man's cleverness?

California morning papers all starting subscriptions for relief of earthquake victims in New York and Pennsylvania.

Senator Fletcher of Florida had the best and most sensible line (that is, for a Senator). Speaking of the fruit fly process whereby you freeze him to death before allowing the fruit to be shipped, he said, "90% per cent New Yorkers would rather eat a live fly than they would a dead one."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

952 A LESSON IN GERMANY'S COMMERCIAL "COME BACK"

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 14. – The German Zeppelin is on its round-the-world trip. The German steamship Bremen broke the world's record in crossing the Atlantic. Their commerce is getting back strong. All of these things are the greatest illustration that war is useless.

They were getting too strong commercially for some other nations fifteen years ago, now the war has been over eleven years and they are excelling in the same things again. It don't do no good to whip a man if he is beating you at anything. When he gets up he can still beat you at the same things. You only delay him, you don't stop him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

953 TOWNS SOMETIMES BENEFITED BY EARTHQUAKES, ROGERS SAYS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 15. – This is Santa Barbara's fiesta week, all Spanish buildings, Spanish costumes, beautiful horses and silver-mounted saddles. The only town in our country that is being kept unique in building. It had a quake a few years ago.

If some of these standard-built towns could show such originality it would almost make you in favor of earthquakes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

954 ROGERS VERSION OF A BANK RUN; FORECAST OF A HOOVER SPEECH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 16. – A banker, head of a savings bank in Brooklyn, had a boil on his neck and the Brooklynites heard of it and started a run on the bank and drew out fifteen million dollars before the poor fellow could prove to them that financiers are part human and can have boils. If Andy

Mellon ever gets a carbuncle I can see Brooklyn seceding from the Union.

Mr. Hoover is going to talk to us at noon tomorrow (Saturday) on "the advantages of Virginia to spend Sunday in, the tariff, catfish and disarmament."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

955 MR. ROGERS ASSISTS IN GETTING THE WOMEN'S AIR RACE STARTED

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 18. – Just come from the field at Santa Monica where Stone and I did what we could to get the flying females out of town.

The she derby got off the ground and away in the air, and what is humorously referred to as the stronger sex went back to the kitchen sink and the radio. The husbands left by motor to go ahead and prepare proper food for their wives in each town.

I tried to find a mother in the outfit. There was so many Mrs. I thought I might find one wayward soul. But all had had no time for maternal worries. They had given their lives to the carburetors.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

956 AVIATION NOTES BY WILL ROGERS, WHO OWNS 3 CARS AND 25 STEEDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 19. – With the morning papers stating that we had 11,000 miles of lighted airways, a Zeppelin with sixty people going around the world in less time than a Congressman can make a speech, with twenty more or less beautiful air-headed women who have exchanged their kimonos for helmets and goggles, with our great navy flier Williams tuning up to go 350 miles an hour, and me feeding two Fords and a Buick and twenty-five head of horses, it just looks like I am out of tune with progress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – They are aviators, but they are still women. They had only been out sixty miles when they all struck and wanted to have it their way.

957 THE IMPETUS GIVEN TO FISHING DEEPLY IMPRESSES MR. ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 20. – Since Mr. Hoover's debate in Virginia last week on "Resolved, That fishing is more beneficial to Presidents than

being born in a log cabin," why half of America has traded their niblicks for a can of worms. If the fish hold out, even the Democrats will have a candidate in 1932.

Come on, downtrodden, let's finally give some cheers! "The Senate met and adjourned in three minutes." That will knock the pessimists in the head that think this country is not improving.

But—there is always a "but" to all good news—they are going to meet again. So we can't hope for this continued prosperity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

958 WILL ROGERS ON DIPLOMACY, SERVANTS AND FATAL AIR DERBY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 21. – Mrs. Poindexter shattered the first columns, front. She is the ex-Senator's wife that wrote of Washington as she saw it, and ended her literary career in Peru. All she got out of Peru was a butler. Now another Peruvian diplomat has copped him. Diplomacy should end in the pantry.

The women's air derby started from right close to my shack, and Fred Stone and I were over to the field quite a bit. We met and had a long chat with this Marvel Crosson that was killed. We both talked at the time of what a fine wholesome type of girl she was, no riding boots or riding breeches or spurs or anything but just a neat gray suit.

She had a great record as a flier.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

959 ROGERS FINDS ON FRONT PAGES SOME MASSING OF TROOPS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 22. – There is one thing that's in the paper every morning, just as regular as heat prostrations everywhere but here, and that is, "Russia masses troops on China's front." If they have massed as many on that front as they have on the front page, why they have done what I would call some mass production in massing.

Colonel Lindbergh is learning Ann to fly so they can go up and break the endurance record. That would just suit them to go up there and be away from everybody for a couple of months.

Gold Dust has merged with the United Cigar Stores. Their slogan will be "reach for a cigar and then wash out your mouth with Gold Dust."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

960 MR. ROGERS SHEDS A TEAR FOR THE POOR PROFESSIONAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 23. – Bobby Jones, the amateur golfer, arrived in our city in a private car. Two professional golfers left for the East in a day coach. One of them had a sleeper ticket and was accused of being an amateur. The poor old professional in all our sports now just prays for the day when he can afford to be an amateur.

Claremore, Okla., has just grabbed off another distinction. It's the only town between Santa Monica and Cleveland that the Cleveland race officials didn't make those poor girl aviators stop at. Talk about Pyle's bunion derby running through every town that would put up and give anything! This race makes these girls land in every buffalo wallow that has a chamber of commerce, and put up a hot dog sandwich.

They even made 'em eat with Amon Carter.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

961 ROGERS CONTRIBUTES A NOTE ON GOLF'S PROGRESS OUT WEST

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 25. – Met Bobby Jones and had a chat with him about Peachtree Street. I know nothing about the game, but he strikes me as being a man that would be mighty discouraging to play against.

There was 6,000 watching him play golf. Shows you the advancement that game has made.

Why, six years ago there wasn't fifty pair of misfit knee breeches in this whole State, and ten years ago there wasn't 6,000 folks in Los Angeles that would lie to you about anything but real estate.

The Zep lands here tomorrow. We was the only town that would go out and get a hitch rack to tie the thing to.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

962 ROGERS FINDS TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN THE AIR IS GETTING TERRIBLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 26. – This traffic problem is getting to be terrible. Was woke up this morning at 1:30 by a lot of folks singing over my ranch house that had left Tokio, Japan, a couple of days ago. We got the Zep tied up to a barbed wire fence out here in the prairie.

Papers are all raving about how popular Sir Philip Snowden, the English Treasurer, has made himself by demanding that they get more of the German payment money. He told 'em, "Boys, we not only would like to have it, but we are going to get it."

Then so-called statesmen will tell you that a navy don't pay.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

963 WILL ROGERS NOTES THE EFFECT OF HOT AIR ON THE ZEPPELIN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 27. – It was a warm sultry night and Dr. Eckener of the Zeppelin didn't know if that still air would raise him high enough to get over the mountains, so Los Angeles had a banquet and twenty local townsmen spoke. They rushed from the dinner to the field and the ship raised so fast they had to throw fourteen typewriters and two radio announcers overboard to get it back to a flying level.

Dr. Eckener and Mr. William R. Hearst made the best speeches. Mr. Hearst is the Queen Isabella of the voyage, and by the way, this Thaden that won the lady's derby is from Bentonville and Rogers, Ark., the same town I dug a high flier out of twenty years ago.

She might have flown over Pittsburgh but her wings were sprouted in old Arkansas. Give the home town a break.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

964 WILL ROGERS GIVES A RECIPE FOR FINDING A FLYING FIELD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 28. – The Zep, in taking off here in Los Angeles, just missed spoiling a great trip and killing everybody by missing a high tension line surrounding the field. Towns bury their dead but they never bury their electric lines.

There is one sure fire recipe for a pilot in a strange town, that don't know where the field is located. Locate a high tension line, follow it till it crosses another higher tension one. There is almost sure to be a field there. If not, follow it till it comes to an intersection of three or more lines and there will be located the city's municipal field.

It's as sure as the sure fire method of locating a speakeasy by following the town's leading citizens.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

965 ROGERS SEES A CHRISTMAS TREE FOR POLITICIANS IN STATE LAND

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 29. – President Hoover certainly opened up a Xmas tree for the politicians when he suggested that all government land be turned back to the State in which it was located.

Just announce that there is something going to be divided up and you got the whole nation interested in national affairs. Announce there is something to pay and you got one hundred and ten million anarchists on your hands, so Mr. Hoover is becoming a politician fast.

I don't know how bad the Federal Government manages the land, but as bad as they do it, it can be one forty-eighth as bad as the States will do it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Claremore, Okla., is just waiting for a high-tension line so they can go ahead with locating an airport.

966 WILL ROGERS'S IDEA OF A CURE FOR TURBULENCE IN PALESTINE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 30. – I thought they had the Jerusalem and Palestine thing pretty well settled as to who's it was. But it seems the Turks have broke out again.

Why don't the Jewish people recruit a lot of those east side boys from New York and out in Chicago that fought so good in the war, and send them over there? You can't lick those Turks with mass meetings and passing resolutions. A few regiments of those young boys would break those Mahomedans from sucking eggs.

Instead of going to that Wailing Wall with just some wails, why, take a gun. That would break 'em from interrupting prayer meetings.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

967 MR. ROGERS HAILS LABOR DAY, WHEN MEN REALLY LABOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 1. – Tomorrow is Labor Day (I suppose set by act of Congress.) Everything we do nowadays is either by or against acts of Congress.

How Congress knew anything about labor is beyond us, but any how tomorrow is Labor Day. It's a day in the big cities when men march all day and work harder than they have in any other of the 365. Even the ones that ain't working labor on Labor Day.

There is two things that tickle the fancy of our citizens, one is let him act on a committee, and the other is promise him to let him walk in a parade.

What America needs is to get more mileage out of our parades.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

968 MR. ROGERS PREDICTS THE WAY TARIFF DEBATE WILL PROCEED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 2. – See where the Senate is to start debate on the tariff bill and Mr. Reed Smoot injected the first humorous angle to it by demanding a resolution which would limit the debate to nothing but the subject of the tariff.

Ha! Ha! It will start by discussion for a 3 per cent ad valorem duty on imported bird-seed. Taking the affirmative side will be Tom Heflin, with a birds-eye view of the mistake of allowing the Vatican more territory and a motion to prevent Al Smith from building the highest building in New York. Then will be a two weeks' discussion on prohibition, followed by ten days of Arizona Senators denouncing the Boulder Dam, and by Christmas you won't know whether the birds got any seed or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

969 ROGERS MENTIONS TWO TOPICS NOW AGITATING CALIFORNIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 3. – California is just worked up over two things right now. One is how bad will Bobby Jones beat all the others in the championship at Del Monte, and this liquor tonic that they are selling in the drug stores out here.

They claim a child can buy it, not only can but does. They have appointed investigators to see how much liquor it contains, but none of the investigators have ever been able to come back and report. If it does contain liquor they are liable to come clear, for they certainly wouldn't come under the heading of bootleggers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

970 THE COLLEGE BOY, ROGERS SAYS, HAS AT LAST FOUND HIS NICHE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 4. – There has been an awful lot of discussions and writings on the subject, "Does a College Education Pay?" It did look awful doubtful for a while, but the events of the last few days have shown that the old college boy has finally found his niche in the world of progress.

Both boys who tied Bobby Jones in the first two days of golf at Del Monte had learned the mysteries of the mashie in four years of hard putting at some modern institution of learning. And just think, a short ten years ago a golf course was as unknown to colleges as a study hall is today.

The fraternity pin is finally coming into its own. It's the ignorant that are in the bunkers. College literature will read:

"Come to Purdue and we will improve your putting."

"Four years in Penn State and beat par."

"Dartmouth for distance."

"Harvard for hole-in-one."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

971 POLITICS IN MASSACHUSETTS STIR WILL ROGERS TO MIRTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 5. – Been reading a lot about politics.

Up in old Massachusetts the Republicans are in a dog fight among themselves. Mr. Gillette's time is soon up as a Senator and he wants to withdraw and let ex-President Coolidge run. Then the Democrats have dug up another

Coolidge, who is a Democrat. That's the blamedest State for curiosities.

Wouldn't that be a hot race with a Coolidge on both sides? I would like to see Calvin in that Senate and hear him tangle in a debate with Pat Harrison. That would make Jim Reed sorry he ever left there.

Smoot is watching that sugar barrel day and night now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

972 MR. ROGERS'S OWN NOTIONS ABOUT THE WORLD COURT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 6. – This World Court is up again. Some think it's great and some think it's terrible, and I am just one of the 90 per cent of our population who don't know what it is. The more I read about both sides the less I know about the middle.

Each nation that goes into it has it understood, with a reservation, that anything the Court does shall be binding, except in cases pertaining to them. But everybody is agreed on one thing and that is if we ratify it, it would be a crowning achievement to finish out the great career of Mr. Elihu Root, a great man and splendid statesman.

Others think we could pay him our obligation in a cheaper way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

973 ROGERS COMPARES AIR DEATHS WITH HIGHWAY FATALITIES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 8. – The plane accident was terribly, unfortunate, and it no doubt will have a tendency with some of the more skeptical ones to say that aviation is unsafe. Their death will receive tremendous publicity all over the country, but on Monday morning, when you read this, if you had the entire statistics of everybody all over our country who was killed today (Sunday) by autos, well, it will be lucky if it's under twenty-five. Yet some of their deaths will never be published beyond their own country newspapers. Yet every one of them is just as dead as those on the plane.

So, sir, travel by air is here to stay, and all the doubt in the world can't stop it. And accidents by plane will be taken the same as we take the news that a train at a grade crossing has killed a truckload of people—just a matter of fact.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

974 ROGERS HAS A 'YARDSTICK' FOR NAVAL MEASUREMENTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 9. – Mr. Hoover and Ramsay MacDonald are both peace-loving, tax-saving, conscientious men, but since 1922 we have read nothing but: "You limit your battleships to so many and we'll limit our cruisers to so and so. You have this much tonnage under ten thousand and we will agree to keep ours over nine thousand." And both are still building and still arguing.

If both nations was absolutely on the level with this, they would agree on a grand total of armament that each one could have, whether it was in battleships or battle axes, cruisers or cuspidors, pistols or paper wads, shotguns or slingshots, submarines or subways, aeroplanes or Airdales. But when it was all added up it should weigh the same.

Then that will make the next war a tie and will guarantee that we fight another one. Oh, hum!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

975 MR. ROGERS WOULD LIKE TO SHOW OL' THUNDER WHERE HE STANDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 10. – They are having about eighteen different red tape investigations as to "Why an aeroplane should run into a storm." Why don't they find out "why a ship should run into one?" "why a town should run into one?" "why an individual should be allowed to venture out when he knows there is one at large some place?"

In fact let's all get together and by the aid of our chambers of commerce, pass a resolution denouncing storms. You can only defeat the elements by organization, so let all government and civic bodies get together with the real old fighting spirit and show old man thunder and lightnin' where he stands.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

976 NOTE FROM WILL ROGERS ON NATIONAL SPEED RECORDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 11 – So we are the nation that travels so fast and think all the other countries are still in a covered wagon. Well, some Englishman just went 355 miles an hour in a plane yesterday and almost wept because it was foggy and misty and he was not able to open it up. If you remember, one come over here and run an automobile faster than we can even

wreck one, so when it comes to speed we are not exactly what you would call sitting on top of the world.

Englishmen live slow and move fast; we live fast and move slow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

977 WILL ROGERS WOULD BACK THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 12. – See where they are forming in Europe a new organization called "The United States of Europe." Nobody knows just what it is or what its aims are, but we ought to be for it if only for one reason; and that is, it's the first thing been formed since the war that we haven't been asked to go over and join.

If it's an economic boycott against our high Republican tariff I don't see why the Democrats wouldn't be allowed to join it.

I guess this epidemic of forming clubs and things, that we have just so disastrously passed through, is just hitting Europe.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

978 MUSSOLINI GETTING INDOLENT, WILL ROGERS FEARS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 13. – Mussolini woke up yesterday, felt tired and worn so he gave up seven of his Cabinet positions. I wouldn't be surprised to see him become so indolent that he took up golf. All he is now is manager of Italy and supervisor of the seven positions that he gave up.

And over here we take one Cabinet job serious. Even the South got sore because Mr. Hoover didn't appoint one of them on his Cabinet. He was mighty honest about it, though. He said there is lots of men down there big enough but they are not smart enough to be Republicans.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

979 WHAT WILL ROGERS THINKS ABOUT MACDONALD'S VISIT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 15. – Philip Snowden, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's "head" man, went over on the Continent and talked the Allies out of a half billion of Germany's reputation money, and he came back to England a bigger hero than MacDonald.

So Ramsay says to himself, "I will do the going from now on," so he is coming over here. So watch him, Herbert. Englishmen are the only race of people that never travel for just fun.

Personally I think he wants to show us the advantages of England retaining the largest navy. You won't be asked for any monetary consideration, Mr. Hoover; just do a little fancy ship sinking.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

980 MR. ROGERS FINDS ONE MERGER THAT'S OFF INDEFINITELY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 16. – The old bromide about the South "still fighting the Civil War" don't hold up so good. It was suggested to the Northern boys at their reunion the other day that they hold a joint reunion with the Southern. Well, they just pulled out their whiskers and started firing 'em at the suggester. Said they would never meet 'em till the South admitted they was wrong.

So that is one merger that is off indefinitely. The North got all the pensions and the postoffices. They don't need anything else.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

981 WILL ROGERS TAKES THE AIR TO ESCAPE MOVIE OPENING

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 17. – Breakfast this morning at Beverly Hills and dinner tonight at Wichita. Plane full of passengers and fine trip. In the morning will just hop down home to Claremore. They was opening my first talking picture tonight in Los Angeles and charging those poor people five dollars, and I just couldn't stand by and be a party to such brigandage. First-night audiences pay their money to look at each other, so if they get stuck tomorrow night, they can't blame me. It will be because they don't look good to each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

982 THE FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA AS DEPICTED BY WILL ROGERS

CLAREMORE, Okla., Sept. 18. – Back to the old home State. The Governor had just made me Colonel on his staff and I come home to put out a mint bed.

The State never looked better and politics never looked worse, which is

as it should be. Just missed by one day a reunion of the writers of our State Constitution, which was celebrating its twenty-second birthday, and beautiful tribute was paid there to my father, who was the oldest member of the Constitution founders.

If Oklahoma does in the next twenty-two years what we have in the last, why New York will be our parking space, Chicago our arsenal, New Orleans our amusement centre and Los Angeles segregated for Elk and Shrine conventions.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

983 ROGERS FINDS DEEP PATHOS IN A FOOTBALL APPEAL

OOLOGAH, Okla., Sept. 19. – The football season is on and here is as pathetic a note as I ever read. It's by Gil Dobie, head coach at Cornell.

The future of Cornell as a Class A college is entirely in the hands of the faculty. If they are going to be bullheaded and insist on the students studying and carrying on a lot of lessons and getting their minds and time off what they are here for, why we will finish where all other narrow-minded colleges finish, in the cellar.

But if they wake up like Notre Dame, California and Princeton, and realize it's touchdowns we want, and not degrees, it's future coaches we want to turn out, and not college presidents, then only will Cornell return to its proud place among prosperous universities.

But I can do nothing. It's all in the hands of the faculty.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

984 WILL ROGERS CLAIMS RECORD FOR OKLAHOMA AIRPORT

CLAREMORE, Okla., Sept. 20. – Of all the airports I have been in Tulsa leads. In fact, they lead the entire United States with 4,500 passengers handled last month. We are putting in a field here in Claremore but we have to move fifteen or twenty blocks of big buidings.

This fellow Vare is going great, about the only thing that can keep him out of the Senate is his popularity.

Every farmer in Oklahoma has a picture of the new Farm Board hung right on their wall, in between the two mortgages.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

985 MR. ROGERS HAS DISCOVERED WHAT RUINED 48 OF OUR CITIES

EL RENO, Okla., Sept. 22. – When you are visiting the beauty spots of this country, don't over-look Frank Phillips's ranch and game preserve at Bartlesville, Okla. It's the most unique place in this country. Got everything but reindeer. He shipped fifty down from Alaska at a thousand dollars a piece; they stood the Summer fine and all froze to death in the Winter.

Just flew over Oklahoma City, where they have struck the big oil wells right in town. They are going to move the Capitol buildings to put in wells. State and Federal capitols have ruined forty-eight towns and cities in this country. No town has ever survived a capitol, so, as I see it, to strike oil is the only salvation.

This is Reno, our historical old fort, but now our protection is in the hands of Senate investigating committees. We will meet 'em and defeat'em with testimony.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

986 WILL ROGERS FINDS FARMS PAYING WITHOUT RELIEF

AMARILLO, Texas, Sept. 23. – Been down in the old ranch country today. Visited the Mashed OS, a part of the old X I T which was at one time the biggest ranch in the world. They are farming this whole plains country and making it pay without relief.

Well, John and Florence got married today. It was just a year ago now that they came to see the Stone show in New Haven together and I introduced them to the audience. I could see then that they was sorter keeping company.

Well, we got Lindy and Anne going along fine now and we wish John and Florence the same. We got to dig us up another love match to promote.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

987 MR. ROGERS COMES TO AID OF A CHALLENGED SENATOR

CIMARRON, N. M., Sept. 24. – Here's your real cattle country. Here's where Charles Dawes comes out and fishes. People thought it was necessary not only for our President to come West and fish, but even the Vice President.

I see where the President has asked Senator Howell to bring him in some proof that the people in Washington was drinking.

Well, everything works to the advantage of somebody. Look what that will do for the truck-men, if Howell decides to haul the empty bottles up to the White House to show him.

Course, if Howell don't want to pay for all that trucking, he can just take up some other Congressmen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

988 WILL ROGERS OUT OF TOUCH WITH NEWS, BUT FEELS GOOD

CIMARRON, N. M., Sept. 25. – Been away up above the timber line for the last few days on Jim Minnick's horse ranch, so can't tell you what I have read in the papers for I haven't had any and I am plumb in ignorance as to who murdered who, who robbed who, who married who, who divorced who and why, what Congressman Howell produced in the way of evidence, what Grundy demanded of his Republican henchmen, what Reed Smoot said when somebody said sugar was fattening.

But I don't know. It feels kinder good not to know all that. Anyhow, our news is getting just like the old movie titles, we can guess it before it's printed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

989 WILL ROGERS INTERPRETS THE FLEXIBLE TARIFF DEBATE

KINGMAN, Ariz., Sept. 26. – Flying along on a fine trip. Will land for gas at Kingman in a few minutes and arrive in Los Angeles in a couple of more hours. The whole Southwest never looked more green and pretty.

I told you yesterday I could guess what was in the papers, and it was. Senate still arguing over the tariff, this time with the President. The law says he can change various duties if he sees fit; that's what is called flexible. Well, the Senate says that gives him too much authority, that they themselves are the ones that are really competent to do that.

Now you tell one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

990 WILL ROGERS LEARNS RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS WITH RATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 27. – Say, there is an awful lot in the papers the last few days about these experiments these college professors are making with rats. One professor had to turn his out, for the rats know enough not to try any of the experiments.

Another one wanted to find out what effect athletics had on any one's intelligence. They wanted to see if he was dumber, or keener, after running back punts and tackling another rat for awhile.

The experiment showed that the rat was keener with athletics by him demanding tuition and board for nothing and 10 per cent of the gate on all big games. The rat with no exercise wound up as a bond salesman.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

991 HOW WILL ROGERS WOULD GUARD AGAINST LOBBYISTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 29. – We are all in a lather over this Shearer, and the lobbying. If one man with no official connection can change a whole conference, it's not him you want to investigate, it's the guys that he influenced, and it's the same with lobbying in Washington. If we have Senators and Congressmen there that can't protect themselves against these evil temptations of lobbyists, we don't need to change our lobby, we need to change our representatives.

Any person that can't spot a propagandist and lobbyist a mile away, must be a person so blind that they still think toupees are deceptive, and can't tell a hotel house detective from a guest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

992 WILL ROGERS PRODS DEMOCRATS ON THEIR TARIFF MOVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 30. – The Democrats have issued an appeal to the country to help them in their fight against Mr. Hoover and the flexible tariff. They claim that it is putting too much authority in the hands of the President. The Republicans think that it is all right as long as it is a Republican

President (and Mr. Hoover is just about the latest Republican there is).

The whole thing just proves that the Democrats have very little confidence of ever getting a President, otherwise they wouldn't want to take away any of his authority. The way they feel about their chances they would just as soon abolish the office entirely.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

993 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS TOUR TO RAISE MONEY FOR CRUISERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 1. – Been reading the questions and answers in this Shearer impeachment. I didn't know that it was going to be that good or I would have gone back and made that opening. If they will take that on the road and bill it as Shearer's and Shortridge's Follies they could make enough out of it to buy us some cruisers without the taxpayers.

For the way things stand everybody wants disarmament but nobody wants to see anything sunk. And both nations would love to have some new cruisers if they could get them without paying for 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

994 WILL ROGERS FAVORS HIRING SHEARER TO KEEP US OUT OF WARS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 2. – If Shearer is as important and can do as much as the Senate and our whole government seem to think he can, why don't we just hire him ourselves to keep us out of any other wars?

It's the cheapest peace insurance I know of, for he is certainly not high priced if he has done what they think he has.

I am in favor of hiring him for the farmers. Course it would have to be on credit, but we could use him.

I see where he has postponed his questioning of Senators Allen, Shortridge and Robinson till after Premier MacDonald's visit. We don't want him investigating the United States Senate while our distinguished guest is here.

Yours,

Will Rogers

995 WILL ROGERS NOTES WITH GLEE THE WORM'S TURNING ON RICH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 3. – Say, here is something that will be of interest to you all. I just happened to find it out in an in-direct way.

You know we always figured that the Lord and the elements and Congress was all on the side of the rich against the farmer. So it was certainly gratifying to learn there is a bug that is eating up the greens on the golf courses. It's called an army bug, for it comes in droves.

That just shows you that the worm is turning, and the leisure class is going to have their boll-weevil, chinch bug and grasshopper, too. Won't that be great to hear the golf player hollering for relief!

Yours,

Will Rogers

996 WILL ROGERS THINKS SENATE DID THE PRESIDENT A FAVOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 4. – Mr. Hoover certainly ought to feel relieved to have the Senate say to him "You have nothing to do with this tariff, let us fix it." What a hole that let him out of. The best he could get was the worst of it.

Even Mr. Coolidge, as cautious as he was when he was the head man, got in wrong by just lowering the tariff on some kind of quail (I think it was base-singing quail or something) . That's the only change he made in six years with the tariff. It was just on the poor little innocent quails, yet it brought down on him the wrath of the Catholics, the Protestants, the Kiwanis, Daughters of All Revolutions, Home for Snowbound Birds Association, Senator Borah and the Democrats.

So the Senate accidentally favored the President.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

997 MIGHTY NICE OF WILL TO REFRESH OUR MEMORIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 6. – Lest you forget, King George and the Prince of Wales are also from the same country as Premier Baldwin.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

998 WILL ROGERS GIVES PRAISE TO 'LOVELY' MISS MACDONALD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 7. – Everybody is talking about the fine prospects of a world peace from this trip of Mr. MacDonald, and already it has had tremendous good effects. But after it's all forgotten and a couple of different men in both countries are in these high positions with many different ideas, why the lasting impression of Premier MacDonald's trip will be the effect that daughter of his has had on these girl cigarette ads, lip shellac and nose kalsomining of ours over here.

Miss MacDonald has been so busy all her life learning how to be agreeable and wholesome that she hasn't had time to worry about how she looked, and as a consequence she looks lovely.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

999 WILL ROGERS SEES COST OF SOCIAL WAR RUNNING HIGH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 8. – It looks like we are going to get disarmament, but I want to tell you we are paying dearly for it. For after all, it's a question if it's not better to have a big navy, lots of taxes and yet social peace in Washington than no navy, no taxes, yet not enough seats at the right of the President to go round.

So Premier MacDonald and his charming, no-smoking, no-rouging daughter have brought peace to the world, but they have, un-consciously, unleashed the social hounds of war, and now it's death to the poor devil who has to seat 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1000 WILL ROGERS WANTS EHMKE REWARDED BY HOOVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 9. – You know, I bet you there is just lots of households just like ours. Everybody makes a grab at the paper in the morning not to see what Mr. Hoover and Mr. MacDonald have accomplished, but to see who went to who's dinner, who didn't go, and who sat next to who.

Well, I don't know how they are going to line up for tonight's meal, but if I was President I would let 'em all go to the foot of the table and seat Howard

Ehmke on my right and appoint him Ambassador to Japan, the only country that's known enough so far to take up baseball.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1001 MR. ROGERS DISCOVERS A DAY OF DISCOVERIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 10. – According to the morning press yesterday was a day of discovery.

Lindy and family discover a lot of buried towns outside of this country. A buried town is one where there is only two oil companies operating filling stations and the drug store still retains a licensed pharmacist.

Then, my good friend Mr. Brisbane goes and discovers how to keep a baby from sucking its thumb. He is always doing something to discourage Senatorial talent.

Miss MacDonald wants above everything else while here to see a ball game, but we can't show her one as the American League teams have quit playing against each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1002 WILL ROGERS DRIFTS ALONG FROM BASEBALL TO BANKING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 11. – That certainly was nice of Connie Mack not to discourage the National League entirely. He will keep fooling around and have to start some of his best pitchers yet. If the series can go seven games and play to capacity they have a chance to merge with the City National of New York.

By the way, an old country boy banker from Colorado slicked the city slicker bankers out of one-half million bucks and they give him fifteen years so fast that you would have thought he had assasinated and a big government official. You let a city banker slick an old country boy out of something and before night he will merge with another bank and finally wind up as a member of the Federal Reserve.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1003 WHAT WILL ROGERS THINKS ABOUT SOME RADIO CHANGES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 13. – I don't know what it's the height of, but it sho is the height of something terrible, and that is when forty million people have been listening intently to Graham McNamee for two hours describe a thrilling world's series game and then hear: "We will now switch you back to the studio for the Safety Can Opener Hour, where you will be highly entertained by Sarah Wow, who will whine for you that ditty, 'I Just Don't Believe I Can Prevent Myself From Caring in a Small Way for That Steaming, Broiling, Half-Burned Man of Mine,' after which those Harmonizing Hounds will entertain you during Rosenbaum's Catchup Hour."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1004 WILL ROGERS SINGS IN PRAISE OF THE NATIONAL GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 14. – That was a mighty fine thing of President and Mrs. Hoover, going clear to Philadelphia to see that baseball game. Baseball is still and always will be our national game. It requires more brains, more practice and more real skill than all our others put together. It's the only game when you see it played you know whether the ones playing it are being paid or not.

There was twenty million baseball fans that listened to the world's series that knew every play made, and why, and how it was made, but still don't know whether Harvard is a town or a mouth wash, whether Yale is a yell or a lock, and think all Notre Dames are churches.

So viva baseball. It's for us unfortunate ones who have no alumni.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1005 WILL ROGERS DRAWS A LESSON FROM THE WORLD SERIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 15. – Mr. Hoover is eligible for the Nobel Peace Prize for his self-restraint in trying to remain neutral during the ninth inning of that game. There was no particular reason why he should have been so careful. They are both Republican cities and both politically clean and wholesome and law-abiding, and it was a great ad for justice and clean living that

two such upstanding, righteous cities should compete in our greatest sporting event, and it should be an example to these corrupt hoodlum towns for them to turn over a a new leaf and try and be upright and a credit to their inhabitants, and maybe they would win a pennant once in a while. It just shows you that justice always prevails.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1006 WILL ROGERS SEES TROUBLE 'GETTING 'em' TO DISARM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 16. – Acceptances are flowing in mighty fast to the invitations to be at the disarmament conference. Nations are just like people. They never have any trouble getting 'em to go to some sort of convention, but its getting 'em to do anything that amounts to anything after they get there. I just want to hear a movietone of France translated in English when somebody suggests doing away with submarines.

Russia and China wasn't invited. They have disarmed now till they are practically fighting with their fists. Japan has to have a navy, otherwise there would be none in the Far East.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1007 WILL ROGERS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT BOOTLEG RAID RESULTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 17. – Been reading in the papers today about the big bootlegging combine that they said they had captured in the East. They had their own broadcasting station just to keep their salesmen informed on change of prices and what the opposition was doing. They had enough guns on all their various boats that if they are not invited to the next disarmament conference it will be on account of jealousy.

You know what will happen when the whole thing goes through the courts? Why the truck drivers will be sent to jail, the radio announcer will have his gold membership card canceled for six months, and the lenders will go into vaudeville till they can make new mergers and then open bigger and "better than ever."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1008 SUGGESTIONS BY WILL ROGERS ABOUT ELEPHANTS AND SENATORS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 18. – Been reading about how it took the whole State of Texas and all its artillery and side arms to kill that elephant. Now why didn't they get one of those women that we see in every Sunday photo section who has just returned from Africa and has her picture taken with one foot up on the neck of a dead elephant and a .22-calibre rifle in her hands?

The Senate committee is all excited over a man working for Senator Bingham and at the same time drawing salary from somebody else. Why that's how everybody in America that makes anything does it. Nobody can live on one salary any more. How does a Senator do about his law cases?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1009 WILL ROGERS TO THANK EDISON IN BEHALF OF AIR TRAVELERS

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 20. – Got a lovely invitation from Henry Ford to come to Dearborn tomorrow and hear Mr. Hoover tell Mr. Edison what the electric light had meant to him before becoming a Republican. Was headed over there and ran into a thick fog and had to come back here. Besides, Mr. Ford's field is not open on Sundays and we couldn't fly around till Monday, but will be over there as soon as the Sabbath is over.

Old Chicago might be wicked, but that lighted field looked mighty good at night, and I sure want to thank Mr. Edison personally tomorrow for inventing those little things.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1010 WILL ROGERS'S FAVORITES AT THE EDISON CELEBRATION

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 21. – What a day and what a bunch of men! A lot of my favorites were there. Owen D. Young, my favorite Democrat; Julius Rosenwald, my favorite philanthropist, who I tried to touch for a donation for the farmers, said "My generosity is under complete control"; Charley Schwab, my favorite optimist; Jimmy Girard, my favorite Democratic treasurer, who was selling Edison cigar lighters to make up the Democratic deficit, and my favorite illustrator, Charles Dana Gibson, who was using Jane Addams and I as a model; my favorite boss, Mr. Ochs, and my favorite father of polo players, Mr. Firestone.

It rained all day, but otherwise it was dry. In fact, it was the dryest wet day a lot of these prominent men had ever experienced. I kept looking for Miss Willebrandt.

Horses and carriages to drive you all over this old reproduced village. Everybody was wondering where he got all the old cabs and horses. I was wondering where he got the hats the cabmen wore. It was just like a big country picnic. No matter how big they were they all felt humble and about the same in comparison with the man they were honoring, Mr. Edison. It was a great tribute conceived and marvelously carried out by another great man.

Tonight is the banquet and if I don't get seated properly there is going to be another social row.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1011 WILL ROGERS DISAPPOINTED AT LACK OF SOUVENIRS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 22. – About the banquet at Mr. Ford's, it was great. Every time I would waste some coffee out of my saucer it would be on a millionaire. I started to kick on my seat for the guys on either side looked like a couple of Ford dealers. So before I would sit down I made 'em tell. One said he was Orville Wright. I told the other one I suppose you are Lindbergh. He says no, I am only Mr. Mayo. Well, between a forced landing and an operation I was home.

And, say, a Democrat presided. Of course, a Republican provided, and Mr. Hoover made a humorous speech. Told what the electric light meant to the man that was too lazy to fill a lantern.

But when all's said and done I was disappointed. I thought they would give out Lincolns as souvenirs. Shoot, they didn't even pass around Fords.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1012 AS WILL ROGERS LOOKS UPON THE NEW YORK CITY CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 23. – They are soon to have a city election here in New York City, and there is no more use getting excited over the outcome of it than you should over the outcome of a Presidential election, only the case is exactly reversed.

A Democrat can't win nationally because he runs out of Democrats too soon, and a Republican can't even get a base on balls in this city because Re-

publicans are too scarce. Then you can always leave it to a majority party in any campaign to split and run everybody they can think of.

So Jimmy Walker will win by perhaps the biggest majority of any candidate in years, and will then kick himself for getting up at 9:30 and 10 o'clock in the morning to make speeches.

If he even changes spats for this election he will be wasting time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1013 WILL ROGERS SAYS NEW YORK HAS HAD A 'WAILING DAY'

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 24. – I have been in Washington on inauguration day, Claremore on Fourth of July, Dearborn on Edison's Day. But to have been in New York on "wailing day"! When Wall Street took that tail spin, you had to stand in line to get a window to jump out of, and speculators were selling space for bodies in the East River. If England is supposed by international treaty to protect the Wailing Wall, they will have to come here to do it. The wall runs from the Battery to the Bronx.

You know there is nothing that hollers as quick and as loud as a gambler. They even blame it on Hoover's fedora hat. Now they know what the farmer has been up against for eight years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1014 WALL STREET'S VICISSITUDES NOTHING TO WILL ROGERS

WAYNOKA, Okla., Oct. 25. – Flying from New York, all day just looking down on beautiful lands and prosperous towns, then you read all this sensational collapse of Wall Street.

What does it mean? Nothing. Why, if the cows of this country failed to come up and get milked one night it would be more of a panic than if Morgan and Lamont had never held a meeting. Why, an old sow and a litter of pigs make more people a living than all the steel and general motor stock combined. Why, the whole 120,000,000 of us are more dependent on the cackling of a hen than if the stock exchange was turned into a night club.

And New Yorkers call them rubes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1015 WILL ROGERS DECIDES WE ARE 'GET THE DOUGH' PEOPLE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 27. – The Carnegie Foundation got their answer about paid athletes who were subsidized. One-half million people attended seven games where the athletes were subsidized. Less than half that many attended fifty games where the athletes were pure, but not much athletes. The public don't care how you got to a college, it's how are you going to get from the 40-yard line to over the goal that they are worrying over.

We are a "get the dough" people, and our children are born in a commercial age. Why if a babe in arms can cry loud enough to get paid for it we are tickled to death. Make 'em pay for talent whether it's art, music, football, literature, radio announcing or flag pole sitting.

Any actors that can draw 88,000 people in one day is worthy of their hire. Don't let Wall Street get all the gravy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1016 WILL POINTS TO FLAW IN THE JURY SYSTEM

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 28. – Our attention in the last few days has been focused on juries, and from what we read about it the personal opinion of the jurymen after listening to all the testimony don't seem to mean much. It's how strong-minded and persuasive some other jurymen are. Look at the Fall case, first ballot, seven for acquittal, two undecided, and only three for conviction, yet in the end the three switched all the others. It wasn't the evidence, for they had heard it all before they took the first ballot. So it looks like a lot of jurymen ought to be lawyers, for they are evidently more convincing than the lawyers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1017 WALL STREET 'HUDDLE' FAILS TO INSPIRE WILL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 29. – What's the matter with this for a laugh? When the stock market goes down Mr. Morgan, Lamont, Charley Mitchell and Mr. George Baker hold a meeting and let everybody see'em in this huddle. Then the market perks up.

I was just thinking what a great idea it would be if we could just get these boys to room together for six months. There is no telling to what heights the market might go.

Just think what a calamity if these forgot where they were to meet some day to inspire confidence.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1018 WILL ROGERS TELLS SOMETHING ABOUT SAFETY IN AIR TRAVEL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 30. – I knew they would find that so-called lost plane in Arizona.

Let me tell you something about these transcontinental air lines. As they are conducted today, getting to the destination don't mean anything. It's the safety of the passengers that is their whole consideration.

In the last few weeks I have made two trips to the East and back on both the Western Air Express and the Transcontinental Air Transport. One time they set us down in Amarillo when there was bad weather ahead in Wichita, Kan., 300 miles away, and it's the same with all organized passenger lines all over this country.

If there is a safer mode of transportation I have never found it. Even horseback. I got bucked off the other day.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1019 THOUGHTS OF WILL ROGERS ON THE LATE SLUMP IN STOCKS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 31. – Sure must be a great consolation to the poor people who lost their stock in the late crash to know that it has fallen in the hands of Mr. Rockefeller, who will take care of it and see that it has a good home and never be allowed to wander around unprotected again.

There is one rule that works in every calamity. Be it pestilence, war or famine, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. The poor even help arrange it. But it's just as Mr. Brisbane and I have been constantly telling you, "Don't gamble"; take all your savings and buy some good stock, and hold it till it goes up, then sell it.

If it don't go up, don't buy it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1020 WILL ROGERS SCANS HISTORY OF TROUBLES WITH THE SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 1. – Mr. Hoover is becoming a typical American President by becoming disgusted with the Senate early in his administration.

Distrust of the Senate by Presidents started with Washington, who wanted to have 'em court-martialed. Jefferson proposed life imprisonment for 'em, old Andy Jackson said "To hell wih 'em," and got his wish. Lincoln said the Lord must have hated 'em, for he made so few of 'em.

Roosevelt whittled a big stick and beat on 'em for six years. Taft just laughed at 'em and grew fat. They drove Wilson to an early grave. Coolidge never let 'em know what he wanted, so they never knew how to vote against him, and Mr. Hoover took 'em serious, thereby making his only political mistake.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1021 WILL ROGERS WOULD KEEP ROWBOAT, AT LEAST, FOR NAVY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 3. – Out here somewhere prowling around is the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Aviation. He was a naval ace of our late war. Just think of appointing a man that knew something about the business he was appointed to. I think that should call for a Senatorial investigation, knocking good politicians out of a job like that.

When he landed out here 115 planes took off from one airplane carrier at intervals of ten seconds each; but, mind you, it takes many armed ships to protect this ship while these planes are taking off.

Peace is like a beautiful woman—it's wonderful, but has been known to bear watching. So when we are having tea with Ramsay, let's hold out a rowboat at least.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1022 WILL ROGERS SEES FOOTBALL AS A 'GO IN, COME OUT' GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 4. – Went to see one of the modern football games and the thing that struck an old timer was that on every play there would be twenty-two different men facing each other. They could go in and come out, go in and come out, in fact that's what tired 'em out, was going in and out so much.

Imagine baseball if every time you wanted a hit you could send in Ruth. Every time you wanted a fly ball caught you could send in Speaker. Ruth could go telephone and come back and bat again. The good pitcher could stay out till they got three men on bases, then come in and strike them out and then go eat hot dogs till three more got on, then come back in again.

Or imagine a prize fight, every time one got hit, send in another fighter.

Football don't need referees, they need United States census takers. And that's what is drawing the crowds. People want to see how many boys attend each college. An old alumni,

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1023 WILL ROGERS SAYS BINGHAM PICKED WRONG SORT OF MAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 5. – They censure Senator Bingham for engaging a man that knew something about the tariff. If he had hired a man that knew nothing about it, or better still, nothing about anything, why that would have been O.K. For Bingham to find somebody that knew something about the tariff was almost as big a miracle as his action was a disgrace.

Funny part about it all is that all these arguments and all these investigations is over a bill that won't pass anyhow. So all this is just like discussing yesterday's weather.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1024 WILL ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT THE ELECTION RESULTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 6. – Virginia went back to normalcy yesterday. I can see Mr. Hoover looking for a new fishing ground next Summer.

Tammany Hall showed that it was as strong east of the Hudson as it is west of there. In fact the Democrats won in pretty near all the cities for Mayor. Funny thing how people will vote for 'em to run a town but not to run the country.

Any ambitious hostess that wants to give a dinner party and have it well advertised can't do worse than to invite Senator Brookhart. He don't know what liquor is, but he can tell where it was last seen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1025 MR. ROGERS HAS A FEW WORDS TO SAY ON EVENTS AT CAPITAL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 7. – It wasn't drinking that Senator Brookhart wanted to show at that dinner, it was the fact that an Iowa Senator sat next to Otto Kahn, which also excused Mr. Kahn's resorting to the flask.

With Progressive Senators relating all the ingredients of social functions might have been why Hiram Johnson's invitation went astray. But Mr. Johnson's health is better by it, for no matter how tasty a dinner the Hoovers might have served it would have disagreed with Senator Johnson.

Mr. Hoover's alibi as to why the invitation miscarried should have been, "I mailed it to the Republican side of the Senate."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1026 WILL ROGERS SEES DIETING RETURNING AS STOCKS SLUMP

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 8. – People were just about getting over this crazy epidemic of dieting when along come this stock market and drove 'em all back on it again. All the big financiers and writers are saying "good values are worth as much as they ever were," but that's the trouble, nobody knows what they ever were worth. To make things look prosperous every company is trying to declare a dividend, and they will do it, too, if they can sell enough stock to declare it on.

One thing I like about Senator Bingham. He didn't say, "I did it for the wife and kiddies." He just said, "I did it for the poor manufacturers of Connecticut."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1027 WILL ROGERS SAYS JUST WAIT TILL THE JACKASSES HEAR OF IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 10. – It sure did kick up some excitement in the Senate when Senator Moses called the other Senators "sons of wild jackasses." Well, if you think it made the Senators hot, you wait till you see what happens when the jackasses hear how they have been slandered.

This Moses, like the one in the original cast, is a kind of an amateur prophet, and every once in a while he climbs to the top of some speaker's table, strikes the stone head of a toastmaster and brings forth a wisecrack. So next

week I can see the Senate passing a resolution to have his form again enveloped in some distant bullrushes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1028 WILL ROGERS WOULD STOP SPEECHES AND ARMAMENT

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 11. – This day that I am writing this is no doubt the greatest day in all the world history. Armistice Day, when you think that a half dozen men could sit down and casually sign a pact to stop millions of men from killing each other. But if they don't stop these guys making these speeches over the radio on Armistice Day, why we are liable to have the same war over again, only worse.

If Armistice Day had stopped speeches, it would have done more good than to have stopped war, for speeches is what starts the next war. It's not armament, it's oratory that's wrong with this country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1029 WALL STREET AND CONGRESS DRAW WILL ROGERS'S FIRE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 12. – Instead of observing Armistice Day Monday, Wall Street decided to hold a little session for the boys that crave more action than ordinary peace affords, and everybody was jarred loose from a 5 to 50 point drop. That will make some of 'em remember that the day has some significance, anyhow.

Only two more weeks of this special session of Congress which Mr. Hoover would give his high-top rubber boots if he had never been short-sighted enough as to have called 'em. He has one consolation. They have annoyed each other as much as they have him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1030 JUST A WILL ROGERS IDEA OF THE MARKET SITUATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 13. – I guess this stock market drop is due to the fact that Rockefeller and all those big men who stabilized it a couple of weeks ago have about reached the limit of their margins and are being sold out.

What the market needs now is another bunch of men that will stabilize it during its next 100-point drop.

When the Senatorial investigations in Washington commence to sorter drift over onto the second and third page of the morning papers, why the committee calls Grundy and he brings 'em back on page one again. He is so deliciously frank about his dealings that he is the biggest novelty in Washington.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1031 BRIEF NOTE FROM WILL ROGERS ON VOODOOS AND PROSPERITY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 14. – Grundy wouldn't name the States that were backward, because the voodoos from the town of York, in his own State, had him "hexed." Advancement will tell.

Prosperity this Winter is going to be enjoyed by everybody that is fortunate enough to get into the poor farm.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1032 WILL ROGERS IS SURPRISED AT TAX CUT IN AN OFF YEAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 15. – The Senate is meeting at night. There was a lot of things they couldn't investigate in the daytime. We are going to get lower taxes. Just think, too, lower taxes, and not on a Presidential election year!

Twenty thousand people in Missouri gathered to see twelve farmers in the world's championship corn husking. No wonder the farmer has nothing. If he had been smart enough to put these on under the guise of college athletics, hired a coach and a stadium, why then the farmer would be sitting as pretty as Notre Dame.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1033 WILL ROGERS DOESN'T LIKE, TALK OF BEING "AIR-MINDED"

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 17. – I see where a transcontinental air line has made a big cut in fares. That's what aviation should have done in the first place, they knew they had to lose money for a year or so, so lose it carrying a

full load. It's the financial fear that keeps more people on the ground than the physical fear.

Another suggestion if I may, choke the ad writer, or chamber of commerce that uses the expression "air minded." People think it's some kind of mental condition that you have to work yourself up into before leaving the ground. If you ride in a 1918 Buick you are not necessarily "Buickminded," or if in a Lincoln, you are not "Lincoln-minded." You travel in what you can afford. Even a pilot's mind has no more air in it than a subway guard's has.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1034 WILL ROGERS FINDS SECRET OF NOTRE DAME'S SUCCESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 18. – Knute Rockne started his big game in Chicago Saturday with his Irish team, but after California made a touchdown, he rushed in his Eyetalians. With the Irish afighting, and the Eyetalians playing football, there is no beating that team. They still call it football, and there hasn't been a goal kicked since Indian Jim Thorpe could stand in the centre of a football field and place a drop kick through the president of the university's window.

While we are decorating pilots that make fast records in a wonderfully equipped plane, stop and give a great big hand to this one in Seattle, who with two Boy Scouts aboard made a forced landing on the top of a department store roof and saved all hands.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1035 RESTORE "CONFIDENCE" TO WHOM? WILL ASKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 19. – America already holds the record for freak movements.

Now we have a new one. It's called "restoring confidence." Rich men who never had a mission in life outside of watching a stock ticker are working day and night "restoring confidence."

Railroad officials met today with Mr. Hoover and agreed to lower the fares on prominent delegates rushing to conferences to "restore confidence."

Writers are working night shifts, speakers' tables are littered up, ministers are preaching statistics, all on "restoring confidence."

Now I am not unpatriotic, and I want to do my bit, so I hereby offer my

services to my President, my country, and my friends around old Trinity Church, New York, to do anything (outside of serving on a commission) that I can in this great movement. But you will have to give me some idea of where "confidence" is. And just who you want it restored to.

Yours for service,

Will Rogers.

1036 WILL ROGERS TELLS HIS IDEA OF 'RESTORING CONFIDENCE'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 20. – Been looking to see what I could do toward "restoring confidence," and discovered the following facts:

Confidence hasn't left this country; confidence has just got wise, and the guys that it got wise to are wondering where it has gone.

Railroad men of the country held a meeting in Washington and decided to put on more bus lines.

Newspapers headline the fact that 19 were killed in Mexico election day, and it should be head-lined, for it is astonishing, astonishing to us, for we can bump off that many electing an Alderman in Chicago, or any of our big cities.

Mexico has got a long way to go before they reach our state of civilization.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1037 WILL ROGERS ALSO 'CONFERS' ON CONFIDENCE PLANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 21. – While Mr. Hoover had all the prominent male financiers of the East "restoring confidence," I rode herd on all the female industrial giantesses of the West and restored the following "confidence."

Texas Guinan (the General Motors of night clubs), said: "I will put branches of my industry in every town that Sears, Roebuck are."

Clara Bow: "I will be glad to help out President Coolidge and Secretary McAdoo in this financial jam that the talkies have got us into."

Elinor Glyn: "The trouble with this country its got confidence, but it hasn't got 'it' and confidence without 'it' and some money, is lost."

Fanny Brice: "I'll buy stocks but not at the top."

Aimee McPherson: "Have just fired two lawyers, and one of my deacons for buying on margins. If the worst comes to the worst with Wall Street I will take up a collection."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1038 WILL ROGERS THINKS FORD DIDN'T KNOW POW WOW RULES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 22. – That was the first time Mr. Henry Ford had ever attended one of these big financial pow wows. He didn't know that all you was supposed to do was pass a resolution and then adjourn. He thought you had to do something definite, so he raised everybody's salary.

The Senate got sore when Mr. Hoover declared a national day of Thanksgiving to celebrate their closing. Now I kinder string with the Senate on this. They didn't pass the tariff bill, for the thing wasn't any good. Never blame a legislative body for not doing something. When they do nothing, that don't hurt anybody. It's when they do something is when they become dangerous.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1039 WILL ROGERS HAS DIFFICULTY FINDING FRIENDS IN MEXICO

CALEXICO, Cal., Nov. 24. – Just seen the biggest cotton farm in the world and it's in Mexico. A poor negro and a poor mule and a debt was about all I had ever seen on cotton land before. Yet here is 110,000 acres in one piece. That's enough acres if it was in our cotton States at home to impoverish and keep poor over 20,000 families.

Glad to visit Mexico again, but most of my old cronies guessed wrong during the last revolution and I am having a little trouble locating them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1040 WILL ROGERS UP IN THE AIR OVER THE IMPERIAL VALLEY

CALEXICO, Cal., Nov. 25. – With a good Mexican pilot I flew just down over the mouth of the Colorado River where it empties into the Gulf of Lower California. You know, we talk about a water problem between us and Mexico over this Colorado River. Say, when the Americans get through taking

out water the river don't have any mouth and leaves no problem.

We have a few unique spots in our country, and this Imperial Valley is one of them. It's below the sea level and the most fertile spot outside the Valley of the Nile, and that's only good for burial purposes. But this raises real alfalfa and cotton and grape fruit. No time to monkey with old King Tut here.

Will Rogers.

1041 TRIBUTE BY WILL ROGERS TO TWO DEPARTED FRIENDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 26. – No comedian of our generation but has profited by seeing the old master, Raymond Hitchcock, work. Such ease and originality. Knowing and admiring you for years, Hitchy, I believe you would like this on your headstone: "Here lies a cheerful soul who spent a lifetime creating fun for others. Yet in doing so he has never copied any man's methods. He lived, was loved, and he died, just 'Hitchy,' unlike anybody."

And to make the day entirely obituary, I read of the death of Captain Cuddihy, our crack navy pilot. Just three weeks ago he spent three days at my ranch, along with Secretary of the Navy for Aviation Ingalls (whom he was piloting), a fine chap and a great pilot. It just looks like the good ones go and us bum ones stay.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1042 WILL ROGERS MUSES ON WHAT THERE IS TO BE THANKFUL FOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 27. – It's not a bad old Thanksgiving at that. Outside of Notre Dame, let's see what we got to be thankful for.

Congress adjourning, I know will be the first thing that comes into your mind. But that blessing will be short-lived, for they are soon to meet again.

Wall Street stocks are about back up to where the suckers can start buying again.

The farmers can be thankful. Didn't the Farm Board decide in Washington last week that they could have cheaper interest? All the farmers have to do now is to find something new to put up as security.

Please pass the cranberries.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1043 WILL ROGERS NOW DECIDES THE PRESIDENT IS A MAGICIAN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 28. – One thing we have always heard of our President, Mr. Hoover, that while he may not be a political spellbinder, and able to sway a vast audience, that he could take a small bunch of men, talk to 'em, and explain what he was after, and he could have them coming out of the conference promising to cut off a leg, quit smoking, or give up golf. Well, lately he has certainly proven it. He gathers 'em in, a little gang at a time, and when they come out, you would suspect that they had some drinks, for they immediately start announcing the spending of not only millions but billions.

Let's hope they don't sober up till the spending is over. We give medals for men laying down their lives for bravery, but this is more, they are promising to lay down their money. So Hoover is not only a great general, he is a magician.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1044 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ABOUT THE NEW PROSPERITY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 29. – Mr. Hoover has had all the financiers of the country gathered and made 'em sign a pledge to spend some money for the general prosperity of the country. So next week he is really going into big business. He is calling the coaches of the various football teams together and get them to promise to build bigger grandstands, make longer trips and pay more for promising high school talent.

That's what's the matter with this country. It's not Wall Street, it's not the Senate, it's just that a lot of cheap colleges won't go out and spend the dough. Bigger grandstands! Look at Chicago with Soldiers Field, with Dempsey and Tunney, Army and Navy and California and Notre Dame! Why, that's brought 'em more publicity than Al Capone and machine guns combined.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1045 WILL ROGERS SHOWS PRIDE IN THE BOYS OF OKLAHOMA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 1. – Instead of talking about Congress, Grundy, sugar, Knute Rockne, Federal reserve, South Pole and more conferences, did you know that right from Claremore and Rogers County, Okla., the

young boys from their high schools won the champion live stock judging at the big international stock show at Chicago last week? That's from the whole world.

These clubs to encourage boys to raise live stock beat all the fraternity pins you can collect in a washtub. Raise live stock instead of margins, get the farmer some fair prices and these kids will "inspire more confidence" than a band of financiers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1046 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT WHAT CONGRESS IS MEETING FOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 2. – The regular session of Congress opened today to investigate what was done at the last session.

This session is also to relieve the farmer again—relieve him of any encouragement that he might have received during the last one.

One thing—Mr. Hoover is not responsible for the holding of this session. Got to blame the founders of the Constitution for it. Can't lay this one on him. That last one cured him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1047 WILL ROGERS REPORTS GOLF FROM A FASHION STANDPOINT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 3. – My newspapers have just sent me out to cover the great professional golf championship, played right here, with thousands prostrated with the heat.

Hagen was marvelous, in a light muddy brown cerise ensemble. Leo Diegel never looked prettier, in a dull straight-waisted overhand. Mussolini would have been proud of Gene Sarazen, in a Fascistic fawn-colored stance. Horton Smith (Missouri's sole gift to the nation, since Champ Clark) was the cynosure of all eyes, in a low-geared, blue high-waisted sweater, with pantaloons in happy discord. Johnny Farrell was in all orange, with a putt split up the back.

Johnny Golden was arrayed in an overhanging torso with stockings to match, and Abe Espinosa, (in honor of Ireland) dressed all in green, playing on a 100 per cent Jewish course before an audience composed of 90 per cent of the Ku Klux Klan.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1048 ROGERS DEDUCES FROM MESSAGE WHAT A BAD WAY WE ALL ARE IN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 4. – Mr. Hoover delivered his prescription to Congress yesterday on the "condition of the country." It was 12,000 words long. That's how bad shape we are in. And he hinted to Congress that they was the one that got us that way, but that if they would get busy and do something at this session, he hoped to cut our "conditions" down to maybe 6,000 by the time he enumerates our troubles again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1049 WILL WANTS A WAR; NOT A DAINTY FOOTBALL GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 5. – These post-season football games never decide anything. But how would this one be? We have a team out here called St. Mary's, (sounds effeminate) but they haven't lost a game since the year of the gold rush. Take them and Notre Dame. But take all the Czechos, Italians, Welsh, Swedes and Eskimos and all other nationalities off of both teams, then the Irish from both teams (they could get eleven) and then let the Irish play the foreigners. That would outdraw any game in the world. Let Rockne coach the foreigners and Al Smith the Irish; that would be great.

Yours for games that decide something,

Will Rogers.

1050 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LOST AIR PILOT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 6. – Our foreign friends always accuse us of being a loud, boisterous nation. Well, if you don't think America can stand still and keep its mouth shut you just watch it as I have today when Hagen and Diegel are putting.

The morning paper states, "Another mail pilot found crushed on a hillside." Well, he might have been just another pilot to that newspaper, but he was more than that to me. This same boy Nelson, and right out of that same graveyard of aviators, Bellefonte, Pa., tried to get me through those mountains to New York one stormy night. He set he and I down that night in a bare spot no larger than a film actress's living room in my first forced landing, and without a scratch. So you will pardon me if I look on him as a little more than "just another pilot." He was my first hero.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1051 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THREE NATIONAL PROBLEMS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 8. – With Mr. Hoover pleading with everybody to spend all this money, I wonder what a little gentleman in a rented frame house in Northampton is thinking. The idea of such spending will make him turn over in his bed of magazine manuscripts.

This Ramsay MacDonald on his peace mission visited the wrong country. It was Haiti where he belonged.

There is a tremendous movement on to get lower taxes on earned incomes. Then will come the real problem, "Who among us on salary are earning our income?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1052 WILL ROGERS'S PRIDE AROUSED OVER ANOTHER OKLAHOMA BOY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 9. – Say, did you know that an old country boy from just twenty-eight miles from Claremore, Okla., was Secretary of War? His name is Pat Hurley. And he is making good right from the jump, too. He hadn't any more than been appointed than he hatched one with Haiti. Course that's not much of a one, but it may lead into something bigger and better.

Due to Pat we are liable to wake up some day with Presidential timber on our hands right down home. He was appointed because he had fought in two wars and six Oklahoma impeachments. He was like Mr. Hoover, soon to realize that while the Democrats were always right, they were seldom President. So he relinquished his social standing and joined the great unwashed majority.

Yours for the hometown boys,

Will Rogers.

1053 WILL ROGERS FEARS MORROW IS NOT SO SAFE IN SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 10. – When Mr. Morrow went to Mexico just two years ago, every paper doubted his future, and were even fearful for his life. Now he is going to the Senate and nobody offers one word of warning. The worst that can happen in Mexico is you can be shot. But the exact day of your passing from public life is known to all.

But in the Senate (if you are not lucky) you are continually passing to the cemetery with not even your own family knowing the exact date of your demise.

Of course, I can understand his alibi will be "it was either return to Wall Street or the Senate, and I picked the lesser of the two evils." One of his sad constituents.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1054 MR. ROGERS FINDS A LIQUOR NOTE IN MAINTAINING PROSPERITY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 11. – While giving tremendous publicity to men and industries for assisting in "maintaining prosperity," let's don't overlook the part some States are playing.

Florida, Alabama and Georgia during this return to normalcy are the largest producers of distilled liquors, while New York, Pennsylvania and little Maryland lead the consumers.

The statistics also show that prosperity from this industry would have been greater was it not for the fact that in order for the product to go from the Southern producer to the Northern consumer it had to pass through Washington, D.C., and that it was almost impossible to get liquor past Washington.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1055 WILL ROGERS REVIEWS A WEEK IN LIFE OF SENATOR GRUNDY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 12. – Uncle Joe Grundy, born on Sunday, started lobbying on Monday, investigated on Tuesday, made a Senator on Wednesday, investigated on Thursday, back to lobbying on Friday, got tariff raised on Saturday, and that's not near the end of Uncle Joe Grundy.

Some new plan has got to be worked out in our prison system. Of course this may be a radical suggestion, but couldn't they fix some way where the guards carried the guns instead of the prisoners.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1056 WILL ROGERS SEES GRUNDY A VALUABLE AID TO THE SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 13. – These are happy days for Uncle Joe Grundy. Here he has been standing out in the lobby of our Capitol for forty years, and finally asked to come in and sit down.

And he will make 'em a valuable man. When they resume the investigations of lobbyists, put him on the Senate committee and he will know exactly how to trap 'em. You know the old saying "Set a certain party to catch a certain party," both of the same industry.

And his rise has been unparalleled in American history. Why, less than six months ago I used to get hundreds of letters. "Who is this Grundy you are always talking about in your dispatches? Is it a real character? or one of your inventions?" Now here he is better known than Mayor Walker or Clara Bow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1057 WILL ROGERS SEES DANGER NOW IN EXPRESSING AN OPINION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 15. – These are rough times in this country to express an opinion. A college professor down in Heffland casually remarked "that while Jonah might have swallowed the whale, or vice versa, he personally didn't have enough digestion to even swallow the story." The school offered up a prayer for him, but no further salary. That will be a lesson to him to lay off Jonah in his future monologues.

Then Gen. Smedley Butler started doing a little reminiscing out loud about some of the old-time antics of the marines in Nicaragua, and now he is to face a Senatorial firing squad. So from now on I even believe in farm relief.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1058 WILL ROGERS WELCOMES A RECRUIT TO THE RANKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 16. – I welcome to our ancient and honorable newspaper profession—and I am sure my co-defendants, Mr. Brisbane, Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. Bernard Shaw, Mr. Gene Tunney, Mr. Calvin Coolidge and Babe Ruth, do the same—Eddie Cantor, my very good friend.

We spent our literary apprenticeship in the same school of hard knocks, Mr. Ziegfeld's Follies. We eked out a bare existence among nothing but bare backs. There was diamond necklaces to the right of us and Rolls Royces to the left of us, and costumes of powder completely surrounding us. Those were hardship days, but great training for our journalistic future.

Eddie specializes in Wall Street and financial news, he is another Roger Babson, and how I envy him, for my little efforts will always be lowly. I will never get further than just a police reporter on the affairs of Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1059 WILL FINDS A GIRL WHO CAN TAKE IT ON THE CHIN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 17. – It's not often that a woman scorned can be big-hearted, but Mary McCormic, the singer, certainly was. Pola Negri had among her old husbands an amateur prince; that is, he was a prince, but he had nothing to be prince of. He was supposed to be "Prince of Georgia," so I suppose his mother was Empress of Atlanta and his father King of Coca Cola. Well, it seems that Pola had asked waivers on him, but when she heard that Mary would take up his option why Pola, feline like, reconsidered and started feeding him again. Well, did Mary rave? She did not. She said "I hope they will be happy and it's saved me a board bill." That a gal, Mary, cheer up, we will dig you up the Duke of Hollywood.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1060 WILL ROGERS ON THE AMBITIONS OF SOME DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 18. – Secretary Stimson and the Japanese have conferred on their demands at the disarmament conference. That's like two jurymen getting together and agreeing on their verdict before the court even opens.

We mustn't be too hard on that poor misguided District Attorney at Laredo, Texas, who wanted to arrest Calles and almost caused us war. Maybe he was only following the usual district attorney's methods—trying to attract enough attention to become Governor. It's funny about that office, but in every State in the Union it's the same. There should be a clause in every district attorney's contract, "This office does not necessarily entitle you to governorship ambitions. Keep your mind on your own job."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1061 WILL ROGERS ENTERS A PLEA FOR FAMILIES OF LOST MINERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 19. – There is only one form of employment in our country that I can think of, but what has its bright spots, and that's coal mining. There is generally an overproduction and they are out of work; if not that, it's a strike. Then when they do go to work, the mine blows up. Then if none of these three things happen, they still have the worst job in the world.

Now it's Christmas everywhere but at McAlester, Okla. There sixty families are receiving the fathers' mangled body from the earth on Christmas Eve to see it returned on Christmas Day. Now if you can find somebody more deserving than that to remember on Christmas I am wrong. The Red Cross handles it there. That means that your donation will be well spent.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1062 WILL ROGERS LISTS REASONS FOR OUR SOCIAL CHANGES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 20. – I always felt there was only one thing that could possibly defeat Mr. Hoover's capable management of our affairs and that was when he run out of practical men to put on commissions, and sure enough he is getting shorthanded. Yesterday's commission didn't have a practical man on it. Every one was a college professor.

It's to find out "what has brought the social changes in our lives here lately." Knowing college professors he gave them three years to agree on an answer.

I could have told him before sun-down what's changed our lives, buying on credit, waiting for relief, Ford cars, too many Republicans, Notre Dame coaching methods and two-thirds of America, both old and young, thinking they possessed "it."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1063 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ABOUT DISARMAMENT PLANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 22. – Nations starting for the big London disarmament conference to disarm themselves of the things they figure won't be used in the next war, which will leave them more money to develop the things they will use. It's an economic, more than a humanitarian affair. It's like holding a traffic conference and just discussing the limiting of horses and buggies.

I wonder if we ever will get so civilized that one will be held to limit submarines, airplanes and chemicals. You can't say civilization don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Those heathen neighbors of ours to the south gave us a fine lesson in generosity. The Mexican Government sent $10,000 to the orphaned of the Oklahoma mine disaster.

1064 HE LOVES THE DEMOCRATS, SAYS WILL ROGERS, BUT –

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 23. – Poor Democrats, I love 'em. I guess its because some are so dumb. Now they are dying to scare up an issue by trying to discredit Mr. Hoover, because some lobbyist wrote a letter saying that he knew President Hoover's secretary, and that the secretary was very partial to Cuban sugar in his coffee in the morning, and that in view of this dastardly plot Mr. Hoover should really be impeached. Then they wonder why they don't get anywhere.

Admiral Byrd has flown over both Poles, but he has yet to experience real discomfort. Wait till he attends a Washington dinner in full Rear Admiral regalia, with everything on his shoulder but the Poles.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1065 WILL ROGERS SEES SANTA CLAUS ATTIRED IN BATHING SUIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 24. – While we are merging everything in the world that has no relation to each other why not merge Christmas, Fourth of July, Ground Hog Day, Thanksgiving Day, Labor Day, Halloween, New Year's and April's Fool all into one glorious day that would give everybody a chance to get some work done during the year. And look at the speeches, sermons and turkey it would save.

This has been the hottest day we have had in California in years. Everybody that is not at the beaches bathing is huddled under the thousands of outdoor Christmas trees to get in the shade. Even the imitation snow is melting. All Santa Clauses are in bathing suits and wearing a palm leaf fan for whiskers. There will be two heat prostrations to every Christmas present.

Yours for the merger,

Will Rogers.

1066 SOME OBSERVATIONS MADE BY MR. ROGERS CHRISTMAS DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 25. – Passed the Potter's Field yesterday and they was burying two staunch old Republicans, both of whom died of starvation, and the man in charge told me their last words were, "I still think America fundamentally sound."

And today they are burying hundreds all over our free land whose intention of celebrating our Saviour's birthday was splendid, but whose judgment in bootleggers was bad.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – What do you know about those Republicans setting the White House on fire, trying to burn up their own records?

1067 REPORT BY WILL ROGERS ON THE WHITE HOUSE FIRE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 26. – The White House fire burned quite awhile due to the following: When Mr. Hoover discovered that "some kind of condition existed" he sent out letters inviting all the Fire Departments in Washington, and when they arrived appointed them on a commission "to investigate, and recommend remedies." They did investigate, and on account of there being no prominent business men on the commission, they turned in their report fairly quick. "We find a fire does exist, and in keeping with the spirit of every amendment, recommend nothing but water to extinguish it."

Of course, by this time the house had burned down, but it was nevertheless gratifying to Mr. Hoover, for it was the first commission that he had ever appointed in his life that had really ever turned in a report. So he figures the loss of the building well worth it. It will renew his faith in commissions.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1068 RUSSELL OWEN'S STORIES WIN WILL ROGERS'S PRAISE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 27. – When we honor Mr. Byrd and all his heroes on their return, don't muff this baby. He didn't pilot an airplane, he made no scientific research, but he did the finest job of newspaper reporting done during our generation. Two years with one little bunch of men doing the same thing practically every day. Yet he made it interesting. Some of our finest writers couldn't even make the war interesting.

This Russell Owen took an old malamute dog having pups, and we thought it was a birth in our own family. He wrote about a sea gull down there, and we were more interested in it than we were in a Senate investigation.

Don't just give the little boy a great big hand, but this to Mr. Ochs of The New York Times: "Give the kid a great big raise."

That fellow could write on the tariff and make you read it. Incidentally, if you don't know it, he was the best writer on aviation in the world before he ever heard of the South Pole.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1069 WILL ROGERS WOULD NAME SENATORS AS DRY AGENTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 29. – I wish Mr. Hoover would say: "Senators, I am sorry, terribly sorry, that I haven't the time personally to go out and knock the glasses from every one's hand that is about to disobey our Constitution, and will you please believe me when I say that I don't purposely appoint corrupt men. Now, as it seems from your vast observations, you Senators are more familiar with the drinking in this country than any one I know of, I hereby and hereon appoint you, the United States Senate as the pro-prohibition enforcement arm of our government, with Mr. Borah, from the dry State of Idaho, as chairman, and each Senator to be personally responsible for their State.

"Don't say you haven't time. If you have had time to see all this, you have had time to enforce it; and don't say I can't spare you from other work. I gladly can. What appointments could be more honest than these?

"Yours, Herbert Hoover, on advice of consul."

Will Rogers.

1070 WILL RECALLS LAST YEAR'S PROSPERITY PREDICTIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 30. – This is our last day of grace. We are obliged to read the usual New Year's prosperity apple-sauce by our same prominent men who are always rich enough to see a great year coming up. And to show you they don't know any more about it than Clara Bow, last year they had their usual hokum predictions, and in October we lost half as much as it cost to put on the war, and yet not a one of these predicted it. So just for a change let's let every man do his own predicting according to his own conviction and view-point. The poor haven't many rights as it is, so let's at least let 'em predict, especially as that's all they are going to get. We know that the new year will

look fairly rosy to Mr. Rockefeller, Schwab, Owen D. Young, Charlie Mitchell, Otto Kahn, Amon Carter, Dwight Marrow, Knute Rockne, Andy Mellon, Bishop Cannon and Tex Guinan,, but how is it going to look to just plain old Joe Doakes?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1071 WILL ROGERS SEES HOPE FOR "US DEMOCRATS" IN 1930

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 31. – I have read New Year predictions till I am blue in the face about the great future of Stay-Froze Ice Chest, chewing gum, hot water bottles, Mme. Ginsberg's face cream, reducing belts, and one-man machine guns, but I have yet to see one word on what 1930 holds in store for the Democrats. And that's the very thing that makes me believe us Democrats may get a break in the coming year. I base my faith on the fact that 98 per cent of all predictions are wrong, and on the fact that it's an off year in politics and all off years are Democratic years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS – 1930

1072 MORE THOUGHTS ON FOOTBALL BY A HEATED WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 1. – Just starting over to the big football game at Pasadena between the Presbyterians of Pittsburgh and the Methodists of Los Angeles. This game don't decide anything but the Protestant championship of a 100 per cent Catholic football nation.

It's certainly a hot day, but I will let Graham McNamee describe the heat to you. That's what we bring him out every year for. Even the old-timers that came to this country in the early days with Mary Pickford and Bill Hart say they never saw a hotter day.

This game winds up the most successful financial season that higher education has experienced since they took professors out of universities and replaced them with coaches.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1073 MODERN METHODS WIN IN RELIGION OR FOOTBALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 2. – Result of the big interdenominational football game, California Methodists (Modern) 47; Pittsburgh Cumberland Presbyterians (old school) 14. While 81,000 part-time atheists howled in heathen glee the Methodists believed in the "passover," and their faith was well founded, for seven out of eight passes were touchdowns. It was their greatest day since the Wesley boys, Johnny and Charley, single-handed beat the Church of England. The Rt. Rev. Russell Saunders was the principal presiding elder called upon to carry or heave their message and text into infidel territory. As darkness enveloped the field Pittsburgh did better. The Presbyterians seemed to be carrying out the traditions of their new Senator, Uncle Joe Grundy, they was always "lobbying" when they should have been running.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – The winner will be allowed to cheer till they meet Notre Dame.

1074 WILL ROGERS, LOYAL CALIFORNIAN, MAKES A FRANK ADMISSION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 3. – We have our fun out here day in and out joking about the East mired down in snow and galoshes, panics and poor coaching, while we bask in sunshine, roses and fine football. But let's be good sports and admit it, boys, we need rain. This is not just an admission, I will make it a motion, that it be called a prayer, take it from a tax payer, and a man that still has vacant lots to sell. It hasn't rained here since Noah took two of every kind of moving picture actor and actress into the ark with him. Moths have lived on raincoats for years. They revived the great stage play of "Rain" and had a footnote telling the audience what it was that was dripping outside. This is mighty dry humor, but, friends we would welcome the Johnstown flood right now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – California paper, go ahead and print this, and show 'em we can take it on the chin and still grin.

1075 WILL ROGERS ADDS TO NEWS OF THE FIRE IN THE CAPITAL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5. – Another fire in Washington. It just shows you Congressmen are not yet competent to carry matches.

If all these fires had happened during the previous administration we could have laid it to the fact they was trying to "smoke" Calvin out.

The papers said there was some valuable documents like to have been lost in the fire; the only thing preventing it, there wasn't any.

They were two hours putting it out; a Heflin speech must have caught fire.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1076 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON GIVING AWAY MONEY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 6. – This is a peculiar country. A fool can make money (not only can but does). But it takes real brains to give it away wisely. That's why three of our finest and most trusted citizens was picked to give away six million. And Al Smith proved himself a big man. Mr. Coolidge naturally saw the things in New England that was tremendously deserving and provided for them. Mr. Rosenwald (whose passion is giving away even his own money) saw his needy in Chicago and put them on the list. But do you know Al Smith never took one single cent of the money for the Democrats, and if you can find a more deserving charity than them, you will have to journey to Armenia.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1077 WILL ROGERS WITHHOLDS HIS APPLAUSE FOR GRUNDY

WINSLOW, Ariz., Jan. 7. – Senator Grundy is receiving Republican praise for not voting yesterday on a tariff measure that he himself was interested in. His side was already nine ahead. I will withhold my applause till I see what he does when a tie comes up.

Mr. Hoover is sending a Democratic and Republican Senator to the London show. Would have sent a Progressive, but it's a peace conference.

The Hearst papers are against prohibition but in favor of enforcement, while Senator Borah is for prohibition, but against enforcement.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Say, did you know it rained in Los Angeles? The floods is what drove me over here.

1078 WILL ROGERS, IN KANSAS, COMMENTS ON THE NEWS

NEWTON, Kan., Jan. 8. – That royal wedding in Rome today, neither one had much choice of selection, unless they married outside royalty. If you think that wedding attracted a lot of attention, you wait till one of Mussolini's sons marries one of Ramsay MacDonald's daughters.

They offered Babe Ruth the same salary that Mr. Hoover gets. Babe claims he should have more. He can't appoint a commission to go up and knock the home runs. He has to do it all himself.

Lindbergh refused the St. Louis statue. Now the whole world will force one on him, not for flying the ocean, but for being the first man that ever refused a statue.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Kansas never looked better. All her politicians are in Washington.

1079 WILL ROGERS FINDS CHICAGO GROWING BY HEAPS AND MOUNDS

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 9. – Just passed thru Chicago. It's not a boast, it's an achievement. That's a big city. It's growing, by heaps and mounds. The snow was so deep today the crooks could only hit a tall man. To try and diminish crime they laid off six hundred cops. Chicago has no tax money. All their influential men are engaged in tax exempt occupations. What they got to do is to tax murder. Put such a stiff tax on it that only the higher class gangsters can afford it. It's the riff raff that makes any business disreputable.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1080 WILL ROGERS THINKS HEADS, NOT HEARTS, ARE STRONG

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 10. – It seemed like old times to hear Mr. Coolidge quoting statistics over the "rodeo" last night. No man can quote figures like he can, and he always pulls a new one for us. Since the Wall Street crash, which the Republicans refer to as "business re-adjustment," prominent men have done nothing but tell us of the strength of the country. "Steel was strong," "T. and T. was strong," "Radio was strong," "breath was strong."

We have been "stronged" to death in speeches and statements but last night Mr. Coolidge said, "The heart of the American people is strong," and here

over 500 died of heart failure during the late "Republican readjustment." What he really meant was that "the American public's head is strong but his heart is weak."

Yours for true statistics,

Will Rogers.

1081 WILL ROGERS IN A HURRY TO SEE WHOLE NATIONS DISARM

S. S. BREMEN, Jan. 12. – When I was a little boy out in the old Indian Territory I remember seeing a Sheriff disarm some men one time and it always fascinated me, but I had never seen it since, so when I got to New York last Friday and they told me they were going to disarm whole nations over in London next week, why I just grabbed the fastest thing there is, the Bremen, and now here I am away out in the middle of Lindbergh's ocean. All the hired help are on President Wilson's old commuting boat, the George Washington. They left in December. We will pass them tonight some time. I tried to get our captain to tow 'em in.

I am feeling fairly good now, but if it gets rough you won't hear from me till I get my feet on some of the King's domain.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1082 WILL ROGERS, TOSSED AT SEA, THINKS OF FLYING BACK

ABOARD S. S. BREMEN, Jan. 13. – My remaining days are dedicated to annihilate the author of the slogan "Big Boats Don't Rock." Say, the higher they are the further they rock. They tail spin, side slip and ground loop. It's taken a good man to stay tied in bed today. Well, here's how bad it is: There is not an American in the bar-room, and when I think of those poor Senators on the George Washington, may the Almighty have pity on a poor peace delegation on a dry boat out on a night like this.

The more I see of steamship travel the less I think of the hardship of Lindbergh. If I can find a pilot that wants to fly to America I will be his Levine, and this goes as an advertisement.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Wish they would disarm these waves.

1083 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS AN ARGUMENT AGAINST WAR

ABOARD STEAMSHIP BREMEN, Jan. 14. – Before the war Germany led the world in knowing how to build passenger boats. She lost all of them. Now here she is back where she was. It's a great argument against war. It just shows you can lick a nation but when you let 'em up they can still beat you at the same things they could before, which takes away about the only reason left for having war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1084 WILL ROGERS WELL ON HIS WAY FOR FEWER AND BETTER CRUISERS

ABOARD S. S. BREMEN, Jan. 15. – Will be in Cherbourg by daylight – four days and five hours. There we lose the frivolous U. S. serious thinkers, and one with a purpose will go on to London to the conference for fewer and better cruisers.

See today by the ship's radio news we have bought seventy bombing planes to offset any sinking that might be done here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1085 WILL ROGERS IS NOT SURE HE CAN QUALIFY AT CONFERENCE

LONDON, England, Jan. 16. – Landed here at 2 o'clock this afternoon by lamplight. Our peace pilgrims arrive at Plymouth Rock tomorrow morning. Papers here today announce the type of clothes to be worn at the opening by the King on Tuesday. Says every one is to dress the same as the King.

I am here as official observer for the Democrats and social adviser to Senator Joe Robinson, minority member of the delegation, and I am going to have a tough time making that suit of Joe's look like anything the King ever owned, so if Joe and I don't get in you will know there wasn't anything we could put on that we would be mistaken for King George.

Yours

Will Rogers.

1086 IMPRESSIONS BY WILL ROGERS OF THE "SINKING CONFERENCE"

LONDON, England, Jan. 17. – Say, this sinking conference is already a success. The American delegation arrived this afternoon and went into conference at once at the American bar and sunk a fleet of schooners without warning.

They brought eighteen young typewriters with 'em. That's four and a half blondes to the delegate, and I can write in long-hand left-handed, everything that will be done here in the next month.

But say, the blondes cleaned up. Nobody looked at a delegate.

They even brought some marines on the boat to show it was a peace conference.

Tomorrow I lunch at the embassy with Mr. Dawes, and we will see if we can dig out some clothes so Joe Robinson can get in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1087 WILL ROGERS SENDS ALONG A TIP ON THE NAVAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, England, Jan. 19. – By the merest slip of the tongue by a most reliable British authority I got this tip. Now you know tips. If they go through you are a hero and if not you are a bum. Ramsay MacDonald will propose not only abolishing battleships but every form of sea armament. A Russian did that at Geneva but they had nothing to sink but their whiskers, but if MacDonald should propose a great thing like that it would be the most revolutionary yet, the greatest contribution made to the world peace since little David at the world's first disarmament conference sunk Goliath unassisted.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. Now remember this MacDonald is going to do something big.

1088 WILL ROGERS ALL READY FOR THE CONFERENCE TODAY

LONDON, England, Jan. 20. – When you read this in the morning we will already have listened to the King. Everybody must remain standing during the speech. Be a good joke on us if some Senator wrote his speech for him.

I got the boys all looking fairly respectable. Mrs. Robinson helped me

scrub Joe up. Poor little Mr. Morrow can't keep his silk silo on his head and General Dawes would look better if his wouldn't stay on, but his old ash-can pipe was never giving off more arrogant aroma.

Remember MacDonald will surprise them.

Got a real kick today. Picked up a telephone at 3 o'clock this afternoon and woke up the family at 7 o'clock in the morning in Beverly Hills, Cal. And got the call through in exactly eight minutes. No prearrangements at all. Clear as life.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1089 WILL ROGERS AT THE CONFERENCE FINDS MANY POINTS OF INTEREST

LONDON, England, Jan. 21. – Well, the whole thing was nothing but a Democratic convention, with a silk hat on. The King made the best speech, then showed his real intelligence by leaving. When speaking he was facing the American delegation. When he went out he happened to think, so he sent four men back and they carried the gold throne chair out. That will go on record as the first lack of confidence shown. Either that or it was a foreclosure.

I was proud of our gang. Only one of them spoke. Stimson's was the next best speech to the King's.

There was eight speeches for England and one for America. What we want is parity in speeches and limitation of oratory.

We stood during one speech, sat through eight and slept through twelve, three solid hours of compliments and not a single rowboat sunk. All England's colonies made speeches declaring their allegiance to their Crown. After it was over Joe Robinson told me he come pretty near getting up and declaring the great Commonwealth of Arkansas stood steadfast behind what ever America did.

Oh, yes, Dawes was late and missed the King's speech. He thought they were voting on Warren for Attorney General.

Oh, and the fog! Old settlers here that come over from Germany when the present royal family was established said it was the foggiest day they could remember. The only foggier day than this was one time when King Henry VIII couldn't see a wife in front of him. Dawes couldn't see whether his pipe was lighted or not.

Then they had to translate all the speeches into French. For what France will do at this conference it wasn't worth the time.

Oh, I was lucky. I sat right next to the wives of our delegation. During the dull moments Mrs. Morrow was telling me what an awful fine son-in-law Lindbergh had turned out to be, said you would be surprised how he had reformed and settled down, said that some days he wouldn't fly over 500 miles.

There was a great big black colored fellow come in and sit down in a section in front of us where the ex-Premier, Stanley Baldwin, was sitting, and Mrs. Joe Robinson said that's the Jim Crow section.

When Mr. Stimson said we will stay here till the world disarms, his wife says "My Lord," and the rest of the wives shook hands with me and bid me farewell forever.

Every speaker said the eyes of the world are upon us. Say, with that fog on, the eyes of the world couldn't have found us with a telescope.

After hearing all the interpretations, Mrs. Gibson said to me, "Now you know what it is to be an Ambassador and a diplomat's wife."

The Irish Free State man spoke with the only Oxford dialect and was disappointing to everybody for he started no argument.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1090 CONFERENCE, MR. ROGERS FEARS, WON'T PRODUCE NEWS FOR HIM

LONDON, England, Jan. 22. – Well, the conference is synthetic now. They have decided to hold no public meetings. The big one yesterday was just a decoy.

Now they meet secretly and disarm synthetically. We won't really hear what was done at this conference till we read one of the delegates' memoirs after the next war. Writers are searching for fast boats home. They have some marines here, so they can just tell it to the marines and the marines can tell it to us. If any American correspondent sends any news home today, he has made it up.

I dropped over to see Lady Astor's troop perform at House of Commons. Why, one prohibition argument in the Senate at home would make these people think they didn't belong to a legislative body.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Just read of Mrs. W. J. Bryan's death. There was a noble soul. I have visited her at her home in Florida and she mine in Cal. A great part of our Commoner lived until she passed.

1091 WILL ROGERS SUPPLIES SOME SPEECHES NOT MADE AT THE NAVAL CONFERENCE

LONDON, England, Jan. 23. – Ramsay MacDonald opened the session today and asked each nation alphabetically, beginning with S, what they were prepared to sink.

Mr. Stimson, America, speaking also for Wisconsin and Alabama—"Well, the whole thing is such a surprise, Mr. Speaker, it's so taken me and my little faithful band of colleagues that we are flabbergasted. I didn't expect to be called on and I really brought no music. We are peculiarly situated in that we have a coast line where both oceans touch us. Outside of that I am nonplussed."

"Australia, what have you come to sink?"

Mr. Fenton: "Well, you will pardon me, boss, but we just come for the buggy ride, but if the comrades are speaking of coast line we have ample sufficiency to enter this conference."

"And you, Canada?"

Mr. Ralston: "We will sink that three thousand miles of unguarded international border if Americans don't quit bragging about it. It's already practically barricaded with empty bottles."

"France, parlezvous a little sinking."

Tardieu: "We have many colonies in addition to our home coast line. I have no idea the exact mileage, but I know it's much more than Italy. Even if Italy has the most ours is the longest. We are next to England in having procured coast line for this conference. You would really be surprised what our needs are."

Mr. MacDonald then enacted the role of toastmaster and announced England's coast line as follows:

"We are an island and naturally an island accumulates coast line very rapidly. Our ships are on every sea, in fact it takes all the seas to hold 'em. India, arise and tell the gentlemen about your coast line."

Mr. Chatterjee: "Oh, you should see our coast line. It's practically continuous."

"Irish Free State, do you by any possible chance join the ocean?"

Mr. Smiddy: "Say, you never saw a nation that tried so hard to get in the ocean as we do, and our coast line is second to none compared to the amount of land that washes it, and we have another boast in common with the mother country. We are also an island. We have no boat to sink, but in case one ever shows up there we will be more than willing to cooperate."

"Italy, how's the sinking down your way?"

Mr. Grandi: "We are practically an island. All that keeps us from being one is the Alps Mountains, but Mr. Mussolini is rapidly moving them so that our naval needs will be as great as any other European nation. We have a ripping coast line."

"Japan, what can you offer to the statistics of nations in regard to coast line?"

Mr. Wakatsuki: "Japan is an island and we depend on our navy to keep it an island. Our coast line is exceeded by few and the quality is excelled by none."

Mr. MacDonald: "The meeting is adjourned. If there looks like any reason to ever have you all meet again I will let you know. In case I should, I wish you would have your army of experts figure out for you the exact amount of coast line you have. This uncertainty is holding up this coast line conference, and we will never get anywhere till somebody sinks some coast line."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1092 WILL ROGERS IS IMPRESSED WITH SPEED OF BRITISH JUSTICE

LONDON, England, Jan. 24. – Well, the conference didn't do anything today as usual, but there was a famous case being tried where a fellow had swindled through fake stock transactions the people out of ten million dollars. They just give him fourteen years so fast that it took all the Americans' breath away and all they have talked about today is English justice compared to ours. It's the consensus of opinion of all of them here that if it had been at home he would have gone into vaudeville or the Senate.

None of the habus corpusing and suspended sentences or appealing it when you commit a crime over here. You just wake up surrounded by a small space. Our delegation ought to be over here studying British justice. Our battleships are not harming us near as much as court delays, corruption and shyster lawyers.

Went to his home last night and had a two hour visit with the great Bernard Shaw and for once in my life I knew enough to keep still and he was going great. I invited him to America and he is coming as soon as I come home and civilize 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1093 WILL ROGERS REPORTS SINKING AS DONE BY THE DELEGATES

LONDON, England, Jan. 26. – Delegates to ship-sinking conference sunk as follows this afternoon:

Ambassador Hugh Gibson sunk a six-foot putt, and when Stimson almost sunk an approach Dave Reed of the Grundyville Club, one of his opponents, almost sunk his Adam's apple.

Senator Robinson, from the persimmon and pawpaw country, making his first appearance in slow company on English greens, sunk his democratic identity behind a check plaid suit with knee breeches, in happy discord. Dawes was the referee and sunk over two cans full of decomposed Carolina dry leaf during the attempt at festivities.

It was a great day of relaxation after one solid week of doing nothing but attempting to pronounce the Japanese delegate Wakatsuki's name. Next week the agenda calls for the pronunciation of the Frenchmen's names.

If our putting and our driving holds out we are going to be hard to beat in this conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Mr. Morrow didn't confer with 'em. They didn't have any boys' clubs.

1094 WILL ROGERS GETS SOME NEWS: "WE ARE NOT MASTERS OF BUNK"

LONDON, England, Jan. 27. – Had lunch today in their rooms with Mr. and Mrs. Morrow an elder daughter, Elizabeth, and Mr. and Mrs. Stimson were there and he told me:

"You go back home, Will, and announce that one of America's muchly advertised talents has been overestimated. We are not the masters of bunk."

He had just come from a five-hour siege with the whole mess of 'em.

Morrow is funny. He pulled a good one. We are getting along fine, beautiful compliments, but nobody had mentioned the word navy. I look for that word to come up some day, and when it does I just want to see what the conference will do.

England this morning ordered work stopped on two cruisers, the Surrey and Northumberland. These are the same two MacDonald ordered work stopped on last July, when the papers were all full of it, and Mr. Hoover saw him two and raised him one by stopping work on three of ours. If Mr. Hoover sees this raise I hope he does it with the same ships, too. They will keep on stopping

work on these two till the first thing you know they will be late building 'em.

But all sinking aside, our boys seem very optimistic and feel that something will be accomplished. They are all crazy about Joe Robinson, Mr. Hoover can feel proud of his lads.

But, boy, there is some tough babies here. Talk about taking boats away from them. There is delegations here that wouldn't give up an oar to see eternal salvation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1095 ROGERS DISCOVERS A VICTORY FOR KING GEORGE IN CHICAGO

LONDON, England, Jan. 28. – These are happy times in England. The whole country is celebrating the victory of King George over Big Bill Thompson and Chicago.

It is especially gratifying over here, for at one time things looked very bad for the King, as Big Bill had told him to keep his snoot out of Chicago affairs, which was a terrific blow to his Majesty, as he had always taken such a personal interest and pride in Chicago. It was really one of his most cherished municipalities, and to find that they are still loyal to him though even out of funds pleases his Royal Highness beyond measure.

Well, the conference met today and appointed a commission to meet tomorrow and appoint a delegation who will eventually appoint a subcommittee to draw up ways and means of finding out what to start with first.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1096 WILL ROGERS HEARS A DEBATE! TAKES TEA WITH LLOYD GEORGE

LONDON, England, Jan. 29. – Heard the great debate in the House of Commons today on free trade versus tariff. We don't hear so much of Lloyd George as we used to, but, brother, they heard him today. What a speech! Laughs, logic and slow death for the opposition.

Then Lady Astor took me around to his office and we had tea for three. Tea wasn't so tasty, but that grand old fellow's conversation was. You can easily see how he piloted a country when they needed piloting.

Say, that Primo Rivera resigning without being assisted by artillery was unprecedented in the entire history of dictators. I had an interview with him, too,

about two years ago in Madrid, and he struck me then as being a sensible man who loved life. Now he is the only living ex-dictator.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1097 WILL ROGERS, COMING HOME, PICKS NAVAL PARLEY WINNER

LONDON, England, Jan. 30. – Another meeting today. It looked pretty vacant without the King. Everybody made a speech and finished by proposing a resolution, none of which was adopted. Everybody spoke of what a difficult task was in front of them, but they felt equal to the occasion. France and Italy do most of the talking. Their oratory is out of all proportion to their naval tonnage, but the Japs never say a word or miss a word. I met Admiral Takarabe, one of their principal delegates, out at Ambassador Dawes's last night, and on leaving I shook hands with him very warmly, and said: "Admiral, I am going right home to America and I want to say that I have shook hands with the winner."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Joe Robinson said to me, "Will, the whole thing is not different from old Arkansaw politics, only the food is a little fancier."

1098 WILL ROGERS AGAIN AT SEA AND APPARENTLY NOT HAPPY

S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, Jan. 31. – I was sentenced to the disagreement conference for duration of its existence, but I got time off for good behavior and am now out here on the ocean on the great French boat, the Ile de France. Not only can't speak French but can't even pronounce the name of the boat. Going to be a lot of guessing games on when I feel well enough to go into the dining room (which hasn't been yet). Me and this ocean just don't get along, that's all there is to it. Next year's disarmament conference got to be held in Claremore.

Our team at the conference looked awful good. They had been holding skull practice among themselves every day. They are working up a lot of defensive plays among them to offset the trick plays of some of those other teams. Stimson is about the best choice we could have made unless we could have got Knute Rockne to go.

Good night, I got to lay down.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1099 WILL ROGERS TELLS WHY HE'S NOT FLYING BACK

S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, Feb. 2. – I have nothing to say and feel in no shape to say it in if I did have. Lindbergh's ocean is as sore at the world as a defeated candidate.

When I hinted that I would fly back if I could, I received a lot of cables offering to take me on, among them Mrs. Keith Miller, one of our best airshees. My wife is not jealous, but she just never did like to have me stay out over the ocean all night with a strange woman or even a friendly woman. If we could have got in before dark she wouldn't have minded. Course we could have taken a chaperon but not as much gas, and gas is more beneficial on a trip like that than a chaperon. It was just unfortunate all round.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1100 WILL ROGERS, HOMEWARD BOUND, MISSED THE HYDE-PARK ORATORS

STEAMSHIP ILE DE FRANCE, Feb. 3. – Rain spoiled it Sunday. H. L. Mencken and I were going to Hyde Park, London, where, if you have anything against the government or King, or even any one as low down as a sir, why jump up on a box and get it out of your system.

They sink the navy, impeach the Crown and cancel the debts, and when they finish they are just as happy as if it had been done. It's real democracy. Over home you have to be elected to the Senate before you can do it.

I was going to enter Mencken. He says the system is still in vogue in Maryland, the only civilized State left.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1101 WILL ROGERS OFFERS TO WRITE BRIEF HISTORY OF CONFERENCE

S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, Feb. 4. – Lindy's lake kinder sobered up today and bunches of us began drawing a dividend on our passage money by being directed to where the dining saloon was.

For the very first time I see by a delayed American paper that Mr. Coolidge is going to print the history of the United States on a single rock. Well, I could print the history of the present results of this disarmament conference

on the head of a pin and have room enough left for the chorus of "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

See you in person Thursday.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1102 WILL ROGERS MISSES MR. HUGHES; 'A FINE FELLOW IN HIS ROUGH WAY'

S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, Feb. 5. – The one person that I have missed on this trip home was Charles E. Hughes. On my last one, no one on the boat will ever forget his cheerful good nature and the whole-souled fellow that he showed himself. When he landed, everybody was in favor of giving him the same position in America that Mussolini so thoroughly enjoys in his country.

I especially missed him last night in the charity entertainment. He is a fine fellow, and smarter, too, than you would think. He is not so much in book learning, but in his rough, uncouth native way he will make us a good man on that Supreme bench, and he can't possibly do us any harm, for Supreme Court decisions will always remain the same, five against four.

When it's six to three, that's called unanimous. So good luck to you, Charley!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1103 WILL ROGERS GETS HOME AND FINDS US NOT BAD

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 6. – Arrived from your old-time county seat today, and for a country that has no tradition or background you are not bad. Have read all your papers today on the conference, and here is one thing they seem to overlook that really makes this thing harder than you think. You must remember that it's national pride that they are juggling with. There is far more pride involved at this conference than ships. The minute you rate a nation, they naturally think you are establishing their importance in comparison to everybody else. Nations don't mind being small, but they don't want it advertised to the world. So remember it's not tonnage they are prorating, it's prestige. If they only had to divide up ships they would be home next week.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1104 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT THE BUT IN BRITAIN'S OFFER

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 7. – Remember in one dispatch I told you I had a red hot tip that Mr. MacDonald might propose something pretty sweeping. Today he did it. He proposed to sink all our battleships and all France's submarines. Of course he would sink theirs, too.

Now here is the but. They don't need the big ships. They don't have to go as far for their wars as we do. We have no naval bases. We have to go away off and fight all afternoon and then have enough sandwiches and gasoline to get back to Newport News on, while England's naval bases are as monotonous as speakeasies.

He didn't offer to abolish light, fast cruisers and France's submarines are her ace in the hole, but our delegation know all these things and we are still in safe hands.

Yours

Will Rogers.

1105 WILL ROGERS DOUBTS VALUE OF PROHIBITION SHIFT

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 9. – Changing prohibition enforcement from the Treasury to the Department of Justice is just like a dog scratching his fleas from one part of his body over to another. He has relocated 'em, but as long as he is a dog they are going to be bothering him some place.

When this shift is made I'll bet that Mr. Andrew Mellon will feel like a man that's been laying in a ditch by the roadside and somebody come along and removed a loaded Mack truck from off his chest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1106 WILL ROGERS REPORTS TO 'PRIME MINISTER BORAH'

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10. – I am the first committee during this administration to turn in a report, I reported my findings of London to Prime Minister Borah today. We decided it was cheaper to fight than confer.

Had lunch with our genial Vice President. The Cherokee and the Kaw sit down together, and for the first time the Cherokee didn't pay. He also fed Senators Watson, Couzens and Pat Harrison. We had Pat for argumentative purposes.

Saw Miss Alice and got all the dope. In fact, saw everybody, and you know they looked great to me. You want to see some of these other legislative bodies, and it makes you appreciate our boys. You know they are the nicest fellows in the world to meet. I sometimes really wonder if they realize the harm they do.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1107 WILL ROGERS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RETURN OF FRED STONE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 1. – Here is the happiest thing I ever wrote. Everywhere I go some stranger asks me, "How is Fred Stone? Will he ever dance again? I never met him but I always admired him."

My, and I have just come from this opening night. What a triumph! Of course I didn't see Lindbergh in Paris.

Just think, with every bone and thing about him broken and shattered, all but his spirit, yet he never lost faith. He looked forward to this night. Dancing as great as ever in his best show since "The Red Mill." Four Stones, all marvelous. Their devotion equals their cleverness.

Now what's worrying me is how are they going to kill him off eventually. If I attend his funeral it will be no surprise to me at the cemetery when he arises and announces that the festivities are called off and then goes into a song and dance.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1108 WILL ROGERS FINDS ONE MERIT IN BRITISH WAY OF DOING THINGS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 12. – That England has one great custom in the government. They can bring before the House of Commons, in open session, any Cabinet member or the Premier and ask him what he has done and what he has in mind for the future, and he has to tell 'em. Today they questioned Mr. MacDonald himself about the conference.

We don't do it over here. It would be too embarrassing to our officials to have to admit what little they had done, and extremely humiliating to explain what they had in mind for the future when they had nothing in mind.

After their appointment, if they are not impeached, we never hear of them again. They only have one obligation here. They have to sign the payroll in person.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1109 ROGERS FINDS WE CAN GET HOT, AND COOL, FASTER THAN ANYONE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 13. – Want to show you how a thing in our country can accidentally gain prominence. Last Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock I was sitting in the Senate gallery talking to Senator Copeland. Senator Norris had just finished on Hughes and they were ready to vote. Senator Blease asked that it be left over till morning. It was just a formality; there was practically no opposition. If voted on then, there would have been nothing to it, but now look at it? It just shows that if you can start arguing over something, and get enough publicity, and keep the argument going, you can divide our nation over night as to whether spinach or broccoli are the most nutritious.

We can get hot and bothered quicker over nothing, and cool off faster than any nation in the world.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1110 WILL ROGERS PRAISES HENRY FORD'S COMMON SENSE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 14. – Flying to Claremore and run into a snowstorm here and got set down.

"Sons of the wild jackasses," after six solid days of braying, were finally haltered by public opinion, and a twitch put on their upper lip to the score of Hughes 52, jackasses 26. I hope Mr. Hughes don't prove as mean as they insinuated. They say he is all for the rich, that if appointed he would take the liquor away from the poor and give it to the wealthy.

Henry Ford has always had more common sense than anybody. The minute a boy comes out of college he is going to take him and educate him so he can make a living. If he can do that, it will make him our greatest living American.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1111 WILL ROGERS PROUDLY TELLS OF A HOTEL NAMED FOR HIM

CLAREMORE, Okla., Feb. 16. – I sure used to envy General Grant and Jesse James when they had smokeless cigars named after 'em, but here I am sitting in the brand new, most up-to-date hotel in the Southwest, the Will Rogers Hotel in Claremore. It's six stories high. That's higher than any hotel in London, and it's got more baths in one room than Buckingham Palace, where the King lives, has all put together. Got more elevators than the Rice Hotel in Houston had during the Democratic convention, and these run cracked ice and White Rock in each room. That's standard equipment. Here is the town that you take those wonderful baths that cure you of everything but being a Democrat.

I know now how proud Christopher Columbus must have felt when he heard they had named Columbus, O., after him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1112 FLYING CONDITIONS FINE DOWN SOUTH, WILL ROGERS FINDS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 17. – I had always figured this Southern flying route down by way of El Paso ought to have fine weather conditions and it sure has. This has been a wonderful trip, from El Paso to here in three hours. Now lunch, and will be in Beverly Hills by 4 o'clock.

If you want to see a part of our country that is sky broke and not cloud shy, go to Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Last Friday, Tulsa Airport handled, in and out of there, 354 passengers; handled 6500 last year and not an accident.

I had always hollered for lower rates on these things. Now we have 'em. It costs just what your railroad fare plus your sleeper would cost.

I tried to catch up with Mr. Coolidge and give him a real ride.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1113 MR. ROGERS OFFERS TO PINCH HIT FOR MR. COOLIDGE IN THE WEST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 18. – You would have thought it was a Presidential year, the hearty welcome California gave to "Cantankerous Calvin" and "Gracious Grace," and I am certainly going to see that he don't make the mistake of not shaking hands with Hiram Johnson, or even anything that looks like Hiram.

I haven't seen him myself yet. I am waiting till he gets rid of this mess of Republican politicians who are trying to kid him—fat chance they got.

I have some news for him from his friend Morrow, in London.

He is not going to make any speeches while here, and so I hereby offer my services to him as pinch hitter on any and all oratorial occasions. The service is gratis, which might be an inducement.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1114 MORE OF WILL ROGERS'S IDEAS ABOUT THE NAVAL CONFERENCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 19. – See where the disarmament conference adjourned for a week. That's the second time they have adjourned. The first adjournment was for five weeks.

The old Democrat come through today. Joe Robinson informed em that "we wasn't over there to guarantee anybody's safety, that we was over to try and save everybody some taxes. But if they saw fit to go out and match a war with somebody, to not count on us as being a member of the cast. Just a bleacher seat would do us the next time."

Mr. Hoover is making an awful big mistake. He feeds the regular Republican leaders for breakfast. The ones he wants to feed is the Democrats, and the sons of the wild jackasses.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1115 WILL ROGERS SCORES A BEAT; HE INTERVIEWS MR. COOLIDGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 20. – Was out to Mr. Harry Chandler's to dinner Wednesday. Just his family and Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge. Had a long talk with Mr. Coolidge and have a beat on all the other newspaper men.

"Mr. Coolidge, what is your impression of the general condition of our country?"

Mr. Coolidge—"Yes."

"How long do you think the disarmament conference will last?"

"No."

"Is this tinkering with the tariff good for the country as a whole?"

"Meby."

"What do you think of the way the Senate has formed this obstructive coalition?"

"Uh."

"What's the President going to do about this prohibition situation?"

" Huh."

"Who is the logical candidate in case Mr. Hoover don't care for another term?"

"Uh huh."

"Will you have another biscuit, Mr. Coolidge?"

"Probably."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1116 WILL ROGERS SYMPATHIZES WITH NAVAL PARLEY DELEGATES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 21. – Poor old disarmament conference! Even if it does make an agreement with each other, why before they can telegraph the news back to their countries the men that made the agreement may be thrown out of office. Every one of those delegations have to read the papers every morning to find if they are still working.

France just called for another preacher right in the middle of the sermon. There is not even a two weeks' clause in any political contract over there. Any time you pull a bad move you are out on your ear, and they throw your hat after you.

On account of us being a democracy and run by the people, we are the only nation in the world that has to keep a government four years no matter what it does.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1117 WILL ROGERS AGAIN REALIZES THAT RADIO IS A GREAT THING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 23. – I imagine it's been said before, and I don't claim this as an entirely new observation, but radio is a great thing. I believe it's our greatest invention, far greater than the automobile, for it don't kill anybody. It don't cost us millions for roads. When we are too lazy, or too old to do anything else, we can listen in.

This morning I heard a lovely talk by Lady Astor from away over in London. She is in favor of woman's suffrage for Japan, Italy and France. I don't know what she has got it in for those countries for. Poor misguided woman, I don't know where she gets the idea that women are peaceful. We give 'em the vote over here and they declared a war the next day.

The more you see of civilization, the more you feel that those old cavemen about had the right dope.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1118 WILL ROGERS IMAGINES WHAT HOOVER SAID AT BREAKFAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 24. – Mr. Hoover not only fed the Republican Senators and Congressmen this morning but along with their ham and eggs they received the following iron in their food: "You Republicans want to get it out of your head that you are in here for life. The country is slowly getting onto you. After November I can easily take half a dozen leafs out of this breakfast table. Now go back to your office and have your stenographer compile you a list of ex-Senators and Congressmen who are still living. You would be surprised, g-e-n-t-l-e-m-e-n."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Poor little wind-tossed Mabel Normand died. She has given the world much laughter, and strangers and friends much financial aid. I hope no one writes of her—only the ones that had met and known her. Her last press notices would be beautiful.

1119 HOW MRS. COOLIDGE FOILED A SPEAKER, AS ROGERS SAW IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 25. – We got Calvin talking at a Chamber of Commerce dinner. He attributed California's climate to the fact they had insurance companies, but as usual "Gracious Grace" pulled the evening out of the fire. She was seated next to one of those things they call "the speaker of the evening." While he was trying to tell "why 1930 would be greater than any other 1930 we had ever enjoyed," he had laid his watch on the table. You see he was speaking against time and not ideas. She copped the watch and hid it in her New England grouch bag. With the watch gone the poor fellow couldn't

tell when he was through. So Mrs. Coolidge will go down in history as being the only person that ever got anything out of a Chamber of Commerce.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1120 RUDY VALLEE'S TRIP TO CAPITAL GIVES WILL ROGERS AN IDEA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 26. – Say, did you read about the wives of the Senators and Congressmen having Rudy Vallee come down to Washington so they could look him over? There's life in the old girls yet.

Now I look for Reed, Smoot, Shortridge, Heflin, Watson, Longworth and Garner to have Clara Bow and Texas Guinan come down and see if they can't give them a new lease on life.

France had a historical day yesterday. One Premier stayed in till pretty near 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was raining and they couldn't get there to vote him out earlier.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1121 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS OFFERING THE "REDS" WORK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 27. – Best way to make one of these "Red" meetings mad is to offer 'em work. Nancy Astor pulled the best one on them, she offered to pay the fare of any that would go back to Russia. Only three took her up, and they starved to death there waiting for their "comrades" to divide up with 'em. Should have a place where they can get up and denounce anything from Washington's wig to Hoover's fish bait. They are likeable cusses and smart, and perfectly happy when they are talking. That's the only way they have of showing their education is by sound and not by accomplishment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1122 WILL ROGERS'S TRIBUTE TO TAFT: SEEMS 'LIKE HE WAS ONE OF US'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 28. – Mr. Taft, what a lovely soul! You know, of all our Presidents that this generation knew, some we knew, some we felt we didn't know, some we admired for their great ability; some we had great

faith in, and all of them to us symbolized the great office they occupied. But just as a man and a real honest-to-God fellow, Mr. Taft will go to his grave with more real downright affection and less enemies than any. He always seemed like he was one of us.

It's great to be great but it's greater to be human. He was our great human fellow because there was more of him to be human. We are parting with three hundred pounds of solid charity to everybody, and love and affection for all his fellowmen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1123 WILL ROGERS NOT SURPRISED AT SENATE VOTE-TRADING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 2. – Not only the week's biggest laugh but the year's biggest guffaw come from the United States Senate during the oil lobby hearing. They discovered that Senators were trading oil votes for sugar votes. They were surprised and practically dumbfounded that such a condition could exist. Yes, just about as surprising to everybody that knows politics as it would be to discover that Herbert Hoover was born in the United States, was over 30 years old, and white.

Vote trading got 'em all in the Senate and kept them in there (if the trades were good enough.)

A Senator learns to "swap" his vote at the same age a calf learns which end of his mother is the dining room.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1124 COOLIDGE AND GERONIMO COMPARED BY WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 3. – Going to fly over in Arizona tomorrow and see Mr. Coolidge dedicate the great Coolidge Dam. Arizona had to build the dam way over in the middle of the State to keep California from claiming two-thirds of the water. The Apache Indians are going to make Mr. Coolidge chief of their tribe to replace Geronimo. They had a great deal in common, neither one said much, and Mr. Coolidge, when big chief, arrived at the same result with a veto that Geronimo did with a tomahawk.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S.: Am trying to get Lindbergh to take me over in a glider. If he can't I will have Anne do it.

1125 WILL ROGERS TELLS ABOUT THE COOLIDGE DAM SPEECH

GLOBE, Ariz,., March 4. – Well, Calvin did a mighty fine job of dam dedicating here this afternoon. He made a dam good speech favoring dams. Said he didn't want to come at first, but that finally "President Hoover asked him to come." He naturally couldn't refuse Mr. Hoover for in a few years they might be opening a Hoover dam and he might want to ask Mr. Hoover to go and dedicate it. He dedicated the bridge to religion, a very beautiful thought and appropriate at this very time, for here is Russia with twice our national resources, three times our size, bending every government energy to throttle all religion. All you have to do is look at the two countries and see whose policy is the best.

A peculiar thing about the dam that you may not read in your dispatches—the dam is built on the lower side of the Apache Indian reservation, and the water is all to be used by the Pima tribe and the whites. In fact, they moved the Apaches out of the very valley where the water is backed up in, and moved them ten miles up above. The only way the Apaches can ever get any good out of the dam is for somebody to invent a way for water to run uphill. And then they wonder why Apaches are wild.

One ceremony reminded me of a blindfolded tobacco ad test. Mr. Coolidge and an Apache chief and a Pima chief all took a whiff from the same pipe. The Indians didn't bat an eye, but Calvin coughed over a carload's worth.

The dam will open up 1,000,000 acres of new land, and there is 1,000,000 farmers starving to death all over our country on farms that's all ready open, so it all depends on where you live, as to how you look at it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1126 MR. ROGERS CALLS FOR A REST IN THE PROHIBITION BATTLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 5. – The wets have just shown that you can get a drink, and it's bad for the country. Now the drys start, and will show that you can't get a drink, and it's good for the country.

In the meantime, there is at least 90,000,000 living in the country that it's not affecting in any way and that wish both sides would shut up and go to work.

If papers announced that they would quit printing what either side said, the 90,000,000 would feel so relieved that they would celebrate with a grand spree and then sober up for the rest of their lives.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1127 NO GOOD REASON, SAYS ROGERS, FOR THESE WET-DRY HEARINGS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 6. – No wonder Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison are for present conditions. Been more Fords wrecked in the last few years than ever before, and with all our different concoctions of drink this is the age of inventions.

This investigation will run along for weeks, and hundreds will come to get their name in the papers.

I can't help but believe that all these Washington hearings must be sponsored by the railroads and hotels. There can't possibly be any other reason for holding them.

Reed Smoot got the tariff on sugar raised yesterday, so that means that a bunch of Senators must have got it raised on something they wanted. Then they say there is no trading votes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1128 WILL ROGERS HANDS PALM TO MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 7. – Frisco is one of the only three distinctive cities left in the United States which was built, not just assembled. San Antone and New Orleans are the others. Yesterday when thousands of police from the White House to Claremore were fighting the Reds to keep them from marching, Mayor Rolph helped 'em form in line, had his men show them where the city hall was, thanked 'em for coming to see him, and a good time was had by all, except the women who were unable to get arrested. But ain't it funny, only one man in public office in America that had sense of humor enough to kid 'em along. But that's why it's Frisco, and why Rolph has been Mayor since Balboa stumbled over the Pacific.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1129 WILL ROGERS TELLS HOW HE FEELS ABOUT GLIDERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 9. – Say, this glider contraption of Lindbergh's looks like a pretty good racket. He went up yesterday and competed with a buzzard, and the fowl got second money. The competition was going along about even till Lindy lost a wing and didn't even stop to pick it up. Just

kept right on. When the old bird saw that, he got disgusted and withdrew, and went back to his original trade.

Lindy was telling me the other night about these things. He thinks they have a great future in training men to fly; cost is only three or four thousand dollars. No engine, no gasoline. All you need is a high hill and a strong wind. And a few old boys to yank you out into space. All sounds marvelous, but when I try it it's going to be inside a room, with the floor lined with feather beds.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1130 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THE SUPREME COURT VACANCY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 10. – Good chance now for President Hoover to smoke Mr. Coolidge out and see how he stands on the future. Offer him this Supreme Court vacancy. If Mr. Coolidge refused to take it, it would show that he had other ideas in his head, because it's been pretty well established that once you go on that bench, people don't like the idea of you leaving it to come back and run for even President.

But poor Mr. Hoover! Whoever he appoints, that Senate will hold a two weeks' clinic over the body. Just offhand. Lindbergh would be the only one I know of that they might let pass. And I'll bet there would be a couple object to him.

Yours

Will Rogers.

1131 WILL ROGERS SEES DANGER IN THE NEW "BLACK LIGHT"

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 11. – Say, these scientists and chemists are getting smart. They got some kind of a concoction called the "black light." The prohibition authorities have already bought the exclusive right. If you have been drinking, they can give you a swig of their dope on top of yours and immediately your innards loom up like a bulletin board. It registers the brand of stuff you been drinking, the city it comes from, the color of the bootlegger's hair and the price you paid. If it's in Oklahoma City, the Jamaica ginger will loom up like you was going to bake a cake. So if you see a dry officer coming, don't only hide the bottle, but conceal your stomach.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1132 ROGERS SEES FRANCE SAVING '100,000 TONS IMAGINATION'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 12. – Disarmament Conference is getting on pretty good. All we got to do now is promise France that if somebody pounces on her that we will help pull 'em off, and in return for our being a night watchman for her, she will cut her naval blue prints down from 725,000 tons to 625,000, a clean saving of 100,000 tons imagination. Mr. Hoover will tell 'em, "We are sorry boys, but we took it serious and went there to sink and not to sign."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1133 WILL ROGERS ADVISES WETS TO HAVE THEIR SAY THIS WEEK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 13. – The wet papers better get their editorials in this week. I see this morning by the "American Ballot-Box Weekly" that the national poll from just a few States shows the "repeal of the amendment" leads by 38,000. Thirty-one thousand of this is due to New York City and the other to Hoboken, N. J., and Chicago. But, boy, wait till the returns from America start coming in!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1134 WILL ROGERS WARNS GANDHI OF FATE OF DEMOCRATS HERE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 14. – This Indian Gandhi is trying to defeat the British Government (who control political affairs in India) by "passive resistance." It won't work. The Democrats have tried it here for almost a generation.

The biggest ad California ever had is Lindy. He has been prowling up and down the State for two months trying to get wind enough to stay up. His last hope is Capitol Hill, Washington, during the confirming of Mr. Hoover's next appointment to the Supreme Court.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1135 WILL ROGERS AT AGUA CALIENTE RECALLS SOME FAMOUS BETTING

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 16. – Talk about "having to see Paris" and "so this is London" and "must visit Claremore," but till you have seen Agua Caliente, Mexico, you have just grown up in ignorance. A beautiful spot, and the most sober and orderly crowd. Why, you wouldn't hardly believe they were Americans.

Every nation must have its legalized form of gambling. We have our Wall Street. Mexico gives you a more even break. They have "roulette," also a percentage of your losings go to the government. They are a primitive race. They put government above broker.

Folks will take a chance. Old Noah gambled on not getting the "foot and mouth" disease in there with all those animals, and old King Solomon bet a hundred women he wouldn't pay 'em alimony and won his bet. "Viva la Mexico."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1136 WILL ROGERS SAYS PROSPERITY IS A COMMODITY NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 17. – This is a great country at that. We used to think that "prosperity" was a "condition." Now we find that it is a "commodity." Mr. Hoover has ordered it to be delivered to us in sixty days, same as you would order a sack of flour or a side of bacon. If "good times" is not laying on our doorstep May 15th, 1930, we can sue the Republican party, get judgment against 'em, along with 123 previous judgments we held against the same corporation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – In the meantime, somebody has got to invent a "sixty-day diet."

1137 JOKES ABOUT OUR PUBLIC MEN, BUT BELIEVES IN 'em—ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 18. – America's favorite "prodigal son," Scarface Al Capone, has returned to us and in his honor we killed two fatted gangsters, and met him with more publicity than we did the release of Mr. Coolidge after his six years of solitary incarceration.

Capone goes free to take up his useful life's work, and on the same front

page Doheny, who developed a great industry and has given high wages to thousands for years, is called a "menace to society." We who lived neighbors to him know that if he is convicted of "staking" all old mining days friends, he will serve 2,000 years.

I joke about our prominent men, but at heart I believe in 'em. I do think there is times when traces of "dumbness" crop up in official life, but not crookedness.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1138 MR. ROGERS LEARNS SOMETHING FROM A TEAM OF DEBATERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 19. – Went down last night to hear an Oklahoma University debating team against California, "To disarm, or not disarm." Our first debating team is over in London, on the same subject and with the same results, only this team goes home when the debate is over.

These have debated all over the country on this subject, on both sides of the argument, and they told me a very surprising thing. The side against "disarmament" always wins. They explained the fact because disarmament was a theory and an ideal and that the other side could shoot our argument full of holes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1139 FILM STARS' DUMB AND HAPPY DAYS ARE PAST

BEVERLY HILLS, March 20. – Us poor film folks do have our troubles lately. We no more than adapt ourselves to some new invention than another one knocks us in the creek. Talking pictures hit us at a time when we was as dumb as a rabbit, color photography showed up our red noses and gray hair, and to sink us entirely some guy in guy in Washington yesterday got a patent on an apparatus that will register "smell in the movies." Now we not only got to look colorful, act good, talk good, but our personal odor has got to be above suspicion. A criticism will read, "Popular John Gilbert appeared here last night in 'Love 'em and Destroy 'em.' His speaking voice in the lower registers is pleasing, he has dark spots under his eyes, and a blueish bruise on his left thigh, he acts marvelous, but why don't he do something about his halitosis."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1140 WILL ROGERS SAW BALFOUR STAND OUT AS A DIPLOMAT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March. 21. – I can picture the great old man Balfour as I remember seeing him at the Washington Disarmament Conference in '22. You couldn't miss him. It was the professional diplomat, the trained statesman, just coasting along with a lot of amateurs. He could sink a blue-print with more emotion than we could a battleship. He knew that on account of England's numerous coaling stations all over the world that it was fast light cruisers they needed, so he with "great reluctance" agreed to limit battleships. But he thought it was up to us to make it a success if we had to sink the Robert E. Lee, and did. Balfour was made "Lord" when he returned home, for what he did here. I always thought he should have been made king.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1141 A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DELEGATE IN LONDON AS SEEN BY ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 23. – The daily dairy of a London conference delegate:

Up early, so would have more time to confer. O.K.'d breakfast check with United States Treasury seal. Premier MacDonald dropped into hotel to see if we were still over here.

Down to Charing Cross Station to see new French Premier arrive. Over to see Japanese. Discussed immigration. Usual trip to House of Commons to see if MacDonald voted out of office. Received code instruction messages from home. One from Hoover and three from Hearst.

Down to station to see same French Premier off, as he had been replaced. Conference with press at 3:30. Conference over at 3:31. Dinner with Italian delegation, where movies of Mussolini were shown. Home at 11 o'clock conference with our own delegation, where was discussed ways and means of procuring board by the year instead of the month. Cabled home office, "Conference as a whole reports progress."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1142 WILL ROGERS TELLS WHY THE TARIFF BILL PASSED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 24. – Grundy's tariff bill is all set. Nobody in either house of Congress is satisfied with it, that's why it will pass, for

each one will figure: "Well, it will do his more harm than it will me." Everybody gets a raise but the few people that don't manufacture anything.

"How many people is there in the United States that don't manufacture anything?"

Oh, roughly, I should say about 112,000,000.

"Who pays for the raise that the manufacturers receive under this bill?"

The same people who sent the men there that passed the bill.

"Well, what's the answer to it all?"

Brother, there is no answer. It's been going on like this for 150 years. If you take it serious you are cuckoo.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1143 WILL ROGERS FIGURES OUT 'DEMOCRATS ARE PERKING UP'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 25. – My original Democratic white hope come through great in a speech out here where a university conferred on him the degrees "doctor of dividends" and "purveyor extraordinary to financial conferences where hopes are high but funds are low." He said "economics had no business in politics." Now, some might think that was bad foresight and knock politicians, but it was on my advice that he did it. Everybody knew Mr. Hoover was not a politician, and that fact alone gave him a majority of nine million. Now, if my man can even go further and show that he knows politicians, but has no use for their methods, why he can win by 29 million. The old Democrats are perking up every day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1144 WILL ROGERS HAS PICKED HIS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 26. – Yesterday I wrote about my Democratic candidate and didn't mention his name, I didn't think I needed to. I said he has been given a university degree for his advice in high finance. Well, what Democrat have we got that could get into a big financial conference (unless he was a watchman or messenger boy) outside of Owen D. Young? Well, Owen is my man.

If Grundy's tariff passes, there is going to be more unemployment. About sixty birds drawing wages as Republican Congressmen will be washed out in November.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1145 WILL ROGERS SEES AN AID TO THE PROHIBITION CAUSE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 27. – This comes under the heading of "Public Health and National Welfare." I just got some papers from Claremore. You remember those "Jamaica ginger" victims in Oklahoma City? Well, there was a dozen of them come to Claremore, paralyzed on crutches and cots, and it cured every one of them—not only cured 'em of paralysis, but of drinking "Jake." Now I am not kidding about this cure; illness is too serious for that, so if you have any friends contemplating drinking "Jake," Claremore radium water is the only known antidote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1146 WILL ROGERS REPLIES TO RUSSIA ABOUT WOMEN GOING TO WAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 28. – My good friend, Mr. Brisbane, this morning told you why you should Winter either in Florida, California, Texas or Mississippi. I go even further than Arthur. I recommend the same places with the addition of Mexico City and Honolulu, as I have papers there that use my junk.

Russia is putting five million women under arms for the next war. Well, we got five million that would do it. There is at least that many here who have tried everything else that men do with the exception of shouldering a musket.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1147 FURTHER VIEWS BY MR. ROGERS ON THE CONFERENCE IN LONDON

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 30. – I see by this morning's newsprints that Secretary Cotton says that Mr. Hoover says, "We are with the American delegation."

And he is right, too. From the looks of things we are coming nearer being with them every day. I look for 'em on any boat now. If they can just get out of

there before war is declared they will be fortunate.

We can charge the whole thing off as a business loss but a social success. It will go down in history as a dressmakers' triumphal conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1148 WILL ROGERS OFFERS OUTLINE OF WHAT HOOVER MAY SAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 31. – Here is the advance copy of what Mr. Hoover will say over the phone Thursday to the Presidents of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay:

"Brother Presidents, you are lucky to preside over a land where there is no Pennsylvania to make your tariff, where sugar is a commodity and not an issue, where your manufacturers and your farmers are so primitive that they think their relief has to come from their own efforts and not from their President, where your countries are not prominent enough to have refugees stranded at foreign conferences and lastly, brothers, if the prohibition issue ever comes up during your term, resign quick in favor of your worst enemy. Boys, I am telling you a mouthful. Yours in envy, H. H."

Will Rogers.

1149 WILL ROGERS PREDICTS THE RESULT IN PENNSYLVANIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 1. – It looks like my friend Jim Davis is going to beat "Uncle Joe Grundy" for the seat in the Senate. "Uncle Joe" don't care, staying in there after the tariff is over would be like a burglar remaining in a bank after he had already sent all the loot out.

Each State is allowed two statues in the Capitol Hall of Fame. The old Keystone State put William Penn in there for what he took away from the Indians for Pennsylvania. Now Grundy gets the other statue for what he has taken away from the white people for Pennsylvania.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1150 ROGERS SAYS GOLD MOTHERS' TRIP IS FINEST GOOD-WILL MOVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 2. – We hold the record, unchallenged, for forming clubs and organizations for no earthly reason at all, for every kind of "goofy" project, both national and international, but occasionally somebody

does come through with a great idea, and having these goldstar mothers visit their sons' graves at government expense is a masterpiece and makes up for all the "cuckoo" other things we do. That will be by far the most representative American pilgrimage that ever left our shores. There goes your real "good-will" delegation. No diplomacy, no schemes to put over, just mothers, the same the world over. We can't wish them happiness, but we do wish them contentment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1151 WILL ROGERS DISAPPOINTED OVER MR. COOLIDGE'S PURCHASE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 3. – Say, California didn't get over so big. We fed Mr. Coolidge and bragged on him and showed him everything we had out here and he went straight back to Massachusetts and bought him a home. He has got some political devilment on his mind back there.

We got one good delegation out. They are down in Mexico looking over 'at auto road that will eventually run down Mexico's beautiful west coast, from Portland to Panama. At the present time our automobile communication ends with Mexico, and at the north end of the first bar over the line. The idea of this road is to have it so long that Americans will have to pass by some bars without stopping.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1152 HE PICKED THE WINNER AT LONDON, SAYS WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 4. – At a dinner one night at Ambassador Dawes's I told the Japanese delegate: "Admiral Takarabe, I want to shake hands with you. I am going home, and in a few months I want to tell everybody I shook hands with the winner."

Japan came to the conference demanding a higher rating. Yesterday she got it. They could have given it to her the first day and saved all this board bill. I have said all the time that if anything was done at London it would be on battleships and not on cruisers (the thing they went there to settle on.)

You see England, on account of her dozens of coaling stations, don't need battleships, and neither does Japan. They want cruisers, so they agree to limit something that they don't want but we do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1153 MR. ROGERS LIKES PROSPECT OF A WOMAN IN THE SENATE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 6. – Tuesday Ruth Hanna goes to the post in Illinois—a woman by birth but a politician by training.

I like her. She is not continually yapping about the "woman's angle." Women are not doing so poor in this country.

We want a woman that will help out us men. We can't get a man in there to do it. She will be the first elected female to sit in that "august body."

Ruth won't feel at home in the Senate. She is too young. There is forty old ladies in there now, only difference these don't knit.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1154 OUR SHORT MEMORIES SAVE THE POLITICIANS, SAYS ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 7. – First London dispatch said we were to sink three ships and England five. Yesterday Hugh Gibson over the radio said its three apiece now. I thought that first was a typographical and not an English diplomatic error. He didn't mention "parity," the thing we went over to get.

That's one characteristic of our country. We can get all lathering at the time over some political campaign promise, or some conference pledge, but if the thing just drags along long enough we forget what it was that was originally promised. The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1155 WILL ROGERS SEES A CATCH IN RASKOB AS A DEMOCRAT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 8. – The Senate argued all day yesterday as to whether Raskob is a Democrat or a Republican? A dry or wet? A business man or just a politician? And if any of these, why? If he is rich and a Democrat, there must be a catch in it somewhere, and they want to find out what it is. He gave $64,000 to the wets' lobby (which went to buy liquor for the drys).

These gifts to various causes and campaigns is what makes him of such interest to both political parties; they want to find out where he stands, so they

can get in on his side. He is too good an angel to lose, even if you have to change your party to be with him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1156 WILL ROGERS IN NEW ROLE OF A PRIZE FIGHT REPORTER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 9. – Saw this big giant Italian fight last night. They take this country's census by his knockouts. He fought a little black pickaninny weighing only 202, named Mr. Neil Clisby, substitute deacon of the African M. E. Church South, of Riverside, Cal. Mr. Carnera received twenty thousand bucks for this slumming with the clergy for 3 minutes and 40 seconds. Mr. Clisby received transportation from the ring. Clisby hit the giant twice, once he jumped in the air and hit him on the knee, and again he uppercut him in his falling arches. The Right Rev. Mr. Clisby's repertoire of sermons will henceforth eliminate the parable of David receiving a decision over Goliath.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1157 WILL ROGERS SAYS THE WOMAN, NOT THE ISSUE, WON IN ILLINOIS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 10. – When the papers get through raving about Mrs. McCormick being elected on "Don't enter the World Court," maybe somebody will accidentally give her election the real credit. It was the woman herself. She could have won on "Don't enter the world's series" just as easy. But how we will pay for her election? Every woman that can fill out an application blank will start running for something. It will take ten years to prove to women that it takes more than a kimono and an ambition to make a statesman.

P. S. – Yours for a return of old Jeffersonian democracy, when men chewed tobacco and women could bake real biscuits.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1158 WILL ROGERS IS WAITING TO HEAR THE SENATORS HOWL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 11. – Been reading Mr. Coolidge's article. Told about me knocking Senate. Why, he started in where I finished. Said

his prestige would not allow him being a Senator, that when he was elected Governor twelve years ago that he stepped over their heads, and he certainly wasn't going to go backwards. When these guys hear that a Governor is higher than a Senator I want to hear 'em howl.

Mrs. Gann can't be accused of being the only one that brings up social precedence. Calvin is trying to uphold his place at the table, too. I'd like to see some hostess try and seat the Governor of Utah above Borah. Wow!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1159 MR. ROGERS HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR THE ARMY AIR SERVICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 13. – At Sacramento yesterday nineteen army planes reached an altitude of 30,000 feet. It was forty below zero, and all used oxygen tanks.

When one flier used to reach that altitude we thought it was a miracle. Yet here was nineteen, flying in formation. These are the greatest air manoeuvres ever held.

That's one mighty satisfying thing about our country. Our young men can get us ready for wars faster than our diplomats can talk us into them.

It took forty experts and statesmen three months in London to sink the poor Utah and Florida. These nineteen would have sunk London, including all the delegations, before breakfast any morning.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1160 ADVICE BY WILL ROGERS ON PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 14 – When Mr. Hoover appointed Judge Parker to the Supreme Court it was an unanimously popular appointment. An able man. Now they find he decided a case against somebody one time, so there is a likely chance of him being impeached for treason, indicted for bigamy and subpoenaed for crossing a boulevard stop. It's the Secretary Hughes case over again. You give us long enough to argue over something and we will bring you in proofs to show that the Ten Commandments should never be ratified. If I was Mr. Hoover in my next appointment I would keep the name anonymous till after he had been ratified.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1161 WILL ROGERS IS PUZZLED BY THE CHEERS OF THE D.A.R.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 15. – "The daughters of one of our early and most exclusive revolutions" are in a huddle in Washington. Membership in this proves that you did have a forefather on or about 1776. Non-membership proves that your forefathers, if any, must have sprung up from somewhere in just practically the last few years.

Mrs. Hobart, their president, made a speech yesterday against "entering Europe by pen or pencil and against sinking even a rowboat." She was cheered to the echo. Then Mr. Hoover faced practically the same descendants a few hours later, advocating "joining anything that had an application blank and sinking everything till we reached 'parity' with Switzerland." He was cheered to the same echo.

Now what's the answer? The only thing I can make out of it, the daughters like to cheer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1162 WILL ROGERS REGRETS PASSING OF THE SMALL TOWN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 16. – Just reading these late census reports and it shows that the small town is passing. We not only ought to regret it, we ought to do something to remedy it. It was the incubator that hatched all our big men, and that's why we haven't got as many big men today as we used to have. Start to have a Presidential election nowadays and we have to postpone it, neither side has got anybody big enough to run. Take every small-town-raised big man out of business and you would have nobody left running it but vice presidents.

You can kid about the old rubes that sat around the cracker barrel, spit in the stove, and fixed the nation, but they were all doing their own thinking. They didn't have their minds made up by some propagandist speaker at the "Get Nowhere" Luncheon Club.

Yours for more small town rubes,

Will Rogers.

1163 LESS CENSUS AND MORE SENSE AND CENTS SAYS WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 17. – If at times you feel your government is not interested in you, you are all wrong. Why, every ten years they send

around to see if you are still living and why. They take your name and address and if anything shows up during the next ten years they will notify you.

Knowing how many of us there is don't mean a thing. Censuses are just for Chambers of Commerce oratorical purposes. The new census will give California six new Congressmen. Now if you can call that adding to human welfare you are an optimist.

Yours for less census and more sense and cents.

Will Rogers.

1164 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A STRAW VOTE ON STRAW VOTES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 18. – The Literary Digest loves to straw vote on subjects that everybody is arguing over at the time. Well, here is one that is creating more dust than the one they are voting on now, so I propose they start a straw vote at once on the following: "Will people vote on prohibition at the polls (where they have to sign their names) the same as they do in a straw vote? Please vote either yes or no." You see the Digest put in a middle vote (the modification plan.) Now, both the wets and the drys are claiming that vote, so let's get started straw voting on my plan, no confusing planks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1165 WILL ROGERS HEARS OF A DRIVE THAT IMPERILS A GREAT SPORT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 20. – See by the papers that down in Miami, Fla., they arrested Al Capone's brother on the golf course for vagrancy. A vagrant is a man that has no visible means of support. If they start enforcing that rule it will mean the death of golf.

Maybe they searched him and he didn't have either a flask, or a gun. That would practically constitute vagrancy with a former Chicago resident.

Well, I am going to Oklahoma in the morning. I been sitting here waiting for weeks for somebody to take our census. So I finally got an offer to go there and give 'em in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1166 WILL ROGERS A FLIER, TOO, BUT HE BOWS TO THE LINDBERGHS

PONCA CITY, Okla., April 21. – Going to have the biggest celebration the State ever had here tomorrow—unveiling a statue to "The Pioneer Woman." It's to the West what erecting one to Washington was to the East. Tell you all about it tomorrow.

Had breakfast in Beverly Hills and dinner here in Ponca. That's not a Lindbergh, but it's pretty good for me. I didn't have any wife to do the navigating for me. You know, a wife can be either a big help or a hindrance to a man in his business. The way that little woman has taken that fellow and made an aviator out of him is wonderful. It used to take him two days to get across this country. If she had been with him going to Paris, they would have got there by lunch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1167 WILL ROGERS ENJOYS HIMSELF AT OKLAHOMA CELEBRATION

PONCA CITY, Okla., April 22. – Well, Oklahoma had a great day here today. Mr. Hoover opened our ceremonies from Washington, in repayment for the State going Republican the last election, then Pat Hurley, our unanimously most popular Oklahoman and Secretary of War, from a sick bed in Washington, made a radio talk to us that would have done credit to a Democrat.

It was a wonderful gathering, all our present and impeached Governors were there, there was a tremendous crowd. Ah, folks, you can act, and talk, and do stunts, all over the world, but the applause of a home audience is sweeter to your ears than anything in the world. Now if I only had Anne Lindbergh to fly me back.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1168 WILL ROGERS UP IN THE AIR AND DIDN'T SEE HIS NEWSPAPER

WINSLOW, Ariz., April 23. – Been going so fast since I left Ponca City, Okla., this morning, haven't got a hold of a morning paper. I will have to pull a Brisbane now and describe the desert country and estimate "how much it will raise when it all is watered."

Say, this air travel is sure picking up. This line has a double-header today, each carrying twelve. Arrive in Los Angeles this afternoon at four twenty and,

speaking of "Arthur", as he gets older and his time commences to get valuable, we will land him on one of these aeroplanes yet, and I want to be with him and hold his hand.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1169 WE'RE RIDING MIGHTY HIGH, WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 24. – Brothers, we are riding mighty, mighty high in this country. Our most annoying problem is, "Which car will I use today?" "Isn't that static frightful?"

We are just sitting on top of the world. For every automobile we furnish an accident. For every radio sold we put on two murders. Three robberies to every bathtub installed. Building two golf courses to every church. Our bootleggers have manicures and our farmers have mortgages. Our courts are full, our jails are full, our politicians are full. If we can't house a prisoner we burn him up.

Truly, Rome never saw such prosperity. "We'll tell the cockeyed world we are going somewhere."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1170 WILL ROGERS MIXES IDEAS OF OPERATIONS AND FOOTBALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 25. – Dr. Mayo and his accomplices held Spring practice on the body of Knute Rockne, the Notre Dame coach. They extracted some of his poison and give it to rabbits and waited to see their death. Instead, the rabbits went into a huddle, came out with an Easter egg. A little "Irish" cottontail names Gonsolovitch started heaving forward passes with this egg to a Belgian hare called (for gate receipt purposes) Murphy. Eight Australian jack-rabbits run interference for him. Mayo then took a larger dose of this poison from Knute's infected leg and gave it to eleven little baby guinea pigs. They immediately defeated the rabbits, 58 to 0.

Then both teams wound up by going to mass to Father Duffy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1171 WILL ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY OUR ARMY AIR FORCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 27. – The army flew in here with 150 planes, and General Fechet wanted to load me into every one of them and show me what they was really doing.

Friday night we went over the city with some bombers, and where I stood in there was the place for 4,000 pounds of high explosives.

Millions of lights under you, and hundreds of thousands of defenseless people. Then, they went to London to make cheaper battleships, and not one word was said about restricting the things that you are going to be killed with in the next war. That's why it was only a tax-saving conference and not a humanitarian one.

But we can begin to feel mighty proud of our army and navy air force. It's a man's job, and we got some real ones at it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1172 WILL ROGERS SEES NO VALUE IN ALL THE TIME WE SAVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 28. – Passengers on a train in Canada talked by phone with London, England. That's not an invention, that's a pest. This means that you can't go anywhere without somebody saying, "Mr. Jones, if you will step to the back end of the plane, that automobile salesman is on the phone." There has been more talking and less said over phones than in Congress.

Every invention during our lifetime has been just to save time, and time is the only commodity that every American, both rich and poor, has plenty of. Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save. Two hundred years from now history will record: "America, a nation that flourished from 1900 to 1942, conceived many odd inventions for getting somewhere, but could think of nothing to do when they got there."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1173 WILL ROGERS IS THANKFUL FOR GETTING OUR DELEGATES BACK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 29. – I am a little late, but I want to welcome home the "prodigals." They tell me that our "parity pact boys" got back

home. They must have not done much over there, for I never heard of any of them being decorated. It's almost impossible to live in England that long and not be "knighted" for something.

They pulled in on the same day as the eclipse. Of course, we know when an eclipse is going to happen, but nobody knows when one of our wandering delegates will come drifting back home from somewhere. Even if we didn't get "parity," we want to thank England for giving us the boys back.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1174 WILL ROGERS LOOKS IN VAIN FOR CENSUS MAN T0 LIST HIM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 30. – I have advertised, schemed around, and even tried to find somebody who knew somebody who had influence with somebody that was on the census taking crew but I can't get my or my family's name on anywhere. Well, at least my conscience will be clear. I won't have been in any way responsible for any more men going to Congress. When all the bragging is done by towns, the jails' increase will make a sucker out of all of them. That's the matter with Cleveland, Ohio, they are all in Columbus.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1175 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS WORK FOR "THOSE THREE RICH KIDS"

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 1. – Biggest news I see in the papers today is among the footracers. Charley Paddock, "the world's fastest human," lost a hundred-yard dash to some girl for not showing up at starting time at the marriage bureau. Henry Ford, "the world's best known human," won a hundred-yard dash at Fredericksburg, Va., from his secretary. Edison will be racing Ford now, with John D. Rockefeller, Sr., challenging the winner.

We got to do something with those three rich kids. They just got nothing to do and are in some devilment every time we pick up a paper. Hoover ought to put 'em on a commission to investigate the kindergartens.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1176 WILL ROGERS SAYS WE SUFFER FROM TOO MANY ORGANIZATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 2. – That Chamber of Commerce of the United States that is in session in Washington now is running true to chamber of commerce form. They have the maximum of objections with all the minimum of remedies for all national ills. Of all the things that this country is suffering from, the greatest is overproduction of organizations organized to help somebody that don't need the help as bad as the organization itself. It's not taxes that keeps us flat. It's dues. When a failure, form something.

When the judgment day comes half of America will be on their way to some convention and the other half will be signing application blanks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1177 MR. ROGERS FAVORS A CHANGE IN THE MATTER OF PREDICTIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 4. – Poor Mr. Hoover, he was right in the midst of a speech over the radio predicting "prosperity" and telling that we had lived down the Wall Street panic, when just as he sat down another stock market crash fell right in his lap. Mr. Brisbane had just that day told us "that the Federal Reserve had lowered their rates, which meant more buying."

The whole thing shows that there is none of them knows any more about it than Texas Guinan. If we could just persuade our prominent men to stop "predicting"! If they must predict, let 'em predict on the weather, or the first crop, or Russia—something they know about—but please quit guessing at what this country is going to do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1178 CHRIST WOULD LAND IN A 1930 JAIL, WILL BELIEVES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 5. – They got Gandhi in jail in India. He preached "Liberty without Violence." He swore all his followers "to truth and constant poverty." He wanted nothing for himself, not even the ordinary comforts. He believed in "prayer and renunciation." Well, naturally, a man that's holy couldn't run at large these days. They figured that a crazy man like that was liable to get other people to wanting these fanatical things. The whole thing just gives you a pretty fair idea of what would happen to our Savior if He would

come on earth today. Why, say! He wouldn't last near as long as He did then. Civilization has got past "truth and poverty and renunciation" and all that old junk. Throw those nuts in jail.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1179 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS A DECISION OF THE LAND'S HIGHEST COURT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 6. – The Supreme Court of the United States yesterday prohibited the sale of anything in which liquor might be held or transported—bottles, jugs, barrels, buckets, gourds, flasks, corks, labels, boxes, mails and burlap sacks. You can't sell any of these but you can sell the wheat and corn that it's supposed to be made with.

In other words, according to the decision, you are allowed to make it but not allowed to have anything to hold it in.

You see, it's on account of decisions like this is why they got to be careful the type of men they put on the Supreme bench.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1180 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS UPON A MOTHER'S TRAGEDY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 7. – We was all just reading about the wonderful reception and sincere love and affection shown our Gold Star mothers on their way to France. It made us proud to be living in such a generous nation.

Then, in the next column, another mother killed seven children because she could not feed them any longer. Where is all these relief organizations that have all the social names on the literature? This woman was on the streets before their eyes every night.

This poor soul had done her bit for Ohio. She had contributed a husband to its wonderful jail.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1181 MR. ROGERS DOES SOME BOOSTING FOR ONE OF HIS HOME TOWNS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 8. – Did you read that Beverly Hills census?

For the past year or so every little Buffalo wallow that was afflicted with a Chamber of Commerce has claimed that they was "the fastest growing town in the United States." From 674 prolific souls (of which I happen to been one) in 1920, we now have 17,428, a gain of 2,500 per cent, and not a graveyard in the town and the jail empty.

And, incidentally, I never was able to get in this census. I used every known influence, but they never come to see us. There must have been thousands of others here just as unimportant, so if they had gotten all of us, why we would have been bigger than New York.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1182 WILL ROGERS ON PRISONS AND ROYAL GOLF PRACTICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 9. – The Ohio convicts are serving pretty tough sentences. First they burn 'em up, now they shoot 'em while they sleep. About the only calamity left to 'em outside of somebody poisoning their well, will be the Ohio Legislature will investigate them.

Bobby Jones played golf with the Prince of Wales yesterday, and said, "The Prince would be a fine golfer; all he needs is some practice." Very diplomatically said, Bobby. We would all be mighty prosperous in this country; all we need is just some money to practice it with.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1183 WILL ROGERS MUSES A BIT ON DAY SET ASIDE FOR MOTHER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 11. – As this is written it's nearing the end of Mother's Day. She has ruled the roost today, but we will put her back to work again tomorrow and keep her in her place till this time next year. Today she had breakfast in bed accompanied by roses, but tomorrow we will roll her out early. It was a beautiful thought these florists had that proposed this day.

I propose a Father's Day. No flowers, no fuss—just let him use the car himself and go where he wants to. But we will never live to see such a contented day.

Tomorrow, Monday, is Hospital Day for our greatest and most humane institutions. The minute you lay this paper down send flowers or a donation to some hospital. That will please mothers as much as today did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1184 MR. ROGERS CITES THE FUTILITY OF ROBBING A SENATOR'S OFFICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 12. – See by the papers that every night somebody breaks into Senator Hiram Johnson's office to try and find something. Well, any time they ever catch a fellow that broke into a Senator's office, the worst they can ever try him for is petty larceny.

See where a lot of cities are kicking on their census, blaming the government because they haven't got more people. Claremore, Okla., come through with a 254 gain. That's not per cent, that's people. Folks make towns, not numbers. If Cleveland, Ohio, keeps dropping they will lose their postoffice and county seat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1185 WILL ROGERS FINDS CAUSE FOR CRITICISM OF DEMOCRATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 13. – Mr. Hoover is to visit our national parks this Summer. He announced it at 9 o'clock Monday morning. At 9:30 (same morning) the Democrats denounced it. They claimed he was fishing for votes instead of black bass.

What the Democratic party has always needed is some smart, broad-minded man, whose business it is to inform other Democrats "what to denounce and what not to denounce." They are where they are today by picking on the wrong things.

Let the poor man go wherever he wants to. After all we only elected him, we didn't marry him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1186 MR. ROGERS ON MATRIMONY AND GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 14. – The poor United States Army suffered its greatest defeat yesterday. It was left humiliated and prostrated on the field by an old age-worn, motheaten marriage certificate.

In delving through old historical documents, it was found that Private Red Cagle possessed an incumbrance in the way of a wife. So today the Secretary of War yanked him out of the West Point line-up and sent in fourteen single men to replace him.

No wonder the Navy quit playing them. You can't beat boys that are doing it "for the wife and kiddies" and not for just the glory of the campus. This of course will cancel all games by Red after he "went matrimony."

The whole thing looks like another scheme to discredit the present Republican administration, as Red is a Louisiana Democrat.

The moral is, if matrimony aids all players like it did him, Knute Rockne's Notre Dame team must all be bigamists.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1187 WE GOT TREATY, JAPAN SHIPS, IS MR. ROGERS'S DEDUCTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 15. – The Senate has started shooting at the London treaty.

They asked a delegate "Why did Japan get so much higher rating at London than they did at Washington?"

"Well Japan demanded it, and wouldn't sign anything else."

"Well why did we take smaller cruisers when we wanted larger ones for our needs?"

"We had to take them to get a treaty."

So, it looks like our boys went after a treaty and Japan's gang went after ships. Well, they both got 'em.

So now in case of trouble (which the diplomats say is unbelievable) why, for every ship they send out to attack us, we shoot 'em down with a treaty.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1188 ROGERS WOULD PREFER GRUNDY TO THOSE TEN TEXAS SENATORS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 16. – Democratic leader of the House, John Garner of Texas, and ordinarily a mighty smart man, wants to divide Texas into five States giving it ten Senators, so it would get us folks in the South a little more equal representation.

Instead of getting eight more for the South, I would trade all I did have for Senator Joe Grundy. Uncle Joe would fix us up a tariff down below that

Montgomery Ward line that would soon have us so well off we would all turn Republicans.

Numbers don't get you nothing. It's individuals that get you something.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1189 FRENCH WRITERS DIE JUST TO START AN ARGUMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 18. – Been reading these Frenchmen's books they leave after they are dead. It looks like some of 'em died just to start an argument. France awaits the death of each one to find out what he thought of the others. A "best seller" is the one that can dig up the most dirt. There ought to be a law in every country making a man read his autobiography out loud before his enemies and see what happens. As it is now a fellow can call you anything he wants to and make you still madder by dying before you can get at him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1190 WILL ROGERS CAN'T SEE THE NEED OF REVIEWING THE FLEET NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 19. – President Hoover is reviewing our whole American fleet tomorrow. It looks awful unnecessary to see all those ships and not a war booked.

But, taxpayers, they are our spare tire. The countries that have no navys are standing by the roadside fixing a flat. England without her navy would be another Checko-Slovakia.

America has a unique record. We never lost a boat in a battle, but we have had many a one shot from under us at a conference. Did you ever figure it out? Had we never conferred we would not have to be conferring now to try and get parity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1191 MR. ROGERS ON THE EXONERATION BY THE CHURCH OF BISHOP CANNON

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 20. – See where the Church freed Bishop Cannon for plunging on Wall Street. They figured that a man's losses were pun-

ishment enough.

Imagine a preacher having to wait till the deacons come in with the collection box to see if he could buy United States Steel or just Blue Jay corn plasters.

The Church has asked him and any others to stop it. You can't save souls and margins, too. During the crisis last fall the bishop might have had one eye on the text, But I bet the other was on the ticker.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1192 WILL ROGERS FINDS IT A GOOD LAW THAT FORBIDS ASKING FOR A RIDE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 21. – Every once in a while somebody, or some State, accidentally passes a good law. New York State has just passed one that makes it unlawful for any one to stand in the roadway and ask for a ride in an auto.

Half of America looks like they are standing, waving at the other half to take 'em somewhere. They don't care where. You can turn around and go back the other way, a hitch hiker won't care. They don't know any more where they are going than people in automobiles do.

There must be something the matter with this fellow Judge Roberts of the Supreme Court. The Senate passed him unanimously. He must be queer, can't be human.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1193 MR. ROGERS COMMENTS BRIEFLY ON THE PENNSYLVANIA VERDICT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 22. – Hurrah for an old friend, Jim Davis!

He is going to be the freshman Senator from Pennsylvania. He beat Uncle Joe Grundy. Uncle Joe goes back to coaching now. He holds the same position with the Republicans in the Senate as Knute Rockne does with the great Notre Dame team. You don't see Knute crying because he is not playing on the team.

Some guy in Pennsylvania took The Literary Digest's vote serious and run "wet." He carried his family and two friends.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1194 ROGERS EXPLAINS WHY SENATE OBJECTS TO DIAL TELEPHONES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 23. – We finally got the real low-down on the intelligence of the Senate. The Capitol building put in dial telephones and out of ninety-six members only two knew enough to work 'em. And both these members were men who had been defeated at the last election, showing they knew entirely too much to be in there. Carter Glass thought it was a rat trap and baited his with cheese.

So they are going to have them taken out. There is nobody to put the blame on but yourself if you get the wrong number. They want nothing connected with the Senate in any way where the responsibility can't be shifted.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Los Angeles census is not out yet. Our surveyors are still annexing more territory. We had Mexico City, and the League of Nations made us give it back.

1195 MR. ROGERS IS GLAD THE CAPITOL HAS HEARD SOME REAL ORATORY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 25. – Say, did you read the speeches of those high school kids in that final debating in Washington? Sounded like the only first-class oratory that had been pulled in Washington in years.

They give 'em an unprepared subject to talk on, and they were all marvelous. We got to quit knocking these young folks. They may be raising Cain, bat by golly, they are smart.

A young girl, second cousin of mine, from Muskogee, Okla., was given the subject "habeas corpus" to speak on. Why half of us don't know if it's a disease or a new tooth paste, or a radio announcer's real name.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1196 MR. ROGERS DWELLS ON THE LOT OF THE NATION'S PRESIDENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 26. – Read all the papers over the week-end, and it looks like Mr. Hoover is sorter going to get a few breaks.

Even a glider aeroplane is not subject to as many conditions as a United States President. The cold Winter was against him, the wet Spring was against him, the wet Senate was against him, the dry House of Representatives was

against him, high tariff was against him, low tariff was against him, big navy was against him, little navy was against him, and to add to his other hard luck the fish wasn't biting.

So things just had to get better. There wasn't any way it could get worse. We shouldn't elect a President; we should elect a magician.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1197 MR. ROGERS INTERPRETS FREELY A RECENT HIGH COURT RULING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 27. – The Supreme Court decided that it was not illegal to be the buyer of booze.

In other words, they said that your freedom was not in jeopardy but your life was. They say you can buy it, but it's illegal to transport it. You got to gulp it right where you made the deal for it.

Now how are you going to get liquor to your mouth without transporting it? To really be within strict keeping of the law, the bootlegger is going to have to pour it into you, and you are not allowed to lift a hand to assist.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1198 WILL ROGERS HAILS A DISCOVERY AND HOPES FOR ANOTHER AS BIG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 28. – Next to the discovery of a cancer cure there couldn't possibly be anything of any more value than the claim in the papers today that Mr. John Hays Hammond, Jr. had discovered a television that would penetrate fog, and that an airplane pilot could look at his television and see exactly what was through the fog.

If they got that, why that's all they been needing—finding a way to eliminate fog. The next big discovery is to find a way to get prohibition out of politics.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1199 SENATORIAL CONVICTIONS INTEREST WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 29. – Funny to watch these Senators switching back and forth on prohibition.

Jones, ardent dry, says he will go wet in a minute if enough wets will vote for him to keep him in there.

Walsh of Montana says he would rather change his mind than his present address.

Sheppard of Texas hedged out the same way; he would be only too pleased to represent Texas even if they wanted slavery and manslaughter.

Poor Freylinghuysen is waiting to see if the mosquitos in New Jersey vote wet or dry before he changes for the twelfth time.

Politics is a great character builder. You have to take a referendum to see what your convictions are for that day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1200 NO DANGER OF OUR DOING TOO MUCH FOR THE VETERANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 30. – Just been down to the Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle. Flags flying, old men and young marching. This is quite a day with them. We are getting everything so well-organized that everybody that has done something for us, why we very liberally allow them a day. Free room and board and a day's speeches a year ain't hardly all we promised 'em at recruiting time, but they are good sports and take it good naturedly and keep on speaking to us. They just got time to sit and read our minds. They must just pity us. They know we will have the same old "bologna" to hand out to the next bunch to keep our investments intact (although we don't call it investments. We will tell them it's democracy.)

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1201 MR. ROGERS WAXES ENTHUSIASTIC OVER GROWTH OF CITIES IN DIXIE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 1. – Read the new census. Talk about putting a quota on immigration. Why, the Yankees are swarming into the South like locusts.

Get some of these gains: Houston, Texas (Jesse Jones), showed a gain of 110 per cent. Best bet in the South. Atlanta, 73 per cent gain, will be Houston's nearest rival in twenty years. Miami, 273 per cent. Oklahoma City, 100 per cent. Amon Carterville (registered under the postoffice name of Fort Worth), away over 100 per cent. Tulsa 95 per cent, Birmingham 44, Memphis 55, San Antonio 57, and the Carolinas just packed 'em in.

Only one drawback—the rascals bring their Republican politics with 'em. They ought to be met at the line and deloused.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1202 MR. ROGERS'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE NEWS OF THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 2. – News today: Supreme Court swore in Owen J. Roberts as a member, then they adjourned for a year. Not much chance for a man to make a mistake there. The Senate needn't have been so particular.

Chicago is kinder like the stock market. It has been away off par lately, but it got back toward normal yesterday. They machine-gunned seven.

The Zep goes back home tonight, with Lady Drummond Hay, Karl von Wiegand—all the same passengers they always have. They ought to change the cast on that thing. People will get the idea that it can't haul anybody else.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1203 WILL ROGERS TAKES NOTICE OF A NEW USE OF VACANT LOTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 3. – Say, these miniature golf courses have sure been a life-saver for the towns with plenty of prominent vacant lots.

In the past if you had a vacant lot you had been stuck with during Republican prosperity, why all you could do with it would be to build a drug store or filling station. But now you can get something permanent.

They try to make all kinds of odd hazards to shoot the ball by. Why don't they just leave the weeds and trash on it as it was? You couldn't get better "bunkers" than they had.

They are even buying costumes now to play this "demi-tasse" golf.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1204 RUTH BRYAN OWEN BORN AND REARED IN POLITICS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 4. – Hurrah for Ruth Ryan Owen. She is going back into Congress from one of our insular possessions. Politically bred, she is a thoroughbred. She was born at a national convention, weaned on unfermented grape juice and raised to womanhood on campaign speeches. She

should have run for the Senate. With two real pure-bred political Ruths in there they might have revived that old body to some of its past glory. She defeated a wet in Florida. They just won't let 'em count these Literary Digest votes at these regular elections.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1205 BRIEF, BUT GENERAL, ROUNDUP OF THE NEWS BY MR. ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 5. – Headlines in all the papers say: "Authorities Having Trouble Rounding Up Twelve Escaped Lunatics." The main trouble is recognizing 'em. I bet they get a different twelve back in.

Papers also been commenting on the novel way that the State of Nevada "executed a man for committing murder." The novelty of that was that a prisoner was executed in any way for just commiting murder.

Mr. Hoover has had to tell the Senate treaty investigators that even a President of the United States has the right of some private correspondence. They asked Bishop Cannon to show his marriage and preaching license.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1206 WILL ROGERS MAKES KNOWN RECORD OF CLAREMORE AIRPORT

CLAREMORE, Okla., June 6. – Breakfast in Beverly and dinner in Claremore. These are the two cities we been needing to have joined by a regular passenger line.

The town is so crowded here we have to have our airport in the edge of Tulsa, and that Tulsa and Claremore airport broke a world's record in May just past. They hauled 10,212 passengers.

That's ten thousand, not hundreds. Croydon, England, was second with 4,690. They expect 15,000 a month during the Summer from here. Cheap rates and safe service is what's doing it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1207 MR. ROGERS VIEWS COLDLY THE RETURN OF A PRODIGAL

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 8. – Well, Rumania ought to feel mighty proud today. Carol will be a great help to 'em in propagating the country. His stable

of wives and lady friends will move in later.

After seeing a thing like this there is not much doubt as to why this country don't want to get mixed up with a mess like that.

I would like to see the congratulations that are sent by such men as Mr. Hoover and King George.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1208 MR. ROGERS FINDS BREAKFASTS IN THE CAPITAL NOW ARE DRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9. – In spite of the "crusaders" in society, enforcement is making headway here in Washington. Mrs. McLean has announced the fact that there will be no drinks served to guests at her home at breakfast, but lunch will be early.

Seven hundred legislators here have done what no other 700 men in the world could have done. They have succeeded in making a tariff bill that no one in the 700 thinks is any good, and yet they will pass it.

Let Mr. Ripley put that in his "Believe It or Not" column.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1209 MR. ROGERS BRINGS GOOD NEWS FROM ALONG THE POTOMAC

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 10. – Just back from Washington. Had a nice chat with President Hoover. He's looking fine and in awful good humor.

Had the pleasure of keeping Senator Dave Reed waiting till Mr. Hoover and I went over all the different "propositions." Dave will vote for the tariff. He is only waiting to be begged.

About a week from Saturday Mr. Hoover is going to let off, for good behavior, about 400 of his handicaps, but going to keep ninety-six of the worst ones in and make 'em listen to Senator Johnson during those crisp Washington days of July.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1210 WILL ROGERS GETS INSIDE DATA ON MR. COOLIDGE, ALSO 'DEGREE'

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 11. – Just been over to Northampton and had a fine visit with Mrs. Coolidge. She showed me their lovely new home and grounds.

Mr. Coolidge had gone down to New York to attend the monthly insurance directors' meeting. I asked her if he ever missed one. She laughingly said: "Not for $70." I asked her what he did about the meetings when he was in California. She said he sent in his double.

I hated to have missed him, but I wouldn't have found out anything if he had been there. In fact, I think I got a great break.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I was up there getting an honorary degree from Smith College.

1211 MR. ROGERS CONTINUES TO WORRY OVER THE SENATE'S VAGARIES

BOSTON, Mass., June 12. – The Senate committee demanding every little confidential paper exchanged between Mr. Hoover and Ramsay MacDonald (in supposed confidence) is just like a couple producing their marriage certificate in court, and then being made to go back and produce all the love letters they wrote to each other during the courtship.

Mr. Hoover ought to be like the Bishop. Tell 'em it's none of their business.

But the Senate is not as scared of the President as they are the Bishop; the President don't control the Methodist vote.

What does the Senate do with all the knowledge they demand from other people? They never seem to use it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1212 WILL ROGERS LIKES MORROW, BUT THINKS LITTLE OF BOXING

BOSTON, Mass., June 13. – Everybody says, "Why don't we get more fine, high-typed men in the Senate?" Well, New Jersey goes on national exhibition. I saw with my own eyes in Mexico the way Morrow pulled us out of a terrible situation, by replacing politics with national honor and diplomacy with common sense. I honestly believe he is the most competent man I ever met,

and awfully human.

Few States ever have such a chance. If New Jersey turns him down they just revert back to their usual oblivion. Any man to run against him would have to have more egotism than State pride.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S.: I guess this German boy is a fine young man, but the condition the boxing game is in it does seem rather appropriate that its champion should be named Smelling. We know of no sport with a greater odor.

1213 WILL ROGERS MAKES A PLEA FOR DUMB ANIMALS IN INDIA

BOSTON, Mass., June 15. – Been looking at the pictures in the papers today of some woman that killed a lot of big game in India. I wish the Humane Society would take up one thing—after killing a poor dumb animal, you are not allowed to sit on it to have your picture made. That's awful humiliating to a wild animal. I believe they got the same old stuffed lion and elephant and tiger over there that they all have their pictures taken on.

If anybody hasn't had an offer to deliver one of these baccalaureate addresses to some college graduating class they must be pretty low down.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1214 WILL ROGERS TELLS EXACTLY HOW THE TARIFF THING CAME UP

BOSTON, Mass., June 16. – Mr. Hoover is going to sign. I will give him credit. He didn't stall around and keep everybody in doubt. He just lined up like it was a cold swimming hole, shut his eyes, gritted his teeth and is pouncing in.

You see the whole thing come up for no reason at all. During the heat of the campaign, when Norris switched to Smith, why Borah and a bunch of them got panicky, rushed to Mr. Hoover and told him in order to save the farmer vote to promise to call a special session and revise the tariff. He naturally did as advised. Now he can't find out who wanted it revised, not even Borah and his gang.

Norris's support which scared them was him and his immediate family.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1215 WILL ROGERS HELPS BOSTON TO OBSERVE BUNKER HILL DAY

BOSTON, Mass., June 17. – We been awful busy up here today celebrating Bunker Hill. Daniel Webster made the most famous Bunker Hill address, so I was really pinch hitting for him. He spoke good English, too. The Websters wrote all their own. You give me a chance to write my own dictionary and make a word mean anything I want it to, and I will show you some English.

They are a broad-minded people up here. They celebrate a victory that the British won, and the monument is not on Bunker Hil—it's on Breed's Hill.

But one thing they have got, and that's the old fighting ship Constitution—the only ship that has withstood every disarmament conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1216 WILL ROGERS' OBSERVATIONS ON MORROW'S EASY VICTORY

BOSTON, Mass., June 18. – This sweeping victory of Dwight Morrow is going to give many a wet candidate false encouragement. He was running on something besides a platform. He could have run as a Bolshevick and won.

The only thing that will keep other States from following New Jersey's example will be there just ain't any more Morrows.

I said yesterday Daniel Webster wrote the dictionary. Well, these Harvardites have been calling me up before daylight telling me it was Noah Webster and not Daniel. How was I to know? I never read the book. I never could get interested in the thing.

Well, anyhow, the mistake will only be noticed in Boston.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1217 MR. ROGERS HAS BREAKFAST WITH A SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 19. – Just had breakfast this morning with the Morrows and the Lindberghs.

They are feeling mighty fine over that election. He made a pretty fair race without using Lindy at all. If he had used him those other poor fellows wouldn't have even carried their own wives' vote.

He is anxious to get to Mexico now, and is leaving in a few days. If I was his opponent in November, I would get a one way ticket to Siberia.

See where the Senate voted to investigate the rates in the tariff. That's holding an autopsy on the body.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1218 ROGERS IS STUMPED ON WHAT TO DO TO HONOR BOBBY JONES

CHICAGO, Ill., June 20. – What can we do for this Bobby Jones that keeps monotonously winning all these golf championships? I would propose him for President, but I haven't got it in for him that bad. On the golf course it's just your opponents that are shooting at you, but it looks like in the White House your friends are the ones you got to watch.

Just been over to see Charley Dawes, right from London with an accent longer than his pipe handle. He is a real guy, this Dawes. He can make good at anything. They want to use him in this racketeer warfare. Both sides are making him offers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1219 MR. ROGERS FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO GET EVEN CHEAP MONEY NOW

CHICAGO, Ill., June 22. – What's become of the old fashioned fellow that over in the left hand corner of the paper every day used to say, "Don't sell America short?"

All the financial papers are talking about how cheap money is now, with the Federal Reserve banks, around 3 and 3½ per cent. I don't see why they don't say it's half of one per cent, for there is no way getting any of it, anyway.

I'll bet Mellon would have trouble digging up enough collateral for a present day loan.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1220 MR. ROGERS PEERS INTO FUTURE AND SEES INTER-PLANET FLIER

CHICAGO, Ill., June 23. – Round June 22, 1950, here is what will be headlined in the planet Mars morning papers:

"A young man from a place called Earth flew in here yesterday. He had been in the air continuously for two months. He had some letters of introduction from the Chamber of Commerce from a place called Englewood, New Jersey. He asked to have his ship refueled as he is taking off for Venus in the morning."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1221 MR. ROGERS FINDS ROTARIANS, NOT CROOKS, TAKING CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., June 24. – Well, they run all the racketeers out of Chicago, and they had no more than got them out till the Rotarians' convention got in. Now they are talking about letting the crooks come back. They figure there is some Rotarians here that could skin the crooks.

You see, that organization only takes in the best in each line, so with all these new lines of commerce we have developed in the last few years, why they must have some pretty slick birds among 'em.

I saw a low wing speedy monoplane flying over here today. I bet it was Lindy stealing that baby out for an airing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1222 SMITH'S FLIGHT REMINDS ROGERS WE'RE PRETTY WINDY OVER HERE

CHICAGO, Ill., June 25. – That fellow Smith must be a real flier, and he prepares his flight right. He paid a fine tribute to radio, and that gives a pretty good idea of what happened to some of those other poor fellows. You just can't get over here without bucking terrible winds.

We hate to admit it, but I guess we are pretty windy over here. Old Doc Eckener with his aluminum hot dog is, I reckon, about the only sure-fire way to cross that ocean, either way, any time.

Twenty thousand Rotarians walking the streets of Chicago here, and not a one has been shot, or robbed. It looks like negligence.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1223 ROGERS FEELS SOME PEOPLE ARE IMMUNE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., June 26. – Here is something Chicago ought to put on billboards and announce to the world:

No innocent man has been murdered here since the World's Fair in '93.

And also, rival gangs do not murder each other. They are killed by members of their own gang for "holding out" and at double-crossing.

A "square" gangster can die in this town of old age, and an innocent citizen to be shot here, would have to commit suicide.

I tell you this system has a lot of merit to it. Wouldn't it be great if bankers "bumped off" the crooked ones.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1224 ROGERS OFFERS HIS VERSION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

CHICAGO, Ill., June 27. – Why don't somebody print the truth about our present economic situation? We spent six years of wild buying on credit (everything under the sun, whether we needed it or not) and now we are having to pay for 'em under Mr. Hoover, and we are howling like a pet coon.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This would be a great world to dance in if we didn't have to pay the fiddler.

1225 MR. ROGERS FIGURES OUT A WAY TO GET AHEAD OF THE SENATE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 29. – The Senate just sits and waits till they find out what the President wants so they know how to vote against him.

Be a good joke on 'em if he didn't let 'em know, or, for instance, if he had announced that he was going to let the Wickersham committee go and didn't want any more money voted for 'em, why they would have voted them a million dollars.

That's the way Mr. Coolidge used to do. He would keep 'em guessing so long that they voted his way accidentally part of the time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1226 MR. ROGERS VIRTUALLY AGREES WITH BARNUM'S FAMOUS VIEW

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 30. – We are a good-natured bunch of saps in this country.

When the President is wrong we charge it to inexperience.

When the tariff is wrong we laugh it off.

When Congress is wrong we charge it to habit.

When the Senate is right we declare a national holiday.

When the market drops 50 points, we are supposed not to know it's through manipulation.

When a bank fails we let the guy go start another one.

When a judge convicts a murderer that's cruelty.

When enforcement officers can't capture it fast enough to fill orders, that's good business.

Everything is cockeyed, so what's the use kidding ourselves.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1227 MR. ROGERS SEES HIMSELF LEFT ALONE BY MR. COOLIDGE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 1. – Mr. Coolidge's sermonettes are running more to the spiritual than the political. He has layed off the tariff and Uncle Joe Grundy, in favor of faith, and passed up the disarmament treaty and Hiram, in favor of divine guidance, and sets more store by eternal things than he does the United States Senate. He wants us to get back to the old early New England tradition, where if you wasn't praying, you was burning somebody that was.

So it looks like I am left single-handed to cope with Borah, Smoot and all material and temporal matters.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1228 WILL ROGERS EXPECTS TO SEE A LIVELY SHOW AT WASHINGTON

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 2. – Mr. Hoover has done lots of things, but he never trained circus animals before.

Up to now, the animals have had him hemmed up doing the tricks instead of them. Now, he is a man that is quick to learn anything new, and the

minute he finds out they are cowardly, why he will grab that sharp pole and pistol, and he will have Congressional lions, and Senatorial hyenas jumping through more fire hoops and rolling more barrels than you ever heard of, and the audience will applaud and eat it up.

They will dog it if he takes after 'em. Roosevelt jumped 'em into the Potomac with their clothes on. Sic'em, Herb.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1229 MR. ROGERS WARNS BOBBY JONES OF ANOTHER RECEPTION FOR HIM

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 3. – "Bobby," watch this reception they are going to give you here. In New York it was with bands and speeches. Here it will be with "brassies" and "niblicks." Meeting Jimmy Walker is not like meeting "the Haig," and Grover Whalen and his Gardenia ain't like Horton Smith and his "putter. "

These birds are practicing for you, but they all fear you as much as they admire you. I saw the course today, the holes look awful small to me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. Tell the fliers to be sure and stay up till Saturday morning. I will be out and go up with 'em again.

1230 CONGRESS SESSION, ROGERS SAYS, IS LIKE BABY GETTING A HAMMER

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 4. – We sure had a great Fourth, especially after we picked up our morning papers and found that Congress had adjourned the night of the third.

That gave us a cause for having a fourth, but our enthusiasm was immediately dampened, for the Senate are to meet again Monday, so that means that prosperity will pick up only fifty per cent.

This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as we do when the baby gets hold of a hammer. It's just a question of how much damage he can do with it before you can take it away from him. Well, in eighteen months these babies have left a record of devastation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1231 MR. ROGERS, FLYING TO COAST, MAKES A FEW OBSERVATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 6. – Flew over the Rockies last night with the air mail. Passed over Reno at 3 A.M. They were sleeping off one victim and dreaming of another. Lots of 'em just keep the same houses from year to year. And they come the same time every year, unless some new husband becomes stingy particularly early. Then they drop in sooner that year.

Yesterday morning I had a fine visit in Des Moines with "Ding," the great political cartoonist. He knows, and he says the country is not going into the hands of receivers.

We decided that Coolidge going to work shows that the unemployment situation is picking up.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1232 WILL ROGERS ON SPIRITUALISTS AND CRAZY PARACHUTE JUMPERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 7. – Us ignorant people laugh at spiritualists, but when they die they go mighty peaceful and happy, which after all is about all there is to living, is to go away satisfied. Maybe they have got "an ace in the hole" at that.

We got an epidemic of crazy women parachute jumpers—going just for the jump. Shooting your husband has got so it don't land you on the front page. So, they have traded their guns for parachutes and are trying to jump and land on it.

It's never a real aviator that makes an exhibition jump. They know they were made to save useful lives in an emergency and not to put on a show with. We are all agin having any more laws, but there is one we would go for.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1233 MR. ROGERS CLEARS UP A SECRET THAT IS WORRYING THE SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 8. – The Senate is trying to get all the communications that passed between Ambassador Dawes and President Hoover before the disarmament conference met. When they open 'em all up they will be found to contain nothing but Dawes asking for more smoking tobacco.

Every city kicked on its census returns, claiming they didn't count the suburbs. Well, the whole United States just published theirs—122 million.

Now I guess we will claim America was short counted. We should have taken in Mexico and Canada.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1234 MR. ROGERS BEGS TO DISAGREE WITH SOME CURRENT ADVICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 9. – My genial competitor for the nation's ear, Mr. Calvin Coolidge, in one of his sermonettes, advises people to spend more.

Now, we know that Mr. Coolidge's success has been based on personally following that theory. But my advice is the exact opposite.

If there ever was a time to save, it's now. When a dog gets a bone he don't go out and make the first payment on a bigger bone with it. He buries the one he's got.

Don't make the first payment on anything. First payments is what made us think we were prosperous, and the other nineteen is what showed us we were broke.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1235 COMMENT FROM MR. ROGERS ON THE NEWS OF THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 10. – The Lindberghs have always known they would call the baby Charles Augustus, but what has held them up all this time was whether to use the jr on the end or not. So they finally decided to use it.

The picture shows him sleeping with his eyes shut and his mouth open, so he don't take after his father. He slept with his eyes open and his mouth shut.

Was with Flo Ziegfeld this morning. The present show in our old Follies theatre, the New Amsterdam, was raided by the police yesterday. He says show business is getting pretty tough when you have to guarantee a raid with each ticket.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1236 REPUBLICANS NEED DIGNITY, DEMOCRATS CASH, ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 11. – The Republicans are trying to get rid of the chairman of their national committee. They can't throw him out—he knows where the body is buried.

The next time they hire one his contract will have a two weeks' cancellation clause in it. They think this fellow don't add the proper class to the party.

The Republicans want a man that will lend dignity to the office, and the Democrats want a man that will lend some money.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1237 WILL ROGERS SAYS ATLANTANS COULD LIVE ON JONES DINNERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 13. – Atlanta no more than gets cleaned up from one Bobby Jones celebration till another comes along. You can easily exist in Atlanta by eating only at Jones's testimonial dinners. If all Jones's banquet speakers were laid end to end it would make a fairway with a 287 par. So find a spot on Stone Mountain for Bobby. Had he lived in the days of Jeff Davis, Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, he would have done to Grant and Sheridan what he did to Hagen, Diegel and Sarazen.

And, just think, ten years ago all Atlanta had was Coca Cola.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1238 MR. ROGERS'S INTERPRETATION OF THAT TREATY AMENDMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 14. – If you think the Senate ain't funny, get this Norris resolution:

"If there has been any trickery about this London Treaty, and we find it out, no matter how old we are, we want to recall back our signatures and call the treaty null and void.

"Now, we don't know that there has been any trickery (that's what's worrying us) but if there was, we (the Senate) want an alibi in case the whole thing

don't turn out so good, but in case it is found that we have tricked the other nations and that the treaty is a fine thing, why this clause don't hold.

"Respectfully yours,

THE U. S. SENATE."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1239 MR. ROGERS FINDS STOCK CRASH HAS AFFECTED HIS GRAY MULES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 15. – Been having a lot of trouble here lately getting some alfalfa to grow on my little patch of ground.

One span of gray mules don't look as well as they ought to, according to what they are eating.

I never missed a polo ball as much in my life as I did last Sunday. Seen a couple of mighty poor movies here lately.

But, as soon as the market picks up, you watch these mules go, and this grass grow and pictures improve.

I tell you, it's the stock market crash last Fall that did it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1240 MR. ROGERS REPORTS ON EVENTS AT THE JOHNSON SPECIAL SESSION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 16. – In the Hiram Johnson special session of the Senate, where Hiram is holding the Senate there while he investigates Dave Reed, they had Dave on the stand yesterday.

Dave told him, "You can look at all the private communications, but it's a gentleman's agreement that you won't make use of the material."

Well, Hiram blew up when he found that he couldn't publish them serially in even so obscure a periodical as The Congressional Record.

Why, he called Dave everything that a Pennsylvania Senator probably has to be. To insinuate that a Senator should keep a secret was perhaps unparalleled in those legislative halls.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1241 ROGERS DISSECTS THE LATEST AMENDMENTS TO THE TREATY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 17. – Humor is still rampant in the Senate. Here is the two latest amendments to the treaty:

"Freedom of the seas for all neutrals." That was originally suggested at the same time that other famous amendment was: "If your enemy strike you, turn the other cheek." Wars are won by starvation. How you going to starve anybody if everybody else feeds 'em?

The other gem of forlorn hope was: "England must give up five of her naval bases." I don't know how Senator McKellar over-looked Buckingham Palace in that demand.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1242 WILL ROGERS OFFERS SCHEME TO DIVERT EUROPE FROM WARS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 18. – I got a great scheme for universal peace, this United States of Europe that Briand is forming in Europe, with twenty nations in it, to be run like our forty-eight States are. Well, here is the scheme; have them adopt prohibition, and that will start 'em all arguing over it so much that it will get their minds off war. You can't fight, and argue prohibition. You are useless for anything else on earth.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. And if this friendship of nations works over there, let's put Arizona and California in it. We can't get 'em to work with our bunch.

1243 MR. ROGERS TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THOSE WEE GOLF COURSES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 20. – Just come in from the Salinas, Cal., rodeo. A real show, done mostly by local cowpunchers and real old ranchers, 500 mounted, so the horse is coming stronger than ever. A parade of floats at night that would compare with Pasadena's famous show.

If you think there is not unemployment just look at these E flat golf courses and see the amount of people out of work.

It's wonderful exercise. You stand on your feet for hours watching somebody else putt. It's just the old-fashioned pool hall moved outdoors but with no chairs around the wall.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1244 MR. ROGERS HAD AN AMENDMENT ALL READY TO TACK ON TREATY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 21. – After one more day of useless argument, in a useless session, the Senate has passed the Naval Treaty. I wanted to get this amendment in, and I believe if it had been put to a vote of the people it would have gone in:

"We sign this treaty because we sent a fine delegation over and they did the best they could, and we will back 'em up, but this is the last one we will sign.

"While the whole idea sounds fine, it's a lot of hooey in practice. You can no more tell a nation what inch gun he is to shoot you with than you can tell him what he is to wear while shooting you."

"So, we hereby plead with all nations, let's quit holding conferences, stop conferring and just be friends again."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1245 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE COUNTRY LIVELIER WITHOUT THE SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 22. – The Senate adjourned and here is what happened in twelve hours:

Weather turned cool.

Market picked up.

Fish started biting.

Man 97 years old whipped his son 57 for using profanity.

Girl posing as Indian princess (and by the way there is no such thing as an American Indian princess) well, she said she was a parachute jumper. Got up there, got scared to jump and the pilot kicked her out. I nominate him for the Nobel prize.

Marconi father of a baby.

Hunter boys, endurance fliers, arrived here. They laid over in Riverside, sixty miles away, last night to rest up for the trip in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1246 MR. ROGERS REMOVES ALL DOUBT AS TO WHAT SHIPS WILL BE SUNK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 23. – Well, we got the treaty signed now for the limitation of naval vessels so we can settle down to steady building.

You see, you must build between these various conferences, otherwise you have nothing to sink when you meet. You hold a conference and decide to sink some vessels that would sink themselves if the conference was postponed for another year.

England is to sink three battleships that competed against the Spanish Armada.

Japan is raising two that the Russians sunk and will re-sink them for the treaty and the weeklies.

We are building two to sink.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1247 MR. ROGERS DETECTS A LULL IN THE PROHIBITION WRANGLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 24. – You don't hear so much of prohibition lately. Just drinking for the novelty of the thing has about wore off, and the ones that really liked it and decided to adopt it seriously have just settled down to steady drinking and are keeping pretty quiet about it.

The House of Commons endorsed the naval treaty yesterday without the Norris amendment, which said, "if there is any catch in this that we can't see, why, it don't go."

The British said, "If there is anything in it and we can't see it before we sign, why that's our fault."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1248 WILL ROGERS HAS AN IDEA ON EMBASSY LIQUOR BILLS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 25. – Well, the big news in the papers today was Congress appropriated some money for foreign embassies to entertain on, but for no liquid entertainment. Meat and bread and cigars up to 10 cents, and also flowers sent to dead countrymen, was allowable as a deduction, but if the Ambassador has a little extra "embassing" he wants to put over and decides the fermented grape will be an asset, he has to make out his monthly swindle sheet as follows: "Floral wreath sent to funeral of American who lost his life overestimating his capacity to celebrate the Fourth of July."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1249 WILL ROGERS GREETS SHAW, "THE OLD RASCAL," WHO IS 74

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 27. – Well, sir, yesterday was Bernard Shaw's birthday. He was 74 years old.

I had a great visit at his London home with him when I was over to the "increasing of naval armament conference." He has more original ideas to any subject you name than any man in the world. He has lived in England all these years and they don't know yet whether he is "for 'em or against 'em."

Here was one of his observations he turned out on me: "America and Russia are the only two countries left in the world with any scheme of life. Russia is trying an experiment, and America is trying everything."

So, good luck to the old rascal. I hope he lives to be a thousand.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1250 WILL ROGERS IS PLEASED BY 'MA' FERGUSON'S VICTORY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 28. – Say, what do you know about "Ma" Ferguson down in Texas?

I know "Ma" and I like her. She pulled her husband out of a bog hole one time, and that has always hit the old timers as just about what a real old Western wife should do.

They overestimate this Governor thing anyhow. States have good ones, bad ones and every kind, and yet they drag along about the same. Things in our country run in spite of government. Not by the aid of it.

Did you ever see the like of candidates everywhere? Every male white child over the age of 21 is running for something. You can always tell a poor business year by the number of candidates. When nobody else will give you employment you feel like the State should.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1251 OUR WOMEN OUTCLASS THE MEN, IN WILL'S OPINION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 29. – Ain't that too bad about Gertrude Ederle losing her hearing. She is a remarkable girl, and she can always rest assured that she was mainly responsible for this era of athletic women. Our women went in for athletics and our men for bridge. We can always depend on a Gertrude or a Helen Wills bringing home the first prize, but when our men compete it's got to be miniature golf or tree sitting, or we do nothing. Well Gertrude, bless your stout heart, you couldn't lose your hearing at a better time for, outside of Amos 'n' Andy, there is certainly nothing to listen to.

There hasn't been a new thing said since you swam the channel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1252 MR. ROGERS THROWS SOME LIGHT ON THOSE PRIMARIES OUT WEST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 30. – Oklahoma and Texas have an original primary system.

They have so many seeking office that the first primary is only to find out how many are desirous of living off the State.

The second primary is to eliminate 50 per cent of these.

The third is to get rid of half of what is left.

The fourth is to eliminate any good man that might have crept in by mistake.

Now, you have just politicians, so the fifth one is to leave in the two worst ones, and they run it off.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1253 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE FARMER GETTING ANOTHER BAD BREAK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 31. – Kinder thought Mr. Coolidge would have to get round to criticism.

It's fine to just keep saying everything is great, but about the only way to prove it to people is for things to be great.

Even our old family doctor can't fool us. We are the one that's got the stomach and we know whether it's hurting or not.

So, Calvin hopped on the Farm Board in yesterday's "Sermonette." The poor farmer can't get a break. Just when it looked like he would be able to sell his land for real golf courses somebody invents golf that you can play in the kitchen sink.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1254 WILL ROGERS WANTS PRESIDENT WHO CAN GIVE US A BREEZE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – The Farm Board bought wheat, and wheat went down. Now they say if they had left it alone it would have gone up. The stock market climbed for years on paying no dividends, but just selling to the next fellow at a higher price. Somebody happened to think about dividends and the thing blew up, so they blamed Hoover for somebody demanding dividends. So now let's get this heat thing straightened out. Herbert Hoover is responsible for this. You wouldn't have caught Calvin allowing heat like this. So give us a man that can give us a breeze.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1255 WILL ROGERS ON THE WEATHER, THE REPUBLICANS AND CHINA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 3. – Say, that little jacking up I gave Mr. Hoover about the weather did some good. You know these Republicans just get careless that way. They are so used to running everything for so long they just think it will go without them.

China is having a new war, and we are having a trouble getting into it. We always have gunboats there, so if there is any shooting why one of our boats will be shot at and that gives us the usual alibi.

But this time it seems we only had one gunboat and it had to manoeuvre around for days before it could get in the line of fire.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1256 ROGERS' SCANDALOUS VERSION OF THE FAIRBANKS BURGLARY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 4. – Mary Pickford was robbed last night by Douglas Fairbanks. Burglars entered but Doug said he had no money.

They asked if he knew where he could get some. Doug said: "Why, yes, Mary has some."

"Well, can you get it?" asked the burglars.

"Well, I always have, if she is asleep," said Doug.

So Doug burglared Mary for 100 bucks. Came downstairs and turned over $90, keeping 10 per cent for commission and overhead.

Burglars made arrangements with him to come back as soon as Mary had anything else.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1257 ROGERS FINDS THE LITTLE LINKS ARE DEVELOPING MISSING LINKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 5. – Now, Mr. Hoover being a business man, I bet you he takes that Senate and House of Representative space in the Capitol building and turns it into miniature golf courses.

Would you believe it, there is 3,500 of 'em in the city of Los Angeles. Then people ask what's the matter with this country. Nothing, only there is millions got a "putter" in their hand when they ought to have a shovel.

Half of America is bent over. In two more generations our children will grow upwards as far as the hips, then they will turn off at right angles and, with their arms hanging down, we will be right back where we started from.

Darwin was right.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1258 MR. ROGERS LISTS A FEW WOES WHICH PLAGUE THE FARMER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 6. – I thought the California papers were exaggerating, as usual, the heat in the East, but I guess the rascals were right at that.

What has the poor farmer done against the Almighty and the Republican administration that he should deserve all this?

If it's not the heat, it's the deep snow.

If it's not the drought, it's the floods.

If it's not the boll weevil, it's the tariff.

If it's not the cinch bugs, it's the Federal Reserve.

If it's not relief he needs, why, it's rain.

But there is one pest that he is always free from, that's the income tax.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1259 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A WAY TO GET RAIN AND END DROUTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7. – Seems like old times to have Mr. Hoover taking personal charge of our heat and drought calamity. He made a good start by getting rid of the Republican National Chairman. Now if he will do away with the whole organization, I bet it would start in raining and maybe get a good snow.

Wheat has gone up, so that the Farm Board had some inside weather reports when they bought all that. And speaking of weather reports, people now actually think Coolidge saw this drought coming and decided to watch it from a distance.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1260 ROGERS WANTS REPUBLICANS TO END OCCUPATION OF SOUTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 8. – Been reading a lot lately and seeing movies of the French evacuating the Rhine. That's all fine away over in Europe, but what about the Republicans evacuating the South? They are moving back to the Democrats. They have been holding down foreign territory for two years. This being an off Presidential year, the Democrats look great. The Re-

publicans always look bad on three years out of four. But the year they look good is election year. A voter don't expect much. If you give him one good year he is satisfied.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1261 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS LEAVING TREE SITTERS UP IN THE TREES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 10. – See where one of these young boy tree sitters has just passed his 500 hours sitting in a treetop. There is a good deal of discussion as to what to do with a civilization that produces prodigies like that. Why wouldn't it be a good idea to take their ladder away from them and leave 'em up there?

Pretty near all of us out here in California during these hard times are selling our homes, and they tear 'em down and put in these premature golf courses. You can't sell for much, but they give you a free ticket to play. The jails are putting 'em in now to get prisoners' minds off mutiny.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1262 ROGERS TELLS HOW TO PICK YOURSELF TO BE A SENATOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 11. – Tomorrow is another primary day. In the old days when Senators were Senators, why the State Legislators picked out the ones that were to run, now they pick themselves. You put an ad in the paper saying: "You believe that you are needed." May be its an original idea with you, but there is no way of keeping you from running. There is no qualification outside of an intention necessary.

And, by the way, we lost a mighty good ex-Senator out here this week. James Phelan, a philanthropist, a scholar, a patron of the arts and a gentleman with these qualifications naturally a Democrat. A fine fellow was Jimmy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1263 WILL ROGERS SEES ONE GOOD IN 'PREMATURE GOLF COURSES'

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 12. – All I know is just what I read in the papers, and that's an alibi for my ignorance. But today I read where there has

been $125,000,000 spent on. these "premature golf courses." That's great. While it hasn't helped anybody's golf game, or given anybody any exercise, it's been a wonderful help to labor. And the sellers of material. And its benefits have been distributed all over the whole country, so bring on some more nut ideas if they will do that much good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1264 WILL ROGERS SEES RESPITE FOR THE GLACIER PARK FISH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 13. – See where Mr. Hoover has given up his trip to Glacier Park. They can start in letting those fish eat regular again now. Any man that can stay in Washington this long during such a Summer, why really there is not enough left of him to take a vacation.

Sure glad to see Joe Robinson come through so strong in Arkansas yesterday. Those men that he was associated with in London on the conference thought Joe was just about one of the biggest men in the country. About 1932 you are going to hear an awful lot about this guy if the Democrats decide to enter a man at all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1265 WILL ROGERS IS PINCH-HITTING FOR HOOVER IN NATIONAL PARKS

YOSEMITE, Cal., Aug. 14. – Mr. Hoover wasn't able to look over the National Parks, so I am pinch-hitting for him. When you get into this wonderful valley you haven't got any time to be reading the papers to see what foolishness Herbert, or Calvin, or Ford, or Lindbergh's doing. It's all right to go to New York and see what Chrysler and Al Smith have built, but the old boy that laid out this place must have died and took the plans with him. There ought to be a law against anybody going to Europe till they had seen the things we have in this country. The fish all expressed their regrets that Mr. Hoover wasn't coming.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1266 WONDERS WILL ROGERS FINDS IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

MINDEN, Nev., Aug. 15. – Just coming through that Yosemite Park this morning and passed those giant redwood trees. Fred Stone proposed that there is where these tree sitters ought to be located.

And say, you talk about a mountain just composed of one solid rock. Why, it's right in there. Coolidge's 500 words of Republican history of America would get lost on this boulder. Why, this rock is big enough to reproduce a Hiram Johnson anti-treaty speech.

John W. Davis is in the park somewhere and the rangers are looking for him. They don't allow dogs or Democratic candidates in there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1267 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO EX-SENATOR PHELAN'S WILL

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 17. – If you want to read the most beautiful thing that's been written in years, it's not a lie, it's not an editorial, it's a will. You wouldn't think that so much love for all mankind could be so practically expressed as it is in the will of ex-Senator Phelan of Frisco. Most of you will only read that he left Helen Wills $20,000, but get a paper with a copy of the entire will, and you will say "Why there is a man that wanted to do some good." For pure charity and tolerance toward all races and creeds it's a masterpiece. It makes me feel ashamed that I ever knocked a Senator.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1268 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ABOUT EVENTS IN THE NEWS

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 18. – Highlights in today's news are about as follows:

They have a home made miniature golf course at Mr. Hoover's Virginia camp so the hardships of his staying on the job all Summer have been greatly exaggerated.

St. Louis fliers come down to play vaudeville till somebody breaks their record, when they will resume their flight.

King Carol's coronation has been called off, as nobody offered to buy the moving picture rights.

Three Senators visiting Russia looked up material to help prolong debate next session.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1269 DELAY BY THE ROYAL BABY GETS WILL'S ATTENTION

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 19. – Half of England has been in Scotland half the summer awaiting the arrival of the Duchess of York's new baby. The Scotch would get a long break like that. What has caused all the rumpus is that the Prince of Wales has said that if it was a girl baby that he would marry. It just shows what inconvenience some men will put themselves to to provent a woman from being queen.

The Middle West got rain. Even the Lord couldn't stand to wait on the Republicans forever.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1270 WILL ROGERS FEELS NOTHING CAN SHOCK CHARLEY DAWES NOW

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 20. – Charley Dawes goes to Spain to study "Neolithic" people. That's his hobby, studying odd creatures. He gave up all business and all governmental interests for four years just for a reserved seat to study ninety-six of America's most prehistoric men, then he went to London to study "odd" women, whose sole ambition in life was to get their daughters presented at court. So Spain will have to go some to show Charley anything.

Another drawing card entered the heavyweight contender class today. Sister McPherson versus McPherson.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1271 WILL ROGERS THINKS HIGHLY OF A CERTAIN JOB IN RENO

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 21. – We are up here at this beautiful lake near Reno, Nev., working on a picture, and today a fellow come up and wanted me to help get him into some soft job in the movies. I asked him what he was doing and he said he was "house detective in the big hotel in Reno where all the divorcees live."

I said, "Brother, you must be hard to please. John Barrymore is not doing as well as you. Why you got a better job than Coolidge writing a gag a day." I told him go back to work, and don't even envy Hoover. "But if you are going to give the job up consult me, I'll change with you."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1272 WILL ROGERS SENDS WALES A MARITAL TIP FROM RENO

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 22. – Well, the poor Duchess of York's baby arrived, nothing but a girl. I tell you there is an awful lot expected of you when you marry royalty. That will be a terrible blow to the Prince of Wales, for he has been having such a good time. Well, if he is really in the market for a wife, right here where we are at Reno are 2,000 of 'em getting ready to meet all comers. If they can't get a royal male heir over there any other way, we will loan 'em Lindy's baby, then my old friend, Henry Mencken, is getting married, so we will be all set here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1273 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES VEILS AND BOOTLEGGER CONVENTIONS

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 24. – The Islam women in Jerusalem have asked their government to take their veils off and allow the bride and bridegroom to see each other before marriage. It won't do 'em any good. We don't use 'em over here, but you would think we did.

A big bootlegger in Seattle on trial spoke of some of the deals pulled off at last year's bootleggers' convention. There is one these chambers of commerce ought to go out for. The Elks or the Shriners or the American Bankers wouldn't be in it with that one. Imagine all railroads advertising excursions to the annual bootleggers' convention where they will give away samples.

Get busy, Claremore.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1274 WILL ROGERS NOW SUGGESTS GIVING VOTE TO THE KIDDIES

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 25. – Well, this week takes care of pretty much the last of the primaries. This will throw thousands in every State back among the unemployed. Everybody is always asking if women voting has made any real change in our political system. It has. It has just doubled the amount of candidates. The only way we can possibly have more people seeking public pensions is to give the children the vote. We have done it for the wife, let's do it for the kiddies. Children have the same qualification for office the grown-ups have, they are out of work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1275 WILL ROGERS CAN'T MAKE IT, BUT RECOMMENDS AIR SHOW

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 26. – I don't know who you are, or where you are, but go to the Chicago Air Show. I sho wish I could make it, it keeps getting bigger and bigger every year. It will be the one event in America that everybody will want to see. An automobile show is like a checker game in comparison. Think of seeing all our finest aviators doing stunts at one show. And it will always be the one show you can go to and not have your view obstructed by a broad shouldered policeman. They can successfully keep you from seeing a prize fight, a ball game and all parades, but they can't keep you from watching an aviator.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1276 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO LON CHANEY, ACTOR AND MAN

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 27. – When Lon Chaney passed away the whole amusement world lost a great asset, and our profession lost its most outstanding character actor and a man that brought the movies much credit. His art was understood the world over, regardless of titles or languages. And to know him personally was a privilege. He was a fine fellow and would have been an honor to any profession.

Well, it looks like Mayor Rolph of San Francisco will be our next Governor. So, thank goodness, we won't be reformed during this administration, at least.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1277 WILL ROGERS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT GERARD'S LIST

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 28. – When Jimmy Gerard said that fifty-seven men run this country everybody thought it was an ad for Heinz pickles, so he had to add Bishop Cannon and Al Capone.

Poor Jimmy. Everybody jumped on his selections—everybody that wasn't mentioned. The Senate was broken-hearted in fact. The funny part about the whole thing is, the ones that are running it don't want their names mentioned—not this year anyway. They are liable to sue Gerard for slander.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1278 WILL ROGERS OPINES BORAH HAS IDAHO WELL TRAINED

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 29. – Did you read about the nominations in the State of Idaho? You remember Senator Borah used to be quite a favorite up there? Well, I never saw a man going back so fast as he is. Why, the other day there was actually half of one county that wasn't for him, for a unanimous nomination. The Democrats nominated no opponent against him. They shouldn't, for he is the best Democrat in America. But that half a county being against him just shows you can't be at the top always.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1279 WILL ROGERS FINDS NEVADA IS FREEDOM'S LAST STAND

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Aug. 31. – Just back from a rodeo over at a great little Western town called Winnemucca, Nev. That's a great State. When you feel that the people around you are taking too much care of your private business, why move to Nevada. It's freedom's last stand in America. Yet they don't do one thing that other States don't do.

Only they leave the front door open. You can get a divorce without lying, a drink without whispering and get on a game of chance without breaking even a promise.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1280 WILL ROGERS SAYS U. S. A. DOESN'T KNOW IT'S LUCKY

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Sept. 1. – Quit hollering about how poor off we are and look at the real troubles of some of these other birds; down in the Argentine soldiers are guarding their President, Peru just loaded theirs on a battleship and advised him to head for Siberia, Brazil is in a huddle, the Labor Government in England is about to join the unemployed, Hearst has joined Germany, and Brisbane has joined Russia, so it looks like Mexico is about the only one with no trouble at all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1281 WILL ROGERS GIVES A CHEER FOR COSTE AND ONE FOR ANDREE

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Sept. 2. – Hurrah for the Frenchmen, they sure deserved it and the nation did, for they had made so many sacrifices, and during their well-deserved plaudits, it seems rather a coincidence that they are bringing back to civilization Andree's body. When you write your list of air heroes, put that fellow at the top, not because his name begins with an A, but when he shoved off in that thing thirty-three years ago, he knew that even if he got where he was going there was not going to be any cheering crowds, or reporters, or Grover Whalens. He was the original chance taker in the air, and no man will ever take as big a one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1282 WILL ROGERS FINDS A TOPIC IN THE EXPULSION OF MR. HEARST

TAHOE TAVERN, Cal., Sept. 3. – It was a historical day for France Tuesday. They flew the ocean and run W. R. Hearst out of their country. That was a pretty cute statement he handed 'em back but it will be lost on 'em.

The Frenchmen, individually, have plenty of humor, but as a government they take everything mighty serious. There is nothing can be as funny or as little as a nation when it tries to get back at somebody.

If every country run him out for publishing something they didn't want published, we would have had him exiled at birth and he would now be reading in Siberia.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1283 WILL ROGERS KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH THE FIGHT ON SMALL GRAFT

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 4. – I bet those two Frenchmen land in Fort Worth instead of Dallas. They will naturally be looking for the biggest town.

Mayor Walker pulled a good one when he said, "The Atlantic Ocean is a two-way street now."

Jimmy knew Mr. Hoover did things by committees, say six, or eight, so he called a hundred and told 'em something should be done about small graft in New York.

Small graft was getting the city a bad name and it would eventually lose its reputation for doing things on a big scale.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1284 WILL ROGERS IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER POLO AND OUR TEAM

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 5. – I sho would like to be in New York tomorrow and see that international polo game.

The selection of our team does away with the old idea that you had to be a rich man to play. Two fine boys on our team don't even own a horse, and the three next best players in America to the four chosen are all poor fellows. Two old Texas cowboys back there shooting goals whose names ain't even in the telephone directory.

All power to Tommy Hitchcock, who took polo out of the drawing room.

The American team should double any English score. Let's see!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1285 MR. ROGERS'S PRONUNCIATION OF A NEW GAME IN THE NEWS

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 7. – Just in case Mr. Coolidge and all the other columnists are short of something to comment on, try the Argentine's new President's name, "Ura-Burro."

We are beginning to find out what those South American republics do with their one battleship each. They use it for their Presidents to escape on. We are up among this Nevada divorce colony "for picture purposes only." An old

lady 87 years old come on the set to watch us shoot. She was serving time here. She told me, "life's too short to let one man ruin it. I am going to get my freedom and have some fun."

And she was asking for the custody of four minor children.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1286 MR. ROGERS REJOICES OVER FACT THAT WE REMAIN AT PEACE

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 8. – Other nations' troubles are not gloated over by us, but it does seem good to be able to read of the revolutions in Argentina, Peru and Brazil and not read where "American marines have landed and have the situation well in hand."

If Mr. Hoover does nothing else but keep our army and navy at home, we can forgive him for not giving us rain, lower taxes and an inflated stock market.

Won't it be wonderful if we ever live to see the day when any country can have its own revolution, and even a private and congenial war with a neighboring nation, without uninvited guests?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1287 MR. ROGERS EXPLAINS THE LACK OF INTEREST IN THINGS POLITICAL

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 9. – Maine holds the first election every year. They hold it for the reason there is an old saying, as goes Maine, so goes the country."

Well, they held it a couple of days ago and nobody has been interested enough in it to ask how it went. Nobody voted only the candidates that was running.

People ain't any more interested in politics than they are in long underwear. Both sides have lied to 'em so often that we don't look on either candidate with admiration or with hate. We just pity 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1288 MR. ROGERS IS SEEING A LOT OF AN IMPORTANT NEVADA CROP

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 10. – We got a funny situation here. We brought up about a dozen girls to play the "divorcees" in the hotel scene in "Lightnin" and here every day watching us shoot is a hundred real "divorcees" from Reno—and around the lake here, all dying to get into pictures while they are serving their time.

If any woman is missing from your community and you don't know where she is, she is here.

The most popular charges here lately as grounds for divorce are snoring and husbands staying out late playing miniature golf. They put in all spare time making their trousseau.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1289 WILL ROGERS GETS THE VIEWS OF AN OLD-TIMER ON THE SALOON

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 11. – A fine old fellow about 73 years old, Luke Cosgrove, is working here with us. After reading Governor Rosevelt's statement on prohibition in the paper this morning he said to me:

"Will, Governor Roosevelt says he wants to bring back liquor, but not the old-time saloons. Why, that was the only thing about the whole business that was worth having. Roosevelt has got it just backwards. We want to bring back the old-time saloon with 5-cent beer and outlaw the liquor."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1290 ROGERS WANTS NATION TO GIVE RICKENBACKER A PARACHUTE

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 12. – Eddy Rickenbacker, our ace of aces, who brought down twenty-six enemy planes, walked in his sleep and had a twenty-foot forced landing, and cracked up. I agree with Arthur Brisbane, not on Russia or don't sell America short, but on his stand on Rickenbacker. I believe that Eddy ought to get an even break with a cross-continent record or a refueling champion. There is such a thing as a hero being modest, and I think the least we can do for Eddy is to have the nation give him a parachute to sleep in. We are doing all we can to have another war, and we will want to use him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1291 MR. ROGERS'S VISITS TO RUSSIA AND WHAT HE LEARNED THERE

CAMP RICHARDSON, Cal., Sept. 14. – Me and my destitute friend Arthur Brisbane can't seem to get together on Russia.

There is a thousand things I talk about that I don't know any more about than a Senator, but I did take an airplane three years ago and flew from London to Moscow and Leningrad, stayed there a couple of weeks, went with no delegation, and wasn't personally conducted. Saw everything, didn't even belong to a Hoover Committee and I don't know any more now about Russia than Brisbane does.

If I wanted to start an insane asylum that would be 100 percent cuckoo, I would just admit applicants that thought they knew something about Russia.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1292 MR. ROGERS IS RAMBLING ABOUT IN A FAMOUS CALIFORNIA VALE

SONORA, Cal., Sept. 15. – Just bumming along up through this historical goldmining country, which has contributed more to the world than it will ever receive.

Just passed through Angels Camp, the home of Mark Twain's jumping frog. Twain and Bret Harte both prowled around in those old hills! No wonder these Broadway story writers can't think of things like those two did.

Visited Jackson, the liveliest town of the whole range, two big gold mines running. Mining is coming back. We need the gold.

I don't know how Sir Thomas is making out with his tugboat today, but if wishes was wind he would win in a gale.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1293 WILL ROGERS FINDS A SAD SPOT WHERE HE EXPECTED A GAY ONE

MOJAVE, Cal., Sept. 16. – Did you ever see a real 100 per cent dry town? Well, I did, but I had to go to the heart of the desert to do it.

It was Bodie, the old mining town that has been monkey-glanded lately with a new gold scare. Mrs. Rogers and I blew in there last night. I wanted to show her what a real live Western mining town was like at night.

Well, of all the sad-looking messes, it was it. The night before twenty prohibition officers had raided the place and closed her tight.

Did you ever see a miner on soda pop? You can't even console him. Every throat was dry and every eye was wet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1294 MR. ROGERS RECEIVES A TRIBUTE FROM THE BOULDER DAM PEOPLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 17. – At Las Vegas, Nevada, today Secretary Wilbur is dedicating the Boulder Dam. I had been asked to go there in case Arizona Senators should start a filibuster and keep talking and talking to prevent the dedication.

They wired, "Will, you are the only man in America that can talk longer about nothing, than a Senator. Then, too, we think the Democratic party should be represented and Borah can't come."

If Vanderbilt wants to make himself America's latest hero, he will break a rudder or hit an iceberg with that boat of his and let that old man win. Then we will start a Vanderbilt-for-President club.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1295 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A LOVING CUP FOR LIPTON; WALKER APPROVES IDEA FOR $1 CONTRIBUTIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 18. – What do you say to this?

Let's everybody send $1 apiece for a fund to buy a loving cup for Sir Thomas Lipton, bigger than the one he would have got if he had won, contributed to by everybody that really admires a fine sportsman.

Send it to, I would suggest, a Lipton Cup fund in care of Mayor Walker in New York. Let Jimmy buy it and present it in behalf of everybody with an inscription along this line:

"To possibly the world's worst yacht builder, but absolutely the world's most cheerful loser. You have been a benefit to mankind, Sir Thomas. You have made losing worthwhile."

Now get busy and send Jimmy a buck.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1296 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 19. – We used to have a rule that our government wouldn't recognize any new government that had come into power by force and revolution. Then somebody that had accidentally read our history happened to ask, "Well, how did our government come in power? So now we recognize 'em no matter who they shot to get in. Yesterday we took in Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru. All you have to promise is that you will buy something from us, even if it's only guns for the next revolution.

If Russia will just shave, and buy some tractors, we will recognize them. There is no such thing as a thief any more, as long as he can pay his way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1297 LIPTON CUP SUBSCRIPTIONS POUR IN SO FAST WILL ROGERS HOPES TO BUY HIM A YACHT, TOO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 20. – I don't generally commune with you through this column on Sunday, but some folks have wondered if that Lipton loving cup thing was a joke. Well, it sure ain't any joke. I wish the Democratic party was going along as good as it is.

Jimmy Walker has taken it up whole-heartedly and got a committee handling it. Roy Howard and his whole Scripps syndicate is helping. You know broadminded papers don't care where an idea might have come from if it's any good. Why, we got the thing going so good now that we are not going to stop with buying him a loving cup. We're going to get him a yacht. We're going to buy him one he can win with. We're going to make that old man win a race yet. We will take in his old boat and give it to some duck hunting club.

Send in your dollars by air mail, and that will help another good cause, to Lipton Cup Fund, care Mayor Walker, New York.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1298 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES SENATORS, AND ADDS A WORD FOR THAT FUND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 21. – Just reading in this morning's papers where United States Senator "So-and-So" had just returned from Russia and described what was needed there, and Senator "What's His Name" told of con-

ditions in Central Europe and what was needed to properly put them on a paying basis.

Now there is ninety-six of 'em in there. Wouldn't you think there would be one of 'em that would take a squint at home and tell us what was the matter with us, not that there is anything, but just in case there was.

Remember to send your dollar by air mail to Mayor Walker to help buy Lipton a new yacht.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1299 ROGERS WRITES OF THE RIVALRY BETWEEN TWO CENTRES OF ART

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 22. – One of those P. T. Barnum Metropolitan Opera Companies, "direct from New York City," is making its usual pilgrimage through the buckwheat belt and stopped over in Frisco to send out the female members' laundry and sing on a guarantee, but not necessarily on key.

Then they are slumming by here to give our "music lovers for social sake" a chance to see fat, 50-year-old people make love to each other in an unintelligible tongue.

Well, if you think rivalry is dead between these two art centres, read this in one of our morning sheets:

"All the opera singers are saving their best efforts for Los Angeles, next week. They didn't cut loose in San Francisco at all last week."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1300 MR. ROGERS TURNS TO SPORTS FOR A FEW OBSERVATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 23. – Good old St. Louis!

You don't hear of it very often, but every once in a while Lindbergh leaves there or the Cardinals win a pennant.

I knew the Chicago Cubs wasn't going to win the minute they knew Connie Mack's Athletics would be their opponents. And, nobody can blame 'em much.

If I had a team that had to meet the Athletics I would just find out how much second money was, draw it and go home a week earlier.

And, speaking of cities, Atlanta is making the first page this week by the aid of a "putter." If Bobby Jones wins this one, Georgia will be the nineteenth hole.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1301 MR. ROGERS'S VIEWS ON BUYING THINGS THE SELLER HASN'T GOT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 24. – Russia sold some wheat over here, but they didn't have any wheat over here, so now our Farm Board is all excited.

Looks to me like the fellow that should be hot and bothered is the fellow that bought it. We never will have any prosperity that is free from speculation till we pass a law that every time a broker or person sells something he has got to have it sitting there in a bucket, or a bag, or a jug, or a cage, or a rat trap, or something, depending on what it is he is selling.

We are continually buying something that we never get from a man that never had it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1302 WILL ROGERS DRAWS SOME FIRE WITH HIS REMARKS ON RUSSIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 25. – With all our interest attracted to Russian activities this week, I was joking Mr. Brisbane about me having been there and him not.

Last night I got a cute letter from him which said:

"Years ago European artists were kidding an American artist for painting scenes in Europe and yet he never been over there. He replied, "Well, Leonardi de Vinci painted a pretty fair picture of the Lord's Supper and he didn't even have a ticket to it.' "

He is serious about this Russia. He thinks they are going to get somewhere. Well, anyhow they got our Congress scared and that's more than our country has been able to do with 'em.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1303 WILL ROGERS DOUBTS WISDOM OF HOOVER'S PROPOSED TOUR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 26. – Mr. Hoover is doing something that if I was touting him I don't believe I would let him do. He is going into three of four States where the coming election is very hot, and going to make speeches, not political speeches, but nevertheless they are in those States and even if he talks on the evils of Cali-Neva, why it will be construed as political.

Funny thing about us, we will listen to any old shyster politician that comes along to advise us, but we just won't trust any of our Presidents when we think they are trying to tell us who to elect.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1304 MR. ROGERS REPORTS ON A TEAM OF STUDIOUS FOOTBALL PLAYERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 28. – A Mexico football team played for the first time Friday night on our mortgaged soil.

It's the best amateur team in the world. There's not a paid football player on it. It's practically a new university, founded just two years before Columbus discovered Porto Rico and thought it was America.

Their boys couldn't tackle as good as our boys, but every one on the team could speak English, French, Spanish and most of them German.

Said they didn't have much time to practice as at their school you had to study books. Said the only thing they had down there that compared with our universities was the Mexico City Country Club.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1305 MR. ROGERS TURNS TO EUROPE AND FINDS FOOD FOR THOUGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 29. – Been reading a lot lately about that guy Hitler, in Germany, that's getting quite a following. He advocates forgetting everything connected with the peace treaty and starting all over new. And that is about what will happen in a few years. They will all get tired paying debts to each other and say:

"Our generation had nothing to do with it. If those old-timers wanted to have war, why didn't they pay for it?"

And boy, that will discourage war. The minute nations find nobody is going to pay 'em anything after it's over, they will say. "What's the use going in?"

Fighting wars on credit can put you in the ashcan, just like buying everything on credit has put us there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1306 WILL ROGERS PUTS IN A WORD FOR A CANDIDATE, AND FRIEND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 30. – Say, Heywood Broun, an old, tried and trusted friend of mine, is running for Congress in New York. I'll admit he is an ex-dramatic critic, but that shouldn't entirely bar him, for even the horse thief profession is recognized in there already.

But in all justice and all seriousness, Heywood would make a mighty useful member. He has plenty of plain sense, a conscious justice of his fellowman, he is smart, and he is fair. He is a Socialist, but not enough of one to demand that we divide anything more with our "comrades" than our advice. And darn it, Heywood looks like a Congressman: you always want to bathe him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1307 WILL ROGERS, OUT IN CALIFORNIA, LISTENS TO THE WORLD SERIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 1. – We cuss the radio for a lot of things that come over it, but when something like the world's series comes along and you can be away out here in the irrigated belt, 3,000 miles away, and can hear the crack of the bat, you got to admit it's quite an invention.

Grimes, the St. Louis pitcher, said you only had to watch three of the Athletics, and he was right. Two of the three of 'em knocked home runs and the other one only got a three-bagger.

The Chicago Cubs had the right idea when they lost purposely to keep from meeting these birds.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1308 MR. ROGERS DWELLS A BIT SADLY UPON OUR CRAZE FOR SPEED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 2. – I begged and pleaded with St. Louis not to win that pennant.

Big news to us out here in the legitimate end of the U. S.—we are to have mail and passengers delivered to New York in twenty-four hours. America's whole ingenuity is spent in hurrying you to get somewhere so you will have more time there to study up some other places to go. Took the pioneers six months to come, but they didn't forget something, and have to be back next week to attend it.

We ain't geting anywhere, but we are having lots of fun thinking we are.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1309 ROGERS LIKED HOOVER SPEECH ON HOW POOR OTHER NATIONS ARE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 3. – Mr. Hoover went out to Cleveland Thursday and spoke before the bankers. I liked his speech. He didn't beat around the bush about anything. He just come right out in the opening paragraph and said we was doing pretty "mangy." (Of course, he might have suspected that we had already found it out.) He said if we could afford to live through it, things would get better. That advice was directed to younger men. He read a lot of statistics there that was mighty encouraging. They told how poor some fifteen or twenty other countries were doing. I had no idea that Equador was as bad off as Oklahoma, but it is. So before you complain, think of Peru.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1310 WILL ROGERS LIKES MR. ROCKNE AND HIS NOTRE DAME TEAM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 5. – I don't know whether my old friend, Knute Rockne, and Notre Dame are going to win the world's championship again this Fall or not, but he deserves it if they don't win another game. For, they are the only big team in the United States that starts playing tough teams right from the jump. These others play Rotary clubs and business colleges till about Thanksgiving, then have one tough game.

Knute thinks if you got a football team, it ought to be a football team from the Fourth of July to Xmas.

I told the Athletics all the time not to win their pennant if St. Louis won theirs.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1311 MR. ROGERS RISKS STANDING AS A CITIZEN IN CALIFORNIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 6. – I don't know how it is in your part of the country, but, brother, I am betraying no confidence when I announce to the world publicly that out here it's hot. Not warm, but just downright hot.

The Chamber of Commerce can use that as an ad or suppress it, but it's as true as everything I ever wrote about the Republican party, and right on top of it I get a long telegram from Death Valley Scotty (whom I have known twenty-five years) asking me to come to Death Valley and he would show me all through it.

Mr. Hoover looks like he just said, "I will make all my year's speeches at once, and then go home and try and live 'em down."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1312 MR. ROGERS FINDS A SHORTAGE IN THE POLITICAL ALIBI CROP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 7. – I used to try to get what I thought would be some funny political angles over the radio, and it was awful hard.

But last night along came my old friend Nick Longworth on the air and hit on a humorous angle that I had never thought of, and I bet none of you had either. He blamed the Democratic party for the financial depression that is enveloping the world.

It's really the biggest advertisement that the Democratic party have ever had. Why, if they was that important, they wouldn't be Democrats. They would all be Republicans, but it was a new reason at that.

Did you ever notice, there has never been a year when alibis were as scarce?

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1313 WILL ROGERS SEES A LESSON IN THE FATE OF THE CARDINALS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 8. – Well, the baseball is all over now. St. Louis did mighty well west of the river, but they should have never crossed it.

Fording the Mississippi and going East has ruined not only many ball teams, but many a promising public man. Take these boys at home among their own pop bottles and they were hard to clean. But they had no business east of the river, monkeying with Mr. Earnshaw.

Connie Mack at 99 years of age will be able to sit in bed and show fifteen other managers how to handle a ball team in a crisis.

But, it must have been a great series. Only one man I can't forgive, that's the radio announcer for Columbia, who kept comparing Dykes' bone-head play chasing Gelbert to one pulled years ago by Hans Wagner. Hans Wagner never in all his life pulled one. It was Heinie Zimmerman.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1314 MR. ROGERS ON THE TROUBLES OF 'OLD BOYS' WITH 'HIGH BOYS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 9. – If it ain't one calamity hits us it's another.

Did you read where Jesse Livermore, E.F. Hutton, Marshall Field, Frelinghuysen, Sloan of General Motors and Ferrell of U.S. Steel, and a host of others, have been buying their "antique" furniture in England before it was even aged in the wood. They couldn't make these new antique "high boys" fast enough for our new rich "old boys."

This expose will bring a hardship on our wealthy. It's liable to force 'em to use American made furniture. Us middle class over here never have to worry about having old furniture to point out to our friends. We buy it on payments and before it's paid for it's plenty antique.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1315 ROGERS SAYS DEMOCRATS ONLY ARE ABLE TO SMILE THESE DAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 10. – Mr. Coolidge said yesterday, "Some are supporting candidates because they are good fellows, it is vain to elect of-

fice-seekers who smile, you can't run the government on entertainment." Them's harsh words, Calvin.

Evidently Mr. Coolidge knows of some Democrats who are good fellows running against some sad Republicans, and this is his sly way of asking you to vote for a sad-faced Republican, for any man that can smile nowadays must be a Democrat, or a half wit, or perhaps both.

Being serious, or being a good fellow, has got nothing to do with running this country, if the breaks are with you, you could be a laughing hyena and still have a great administration.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1316 MR. ROGERS RECALLS THE FATE OF A PREDATORY REPUBLICAN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct 12. – In a Sunday article I stated that the Donner Party was our only cannibalism. I was wrong, as usual, for I just learned of this case.

Crossing the divide from Utah to Colorado in 1872 a man named Packard evidently practiced it. He was convicted in Del Norte, Col., and the judge passed sentence as follows:

"Packard, you have committed the worlds most fiendish crime. You not only murdered your companions, but you ate up every Democrat in Hillsdale County. You are to hang by the neck till you are dead, and may God have mercy on your Republican soul."

They lived off the Democrats, but this was only one we could ever convict.

Yours,

Will Rogers

1317 MR. ROGERS REPLIES TO CRITICS OF THE FESTIVE LEGIONAIRES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 13. – The Harvard College paper says the American Legion convention in Boston was "just one wild party."

Poor Harvard papers, they have a habit that just borders on genius for saying the wrong things. Imagine any college paper criticizing somebody for giving a wild party.

Wait till another war comes, and let the Harvard editorial staff fight it, and then they can show how a convention should be conducted.

Where the mistake was made was in not asking our boys when recruited if they ever took a little nip, and if they did, why, not allow 'em in our army. In that way we could have had a respectable war—and lost it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1318 MR. ROGERS FINDS A CANDIDATE WHO WINS HIS ADMIRATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct 14. – No wonder Dwight Morrow stands today so much higher in the public estimation than all our old line politicians. You might be against his opinions, but you admire his direct way of coming out on everything he talks on.

Any other man that had his chance for the Presidential nomination would wait and hedge around and not come out either way, and in that way embarrass the present President.

But not Morrow. He just said yesterday that he was for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, but not for repeal of Mr. Hoover.

Hoover will be renominated and elected, and if we should happen to have some good times along in '32 (over which he has no control), why, he will win further than he did that last time. 'Cause, the Democrats haven't got but one Smith.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1319 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A KEEN 'SHE' POLITICAL MIND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 15. – Been reading in the papers lately some nice little feline feminine digs by the Countess Gizycka (Elinor Medill Patterson) at Alice Longworth. It seems the Countess had been trying to kid Alice about her political power.

Well, I don't know the Countess, but I sho' do know Alice, and of all the "she" political minds I have ever met, Alice has forgot more than most of the others know put together.

When you meet up with a mind like hers, it gives you a little encouragement for the Nineteenth Amendment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1320 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A LITTLE FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO THE DISGRUNTLED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 16. – So you think we are doing bad in the U. S., do you? Well, let's look around and see what our companions are doing.

China is in a mess, not only again, but yet.

Russia is starving her own people in order to feed propaganda to the rest of the world.

A guy named Hitler has Germany like Capone has Chicago.

France has plenty of gold, but is short on friendship.

England has her fine diplomats, but no work or market.

Spain is trying to get a republic. They think one is great. That shows their ignorance.

Italy has black shirts, but no pants to go with them.

Brazil has got coffee, but no President.

So, before you think of giving up your citizenship here, you better think it over.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1321 ROGERS SEES NO WEAKER SEX IN WOMAN'S GOLF TOURNEY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 17. – Just passed by one of our fine country clubs out here and there was a big crowd there. It was the woman's golf championship of America. We used to think going to see woman play golf would be like going to see men crochet, but, say, there is nothing effeminate about this golf thing as played by these champion women. Say, what a bunch of Channel swimmers they are! I would hate to beat one of them to a parking space. They just put that innocent little ball down, grit their teeth and swing like a woodchopper, and it takes one of our modern men in mighty good physical condition to even walk where it goes to. Miniature golf might be all right for men, but not for this humorously called weaker sex.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1322 MR. ROGERS IS SEEING THINGS ON A TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

SAN JOSE, Cal., Oct. 19. – Well sir, if you just get in an automobile and start prowling around California I bet you can find more different kinds of country, more different kinds of people, more nice, gentlemently motor cops, more good roads, more different kinds of hot dogs and hamburgers and more different kinds of weather.

In fifty miles in an open car you will put on your overcoat and take it off twenty-five times, exactly once to every two miles.

We will be in Palo Alto in about twenty minutes, Mr. Hoover's old civic center.

I think I will stop and hold a Democratic rally.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1323 MR. ROGERS CONFERS ON BUSINESS WITH A GLOOMY HEAD WAITER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 20. – Every man has his own way of telling how bad business it.

The head waiter at the Del Monte Hotel was telling me of a big banquet held there the night before by a well-known organization, and he lamented:

"It wasn't nothing like the years before. Why, we cleaned up after 'em in less than an hour this morning."

That means times are so hard they are carrying their empty bottles home with 'em, but there was a real barometer of business.

Some King is being crowned in Africa, and every other King sent sympathy, and even Presidents wired him that "being the head man nowadays is overrated."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1324 MR. ROGERS WORRIED BY REPORT A FAMOUS REPUBLICAN MAY LOSE

SAN LOUIS OBISPO, Cal., Oct. 21. – See in the papers where Speaker Longworth will have quite a race in the coming election. That's mighty unusual for Nick, and it would just about border on a national calamity if he was defeated.

I have talked with a lot of those old-time Democratic Congressmen that have served with him for years, and they all say he is one of the most able and fairest men that has ever been in the House.

Why, I think Garner, the Democratic leader, would resign if he didn't have his old pal Nick there.

Let the Democrats make a lot of gains, but let's keep Nick. He is pretty near one of us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1325 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES TIRES, SUBMARINES AND OTHER THINGS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 22. – Got back home without a puncture. We may have depression, but we got good tires. They are selling worth the money now.

Mr. Hoover just appointed an employment agent to see who was working and who was just standing talking about depression.

One of our submarines went down 332 feet purposely. We have had 'em go lower than this, but this is the first one to get back up again.

Germany has a new aeroplane with its tail where its head ought to be. They ought to call it the Congressional Plane.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1326 WILL ROGERS PUTS IN A BOOST FOR A COMING RADIO FEATURE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 23. – Say, we got a great treat in store for us next Tuesday evening. Bernard Shaw is going to talk to us over the radio for forty minutes.

He is the most interesting and entertaining man in the world today. He and Mussolini are pretty near a tie. You don't need to ask any questions when you meet either one of 'em. Just sit still and listen.

Shaw told me that the United States and Russia are the most unique countries in the world today. Russia was trying a great experiment, too—was trying everything that come along—and that we were both in the experimental stage. England don't know yet whether Shaw is for 'em, or against 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1327 MORE JOBS AND LESS TALK, IS WILL ROGER'S REMEDY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 24. – Every paper every morning tells of a big gathering and prominent men who have spoken on "Better Times." If Chambers of Commerce give some worker a job instead of some speaker at a dinner, there would be no unemployment.

There has been more "optimism" talked and less practiced than at any time during our history. Every millionaire we have has offered a speech instead of keeping still and offering a job. Our optimism is all at a banquet table, where everybody there has more than they can eat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1328 MR. ROGERS SUBMITS A MIXTURE OF NEWS AND OBSERVATIONS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 26. – Oologah, Okla., my real old home, had a fine celebration Saturday. Sure sorry couldn't make it. Unemployment is terrible, but employment is worse.

A prominent miniature golf course out here was robbed the other night. The bandits got five putters, thirteen balls and 85 cents in currency.

Stanford University has always been kinder hard to get into, but after yesterday's game with Southern California they would take in any moron that couldn't even spell football, as long as he looked like he could carry one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1329 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT A FLAW IN A SO-CALLED ECONOMY MOVE

BEVERLY HILL, Cal., Oct. 27. – Half the world is fighting and the other half is out of a job, and would as soon be fighting as starving. For that's one thing in favor of war. They do feed you during one.

Then in the midst of all this, we started sinking our navy to save taxes. Saving taxes don't help the unemployed. They got nothing, are earning nothing, hence they pay nothing.

To reduce your navy in these times is exactly like a man who is not doing so well financially canceling all his life insurance, figuring it's dead loss because he hasn't died yet.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1330 WILL ROGERS IS REFRESHED BY A TALK WITH A SENATOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 28. – Senator Shipstead of Minnesota paid me a little visit at the ranch Sunday. He ain't either a Democrat or Republican, and it was mighty refreshing to talk to somebody who could tell you the truth about both sides. He is the only Senator who don't have to have a convention to tell him what to think.

In the same paper this morning, where I said we needed a big navy, why the Secretary of the navy said the same thing. I never thought I would live to see the day that I would be thinking on a par with the Boston Adamses.

Mr. Coolidge said he wouldn't talk on the radio till some humanitarian cause presented itself. It did. The Republicans in Massachusetts needed him.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1331 MR. ROGERS REPORTS THE WEST DOES NOT APPRECIATE SHAW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 29. – This must have happened to thousands of school children all over our country. My three come dragging in last night from three different schools and I immediately asked 'em if they had heard Bernard Shaw's great speech over the radio that afternoon. They all said "no." Their teachers had 'em listening to them.

Now here was perhaps the most brilliant and wittiest speech of our times, brought right to us by this great invention. Yet, teachers gave their own lectures instead of Shaw's. Even the newspapers out here only published extracts of it. But they published all their own editorials. They were improving on Shaw too.

So what good does it do to have a brilliant man tell you something.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1332 WILL ROGERS GETS AROUND TO THE NEW YORK ELECTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 30. – Hot election in New York for Governor. I don't know Roosevelt's opponent, but they say he is a fine man. But if you want to find out about Roosevelt, go to a little town in the South where physical affliction predominates and ask one of them if Roosevelt would be in any way in favor of Tammany Hall corruption, and for an answer you would be punched in the jaw by a cripple—the same thing that Roosevelt should have done to Tammany Hall.

We got two things in this country who get drunk with a little power. One is Wall Street and the other is Tammany Hall. Neither one can stand prosperity, and both can beef more when they are not getting it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1333 MR. ROGERS BRINGS TO LIGHT A POLITICIAN'S HONEST PLEA

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 31. – Seemed like old times last night to hear Mr. Coolidge on the radio, especially when he pleaded for "a continuation of Republican blessings."

He said what we needed in office was "officeholders," men that were used to holding office. He said it was no time to break in new talent.

Compare that campaign plea with the one of my old friend's Governor Beulow of South Dakota, who is out for the Senate and who says, "There is no issue in this election; the other fellow has got a job and I want it."

Such honesty must come from a Democrat. It does, and it should be rewarded at the polls.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1334 MR. ROGERS CALLS THIS A YEAR FOR A GOOD MAN TO BE DEFEATED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 2. – Come pretty near having two holidays of equal importance in the same week, Halloween and election, and of the two election provides us the most fun. On Halloween they put pumpkins on their heads, and on election they don't have to.

Candidates have been telling you that if elected they would "pull you from this bog hole of financial misery." Now is a good chance to get even with 'em, by electing 'em, just to prove what a liar they are.

Personally I think this is the right year for a good man to be defeated in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1335 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A LAST WORD OF ADVICE TO ADDLED VOTERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 3. – Mr. Coolidge administered last rites for his alma mater, the Republican party. To offset him, I have been asked to give a word of cheer to the party of Jefferson, Raskob, Heflin, and Borah.

Mr. Coolidge and I are both noncombatants. We are watching the battles entrenched behind our typewriters. Our hearts are not in our advice, for no matter which one loses we will be working.

My advice is, keep the Republicans in power. Otherwise you will add to the unemployment for, if you throw a Republican out there is nothing else he can do, while a Democrat must be able to making a living out of office. Otherwise he would not be living.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1336 WILL ROGERS'S REFLECTIONS ON THE DAY AFTER ELECTION

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 4. – Well, this day after election many a good man will find that he has been replaced because he failed to bring in enough government loot from Washington.

Did you ever figure what constitutes our modern "Representative?" The one that can bring home the new Federal postoffice, even if they wasn't using the old one; Federal aid for roads that nobody may ever drive on, and a government dam.

The height of statesmanship is to come home with a dam, even if you got nowhere to put it. Just raid the national treasury enough and you will soon be referred to as a "statesman."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1337 MR. ROGERS VIEWS THE DEBRIS AND SEEMS TO BE CHEERFUL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 5. – Democrats give me a birthday yesterday, Nov. 4. I was 51 years old and they elected fifty-one Democrats. When I am 90 we will be running this country.

The Republicans carried California but lost America. Governor Rolph was a Democrat running under assumed colors. The Democrats nominated their President yesterday, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I bet Mr. Hoover is tickled to death, for they will support him better than his own party did. And the Wets, they just saturated everything they got their hands on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1338 MR. ROGERS GIVES SOME ADVICE TO A SNOWED-UNDER CANDIDATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 6. – To Ruth Hanna McCormick—

Dear Ruth:

Don't you feel bad you didn't get in that Senate. It's no place for a good woman, in fact it's no place for a good man. But Ruth, would reprimand you for such poor political insight.

What's the matter with you and Alice? Nick got caught on the wrong side of the fence, too, and just did squeeze by. Alice should have known that Ohio had "gone iniquity," too.

Now you girls wake up and keep an ear to the ground, and don't let '32 catch you napping again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1339 ROGERS SAYS DEMOCRATS MAY YET COUNT SMITH IN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 7. – Every late edition brings in news of another belated Democratic victory. If they keep on counting maybe by Monday Al Smith will be in. Did you ever hear of as crazy a law as Kentucky has? They make 'em wait twenty-four hours before counting the votes. That's to give the counters a chance to think it over and be honest.

Twenty-four hours is supposed to make you honest in Kentucky. Why not wait till both candidates are dead, then there can be no crookedness shown.

Then they wonder why we don't take our lawmakers serious.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1340 WILL ROGERS TELLS JUST WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE WORLD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 9. – Everybody has offered suggestions as to what is the matter with the world. I just got one to offer and the I will shut up.

It's inventors that's put us where we are today. There ain't enough jobs to go around. Why? Because every lazy man in the world has invented something to knock others out of work, and fix himself financially so he wouldn't have to.

So, Mr. Hoover, appoint a last commission and if they hear of anyone inventing something, or even thinking of inventing something, stop 'em!

With four-fifths of the world earning their living by work, we honor men that invent things to knock 'em out of work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1341 MR. ROGERS ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE INS AND OUTS OF CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 10. – Both political sides are arguing over who will control Congress.

With this cock-eyed system we have, where you are elected one year and take office a year and a half from then, why it simply comes down to, "Who will be living then?"

Now in March Congress meets, but that's not the ones that were elected that's the ones that were defeated. If you are defeated you stay in Congress, and if you are elected you stay out.

The only way to get a man in Congress is to elect a young man who looks like he will live till he is seated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1342 WILL ROGERS IS SURE WE LEAD IN ORGANIZING AND ADVERTISING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 11. – President Hoover spoke Monday before the Advertisers' convention. The poor man don't any more than get through talking to one organization than some other one comes along.

This country sure is organized, and this country sure is advertised. When we arrive at the poor house, we will be the best advertised nation that was ever admitted

In fact, it's paying dues to organizations and advertising that will put us there.

One of our big stars must be coming out with a new picture. There is a big movie fight on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1343 MR. ROGERS SEES A SIMILARITY BETWEEN PEACE AND PROSPERITY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 12. – Celebrated twelve years continuous peace yesterday, and we looked about as bad off as we did twelve years ago when we celebrated the end of two years of war.

If we pulled together as much to put over a siege of peace as we do a spell of war, we would be sitting pretty. But we can't hardly wait for a war to end to start taking it out on each other.

Peace is kinder like prosperity. There is mighty few nations that can stand it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1344 MR. ROGERS SEES THE CHAIN IDEA SPREADING TO THE BOOTLEGGER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 13. – It kinder looks like we might get a little touch of good times pretty soon if we can stop these "big boys" from predicting it.

They say Al Capone is here in Los Angeles. Guess he is figuring on opening a Western branch here.

This branch idea has just got this country by the nape of the neck. Now it looks like the little home talent bootlegger who lived among us, raised his

family and paid his taxes is to go the way of the local banker and little groceryman.

There is no chance for personal initiative any more. We are all just a cog in a big machine that's controlled from New York or Chicago.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1345 ROGERS FINDS ENOUGH NAVY FOR TWO MORE CONFERENCES

NORTH ISLAND, Cal., Nov. 14. – Am out here on the broad ocean on the airplane carrier Langley. In spite of our diplomats and their social sinking conferences we've got a lot of navy left, in fact about enough for two more conferences.

Flew down here this morning in a fast navy (Hell Diver) with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Dave Ingalls, piloting.

Just think, a man in charge of aviation that can fly; it's almost like a General fighting in his own war, and say, you haven't had any landing in an airplane till you land on the deck of one of these things. I sure was glad we hit it.

Got to tell you more about this later.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1346 MR. ROGERS LIKES TO SEE AS BOSS A MAN WHO KNOWS HIS BUSINESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 16. – If you want to see some real flying and a satisfied beam on a government aviator's face, watch him fly for his department head when he knows that fellow can do it himself.

Saturday in San Diego our crack boys from the aeroplane carriers Langley, Lexington and Saratoga made aerial "whoopee" for Secretary Ingalls.

It kinder made you wish that every branch of our government was presided over by some man that knew that line, instead of some politician.

Our system up to the time of Mr. Hoover has been when a man is defeated at election he is appointed to a bigger job than the one he was defeated for.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1347 MR. ROGERS ADDS TO THE LIST ANOTHER 'WEEK' FOR OBSERVANCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 17. – Heard our ace, Eddie Rickenbacker, over the radio last night. He was just decorated last week for bringing down half of Germany.

We are the luckiest nation in the world to have heroes that can live long enough to have their deeds recognized. They give Eddie what was said to be a medal, but we don't know that, for his whiskers are so long now that they cover it up.

We have every kind of week in the world. There's "Apple Week," " Gin Week," "Don't Blame Your Congressman Week," "Do Your Xmas Shopping Early Week."

Let's add one sensible one to 'em all, "Remember Our Heroes Week." You would be surprised how many we got that have been forgotten.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1348 MR. ROGERS SEES FOOTBALL TITLE HINGING ON JUSTICE OF PEACE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 18. – Modern football has got some queer customs. The heroes can have all the girls they want, but they are not allowed to marry one of 'em. They can play for their tuition, board and room and a moderate salary, but they are not allowed to do it "for the wife and kiddies."

Poor Knute Rockne! In his time he has lost games by bad umpiring, illness, failure to kick goal, and every ordinary known method, but if he loses this year it will be the first time that a justice of the peace ever beat him out of a championship.

Well, one thing for sure, you can look at Harvard and Yale and Princeton play and tell that they are all single. If any girl ever falls in love with them it will be somebody that didn't have a ticket to any of the games.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1349 MR. ROGERS NOTES IMPROVEMENT IN UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 19. – The unemployment situation is lightening up. Bobby Jones is going to work.

Bobby has some queer ideas. He thinks that getting money takes away

your amateur standing.

Then California, to help relieve unemployment, has decided as its contribution to charity to take on nine more Congressmen.

Mayor Thompson of Chicago has got the most original idea to help the unemployed. He wants to sell 'em four million lottery tickets at twenty-five cents apiece, and the one that draws the lucky number gets to eat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1350 WILL ROGERS FINDS COMFORT IN A COUPLE OF CURRENT EVENTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 20. – Before the child welfare gang yesterday Mr. Hoover delivered just about his best speech. I got my doubts as to what he thinks of politicians, but he must love children or he couldn't have thought of some of those fine paragraphs. He has never posed as an orator, but he said a lot of things that an orator would like to have said.

Chicago University come out yesterday with a terrible radical idea. They proposed to graduate a student as soon as he knows enough. That shows you that higher education is making progress. It's taken two thousand years to think of such a thing. Heretofore they have made the smart ones stay there four years, just to keep the dumb ones company.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1351 WILL ROGERS HAS PLAN TO END SPECULATION IN WALL STREET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 21. – All I know is just what I read in want ads. I see where they say Wall Street is coming back. Yep, coming back for more. They figure people about had time to save up another little dab. That's one good thing about the rascals though, they always give you warning when they are coming. There ought to be some way figured out just what it takes to support that whole gang (in the manner in which they are accustomed) then charge everybody in the U.S. so much and deduct it from their salary. That would eliminate all speculation, and everybody would know just where they stood.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1352 MR. ROGERS THOUGHT EITHER HARVARD OR YALE WOULD WIN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 23. – About all we get in our Sunday papers is Saturday's auto casualties and the football scores.

That's two things that the panic didn't hurt. No matter how hard times are you can always get hit with an automobile and always find enough to attend a football game.

Football should prosper, naturally. It has given more employment to the young men of this country than any other industry.

Everybody felt that sooner or later Yale or Harvard, one, would win a game, and one of 'em did, but they had to play each other to do it.

And, they played to eighty thousand, which shows it ain't football people want; it's just to tell about it afterwards.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1353 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEA OF WHAT TO DO RIGHT NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 24. – Everybody is saying that the trouble with the country is that people are saving instead of spending. Well, if that's a vice then I am Einstein. Since when did saving become a national calamity?

I know it's terrible for a nonauthority like me to tell you to go contrary to expert advice, but I am telling you if you got a dollar soak it away, put it in a savings bank, bury it, do anything but spend it.

Spending when we didn't have it puts us where we are today. Saving when we have got it will get us back to where we was before we went cuckoo.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1354 MR. ROGERS NOTES THAT CRITICS IN RUSSIA DO NOT COMPLAIN LONG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 25. – Every government in the world today has more discontented people than usual, but I think there is less complaint by the subjects in Russia than anywhere else. That is, they don't complain as long.

Russia hasn't today in her borders what you would call a constant critic. You simply say your say and then you are through. Russia is a country that is burying their troubles. Your criticism is your epitaph.

"Here lies the body of Boris Ogimsky; he said Stalin, the dictator, wouldn't last, but he outlived Himsky."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1355 MR. ROGERS SEES A PRECEDENT IN THE COUNTRY'S CONDITION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 26. – Some of the writers are having a little trouble scraping up a reason for Thanksgiving this year. Some think we ought to skip a year and put on a big one in '31.

The original idea of the day was to give thanks for a "bountiful harvest." Well, the "bountiful harvest" is the very thing that's the matter with us. Too much wheat, too much corn, too much cotton, too much beef, too much production of everything.

So we are going through a unique experience. We are the first nation to starve to death in a storehouse that's overfilled with everything we want.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1356 MR. ROGERS FEELS THAT HIS YEARS OF GUM CHEWING WEREN'T IN VAIN

AVALON, Cal., Nov. 27. – I've chewed many a wad of gum in my time, and I tell you it makes any gum chewer proud to see how wonderful our money has been spent.

This Catalina Island that this fellow Wrigley has stuck together in the Pacific is an American garden spot. Every gum chewer should visit it. You swim, golf, fish and chew.

It's a tribute to America's only original custom and a monument to a pleased mastication.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1357 ROGERS STRESSES TWO EVENTS IN THANKSGIVING DAY NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 28. – The best speech made on Thanksgiving Day was the Prince of Wale's before the Americans in London. He said: "While the world is having trouble finding a reason for thanksgiving, we English have one—we are thankful that Bobby Jones quit competitive golf." I call that pretty good.

The other outstanding event was in Chicago. Al Capone, at his free restaurant, was to give a turkey dinner to 5,000. Some rival gangster held up the trucks and stole 1,000 of the dressed turkeys. That was the lowest trick they have pulled yet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1358 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS A FEATURE BROADCAST BY THE SOVIET

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 30. – We have our Notre Dame and Army game here for our amusement. It's broadcast all over our land.

Well, Russia hasn't got that, but you can tune in over there and get your favorite confession:

"This is Station C-O-U-R-T, broadcasting, by Stalin control. You are about to listen to the eight ex-comrades. These eight well-known boys are leaving us soon, but they are putting on a farewell program under the auspices of the Soviet Republic, to try and impress their fellow-citizens that any time you plan a revolution you better be on the winning side. From time to time we will broadcast similar proceedings. Just as an educational feature. The boys wish you good night, and also good-bye."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1359 MR. ROGERS POINTS WITH PRIDE TO ANOTHER CALIFORNIA SHOWING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 1. – Robbery statistics from all cities were shown today. (They can show the statistics, but no robbers.)

We go to great lengths to keep track of what a robber did, but none to find out where he went. There was more "white spots" shown in this report than any that the government has issued.

We don't want to be accused of bragging as usual, but Los Angeles was second, right behind Detroit. We will catch 'em next month if we can only dig up some money to be robbed of.

Prohibition hasn't caused this wave of robberies. It's business depression. The poor robbers have to rob more people to make their quota than they used to. Give us good times again, and the robber will get what he needs that day out of the first man robbed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1360 WILL PICTURES CHAOS IF RENO DIVORCES ARE BANNED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 2. – See by today's papers that the State of New York don't recognize Reno divorces. What a complicated social upheaval that will cause; have to give up the present wife, and take in the old one again, and the present one will also have to go back where she made her previous stand. The hard part for some of 'em is going to be to remember who they were divorced from last. And it does away with all alimony. There's another economic blow to the country, and Reno; they will turn that town into a sheep ranch if this is so.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1361 WILL ROGERS ON DIVORCE LAWS, THE LIPTON CUP AND ROCKNE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 3. – I just got word from a lot of my friends in Reno and they say they will give you a guarantee with your divorce that you don't have to go back to him any more no matter what New York does in refusing to recognize divorces in other States and countries. Kind of like a guarantee title.

Today at noon in New York they give Sir Thomas Lipton that cup that you all so generously subscribed to. And it is all gold. We got the gold from France to build it out of. Knute Rockne gets the next one for being the best liked winner in the world.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1362 MR. ROGERS REPORTS THE COAST IS A BIT FOOTBALL CONSCIOUS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 4. – The President delivered a message to Congress, but none of the papers on the coast had room for it, on account of it being at the same time the Notre Dame football team was arriving out here.

Talk about business depression! The stadium where they play in Southern California was built just for Iowa picnics, and seats about an eighth of a million.

Talk about getting in! Why, I paid $10 a ticket just for space to hear over the radio.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1363 WILL ROGERS SEES HUMOR IN SOME MATRIMONIAL NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 5. – You can't beat matrimony for unconscious humor. Today's highlights: Some woman married her fifth naval officer. One more naval disarmament conference and she will have to start marrying a few civilians. We will have to change the name of our navy from "Uncle Sam's Navy" to "Mrs. Jones' Husbands." Then get this one: "Mrs. Sarah Bagley, clerk of Yuma County Court: Wire me immediately the name of the woman I married there last. O. R. Weed."

Don't want to brag, but don't you wish you was here in the nice warm sunshine watching Knute's boys act tomorrow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1364 MR. ROGERS ADMITS KNUTREDAME HAS A GREAT FOOTBALL TEAM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 7. – We had an awful good Methodist team out here till this Knutredame showed us Coast defenders how America's biggest collegiate industry really should be carried on.

I have heard all kinds of reasons about why some section played better than others and all those usable alibis, but after seeing Knutre-Dame I just can't see but one conclusion to be drawn.

It just ain't a Protestant pastime. We had some fine young boys, a great band and some splendid weather, but divine guidance sho' fell down on us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1365 MR. ROGERS IS DEEPLY TOUCHED BY ORGANIZED WRETCHEDNESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 8. – We all have what we refer to as the saddest sight we ever saw. Well, mine is this—a cheering section, all organized to cheer, and then nothing comes to cheer over.

It ain't so bad for an individual to have your favorite lose and not be able to holler. You feel bad, but you kinder can keep your grief to yourself. But when you are sent somewhere en masse for nothing else only to holler, and then you can't, why this is what you would call organized grief.

Your wretchedness is so promiscuous. You are even dressed and seated just to draw attention to your wretchedness. Brothers, it must be—.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1366 MR. ROGERS CONSIDERS STALIN GUILTY OF A TERRIBLE TRICK

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 9. – Been an awful lot in the papers lately about Russia. Funny thing about human nature. When we ain't feeling so good ourselves, we always want to read about somebody that is worse off than we are.

That was a terrible trick that fellow Stalin played on those eight convicted men. They had confessed, thinking they would be hung and put out of their misery. Now he tells 'em they got to live, but in Russia.

Not changing the subject, but somebody was just telling us that Congress was in session. We certainly hope that rumor is unfounded.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1367 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEWS ON THE LINDSEY-MANNING ISSUE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 10. – Judge Lindsey is for free love and Bishop Manning is holding out for the usual clergyman's fee for the marriage ceremony.

It looks like church laws, or civil laws, or even universal customs don't mean anything to anybody any more. Everybody is doing just as they like, regardless of everything.

They say all children reach a "smart aleck" age some time. Well our whole country is in that stage now. Every man, every denomination and every organization wants things their way.

It's just one of those things we got to pass through, and we will look back and feel ashamed of ourselves afterwards.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1368 MR. ROGERS PREDICTS A DEMAND BY TOPERS FOR CLOTHESPINS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 11. – See by the papers this morning that the government is not going to purposely bump you off with poisoned denatured alcohol. They are going to let you live but make you suffer.

They claim this new ingredient they put in makes the smell something like a cross between garlic and bad eggs.

It's going to take more than bad odor to stop this new bunch of drinkers we got. They will just slide a clothespin down over their nose and go right after it.

All you will have to do is dilute it with "jockey club" cologne.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1369 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS FILM SHOW AMERICA LOSING WAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 12. – Germany has banned that splendid film, "All Quiet on the Western Front"" on account of it showing Germany losing the war. They are going to take it back and make it with a different finish. Well, they can show us losing it and they won't be far wrong, and I am sure there will be no kick.

Another disarmament conference disbanded in Geneva without doing anything but geting more suspicious of each other. If any two nations don't hate each other, why just let 'em confer on something. And they will before it's over. Stop conferring and you will stop fighting.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1370 MR. ROGERS INDICATES THAT HE BELIEVES THE SENATE IS GUILTY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 14. – When somebody calls you "names" and there is no truth in it, and you know that everybody knows there is no truth in it, why you naturally don't pay any attention to it. You just laugh it off.

But, if what they call you is hitting at the truth and kinder getting you in your weak spot why you start hollering and denouncing at once.

Well, last week Mr. Hoover said, "The boys in the Senate are playing politics at human expense."

Did the boys laugh it off? Not quite.

So, figure out the answer yourself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1371 WILL ROGERS AND HOLLYWOOD AWAIT PROFESSOR EINSTEIN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 15. – Einstein left New York flat and is headed for Hollywood.

If he's got a theory that nobody knows what it is, or what it's all about, why there is a half dozen companies here that will buy it and produce it along with these enigmas of our own that we put out.

His theory is that "there is no space." Wait till he sees the vacant room on some of these miniature golf courses.

Well, we will be waiting for him here. Hollywood can meet him on equal terms. We don't know what his "racket" is, and vice versa.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1372 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A SUGGESTION FOR A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS GIFT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 16. – There must be an awful lot of factories and firms and individuals that have always shown some kind of appreciation to their folks on Xmas who perhaps this year, on account of conditions, are not able to do all they would like to and are at a loss just what to do.

Wouldn't this be more welcome than a gift? Send each one a note and tell 'em they are not going to be fired, that their position is secure.

I believe that will be a mighty acceptable Xmas present to everybody that is on salary. It will beat any present you can send, relieve their anxiety and let them go out and do some shopping on their own, and thereby help everybody.

We are bad off, but the world ain't coming to an end yet.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1373 WILL ROGERS BELIEVES PEOPLE WILL PAY NOT TO SEE FOOTBALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 17. – One of the best things I heard of, and it might be copied everywhere, was done by Uncle Josephus Daniels and his Raleigh News and Observer.

North Carolina and Duke University had played a tie game and there was a big demand for them to play a benefit game, but the Southern Conference rules forbid. (That's one thing about a conference; they want to keep the dough in the Conference.)

Anthony McKevlin of the above paper got the idea of having a mythical game, selling tickets, all charity and no football.

Well, it went great. You would be surprised how many people will pay not to see football.

So why not sell charity tickets all over for a synthetic Notre Dame-Alabama game.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1374 WILL ROGERS SUSPECTS HOOVER IS LAUGHING UP, HIS SLEEVE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 18. – Well, the World Court blowed up till next December, anyhow.

Papers are calling it a defeat for Mr. Hoover. Say, I bet you he is tickled to death. It's one of those things he was under obligations to propose, and to get it off his hands this easy, why, he is just laughing up his sleeve for the first time in months.

If there is one thing that it would be laughable for this country to try and show the rest of the world how to do, it would be to run a court. Of all the cock-

eyed things we got in this country at the present time, it's some of our judges, and courts, and justices.

We got more bandits out on bond than we got people for 'em to rob.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1375 ROGERS OFFERS SOME REMARKS ON HOOVER AND THE SENATE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 19. – The Senate has been in session almost a month and just today passed the very bills that President Hoover suggested in the first hour that it met. They could have passed 'em the second hour, but no, that wouldn't give 'em a chance to denounce.

A foreigner coming here and reading the Congressional Record would say that the President of the United States was elected solely for the purpose of giving a Senator somebody to call horse thief, and the dumb part about it is they have played right into the President's hands, for there is nothing the people believe in any more than someone the Senate is denouncing.

Six months like that and Hoover would be re-elected by acclamation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1376 MR. ROGERS CITES NEW PROOF THAT WE'RE A TOUGH NATION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 21. – One of the best indications that America is a mighty tough nation physically is the fact that they can live on nothing for over a year till their government finally votes funds to give 'em employment.

These folks were out of a job all of last year, and Congress was in session all that time, but it looked like they kept waiting along to see if the people would live through it and they did and fooled the government.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1377 MR. ROGERS NOTES A BREACH OF THE SENATE'S ETIQUETTE

BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 22. – A right brand new Senator from North Carolina named Cam Morrison jumped up before he had even been in the place

long enough to talk over prices and deliveries for his Christmas stuff with the other Senators.

They have an unwritten law there that a new member is not allowed to say anything when he first gets in, and another written law that whatever he says afterwards is not to amount to anything.

Another Senator was denouncing a great friend of Morrison's, from his own State, and Morrison defended him.

He didn't know that denouncing was a Senator's sole life's work, he took it serious.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1378 MR. ROGERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REASSURING CHRISTMAS CARD

BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 23. – Wrote a little gag the other day, saying if you had somebody working for you and you wasn't going to fire,em, why write 'em a Christmas card telling 'em so.

Well, I got an awful lot of nice comments on it, and if you haven't done it, why do so right today. There must be millions working that are going to be kept on, but the bosses just haven't gone to the trouble of telling'em so.

You can't blame a man for not buying anything if he don't feel that his job is fairly secure.

I know what I am talking about and this is a hint to the ones I am working for.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1379 MR. ROGERS HAS A SPECIAL WISH FOR TODAY, AND EXPRESSES IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 24. – Well, tomorrow is "wish" day. Everybody is "wishing" somebody something, and I guess it's just as well everybody don't know what they are being "wished."

But, generally speaking, we do have good cheer in our hearts on Christmas. 'Course, we can't hardly wait till the day is over and to get back to our devilment again.

I got a wish that I believe will have hearty cooperation. It's to leaders of industry, prominent men, and even dear old Charley Schwab. Please, on New Year's, don't predict prosperity (either early or, late.) Don't predict anything. just say, "I pass." You have had one solid year of being 100 per cent wrong, and we just kinder lost our tastes for your predictions.

Good times are coming soon. We feel it, but if you guys say it, it's liable to crab it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1380 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 25. – In reading my Christmas good wishes and the morning Los Angeles paper found a long editorial seriously comparing our Christmas Day here to the one held in Bethlehem, Judea. In fact it kinder give us the best of it in the way of weather and natural resources over Christ's birthplace, and it rather insinuated that in case our Savior is to be born again, the Chamber of Commerce should get busy now and book the event amid ideal surroundings. Bethlelem may have had us beat on milk and honey, but I bet we use more cold cream here than they did, and we got some awful cheap orange marmalade. Then we can stage Moses' birth, too. We are short of bull-rushes but we sho' got the bull, so buy your reduced-rate tickets for the modern Bethlehem.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1381 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO HUBBARD AND HIS HUMOR

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 26. – Kin Hubbard is dead. To us folks that attempt to write a little humor his death is just like Edison's would be to the world of invention. No man in our generation was within a mile of him, and I am so glad that I didn't wait for him to go to send flowers. I Have said it from the stage and in print for twenty years.

My dressing room when I play Indianapolis won't be the same without Kin sitting in there. I loved his work and I loved him.

Just think—just two lines a day, yet he expressed more original philosophy in 'em than all the rest of the paper combined. What a kick Twain and all that old gang will get act of Kin.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1382 MR. ROGERS NOTES A DIFFERENCE IN SPLITS IN THE MAJOR PARTIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 28. – See a lot in the papers about the split in the Republican party over Norris.

The Republican and the Democratic parties both split. The Republicans have their splits right after elections, and Democrats have theirs just before an election.

Got a lot of wires from big and little firms saying they took the suggestion and told their people they were not to be fired and they all wrote how pleased their help was.

Now New Year's is just as good a time to do so as Christmas was, so if you haven't told 'em do so, and everything will pick up and they will even work better.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1383 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A FINAL BIT OF ADVICE AS THE YEAR EBBS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 29. – You just got two more days now, patriots, to sell your stock and charge it off on your income tax and then buy it back Friday. Too bad the old farmer or salaried man hasn't got any out like that.

We ought to have a Stock Exchange for land and houses and lots, so we could run 'em up and down (for no reason at all), like you can wheat and corn and everything else, get up in the morning, look at the paper, see what your vacant lot is worth, sell it and charge it off, then buy it back.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1384 MR. ROGERS VIEWS OUR STATUS AND CITES THE REASONS THEREFOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 30. – Well, the old year is leaving us flat, plenty flat. But in reality it's been our most beneficial year. It's took some of the conceit out of us.

We had enjoyed special blessings over other nations, and we couldn't see why they shouldn't be permanent. We was a mighty cocky nation, we originated mass production, and mass produced everybody out of a job with our boasted labor-saving machinery. It saved labor, the very thing we are now ap-

propriating money to get a job for. They forgot that machinery don't eat, rent houses, or buy clothes. We had begun to believe that the height of civilization was a good road, bath tub, radio and automobile.

I don't think Hoover, the Republicans, or even Russia, is responsible for this. I think the Lord just looked us over, and decided to set us back where we belonged.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1385 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT DISTURBED BY NEW LIGHT ON OUR HISTORY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 31. – Was going to write my New Year resolutions today, but right in the midst of Einstein landing here among us mathematicians, why, along comes a guy from Harvard, and jerks the horse out from under Paul Revere. He claims the British tackled Paul behind his own scrimmage line before he could even get off a punt toward Concord.

Now to keep even with Harvard some bird from Yale will yank the cherry tree out from under Washington's hatchet, take the axe away from Lincoln, confiscate Grant's quart bottle of rye, and find where Pocahontas was Jewish.

It's just as well some of us didn't go to school.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS – 1931

1386 MR. ROGERS IS QUITE PLEASED BY THE RESPONSE TO HIS WISH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 1. – I believe my Christmas wish of not having our big men "predict" on New Year's did some good anyhow. Got a lovely wire from Charles Schwab, and we are gratified to find his "prediction" missing this morning.

Of course, some of 'em you can't stop. A. P. Sloan will be "predicting" as long as his liniment lasts. Tom Lamont predicted for J. P. Morgan (not a difficult guy to predict for). Morrow wisely said nothing.

If we could have eaten and digested "optimistic predictions" during 1930 we would have been the fattest nation on earth.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1387 ROGERS TELLS OF FOOTBALL, FALSE ROSES AND EINSTEIN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 2. – The Alabama Bo-Weevils destroyed the Washington Apple Knockers at Pasadena yesterday. Washington had all red suits, shoes, pants, helmets and all. They looked like eleven bottles of strawberry pop.

The score sounded like the Democratic convention at Madison Square Garden in '24. "Alabama votes 24 for Underwood." Yesterday Alabama makes 24 for Coach Wallace Wade.

Here is the best one that happened at the Rose Festival yesterday: A policeman arrested some little boys for plucking roses from the yard at the house Einstein, the great scientist, is stopping at. The kids then showed the policeman that the roses were not growing; they were tied on all sorts of bushes with strings. That's one of California's theories that Einstein don't understand.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1388 MR. ROGERS, IT SEEMS, ERRED ON THAT LAMONT 'PREDICTION'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 4. – The other day I said that Tom Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. had issued one of those "cock-eyed predictions." Just got a wire from him collect (showing that even the rich read) saying that it wasn't him that "predicted"; it was two other Lamonts. He said that he wouldn't predict good times even for Morgan; that the way it looked Rockefeller and Ford would be on the "dole before July 4th."

Talk about Notre Dame and Alabama, but the greatest football player of all time passed away yesterday—"Papa" Joffre. He stopped his opponents on the one-yard line and threw 'em for a forty-year loss.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1389 MR. ROGERS FINDS FOOTBALL EVEN MORE PERILOUS IN PERU

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5. – After a football game in Lima, Peru, five were killed. They ony kill ten in a revolution down there, so two games equals one revolution.

Up here we don't kill our football players. We make coaches out of the smartest ones and send the others to the Legislature.

See where Mr. Hoover's private secretary, George Akerson, is coming in the movies with us. I bet Mr. Hoover told him, "Go on in, George, and if you see a chance for another good man I will come in with you."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1390 MR. ROGERS BELIEVES AMERICA HAS BEEN AWAKENED AT LAST

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 6. – We got a powerful government, brainy men, great organizations, many commissions, but it took a little band of five hundred simple country people (who had no idea they were doing anything historical) to come to a country town store and demand food for their wives and children, they hit the hearts of the American people, more than all your Senatorial pleas, and government investigations.

Paul Revere just woke up Concord. These birds woke up America.

I don't want to discourage Mr. Mellon and his carefully balanced budget, but you let this country get hungry and they are going to eat, no matter what happens to budgets, income taxes or Wall Street values.

Washington musn't forget who rules when it comes to a showdown.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1391 WILL ROGERS SAYS HUNGER NEEDS NO ENCOURAGEMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 7. – The Senate passed a bill appropriating 15 million for food but the House of Representatives (up to today) has not approved it. They said no.

They seem to think that's a bad precedent to appropriate money for food—it's too much like the "dole." They think it would encourage hunger.

The way things look, hunger doesn't need much encouragement. It's just coming around naturally.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1392 MR. ROGERS IS ENCOURAGED BY SOME OF THE DAY'S NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 8. – Don't get a farmer who is hollering for food mixed up with a Red who is hollering for devilment.

This morning's paper had some pretty bright news in it. It wasn't anybody's "prediction." It was that over 100 thousand men had just been put to work. That's not five million, but it's a start.

An awful lot of new Governors going to be sworn in this week and next. Now, if we can just keep 'em from wanting to go to the Senate, they are liable to make good men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1393 WILL ROGERS SEES NO DOUBT AS TO WHAT THE POPE MEANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 9. – I don't care what your religion is, what your belief is, what your opinion on various humanitarian questions; individuals, and political parties especially, can learn much from the Pope of the great Catholic Church. When you read what he says you don't have to start wondering, or ask your neighbor what he meant, he says what he meant.

One thing about this peanut vendor song, it's popular, but you don't know how it goes till you hear it. Nobody can whistle it, that's what makes it the greatest bit of music during our time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1394 MR. ROGERS TURNS DRAMATIST, WITH A CAST FROM THE SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 11. – This is a one-act play. Place, U. S. Senate flask room.

Senator Lookaheadtothenextelection: "Boys I got another idea to put the Big Boss Herbie on the spot."

Other Statesmen: "Great! What is it?"

Senator Lookaheadtothenextelection: "You remember those three men we O.K.'d for his Power Commission the other day?"

"Yes."

"Well, let's make him take it back."

One Amateur Statesman: "But can we do that? We would be going back on our own word, wouldn't we?'

Entire Chorus: "Ha! Ha! Ha! Say, with 1932 coming on us we can do anything, can't we? Come on, let's have one more and we will go in and vote it."

Continued tomorrow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1395 MR. ROGERS ARRIVES IN TEXAS TO HELP THE DEMOCRATS

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 12. – Seemed good to get away from in front of a movie camera and get back on an airplane again. Left Beverly this morning and landed here in Fort Worth tonight, on regular passenger run.

Was met here by Amon Carter. You can try to sneak into this city on a bicycle, but Amon Carter will meet you at the city limits and welcome you. No other city in America has anything approaching such a public citizen as Carter. He met me by special plane 200 miles out to prevent me going into Dallas first. He poisoned one friend just to keep him out of Dallas.

I am down here to help Congressman Garner divide up Texas into twelve Democratic Senators.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1396 MR. ROGERS REACHES OKLAHOMA AND FINDS SOMETHING NEW

CLAREMORE, Okla., Jan. 13. – Well, I flew into Oklahoma today, just one day after our new Governor was christened. He has been in twenty-four hours now with no talk of impeachment, so it looks like we got a novelty in there at last.

He is going to help out Oklahoma's unemployment problem by not releasing any more prisoners. If we had everybody back in jail that was in, and that ought to be in, why we would have to borrow outside hands.

He says: "We are paying too much for our government. It ain't worth it."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1397 MR. ROGERS FLITS INTO WINTER IN HOLLYWOOD HABILIMENTS

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 14. – Boy, maybe you think it ain't cold back East. Me and my little Hollywood hen-skin suit. The cut is perfect but it just lacks depth. Scenically it's a dream, but surgically it's uninhabitable.

Flying all day over Oklahoma and the poor red clay hills of Missouri and then Indiana, looking down on those dejected, desolate, anemic-looking rented farm houses. Nowhere to work and no crops for six months.

Yet you don't wonder how they eat. You wonder how they keep warm.

If the government thinks it's unsound to feed 'em, maybe they could compromise with their conscience by giving 'em some coal.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1398 MR. ROGERS AT HEADQUARTERS TO SEE ABOUT SOME RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15. – I am here for relief. You got to come and get it personally. You can't do it through your Senator or Congressman. They are worse off than we are. Times are so hard, they are allowing constituents in their private lunch rooms to buy their Representatives meals.

Congress hasn't done anything in so long that even the lobbyists that work on commissions are starving and hollering for personal aid. Congress yesterday turned down the 15 million food bill, and passed 15 million "to improve entrances to national parks." You can get a road anywhere you want to out of the government, but you can't get a sandwich.

Well, in two years there won't be a poor farm that won't have a concrete road leading up to it.

I am staying all night with 'em tonight, but I am sleeping in my overcoat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1399 ROGERS FINDS HOOVER FAVORS RED CROSS TO HANDLE RELIEF

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16. – Had a long talk with the President this morning. He sincerely feels (with almost emotion) that it would set a bad precedent for the government to appropriate money for the Red Cross. He feels that once the government relieves the people, they will always expect it, and you have broken down the real spirit of American generosity and spoiled all that our great American Red Cross has worked years to achieve.

Talked to Mr. Barton Payne, and all the head directors of the organization who were in conference at that time, and they felt the same way.

Now, tomorrow in the Senate they will pass Senator Robinson's $25,000,000 humanitarian appropriation bill. In the House there will be a fight over it.

Now, if we really want to see somebody helped, we better go ahead and raise our various quotas on what they asked for. Even if this other passes it will be too late to save the fellow who is hungry now. No matter what the politicians do, whether its called a "dole" or a "gift," you can't live on these speeches they are going to make about it. Oratory is an organic exercise, but a digestive failure.

Personally, I think we can use both funds (the ten and the twenty-five) and not give our needy the gout.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1400 WILL ROGERS SAYS RED CROSS WILL NEED ALL OF TEN MILLION

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 18. – Don't weaken on your Red Cross Drive. Washington is still arguing, and both sides are set.

Now, here is what is liable to happen. The Red Cross will be asked to go right on with their ten million to raise, then the government will match that with ten. That would give the Republicans an out and not be called a direct dole that they object to.

But their fight has nothing to do with the rest of the country. We want to keep our conscience clear and raise what we have been asked to. For it's a cinch it's got to be done and they will need all of it.

Mr. Lucey, Mr. Hoover's investigator, right from there, told me last night that the need was tremendous, especially in Arkansas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1401 MR. ROGERS NOTES AN ADDITION TO THE RANKS OF THE JOBLESS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 19. – Well, you saw what happened today in Washington. Right on top of all our hard luck, Wickersham turned in his report yesterday and that knocked 234 stenographers, who have been compiling it for three years, out of a job.

And, if Congress reads it through, that means an extra session.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1402 MR. ROGERS ADMITS HE IS 'RILED' BY THE PROHIBITION REPORT

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 20. – I try to write my little jokes without getting riled up over anything, but tonight I am on the warpath.

For the first time in our lifetime our country is in need. Our most respected men are pleading for aid through our great organizations. Congress is at last awakened. Our President's mind is naturally taken up with important problems of immediate aid for his people. Seven million people's minds are on their next cup of coffee.

And what happens? The prohibition report is turned in!

The only possible thing you could think of that we don't need right now, outside the Einstein theory, is the prohibition theory.

Prohibition! Our grandchildren will be arguing over that, and here we are taking it serious at a time like this.

If we could butter that report and put it between two loaves of bread, it would be welcome now. What an aid to Arkansas that report will be in this crisis!

Poor Hoover! When somebody does do something for him, they do it at the wrong time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1403 MR. ROGERS ATTENDS MATINEE OF 'OPERA COMIQUE' IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21. – Frank Hawks and Casey Jones and I flew in here this afternoon from New York.

Went up to the "opera comique" and heard the cast argue in both houses. Senator Thomas, from our great old State of Oklahoma, was trying to get a lit-

tle appropriation for the Indians. Vice President Curtis and I were the only two that applauded. It's tough to get help for even the little white brothers, much less us injuns.

The lower house was arguing over the soldiers' bonus—whether to give them some aid now or get 'em another war.

Had lunch with Al Smith in New York yesterday at the Democratic Club. The Republicans' club is on the same street, half block away, and a speakeasy opened between the two. Talk about a location.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1404 MR. ROGERS REACHES ARKANSAS AND PREPARES TO LOOK AROUND

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 22. – This guy Hawks is so used to going so fast in his single-seated racing plane that when he kinder slowed up to 150 miles an hour, in Secretary Ingall's best two-seated plane in America, why he started to get out and walk.

I come by here on my way to Texas, because I wanted to see just how things are out in the plantation country. Going out among it tomorrow. The relief men here say that the need is great.

The city of Little Rock is fine. It's not cities; it's poor share croppers on cotton that's hurt worst.

But, here is the great thing about this State where they have been hit hardest. They are going to make their Red Cross quota, and help to help themselves. If they can do it, no other State or city can possibly have an alibi.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1405 WILL ROGERS REPORTS ON VISIT TO ARKANSAS DROUGHT AREA

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Jan. 23. – Just come from England, Ark., the town you read about, where the people wanted food. It seemed mighty peaceful and happy now. Went to the school there, where the children were being fed at lunch time all they wanted of fine vegetable soup, cooked in a big vat, that had been a whiskey still and presented to the cause by a patriotic moonshiner.

This is the very heart of the most needy section in America.And yet its the most fertile land you ever saw. But the country people absolutely have nothing.

The Red Cross as usual are doing great work. In just these two counties I visited today they are feeding 8,000 families, with an average of six to the family. You don't know what hard times are till you go into some of these houses. The weather is with 'em now, but if it turns cold there will be a lot of suffering.

This is not a plea, it's just a report, but it's the worst need I ever saw.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1406 AS MR. ROGERS SEES THE LINE-UP AFTER THE WICKERSHAM REPORT

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 25. – The Wickersham report has divided parties and individuals into the following classifications:

The "Retainists," the ones that want to retain the amendment and the liquor that goes with it.

The "Abolitionists," the ones that want the amendment abolished and retain the liquor.

The "Appropriationists," who want some money appropriated whether it's abolished or retained.

Then there is the "State Righters." They want their State to handle the revenue that comes from liquor under the present plan or under any proposed plan.

Then the big minority belong to the "Willing to be convinced as soon as they see how the people will vote" plan.

They kind of got Mr. Hoover hanging on the fringe of that group

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1407 MR. ROGERS FEELS OUTCLASSED IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 26. – Well, here we are in old San Antone, one of the last surviving unique cities of our country, where history has been made and tradition and beauty preserved.

Just flew in from Austin, the capital. Saw all my old friends, Jim Ferguson, Dan Moody, Pat Neff and the new Governor who is mighty fat and mighty able. Spoke before the Legislature, but a comedian getting up before one of those bodies of men is just lost.

It would be like Rudy Vallee trying to sing before an audience composed of all grand opera singers. He would just be outclassed, and that's the way I was.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Latest bulletin today says Hoover is "wetter." It's getting to be like a stock market report.

1408 MR. ROGERS MAKES A REPORT ON CONDITIONS IN WEST TEXAS

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Jan. 27. – Nothing doing on the flying today. If you think this Texas ain't some size you just try to drive from one part of it to another in a car.

Here in San Angelo, the real heart of the cow business, but it's so poor that these old cattlemen are eating their own beef, and the bread lines in these towns are composed of independent oil men. They are worse off than the cotton farmer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1409 WILL ROGERS REGRETS CLASH OVER DROUGHT RELIEF FUND

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 28. – Well, I see where they are still arguing over "who is going to relieve who, and which is the way to relieve anybody." But, I want to tell you that from my experience down here, when you really show folks that there is need, why they sure will respond.

It's too bad the conflicts as to the way of relief come up. I got a lot of sympathy with both sides, for I can see where they both think they are right.

But, I certainly can't see why the ones that are able are waiting to see what the government is doing before doing anything themselves.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1410 MR. ROGERS FLITS ALL ABOUT, BUT KEEPS UP WITH THE NEWS

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 29. – Well, here we are in Houston back at the Rice Hotel. The last time I was here was at the Democratic Convention. The bell

boys tell me they will find old empties around from then.

I have always said this was the coming town of the whole South. This is the town that dug an ocean.

That's too bad about Smedley Butler. Don't really believe he meant it that way. Good thing for our public speakers that Russia hasn't got an Ambassador here, or he would have half of America reprimanded.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1411 ROGERS TELLS OF FUNDS RAISED AT BENEFITS FOR THE NEEDY

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 30. – These people in the drought stricken country ain't waiting for the government to relieve 'em. Their well to do are helping their less fortunate themselves. At a matinee today in Wichita Falls, we played to $9,100. At Fort Worth tonight, the cowman's paradise, we played to $18,000, at my breakfast matinee yesterday morning at Abilene at 10 o'clock, got $6,500, and every cent of that is net.

People in America have got the money and will give if they know the need is there, and these people know it is.

Say, we got a real show, Frank Hawks is our monologist. National Broadcasting loaned me the "Revellers," the greatest singing quartet in America; Jimmy Rodgers, the Victor artist yodler, and Chester Byers, world's champion roper.

But quit wiring for dates, we are all filled.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1412 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ON DOINGS AT WASHINGTON

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 1. – The Senate argued Saturday on prohibition, so there must have been some pretty important business before them. They never argue over it only in the busiest times.

Soldiers are trying to get a part cash payment on their government compensation, but Mr. Mellon says that would upset the bond market and cause government interest rates to raise.

You owe the government something and see if they worry how much interest you have got to pay them.

Mr. Mellon is going to have that budget balanced if he has to join Al Capone's gang to do it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1413 MR. ROGERS FINDS OKLAHOMA LOOKS PRETTY GOOD AFTER ALL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Feb. 2. – Back to the old home state, and despite all the evils that have hit the whole world she looks pretty good. The worst thing that can happen to you in Oklahoma City is to hit an oil well for you can't sell the oil.

Appeared before the Oklahoma Legislature today in joint session and injected a little seriousness into what for one month has been a comedy de luxe. Had a couple of hours of food and conversation with Alfalfa Bill Murray, America's most colorful Governor.

They will never impeach this baby; he's too slick for 'em. He's got lots of common sense, and if the people want a good government he will give it to'em. Sometimes I doubt if they do.

But watch old Alfalfa. He will grow right in that Capitol.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1414 MR. ROGERS IS SLIGHTLY DAZZLED BY COURT DRESS OF ADMIRALS

ARDMORE, Okla., Feb. 3. – From all the pictures in the papers of these Admirals that are to be at the Smedley Butler trial in full dress, why it's not a legal procedure, it's a social triumph.

When you see an Admiral going along the street with those wide, gold-braided, tasseled springboards on his shoulder, why you don't know if he is going to a wedding or a hanging.

Poor old Smedley! He just seems to have a mania for getting in bad in peace times. But, you let a war start and there won't ever seem to be any kick about what he does.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1415 MR. ROGERS FINDS BIG HEARTS IN DROUGHT-STRICKEN STATES

DURANT, Okla., Feb. 4. – I see by tonight's paper where Mr. Hoover dispatched a flyer to Arkansaw and the stricken area to see how bad things were. He could have sent a blind man and found out.

The Red Cross is feeding seventy counties in this state. Every town is feeding people, yet the ones that have it sure do help. We played morning, afternoon and night in three small towns, all under six thousand popuation, and the three paid over ten thousand dollars in admissions.

They did that because they know it's needed. If the rest of the country could just get woke up like that and quit waiting on the government!

Look at the farmers; they been promised relief since Lincoln's first administration.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1416 MR. ROGERS FINDS TEXAS GOATS ARE GETTING PLENTY TO EAT

PONCA CITY, Okla., Feb. 5. – Five thousand feet in the air, and Hawks is starting a dive for the field to land at Ponca City.

Played this morning at the best agricultural school in America, Oklahoma A. and M. Their cattle win all the shows, and their boys win all the judging contests. It's not a raccoon coat college.

Say, what's the news? I don't get to read; we are moving too fast.

Have the Admirals got dressed for Butler's trial yet?

How does Mr. Hoover stand on prohibition this week?

I was down in West Texas last week and they are feeding goats the Wickersham report.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1417 WILL ROGERS SAYS ENGLISH SHOW US SOME REAL SPEED

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Feb. 6. – The Englishmen come over again and showed us what speed really is. It wouldn't be so bad if they would break the records in their country, but to come here and do it right under our very noses, and we are supposed to be so fast at everything. That is just like us going to Ox-

ford and speaking better English than they do.

Some American tried to assassinate Mussolini. We are in bad enough at home without some nut trying to get us in worse abroad. They are not going to get that Mussolini; he's too foxy to even get assassinated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1418 WILL ROGERS FINDS THAT MEN, NOT THE LOCATION, MAKE A TOWN

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 8. – Preached in Claremore this Sunday morning and the deacons brought in a collection of $3,000. Chelsea in the afternoon, and Tulsa will break all records tonight. Men make a town, not location or surrounding territory. That's why Tulsa has had such a record.

From what I hear from all over the country the towns are waking up to their Red Cross responsibilities. Committees have been lax in getting their drives started, the same as the whole country has been late in realizing the need of it.

Nineteen thirty was a year of "under and over estimation." Nothing was guessed right all year. Optimism was overrated and pessimism was underrated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1419 MR. ROGERS REPORTS PROGRESS IN HIS DRIVE FOR THE HUNGRY

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 9. – Say, that Tulsa is a bear! We played there last night to exactly $30,000 at one single performance, making $100,000 the State of Oklahoma paid in the one week.

It wasn't the attraction, it was the cause. These people down in these States know that there is folks that are hungry and they are going to feed 'em as long as they are able.

And, say, they got a great gag down here. They don't just open up a soup kitchen and feed a lot of professional bums. They make 'em work, and then give 'em the money to buy some food.

Played my wife's town, Rogers, Ark., today and Fort Smith tonight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1420 MR. ROGERS FINDS ONE FELLOW IS STICKING BY THE DESTITUTE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 10. – Well, here I am back in Little Rock, just three weeks later than when I visited this section, and still there is a division of opinion in Washington as to how these folks should be fed.

I don't think we have anybody in Washington that don't want to feed 'em, but they all want to feed 'em their way.

I tell you one fellow that is certainly with 'em, and that is the weather. It has certainly been the warmest Winter in years. If the weather man ever deserts 'em with what little clothes and bed coverings they have, why they will suffer.

That was a mighty fine thing Mr. Hoover did today about his salary donation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1421 MR. ROGERS FINDS FORT SMITH ALSO HAS A CIRCUS TO FEED

FOREST CITY, Ark., Feb. 11. – Along with all the other things wanted down in this country, I found in Fort Smith, Ark., a rather unique case.

A little circus is stranded there. It's got an elephant and a lot of animals. The town is feeding the circus people, but this elephant and these lions and tigers and all are about to eat the whole town out of funds. This elephant alone has eaten up their budget. They wanted to sell 'em so they put 'em up and nobody would buy 'em.

Now, come on you folks and send some money to Fort Smith, Ark. Lots of folks can't seem to get excited over humans hungry; maybe they can over wild animals.

This elephant hasn't seen a peanut since last Summer. There is no fund, but we will create one. Send it to the Mayor and we will call it the "Stranded Circus Fund."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1422 MR. ROGERS GETS A CALL TO GET BACK ON THE JOB – OR REMAIN IDLE

TEXARKANA, Texas, Feb. 12. – My friend Mr. Parks, an editor of Ft. Smith, says "somebody must have been kidding Will about that circus stranded here."

Nobody was kidding Will. I talked with the women on the committee that had to dig up the feed. I bet the editor never even knew they were there.

Besides, if people do send checks and things to eat for 'em, and they don't need 'em why send 'em back. Give 'em to the Red Cross there. There is nothing that a lion eats that a human don't And we got people hungry enough that I would even hate to trust 'em with an elephant's hay.

Well, I have to fly to California tomorrow. I got a wire from the Fox people that I work for, and they told me I better rush home to work on a picture or I would join the unemployed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1423 WILL ROGERS AND CAPT. HAWKS BATTLE RAIN, FOG AND SNOW

EAST VAUGHN, N. M., Feb. 13. – We left Texarkana at daylight in a hard rain and low fog. We made Fort Worth. Then the same conditions prevailed clear across Texas but here we hit a real snowstorm and Captain Hawks couldn't see. So we landed on an emergency government landing field. A committee immediately waited on me to speak here on behalf of the snow relief fund.

Friday the 13th may not be exactly unlucky, but it hasn't done us a whole lot of good. Secretary Ingalls is with the fleet in Panama and wanted his ship on the West Coast.

Wait a minute, here is Hawks. He says it's cleared a little and we can make Albuquerque.

So long.

Will Rogers.

1424 MR. ROGERS IS SAFE AT HOME AFTER SOME ROUGH GOING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 15. – Well, here we are back home, and what a trip we had out here in all this rain and fog! One time during the trip from Albuquerque we gained an altitude of seventy-five feet above the ground.

The rain over the west sure will do a lot of good. Last night during a forced stay at Albuquerque they gave us a dinner, and Frank and I, just to keep our hands in and not forget our little jokes, passed the hat for a thousand dollars to pay their Red Cross quota.

See where the Republican party has cut down on the United States Navy and airplanes to balance their budget. They better give up a postoffice building and a concrete road.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1425 MR. ROGERS SAYS GOVERNMENT HASN'T LESSENED RED CROSS JOB

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 16. – Now here is something you mustn't get wrong. The government Saturday passed a bill to appropriate 20 millions as a loan to farmers in the drought area, but it was to be loaned on security.

Now the man and his family that are hungry down there have no security. If he had any security he wouldn't be hungry. He would have already put it up.

So, this loan has not relieved the people that the Red Cross has been feeding at all. They have got to go on being fed by the Red Cross.

So, you towns that have been so slow in raising your quota, because you have been waiting on the government to see what they would do, now you see. So get busy and raise it.

They have got to be fed till a new crop is raised, and when they raise it, the last one is still in this country. It hasn't been sold yet.

No town can possibly have an excuse now for not doing their part.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1426 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEWS ON THE BONUS CONTROVERSY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 17. – Those of the soldiers that need it should get at least 50 per cent of what the government owes 'em, but let the ones that are not soldiers quit hollering for it on the grounds that it would make the country prosperous.

We used 'em in the war when we needed 'em; now we are using what they saved out of the war to help out the rest of us.

Everybody nowadays is suggesting ways of getting prosperous on somebody else's money.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1427 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A GREAT SCREEN ACTOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 18. – Say, we lost a fine fellow out here today – Louis Wolheim, the great actor. He was so ugly and tough you loved him on the screen, and when you knew him he was actually beautiful and you loved him for his character.

The Senate votes on the bonus bill tomorrow. Mellon is supposed to be such a good treasurer that the Senate is saying, "If you are such a good treasurer you ought to have a billion and a half. Anybody can be a good treasurer, if we don't draw anything out. A good treasurer is a man that has it when we want it."

Spain is a monarchy tonight—yes, tonight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1428 MR. ROGERS URGES EXTENSION OF RED CROSS RELIEF WORK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 19. – You talk about this country being hard up, every place thinks it's worse off than the other.

The Red Cross, as usual, is doing heroic work, but it's the people that they can't reach, people that they never heard of, people that are so far back in the woods that the rest of the world has almost forgotten 'em, that are the ones that I pity in all this depression.

I am speaking of the Senate and Congress of these United States, I want to see a Red Cross relief formed that will go so far back into the underbrush of the hinterland that it will reach this little known but patriotic group. Then can the Red Cross say, "We have performed our duty."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1429 WILL EXPLAINS WHAT HE WAS DRIVING AT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 20. – Well, yesterday I had what I thought was a kinder funny "gag." I said the people the Red Cross should reach was the ones away back in the woods that no one ever heard of, the Senate and Congress of the United States. Well, I pick up the paper this morning and I find their sense of humor didn't jive with mine. They had added the word "not" to the Senate and Congress, and made it so it not only didn't have any humor, but no sense.

What I am trying to get at (if I can get the papers to use it as I want it) is to have the Red Cross care for Congress and the Senate instead of having it done as a "dole" from the taxpayers, as it is now.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1430 MR. ROGERS THINKS WASHINGTON WOULD SURELY DISOWN US NOW

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 22. – Here is what George Washington missed by not living to his 199th birthday.

He would have seen our great political system of "equal rights to all and privileges to none" working so smoothly that 7,000,000 are without a chance to earn their living.

He would see 'em handing out rations in peacetime that would have reminded him of Valley Forge. In fact, we have reversed the old system. We all get fat in war times and thin during peace.

I bet after seeing us he would sue us for calling him "Father."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1431 MR. ROGERS HAS A QUESTION FOR THE WICKERSHAM BOARD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 23. – The Senate is trying to get the Wickersham committee to tell them where they got all their dope from. What the Senate really ought to ask 'em is, where did you get your opinions from after you had received all your dope?

The lame duck bill comes up this week. A lame duck is a man that didn't bring home enough "loot" from the National Treasury to warrant his re-election, but they let him stay there thirteen months longer to see if he won't reform and bring home at least a new postoffice building, or enough to widen Polecat Creek.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1432 MR. ROGERS TELLS JUST HOW THE 'POCKET VETO' WORKS

BEVERRLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 24. – The President has what is called the "pocket veto." If a bill is passed it comes to him and he has ten days to carry it in his pocket and think it over.

But Congress hasn't got ten days to go, so he can't "pocket veto" any more, for his pockets are full now.

Muscle Shoals is one of 'em. If the government runs it, we lose money. If somebody runs it they make money.

So let's keep it as it is—a tribute to our engineers, a constant argument to our statesmen and a nightmare to our taxpayers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1433 MR. ROGERS HAS DISCOVERED WE LIVE IN AN AGE OF 'URGE'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 25. – Say, if you want to do something and you really want somebody on the job to help you out, and do it right, don't go any further than the Federated Women's Clubs over the country. To them goes the success of our little tour.

You know you can't just stick up somebody's name and expect people to come flocking in nowadays. It don't take persuading, it takes force. You can have Columnist Coolidge wrestle Greta Garbo but still somebody has got to sandbag 'em to get 'em to pay real dough to see it.

We are living in an age of "urge." We do nothing till somebody shoves us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1434 MR. ROGERS REMINDS THAT NEEDY ARE STILL HUNGRY DOWN SOUTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 26. – The stock market is picking up, so that makes the rich boys feel a little better. Lot of appropriations bills for government expenditures have been passed. Business in general in the last four or five weeks looks better. But, all that has nothing to do with the folks that the Red Cross has to feed.

United States Steel can go to a thousand and one, Auburns to a million, but that don't bring one biscuit to a poor old Negro family of fifteen in Arkansas, who haven't got a chance to get a single penny in money till their little few bales of cotton are sold away next fall.

That some places haven't reached their Red Cross quota, just don't seem possible. Just because it's getting warm, that don't help these folks' appetite any.

Yours

Will Rogers.

1435 MR. ROGERS SEES REPUBLICANS AIMING RIGHT AT 'UNCLE ANDY'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 27. – Mr. Hoover must have made out a pretty good case against the bonus, for I see where they voted it over him. It wasn't Mr. Hoover they were shooting it, it was "Uncle Andy." They resent him running the show. The whole trouble with the Republicans is their fear of an increase in income tax, especially on higher incomes. They speak of it almost like a national calamity. I really believe if it come to a vote whether to go to war with England, France and Germany combined, or raise the rate on incomes of over $100,000, they would vote war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1436 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES THE WAR, THE BONUS AND DEBTS IN GENERAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 1. – The soldiers that are lined up getting their money sure look like they needed it.

The big financial boys say that "it's mad economy to pay the money now." When was there anything connected with the war good economy? Even entering it wasn't a stroke of financial genius. Hog Island cost as much as this bonus, and the enemy couldn't find it. And, neither could we.

A debt is just as hard for a government to pay as it is for an individual. No debt ever come due at a good time. Borrowing is the only thing that is handy all the time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1437 MR. ROGERS EXPECTS THINGS TO HUM WHEN CONGRESS QUITS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 2. – Well, let's see what happened over what the English taught us to call the week-ends. We copped all their expressions – weekend, fortnight, plus fours – and we are now adopting the street buses that has been our source of amusement over there. We will cop their monocle yet if they don't watch us.

Bernard Shaw had us right in the papers this morning: "We do things well when somebody shows us how."

But, with all our monkey traits we are kicking along pretty good. Our Congress is going to adjourn next week, then watch things hum.

If we can only prevent another drought and disarmament confercnce.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1438 MR. ROGERS GETS A COMPLIMENT THAT STIRS PRIDE IN HIS BOSOM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 3. – Paul Y. Anderson, who covers Washington for St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is one of the keenest and most fearless political writers in Washington—and there is where all the best ones are. He is the young fellow that during a Senate investigation suggested one question to the committee to ask the witness and it unearthed oil from one end of Pennsylvania Avenue to the other.

Well, Paul paid me a compliment a day or so ago that I am really proud of. It was in regard to the Republican fear of an increased income tax. Here it is:

"Thank the Lord after all these years you have finally said something true. Keep on another ten years and you may say something funny."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1439 MR. ROGERS EXPRESSES HIMSELF ON THE LAST HOURS OF CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 4. – Our very popular new Governor of California, Sunny Jimmy Rolph, on the first meeting he had with his Cabinet last Monday lost his watch. That's nothing; wait till he meets the highway commission.

The Senate, right in the last minutes when dozens of important bills were up for their last chance, what do you suppose they stopped and discussed? How wet Chicago and New Jersey was and the private life of Al Capone.

Such minor matters as the lame duck bill and the embargo on oil bill—that the very prosperity of five States depends on—all were passed over in order to discuss the fact that Colorado was dryer than New York because there was fewer people.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

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1440 MR. ROGERS SAYS CALIFORNIA WILL SURELY MISS EINSTEIN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 5. – We finally found how to keep from calling an extra session of Congress—appropriate all the money at the last one.

That little fellow Einstein sailed away for Germany today, and we sure do miss him in California. The radios, the banquet tables and the weeklies will never seem the same.

He came here for rest and seclusion. He ate with everybody, talked with everybody that had any film left, attended every luncheon, every dinner, every movie opening, every marriage and two-thirds of the divorces.

In fact, he made himself such a good fellow that nobody had the nerve to ask him what his theory was.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1441 MR. ROGERS SEES LIQUOR ISSUE AS OUR BEST POLITICAL CLEAVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 6. – The Republican papers are having a field day laughing at the Democrats on account of their split over prohibition. Well, they better get all the laughs in they can, for wait till they meet and see their split, for they got more to split. Both sides are going to do exactly the same thing, they are going to straddle the thing, if they have to split their carcass clear up to their neck to do it.

Neither side has got the nerve to come out in the open, for they are not sure which side the most votes are on. The minute they find out, they will both be on that so quick that it won't be an issue.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1442 MR. ROGERS REVEALS HIS AGE, BUT MAY BE POOR AT FIGURES

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., March 8. – I am like my good friend Arthur Brisbane. The town that you are writing from that day is the one that you should come and settle in.

Now, this is Santa Barbara, on the bank of the same ocean he has so glowingly depicted to you at various times, and I am here this afternoon for a charity relief polo game between youth and old youth.

The combined age of the four boys we are playing is ninety years, while our team is exactly two hundred. Mr. Max Fleischmann, the fine sportsman and big-game hunter; Mr. Jim Wigmore of Cleveland, and Snowy Baker, Australia's greatest all-time all-round athlete, each are exactly 54, and myself with 38 makes two hundred.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1443 MR. ROGERS REPORTS THE ARRIVAL OF 'POISON JAKE' ON THE COAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 9. – There is not much humor in this, but there is a whole lot of warning.

This "Jamaica ginger jag" has hit our coast. Here is what you get in a two-ounce bottle for 50 cents:

First, the fingers and toes become numb; then the legs and knees become permanently paralyzed. It seldom reaches above the knees.

Among yesterday's cases was a barber with a wife and two children, hands totally paralyzed; a laborer with wife and three children, will never walk again; at Old Soldier's Home thirty-two deaths.

And all a druggist has to plead is that he didn't know it was poisoned.

This is not to be construed as a prohibition lecture. It's really an ad for just old "corn." It only paralyzes you temporarily.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1444 WILL ROGERS TAKES NOTICE OF DIVORCE MILL COMPETITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 10. – The biggest thing in legislation nowadays is the different States' race for the divorce business.

Arkansaw guarantees a divorce in three months including room and board. Nevada heard about it and called a special session of their Legislature and says:

"We will give you one in six weeks, and if any other State goes under that time, we will give you a divorce, marriage, and another divorce all for the same time, and price. In other words, that's our business. We have built it up to what

it is today. If there had been no Reno, you would still have been living with the same old gal. So, remember, we are the State that will divorce you, even if we have to do it by telegraph."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1445 MR. ROGERS CREDITS SENATOR WITH BIGGEST LAUGH OF WEEK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 11. – The biggest laugh of the week was caused, naturally, by a Senator (and they wasn't even in session, not even trying to be funny).

It was by Jim Watson of Indiana, the Republican leader. The "progressives" are holding a meeting in Washington and he asked them to please define exactly how they stood on the following problems.

Asking the Progressives to answer something that a Republican wouldn't answer if he was on his death-bed!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1446 MR. ROGERS TAKES UP COSMETICS, BACON AND BEANS AND BALDNESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 12. – As there was more money spent on cold cream and cosmetics last year than on bacon and beans, why naturally there must be more people interested in beautifying themselves.

The international beauty congress met in New York yesterday and they figured out that this rubbing something on your head to prevent baldness is really what causes it. They claim that you got to take stuff internally for it.

So from now on if you see a bald-headed bird reach for his flask, don't ask him for a swig. It's only irrigation juice for his roof.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1447 MR. ROGERS ADVISES OLD PARTIES TO LOOK OUT FOR PROGRESSIVES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 13. – Good many papers are poking fun at these "Progressives" who are meeting in Washington. Well those are the fellows that are going to run next year's government. Neither Republicans or De-

mocrats can even get excused to get a drink without the "Progressives" (the balance of power) sanctioning it.

Be a good joke on both parties if these fellows had been right all these years and get a chance to prove it.

You watch this young La Follette. You're going to have a lot of dealings with him in years to come.

One thing, these "Progressives" won't have to be very good to be the best.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1448 MR. ROGERS SEEMS TO BELIEVE THIS IS THE LITTLE MAN'S DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 15. – When you read about thousands of people clamoring to see their hero, you don't know if it's Mahatma Gandhi or Charley Chaplin.

The day of the big man (physically) has passed. Here is these two little figures, the most popular two men in the world today, Mahatma in his breech-clout and Charley in his derby. Both of 'em too smart to let the king knight 'em.

Gandhi is trying to save India and Charley will do what he can for Hollywood.

Mr. Hoover has found out where there was no Senators going for their vacation and he is going there, Porto Rico.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1449 MR. ROGERS REPORTS A BLUE DAY IN HIS USUALLY SUNNY LIFE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 16. – This is income tax day, and I am in no shape to be funny.

Why don't they do it all like they do the gasoline tax? You pay it when you buy it and you are through with it. Or, make the man that pays it to us take it out, or something.

The way it is they let us handle it one year, then two and a half months after it's all made and spent then they ask you to pay it.

But no one that made enough to pay a tax this year should kick. In fact it's increased taxes on incomes of over one hundred thousand net where the money should come from to supply work during slack time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1450 MR. 'SHAMUS' ROGERS MAKES A FEW REMARKS ON IRELAND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 17. – Well, today is the seventeenth of Ireland. Of all the nationalities that have helped to root the Indians out over here, the Irish are the only ones that have made enough impression on everybody till they celebrate their birthday.

And say, did you know that during all this depression over the world, and all countries having revolutions and changing leaders, why, old Ireland has come through the best of all of 'em?

When you are laying out your European trip this Spring, don't overlook the old Emerald Isle. It's got 'em all beat for beauty, romance, humor and hospitality, and the best horses in the world.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1451 WILL ROGERS IS INTERESTED IN THE STATISTICS ON CO-EDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 18. – Right in the midst of all this depression and starvation, why one old boy hasn't had it so bad. He has been measuring 6,000 college girls. He compared 'em with co-eds fifty years ago.

I didn't know any one ever thought of measuring one fifty years ago, and from what our elderly women led us to believe, we didn't think they would have allowed it.

Well, this fellow finds that the present ones are higher, wider and thicker (he don't say if it's head or body), and these, he says, have more lung capacity.

Well, we knew that. Maybe because of the strenuous life at a female college, the parents only pick out the big dumb ones.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1452 MR. ROGERS THINKS IT WISE TO KEEP IN GOOD WITH BORAH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 19. – Just before Mr. Hoover left for Porto Rico he had a long private conference with Senator Borah, and Borah told him to go ahead and enjoy himself.

You can't afford to be on the outs with Borah, that is, if you want to get anything done in this country.

There is an awful lot of people that would like to see Bill Borah President, and I would too.

Course, I don't believe he would take it, for he would have to make too great a personal sacrifice of prestige and authority. It would be sorter like Mussolini being only the King.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1453 WILL ROGERS WOULD TAX CRIME OUT OF EXISTENCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 20.– Every State in the Union gambles as much as Nevada does, but they were smart enough to pass a law and get some tax money out of it. If Wall Street paid a tax on every "game" they run, we would get enough revenue to run the government on.

Another thing, we don't seem to be able to even check crime, so why not legalize it and put a heavy tax on it. Make the tax for robbery so high that a bandit couldn't afford to rob any one unless he knew they had a lot of dough. We have taxed other industries out of business; it might work here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1454 MR. ROGERS HAS AN OPPONENT FOR THE DREISER-LEWIS WINNER

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 22.– Ought to match the winner of the Theodore Dreiser-Sinclair Lewis bout against Bernard Shaw. These writers fight mostly with sarcasm, and I think Shaw could lick both of 'em.

Mr. Hoover approaches Porto Rico with confidence. He knows there can't possibly be as much wrong with it as there is with us.

Thousands of people went from all over Southern California today to see the big race in Mexico, the Agua Caliente Handcap, but there was an awful lot that didn't go on account of the crowds. They knew they wouldn't have a chance to get to the bar.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1455 ROGERS SEES PLANE UNSUITED FOR ANY BACK-SEAT DRIVING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 23.– Two fatal plane crashes here yesterday, with a man and woman in each plane, and both accidents avoidable. But members of each couple thought they were pilots, and got in the air and tried to prove it to each other. One couple, a man and wife, were arguing who was the pilot when they took off.

That's one way the auto is ahead of the plane, a woman can sit in the back seat and do all the "crabbing and gabbing" she wants to, but she can't reach the wheel.

If you are going to do any arguing with your wife or lady friends, you better get it over before you get in the air. Two people just can't land a plane.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1456 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO DOG KILLED BY RATTLER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 24. – I have often thought my friend O. O. McIntyre gave more space in his column to his little dog than I do to the U.S. Senate. But it just shows Odd knows human nature better than I do. He knows that everybody at heart loves a dog, while I have to try and make converts to the Senate.

In London five years ago old Lord Dewar, a great humorist and character and the biggest whisky maker in the world, gave the children a little white dog (Sealingham), saying "If this dog knew how well he was bred he wouldn't speak to any of us."

We have petted him, complained at him, called him a nuisance. But when we buried him yesterday we couldn't think of a wrong thing he had ever done.

His bravery was his undoing. He lost to a rattlesnake, but his face was towards him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1457 MR. ROGERS ANALYZES BRIEFLY PORTO RICAN OVERPRODUCTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 25. – Been reading President Hoover's speech yesterday to the Porto Ricans. The keynote of the speech was "the rapid increase in population of the islanders."

He was in a tough spot. He didn't know whether to compliment 'em on being a virile race or condemn 'em for making the usual American mistake of overproduction. You see, there is not enough jobs there to take care of this increase, so what he tactfully wanted to impart to them was to control themselves till industry was on a par with affection.

He finally left the whole thing to young Teddy and departed for the Virgin Islands, where he hoped conditions would be better regulated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1458 ROGERS SEES GANGSTER BURIAL NOW MATTER OF CIVIC PRIDE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 26. – Well, Chicago is having the last laugh. The rest of the country rose up in wrath with pictures and editorials of Chicago killings, and its elaborate gangsters' funerals. Now if your town hasn't buried a gangster with a rose festival it's rather plebeian.

Los Angeles, backed by the Chamber of Commerce and the florists, are out for that trade now. They put on a trial funeral last week that looked like a movie opening night. The flowers were only limited by the amount they could ship in. Our slogan is "Before you shoot each other don't overlook Los Angeles."

Racketeering is America's biggest industry, and their funerals is "big business."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1459 ROGERS TAKES UP HEROES, TAMMANY AND BUSINESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 27. – This hero business is pretty ticklish, they are throwing rocks at Gandhi in India already. Chaplin is the sole survivor.

See where the Republicans threatened to make an issue out of the carrying-on of Tammany Hall. Tammany says, "Ye-ah, well you just start, and

when we open up on you!" Prominent men or organizations can't get back at some enemy like they would like to, for their own nose is not clean.

They claim business is getting better, because there is fewer apples being sold on the street. Lord, that only means it's getting worse.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1460 ROGERS WOULD GIVE OUR ISLES GRATIS TO OUR WORST ENEMIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 29. – Mr. Hoover just got back from Porto Rico after a call with our little dark-brown cousins.

He told 'em he would see that they had the same opportunities we enjoy here, so I guess he is leaving Charley Otis & Co., stock brokers, put in a branch down there. That will give them a leisure class, and the rest of 'em employment working for 'em.

The President didn't think much of the Virgin Islands; he thought we were bunked on that deal. I think myself we was perhaps influenced by the title.

We are mighty good colonizers. We ought to sell (or give away to some enemy) our island holdings, and concentrate entirely on the old headquarters ranch here at home.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1461 ROGERS URGES A BETTER DEAL FOR OUR INDIAN CHARGES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 30. – See by the paper this morning where the Department of Indian Affairs have promised that they will have their Indian agents do better this year, I mean do better for the Indians, for a change.

If you want to read an interesting document (and it may have had something to do with this shakeup), read a new book just out called "Massacre." It gives you the dope. Lots of people think 'cause the Osages have oil that all Indians are rich. Why the Pine Ridge Agency Siouxs have eat so much horse meat, that they are wearing bridles instead of hats.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1462 ROGERS SAYS ROCKNE'S DEATH HAS SHOCKED WHOLE NATION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 31. – We are becoming so hardened and used to about any misfortune and bad luck that comes along that it takes a mighty big calamity to shock all this country at once. But Knute, you did it. Just as you have come from behind all your life and fooled 'em where they thought you didn't have a chance, you did it again.

We thought it would take a President or a great public man's death to make a whole nation, regardless of age, race or creed, shake their heads in real sincere sorrow and say, "Ain't it a shame he is gone." Well, that's what this country did today, Knute, for you. Why, you old bald-headed rascal, you died one of our national heroes. Notre Dame was your address, but every gridiron in American was your home.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1463 MR. ROGERS DISCOVERS THAT WAR WAS NOT TOTAL LOSS, AFTER ALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 1. – It's very seldom you find any good that come out of the war, but was talking to one of California's sanest and most conservative business men, Mr. Robert C. Gillis. He remarked, "The only investment that has proven sound during all this mess is the Liberty bond."

So the old three-minute speaker was telling the truth and didn't know it.

But the tough part about it is, everybody lost theirs by having to put 'em up as margins on things that was supposed to be sound. During the Coolidge cuckoo days they were considered the lowest form of investment.

When you look back on things now you wonder why everyone in America escaped the insane asylum during that time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1464 WILL ROGERS WANTS TO KNOW WHY PARACHUTES ARE NOT USED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 2. – I don't think I could be accused of saying anything detrimental to commercial aviation.

For I think it is the safest, and only way to travel, but every mode of transportation should use every possible invention that might add the least bit to safety.

Now a parachute wasn't invented just for some nut to go up and jump out for fun. Your Lindbergh, your Hawkes, Doolittle, Williams, Ingalls, all wear 'em. That's why most of 'em are still here.

Now I have never understood why commercial planes didn't use them. The wing came off Rockne's plane mighty high up to light as far away from the plane as it did. I always had a doubt if I would have the nerve to jump, but there would have been none about Rockne. He would have stepped out of there, pulled that ring, and told a funny joke on the way down.

It at least gives you a chance that you haven't got otherwise. The army and navy demand it, and they can't be wrong all the time. At least have 'em there, and leave it optional with the passenger.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1465 WILL ROGERS SEES SOME JOBS HE THINKS SHOULD BE UNFILLED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 3. – Just when the country was doing all it could to economize in government why along comes a law and says, "Every time your State gets so many thousand new population, they must all throw in and hire another Representative in their State for Congress."

Well, California foolishly grew, and now they got to pay for it. A dozen unemployed must be sent to Congress by the tax-payers. Well, California is split wide in two, the north of the State claim these new ones shall come from the south, and the south claim they should come from the north, and the tax-payers are so sore about having to hire extra ones that they don't care where they come from, but are telling 'em where to go.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1466 WILL ROGERS PREFERS PLANE TO A TAXICAB IN OLD MEXICO

EL PASO, Tex., April 5. – Had a great trip in here today over the American Airways passenger line. Kelsey, the pilot, has flown 400,000 miles without a sign of a mishap.

Glad to hear in Los Angeles this morning from the different air lines that the late accident had not interfered with travel.

Why, my hair turned from gray to white just fifteen minutes ago, in a taxi going over to Juarez, Old Mexico, when a Mexican missed us by inches. Would have given my life to have been in a plane.

Was going to the bull fight. Got my tickets, then saw an old pony that they was going to use in the fight, and I couldn't make it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1467 MR. ROGERS HOPS TO MEXICO CITY AND FINDS ALL IS WELL THERE

MEXICO CITY, April 6. – Viva la Mexico City!

This is a great old city and no excuse for anyone not coming. It don't take long. Left El Paso this morning and made the 1,200 miles in nine hours on the regular passenger line. The fare is $75; American pilots and fast Lockheed ships.

Country is peaceful, working and happy. That last revolution kinder discouraged their gangsters. This fellow Clark that took Morrow's place is doing a fine job here.

Seems good to not hear a prohibition argument or a speech on "business is slightly on the upgrade."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1468 MR. ROGERS SENDS A FEW NOTES FROM THE AIR AS HE FLIES SOUTH

ABOARD AIRPLANE OVER GUATEMALA, via Brownsville, Tex., April 7. – Brisbane ought to be here now and write about progress in a regular passenger plane on regular daily run. Big three-motored Fords with American pilots today over tropical Mexico.

Just stopped at Guatemala City. Beautiful old city. We are now flying over its big coffee plantations.

I hand this to the radio operator on board. He radios to the nearest telegraph office. They send it to New York and they, in turn, wire it out to your paper, and the whole thing will be done before we land in the little country of San Salvador, where we spend the night.

Left Los Angeles Sunday morning. This is Tuesday evening. Would have only been to Chicago by train.

These farmers seem to be looking for their own relief. They farm clear up to the top of these mountains.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1469 WILL ROGERS FINDS GREAT NEED FOR OUR HELP IN CARING FOR QUAKE-STRICKEN NICARAGUANS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 8. – Well, here we are at Managua, Nicaragua. They tell you pictures don't lie, but the ones you saw of this earthquake did, for they didn't tell that eight days after it happened there is from one to three hundred bodies still under those ruins.

Sitting here in a marine tent writing this and am going to sleep here. The doctor is coming around to shoot me for typhoid and then I am going to learn to cuss and will be a real Marine.

Naturally what they need is money. The government or the people haven't got a cent. The Red Cross combined with the relief organization here has done great work as usual and still is. They are feeding about 8,000. We have a great Minister of American affairs here, Mr. Hanna, no rich guy just appointed for the lark, but a man who has given 25 years' service to us. Lost everything they had but the clothes on their backs.

He and the President and the Red Cross say if through the Red Cross and public donations from up home they could get $250,000, it would relieve the situation as to food and get some roofs to cover these people. Now what they are afraid of is the rainy season, which starts in just a few weeks. Lord help you if you have no cover when it starts.

Goodness knows, you generous folks have been asked till you are ragged, but honest, if you saw it, you would dig again. I have finally found somebody poorer than a southern cotton renter farmer. Our government can't make the loan for food, at least it wouldn't for our own, so it just falls where everything else does—on the generosity and goodness of the American people. If you saw, as I did this morning, 2,500 mothers with babies in their arms go by and get their ration of milk you would say there was some poor devil that needed it worse than you do.

We promised to get the Marines out of here by June 1, and if we could get this sum and get things straightened out we can keep our promise, but we can't leave 'em in this shape now. Whether you believe the marines should be

here or not, they have been a godsend during the last week. They have done some heroic work, but personally I don't think it's worth leaving 'em down here just for the sake of another earthquake.

We may dig a canal here some day, but we don't have to guard the place we are going to dig it. Nobody is going to sneak in and dig it while we are away.

Send your donations to Managua, Nicaragua, to American Red Cross in care of American Minister Hanna. It's worth all that just to get our boys back home. Two were saved today by a parachute jump patrolling a terrible country.

Let's help put 'em on their feet, call it a day, and all go home and tend to our own business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1470 WILL ROGERS OBSERVES THE LIGHTER SIDE OF CONDITIONS IN STRICKEN CITY OF MANAGUA

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 9. – The President says to Minister Hanna: "I wonder what Rogers can find humorous in our pitiful plight?" Well, you know these little small shakes occur quite frequently. This morning just as reveille bugle was blowing one come, and everybody jumped out of bed, so now they are going to use a quake instead of reveille every morning.

Here is some divine spark of relief for the anti-prohibitionists: Everything in town was destroyed but the brewery-churches, schools, banks, stores. But it was an act of Providence at that, for the water works were destroyed and all they had to drink was beer. The commandant sent twenty marines to protect it and with the 100 that was already there why they were able to hold it.

Even a quake has its good points. The Senate and Cabinet run out of town and haven't shown up since. What Hoover would give for the recipe!

Flew today with Major Mitchell, head of the air forces of the marines. Went all over the bandit country they patrol. You have to see this terrible mountainous country to see what these aviators have been up against. I could tell you for a week some of the things these aviators have done in this country.

Now they need money here and they need help. The poor people just walk about dazed. But in addition to money to help feed 'em and restore some sort of roof over their heads what I think is needed worse down here is Chick Sales.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1471 WILL ROGERS SAYS LONGWORTH WAS BOTH ABLE AND POPULAR

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, April 10. – Flew in here by Pan American today. We was wakened exactly at the same time this morning by another little shake in Managua, now I am a prophet among the marines as I said they would use them for reveille.

Tomorrow this beautiful little country celebrates a national victory over the United States. Now I know how an Englishman feels in our country on the Fourth of July.

Our calamities come in bunches. Now Nick is dead, Washington won't seem the same to me. I used to go straight for his office and make it my headquarters at the Capitol all day. We would get Jack Garner (who loved Nick) and then I would between the two get the real "low down" on what the government wasn't doing.

I have been told many times by many Democrats that he was the most able and most popular man in Congress. Why is it a bum politician never dies?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1472 WILL ROGERS ARRIVES IN PANAMA TO SEE IF BROOKHART WAS RIGHT

PANAMA, April 12. – Senator Brookhart has just been down at Panama and he was shocked and said the people down here were "just wallowing in sin," and he was going to introduce a bill in Congress to remove the canal to go between Cedar Rapids and Des Moines. So the people here asked me to come down to offset Brookhart and I kinder wanted to see (and perhaps join the wallowing).

I will say this for the folks down here. They are not wallowing in the canal. I flew in here yesterday from Costa Rica and I haven't seen the canal yet and can't find anybody that knows where it is.

There is one great thing about the tropics-it gives you a great alibi.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1473 ROGERS THINKS CANAL A TUNNEL, AS HE IS UNABLE TO LOCATE IT

PANAMA, April 13. – I still can't locate that canal. I am beginning to believe it's a tunnel. The Pennsylvania, a big boat, is here today, going from Bev-

erly Hills to New York. I have met 500 people around town today and asked them if they had seen the canal, and they all had the same answer, "No, but have one with us."

Tomorrow, Tuesday, is Pan-American day. We are celebrating it by rushing two cruisers to Nicaragua. The best thing to do with these countries is to get out, let 'em alone and then sell things cheaper and better than any other nation. Then we don't have to worry about relations and goodwill.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1474 RUNNING KINGDOM OR REPUBLIC IS NO CINCH, SAYS WILL ROGERS

PANAMA CITY, April 14. – Spanish paper on the street just now says the King of Spain is out. He has had a stormy career and his troubles are all over now. I bet Mr. Hoover says "The lucky guy." Well, if they think running a republic is a cinch, all they got to do is to look around a little. I have been in eight republics in the last ten days, including our own, and every one of 'em ought to be under Mussolini.

The paper says the Republicans took over Spain; now watch some poor Spanish farmer try and get relief.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1475 MR. ROGERS RECALLS ALFONSO AS BEING REAL 'REGULAR GUY'

PANAMA CITY, April 15. – King of Spain, the poor fellow, I feel kinder sorry for him. I met him while in Spain and he seemed just about the most "regular guy" you would want to talk to, and everybody has had to admire his personal nerve.

You know us up home. We just can't understand this Latin politics. The only time they even get to cheer is when one side overthrows the other, then they got to cheer mighty fast. What they need in all these Latin countries is a party that compares with our Democrats, one who loses and don't do nothing about it but talk.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1476 ROGERS SEES SAN BLAS COUNTRY AND GULPS THE TROPICAL BEER

ON BOARD PAN AMERICAN PLANE, April 16. – You have read of the San Blas Indians (not Sam Dash, but San Blas). Well all morning we flew low over their beautiful coral islands. You can leave and visit them but you must get away before night. The old chief won't let you stop after dark. Due to his foresight they are the only 100 per cent pure Indians.

Coast of Colombia is beautiful. Cartagena with its old Spanish ports. Nearing Venezuela, stop for the night at Maracaibo. That's where all the foreign oil is coming in from that put our independent companies out of business.

I was told to not drink water in these tropical countries. I had never tried their beer with ham and eggs in the morning, but I am managing to gulp it down. However, I have heard of worse hardships.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1477 MR. ROGERS FINDS IN VENEZUELA LATIN-AMERICAN 'ALFALFA BILL'

ON BOARD PAN – AMERICAN AIRPLANE NC943M, April 17. – Say that Venezuela is quite a country. They have a fellow named Gomez that is the local Alfalfa Bill Murray and he really runs it. They might call him a dictator, but they are the only ones that seem to get anything done in these times. I want to get back down there and see him some time. He is the real McCoy.

Just breezing into Trinidad, Port of Spain, an English island, to spend the night, and the language will be as foreign to me as the Spanish.

Tomorrow, Saturday night, with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt at San Juan, Porto Rico. Oh, yes, and the Virgin Islands, get them tomorrow, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1478 ROGERS KNOWS HE IS BACK HOME WHEN HE CAN SEE NO MARINES

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 19. – Back home! Must be American territory; I don't see any marines. Miami, the only place to bathe in the ocean in the Winter and a great city. Flew right over the whole length of Cuba, Haiti, San

Domingo and Porto Rico today. Roosevelt is doing a real human job in Porto Rico, and they like him. He is kinder like Morrow. He has brought sympathy into diplomacy. Only been gone from California two weeks today. Been in fifteen countries, 8,000 miles, all for $600 fare, and I took no "good will" to them. In fact, they are mighty wise. They are wise to us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1479 WILL ROGERS NOW PROPOSES REVOLUTION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20. – Show you what habit will do. Been flying every day till we could come to a capitol of some republic, then we would stay all night.

Well, I was flying to New York from Florida today on the splendid new East Coast air line, a great route over beautiful country from Jacksonville, with stops at Savannah, Charleston, Florence, Raleigh (where Uncle Josephus Daniels met me) and Richmond. I saw many old friends all along.

Well, when I got to this town I saw a dome, so I figured it must be a capitol, so I got off just through force of habit, and sure enough it was a capitol, but you wouldn't think it from the ones I visited. This is the quietest night I have spent. Managua with earthquake has got it on this.

Maybe I can show 'em how to start a revolution tomorrow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1480 ROGERS REPORTS WILD NIGHT WITH D. A. R. IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 21. – Just flew in from Washington. Say, aviation is getting somewhere. A plane every hour on the hour between Washington and New York.

I told you it looked like a dull night in Washington last night. Say, I run into a D. A. R. convention and those old colonial dames gave me one of the wildest nights I have had in years. I got their minds off their ancestors and they are just as human as anybody.

Had a long chat with Borah and we fixed up a few loose ends. Mr. Hoover says Sandino will be caught soon. I would hate to run and have that as my issue.

Jimmy Walker met his opponents in the first game today. Score: Walker 10, opponents 0.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1481 MR. ROGERS QUOTES THE BIBLE ANENT THE WALKER CHARGES

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 22. – The King and Queen of Siam are here. Now we will get a real test of our wise crackers' ability. See who can say something without referring to the Siamese twins. I am tickled already and withdraw.

Pat Hurley, Secretary of War, left Washington for Oklahoma in a navy plane. Was the one the army owns broke down?

Mayor Walker's opponents have wisely decided to withdraw any reference to his private life. They had to withdraw it on account of a biblical quotation, "Let him without sin cast the first stone." So they would have to import somebody into New York to make the accusation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1482 MR. ROGERS'S BRIEF ROUND-UP OF THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 23. – Newspaper Publishers' Association from all over are in convention here and tonight is their banquet. Mr. Schwab and I are the speakers. Charley will make 'em all feel rich by his eternal optimism and I will bring 'em back to earth and their second mortgages with facts.

See where the King of Spain has gone over to England to make arrangements to live with his wife's people. Royalty is human after all.

I sho' would like to be stowed away in that plane with my friend Hawks over yonder.

Say, that little Queen of Siam is plum pretty.

Nobody in the Astor barber shop just now. The proprietor told me the market must be off.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1483 WILL ROGERS SEES NEW YORK ONE "JUMPY" SPOT IN NATION

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 24. – Big brokerage firm failed here today and that throws 'em into another scare. You know, it's a funny thing, but the rest of the country is all feeling pretty good, but there in New York they are doing more beefing than all the rest of the country put together. I don't believe New York has got the nerve to stand it like lots of folks all over the country. They can be hurting and won't let out a squawk, but this place's nerves are more jumpy.

But it's a great old town and I never in my life saw as many new high buildings. But everything's the "market" with 'em here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1484 MR. ROGERS IS TAKEN FOR A RIDE AND REPORTS HE LEARNED A LOT

NEW YORK, N.Y., April 26. – Been down near Lakewood, N. J., to spend the day with Mr. Arthur Brisbane at his beautiful new home. Bill Donovan, the fellow we all thought was going to be Attorney General, was there. Nice fellow.

With Mr. Brisbane and his wife and some of his children took a long horseback ride through the pine forests of his 10,000-acre estate. He raises fine horses.

Never mind what he writes, he told me 1937 would be our first prosperous year (only six more years to hold out.) Says Russia is all working, and we can't compete with 'em by passing resolutions against 'em. Says Hoover will be elected by a bigger majority than before. Says fewer hours and less days per week is our only labor solution. Says Smith will be, or nominate, the next Democratic candidate. Oh, and a lot more stuff he told me, but I am going to use most of it as my own.

You don't suppose I went clear down there just for the horse-back ride, do you? I got horses at home, but I can't learn anything riding 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1485 MR. ROGERS FIRES A FEW SHOTS AT RANDOM FROM THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 27. – Tonight's Gridiron dinner here in Washington, where the President attends and sees the cleverest kidding and satires, was put on by the newspaper men who know these big birds backwards.

Say, do you know that I run onto those D. A. R.'s still here. They run their conventions till every member gets to speak. They have been here so long that their badges are beginning to tarnish.

Times are so hard that Fort Worth, Texas, is the only town that can afford lobbyists here. Carter and his gang are after some Federal plunder, and he knows what it is.

Had a long chat with Secretary Stimson today, and he knows things about Nicaragua that none of these critics of his do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1486 WILL ROGERS FINDS ATLANTA MISSES HER LEADING CITIZEN

ATLANTA, Ga., April 28. – Flew into Atlanta from Washington. This is a great old city, but it's shot now, with Bobby Jones in Hollywood. But they are going to open up the hotels and stores as soon as he gets back.

They have planted cotton in the golf courses and the chiselers on Stone Mountain have nothing to work on till Jones comes back to be the model (you know they have put Bobby on the horse instead of Robert E. Lee).

My two friends here, Major Cohen and Clark Howell, are just keeping their papers going just to print pictures of what he is eating and what he is wearing in Hollywood.

Crowds rushed up to me at the field and said "Have you seen him? Is he well? When is he coming home? Oh, it's terrible here without him."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1487 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE SOUTH PLANTING THINGS IT CAN'T EAT

FORT WORTH, Tex., April 29. – It's just getting so there is nowhere in this country you want to go between two real towns where they haven't got a good reliable air line.

This bird flying us into Fort Worth now from Atlanta, Herb Kindred, is older than Rockefeller and has had 12,000 hours and not an accident. A man couldn't walk that far without getting hurt.

I have seen more plowed ground from Washington to Texas. Too bad most of it was for cotton. They haven't sold last year's crop yet. I wish these people would raise something they could eat, when they couldn't sell it.

Flew right over that new Texas oil field that has made oil so cheap that it's cheaper to strike a dry hole.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1488 MR. ROGERS IS BACK AT THE POINT WHERE HE STARTED LONG FLIGHT

EL PASO, Tex., April 30. – Back in El Paso, where I left the United States just three weeks ago.

Have traveled 13,000 miles, all by regular passenger lines (no special plane or trip). Fare less than a thousand dollars. Not a forced landing, not a plane even late. Radio on every ship. You are in touch with even Hollywood while flying over Nicaragua.

Visited sixteen foreign countries, including New York City. Saw everything I was looking for but Sandino. I do want to see him. I don't believe he is responsible for everything that happens down there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1489 WITH ALL 'BEEFING,' SAYS ROGERS, IT IS HARD TO TELL REAL REDS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 1. – All the casualties are not in yet, but it seems to have been a mighty quiet May Day. Heretofore the Reds have battled with the police, but this year everybody is "beefing" so that you can't tell Red from a taxpayer. So everybody had an even break.

Old Hollywood has reconciled itself to conditions of the depression better than anywhere. They have just charged off 50 per cent of their husbands as a total loss, voluntarily cut alimony, reorganizing with less overhead and going back to pre-war mates and conditions.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1490 MR. ROGERS WARNS PERSONS WHO HAPPEN TO STOP IN RENO

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 3. – It's good news to know that there is one industry that is flourishing.

Reno yesterday just divorced everybody that had been there six weeks. They just took the hotel registers of six weeks ago that day and issued a divorce to everybody whose names were on there. Some of them were people who had no intention of getting one, but they are so rushed they haven't time to go over the lists and see who wants one and who don't. They figure it's easier to let the few that didn't want one get married again.

So be careful if you don't want one. Don't register, or even be seen in Reno, or six weeks later you will receive word you have been divorced, whether you are married or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1491 MR. ROGERS SEES SOME TRUTH IN AN ADVERSE REPORT ON US

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 4. – Well, we got a dose of our own medicine this morning in the paper.

We're always running off investigating some other country and coming back reporting the shape it's in. Well, some European woman (I think she was French) has been looking us over and reported our condition to the League of Nations.

Course what she says don't listen so good to us, but the old gal is about right at that. Our so-called prosperous times taught us bad habits and this depression has left us using cheap substitutes for expensive bad habits.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1492 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES A GUESS ON HOW TO END THE DEPRESSION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 5. – There is one thing about this depression. It has offered every man, woman and child in America 100 guesses as to how to end it.

President Hoover used up one of his guesses yesterday when he told one of those "men's sewing clubs" (Chamber of Commerce, by the way, I think this was the mother lodge). He said we would "have good times if everybody disarmed."

Why, that's the only people that are drawing salary now, is the army and navy. What does he want to do, put them among the unemployed?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1493 WILL ROGERS SEES A REASON FOR MELLON NOT BEING SO PERT

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 6. – Uncle Andy Mellon don't blather at these luncheon club fiestas very often and when he does things ain't looking so good and he is sent in as a pinch-hitter to bat for confidence. But even him they couldn't get to promise us much. He did say that things were worse in '73. Now if we can get much nourishment out of that, let's do it.

Course Mr. Mellon feels mighty bad over his books not balancing for the first time in years. We are just nine hundred million in the red. So you can't blame him very much for not feeling any too pert. Think of how you'd feel if you counted up at night and found you was nine hundred million short.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1494 MR. ROGERS FINDS PALM SPRINGS STILL A-TWITTER OVER WALKER

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., May 7. – My wife was just prowling around out here in the desert and ran into Jimmy Walker's old hide-out.

They advertise this as the place "that even cured Mayor Walker of staying out nights," and another ad reads, "If you are troubled with investigations and Republicans, come to Palm Springs for a tan that when you get home they can't tell who you are."

There is over a hundred Mayors here now. They are selling thousands of sheets that Walker had his picture taken in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1495 ROGERS SEES OUR MOTHERS SAFER IN INDIA OR AFRICA

TUCSON, Ariz., May 8. – Well, here we are in Tucson, the champion humane town of America. Its climate has prolonged more people's lives than any single place. It has a fine university, and the best college polo team in the U. S. This up-to-date little city is just situated near enough to Mexico to get a touch of liberty.

I was reading a nice thing in this morning's local paper. It was of a dinner in New York of a lot of fine women: Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Sr., Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Lindbergh, Mrs. Sloan and Kermit Roosevelt's wife, all to arouse not only interest but horror in our unbelievable death rate from child birth—16,000 a year, the highest in the world.

The way we lose 'em here it would be safer if you are figuring on having a baby to go to some uncivilized country like India or Africa to do it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1496 MR. ROGERS, ON MOTHER'S DAY, TAKES 'MA' FOR A 7-MILE WALK

CARLSBAD, N. M., May 10. – Celebrating "Mother's Day" by giving "Ma" Rogers a vacation. Picked her a white desert flower and walked her for seven miles through the celebrated Carlsbad Caverns.

I thought the biggest hole in the ground was when you were drilling for oil and struck a dry hole, but this is bigger than even that. It's just the Grand Canyon with a roof over it.

Then, when you get inside it's got all the cathedrals of the world in it, with half of 'em hanging upside down.

If a "drunk" suddenly woke up in that great hall in there, he would think he had died and gone to heaven, for that's the nearest thing to his imagination of the place.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1497 MR. ROGERS FINDS IN THE WEST AN INCUBATOR OF POLOISTS

ROSWELL, N. M., May 11. – You have heard of great preparatory schools where they turn out great football talent for the large universities. Well,

right here in Roswell, N. M., the prettiest little city you ever saw, is situated the New Mexico Military Academy, and their kid polo teams are famous. It's the incubator for coming international polo. Think of a preparatory school with 120 kids out to make the team.

This country is all doing fine. They have already charged off and started in on a new basis of values, the same as the whole country has got to do. Up to 1929 was a nightmare and they have just forgot it, and everybody is happy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1498 MR. ROGERS WAXES ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE BEAUTIES OF THE WEST

WINSLOW, Ariz., May 12. – You folks that think a desert country is terrible should see Arizona and New Mexico now. The whole States are covered with hundreds of the most beautiful kinds of flowers.

Saw the petrified forest again. What's these Baptist that think the whole world started with Noah going to say about a thing like that. Just another miracle, I reckon.

Wild buffalo fed the early traveler in the West and for doing so they put his picture on a nickel.

Well, Fred Harvey took up where the buffalo left off.

For what he has done for the traveler one of his waitress's picture (with an arm load of delicious ham and eggs) should be placed on both sides of every dime. He has kept the West in food and wives.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1499 MR. ROGERS TOUCHES LIGHTLY ON A FEW OF THE DAY'S EVENTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 13. – Here's about all I can find in newsprints today.

Spain is in a mess. Now we know they are becoming a regular republic.

Hawks got in his plane in Europe yesterday, so naturally he broke a record.

Prince of Wales lays England's depression to not advertising enough. We lay ours to overadvertising. We were such good salesmen we sold to each other and went broke.

Secretary of the Navy Adams, of the Pepsin gum Adamses is out here on the ocean watching maneuvers. He is the only Secretary our Navy has had that could stay on deck long enough to see anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1500 MR. ROGERS DECIDES THE SLUMP WAS FORESEEN BY ONLY TWO MEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 14. – Today ought to be a day of consolation to folks that have made bad investments. Here George F. Baker, who is supposed to have no less than a half billion, winds up with one-eighth of that. And he was supposed to be the smartest financial man we had. The thing busted right in his face. So what chance did anybody else have?

I tell you, and I believe it as strong as I ever believed anything in my life, Calvin Coolidge was the only man in America that saw this whole thing coming, and got from under. He just says to himself: "Folks have bought everything in the world, for a dollar down, under me, now let 'em pay for 'em under Herbert. I will see you again when things pick up, so long."

Name me another man in America that saw it coming, unless it was Al Capone. I hate to class a fine upstanding citizen like Mr. Coolidge with Capone, but facts is facts, and Cal and Al are the only two out of 120,000,000.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1501 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON THE POPE'S BROADCAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 15. – I guess our country holds the record for dumbness. The Pope spoke to the world this morning in three languages and we didn't understand a one of 'em. But the minute he finished and the local stations got back to selling corn salve and pyorrhea tooth paste we were right up our intellectual alley again.

A real prince of Japan will visit Los Angeles tomorrow, but he picked a bad time to come, for on the same day Aimee gets in here from one of her pilgrimages, and any time Aimee returns home from anywhere, even if it's just from the desert, why this town goes practically ga-ga.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1502 MR. ROGERS REPORTS ACTIVITY OF A CERTAIN KIND OUT WEST

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 17. – Mighty exciting week-end out here in this land of sunshine and second mortgages, with Aimee getting home and Clara Bow's life story starting in the papers in the morning.

But, do you know that I never saw people moving around as much. Every one of us is hustling from bank to bank trying to renew our notes. A man has to be mighty careful nowadays or he will burn up more gasoline trying to get a loan than the loan is.

One fellow paid the bank his interest out here the other day and the police heard about it, followed him, and, sure enough, he had been in some of the late robberies.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1503 MR. ROGERS APPEARS TO DOUBT THE WISDOM OF LEGISLATORS

MOJAVE, Cal., May 18. – When I come through North Carolina the other day they were trying every means known to devilment and science to get their Legislature to resign.

Well, California's finally exhausted yesterday. Thirty-five hundred bills were introduced, 1,450 unsuccessfully (that many passed).

Now, no State can possibly have that many things wrong with it. And, of course, they turn down the only modern, up-to-date and sensible one of the whole 3,500. It would have gotten the State more favorable comment than all the others put together. That was to get Governor Rolph an airplane. In a big State like this how do they expect him to get around—on a bicycle?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1504 MR. ROGERS DECIDES THE WORLD HAS A BAD CASE OF NERVES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 19. – League of Nations in Geneva just gets started in on some big scheme when a Russian gets up and proposes something and the rest of the congregation don't know if he is "kidding" or on the level.

Russia don't do as much harm to the rest of the world as they just worry 'em. She just loves to put a thumb in the soup and let the guests see it's in there.

The whole world's nerves are "jumpy," anyhow, right now. Anybody with a sheet over their head can run the world home and under the bed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1505 WILL ROGERS PUTS IN A WORD FOR THE VETERANS' POPPY DAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 20. – Was at the government hospital out here in Sawtelle and all the disabled boys were working hard making poppies which they sell on Poppy Day which is next Saturday, the twenty-third. It's a great cause, and don't pass 'em up Saturday.

Asking our small aid one day a year is not exactly having our soldiers impose on us. Nobody can sell anything else nowadays, and this starting in buying a poppy might be the turning point.

So buy one, and you will feel so good you are liable to buy a coat to pin it on before the day is over.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1506 MR. ROGERS BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT LOS ANGELES HAS ARRIVED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 21. – Los Angeles used to be considered by her critics as just a great big overgrown country town with none of the big city business methods like Chicago and New York.

But, they can't say it any more. We are important in a modern way now. We have attracted America's greatest and biggest industry. We got racketeers, too.

We got big enough that the "on the spots" and the "take 'em for a ride boys" are not just using the old pueblo as a whistling post. No more importing high-priced men from Chicago to help supervise a gangster picture, just use the ones that are working here. We are a modern American city at last.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1507 THAT MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES IS HAILED BY WILL ROGERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 22. – There is a band of Mayors of American towns eating their way free through Europe. Well, leave it to the Los Angeles

Mayor to do the right thing at the right time. At a banquet given in their honor wine was served, and he just did the manly thing and got up and walked out.

I hope when the French Mayors return the visit and we put on a couple of robberies and maybe a murder during their meal that they will have the good common decency toward their mother country to get right up and walk out, too.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1508 MR. ROGERS PROPOSES A FUND TO BRING THOSE MAYORS HOME

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 24. – "Ill-will" Mayors' trip to France was in another mess yesterday. The bells of Rouen played "The Star-Spangled Banner," but the Southern Mayors wouldn't move till they played "Dixie." Los Angeles held out for "California, Here I Come" and Maine for the "Stein Song."

We better start a fund to get those boys back home and out of the banquet tables before July the Fourth or they will have us in another war.

This little article of mine is used in the Paris Herald, so the funds will easily be raised by patriotic Frenchmen, and bring Chaplin home with 'em, too.

I want to hereby apologize for our Los Angeles Mayor. He was not discourteous in not touching the glass to his lips. He just couldn't trust himself with it that close.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1509 MR. ROGERS'S OWN VERSION OF ONE OF THOSE RAPIDAN CHATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 25. – It used to be quite a friendly and social distinction for a Cabinet member to be asked to "week-end" on the Rapidan but it's nothing to brag about nowadays.

Invitations read, "You are requested to attend a 'wake' in honor of Mr. Mellon's late lamented 'overdraft.' Don't bring fishing tackle; bring your department's salary list. Yours, Sir Boss."

Next scene on the Rapidan:

"Mr. Postmaster General, how much does it cost to run your racket?"

"Eight hundred and thirty-eight million, Mr. President."

Mr. Hoover: "Yeah?"

"That's with strict economy and getting all the Congressmen's free mail to the voters on time."

Mr. Hoover: "Yeah? Well, you lop off the 38 million. We got to get Andy out of the red by November, '32."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1510 MR. ROGERS IS GETTING FED UP ON THIS CONFERENCE BUSINESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 26. – A conference in London on what to do about the world's surplus wheat broke up as usual. They even eat cornbread during the conference.

Russia proposed export wheat on a quota basis. We would not agree to it, so another conference breaks up with us being the goat."

Will we ever quit sending delegations off to conferences? We just wait for a conference to get in wrong with somebody. There should be a heavy export duty on "good-will" groups and delegates to conferences.

We have had so many conferences that we are even sore at each other here at home.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1511 MR. ROGERS HEARS OF A NEW KIND OF 'WEEK' IN HIS HOME STATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 27. – We have all kinds of various "weeks"—"Eat an apple week," "Don't shoot your husband week," "Don't cuss the Republicans any more than you can help week."

But, Claremore, Okla., the home of the great radium water, is leaving this week one of the most practical and useful ones, "Take a bath week." They can't relieve the present depression but they relieve the tissues. Even the Rotarys, Kiwanis, Lions, Apes and Chamber of Commerce have joined in the novelty of the thing and it bids fair to become a yearly event.

My old friend Governor Murray and myself have been cordially invited to attend.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1512 MR. ROGERS CONDONES MURDER IF IT CURTAILS RADIO SPEECHES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 28. – Last week we had quite an unusual murder out here (and it's getting very hard to put on anything unusual in the way of a murder).

A well-known politician was killed and at first they could find no reason. Then it was discovered that he was on the verge of financing a preacher in establishing a radio broadcasting station.

So, now the murderer will surrender and show that his deed was to save the public and he will be acquitted with honors, and his services will be in demand everywhere.

The regret is that this hero didn't start his life's work earlier.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1513 ROGERS OFFERS AN ANALYSIS OF WALL STREET'S PROBLEM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 29. – A couple of years ago no business seemed to be up to date unless it had its "holding company." The title "holding" seemed like you had something, so the suckers went for it, but now the stockholders find out that all they were holding was the bag.

So that's what's the matter with your Wall Street. You can't go out now when your business ain't doing so good and merge with something else that's doing worse and form a "holding company" and issue more stock. What you got nowadays you got to "hold" yourself. The buyers are looking in the bag now before they hold it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1514 MR. ROGERS THINKS OUR PLIGHT IS WORSE THAN WASHINGTON'S

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 31. – President Hoover made a mighty fine and very sincere speech Saturday at Valley Forge. He found somebody that was worse off than we are, but he had to go back 150 years in history to do it.

He claims that George Washington was in just about as bad shape with his army then as Mellon is with his deficit now.

But George only had to worry about getting through the Winter. We got to worry about getting through the Summer, then the Winter, then another Summer before the Democrats can possibly do anything for us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1515 MR. ROGERS IS MOVED BY PLIGHT OF TEXAS GUINAN IN FRANCE, BUT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 1. – Poor Texas Guinan and her gang was just unfortunate. She happened to hit France right after the American Mayors, so France says, "One show troop at a time is enough for us."

Give Tex credit. She wouldn't have delivered a Chamber of Commerce speech at the Unknown Soldier's tomb.

But there is not much sympathy for Tex. Anybody that makes a living off "suckers" should never have to leave this country in a professional capacity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1516 MR. ROGERS HAS A SUGGESTION FOR THE SOUTH ON PROSPERITY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 2. – Just had an election out here today for new Councilmen and new sewers and more people got their crosses mixed up.

This is "cotton week" all over the South. They have laid by their skills for a week, and at all the luncheon clubs the speeches are to be about "cotton." That will perhaps disgust all the listeners with ever wearing cotton again.

What the South needs is a week called "Steal the farmers' cotton seed week." If the South was robbed of all its cotton seed for five years they would be loaning Mellon money.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1517 MR. ROGERS REPORTS ON ELECTION THAT RESULTED AS HE EXPECTED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 3. – Yesterday our municipal election ran true to political form. The sewer was defeated, but the councilmen got in.

In our big murder case out here the fellow they are trying for a double killing come pretty near being elected to the office of judge. Looks like if he had bumped off three instead of two he would have been elected.

I was telling you the other day about what a lot of "hooey" this college "honorary degree" is. Well, my contention was upheld. Didn't you see where Wickersham got one at Syracuse University?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1518 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE SLUMP HAS TAUGHT HIM SOMETHING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 4. – We used to always be talking and "sloganing" about "back to normalcy." Well, that's right where we are now, and where we are going to stay, so we might just as well get used to it.

It's taught us one important fact, that we haven't got as many "big men" as we thought we had. We used to think every head of a big organization was a "big man," and he was as long as everything was running in spite of him, but when old man "get-back-to-earth" hit us in the jaw, why we didn't have an industry that shrunk like the "big man" industry did.

Big men are just like stocks now, they are selling at just what they are worth, no more.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1519 WILL ROGERS SEES REASON FOR COOLIDGE QUITTING WRITING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 5. – Can't you see a little political foresight in Mr. Coolidge's quitting writing? No country would be cuckoo enough to nominate a columnist for President.

Mr. Coolidge's great following was built by not talking and not by saying something every day. He took it up through necessity and not preference.

When will this country that wastes billions on everything finally do justice to a retiring President and allow him for life at least two-thirds of his Presidential salary? It ought to be worth that much to the taxpayers for the privilege we take in crucifying 'em while in office.

Elect 'em for a six-year term, not allow 'em to succeed themselves. That will keep their minds off politics and the life salary will relieve 'em of any worry of the future.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1520 MR. ROGERS MAKES A MOTION AND IS AWAITING A SECOND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 7. – About all that was in the papers this morning was about "debts." Every nation, and every individual, their principal worry is "debt."

What would be the matter with this for relieving practically everybody's "depression"— just call all debts off?

There can't be over a dozen men in the world that are owed more than they owe, so you wouldn't be hurting very many and besides if you do give them some worry, that's what they had everybody else doing for years.

It's not supply and demand its old man interest that's got the world by the ears.

This would give great temporary relief to 99 per cent and wouldn't hurt the others long for they would soon have it back again.

I make it a motion. Do I hear a second?

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1521 MR. ROGERS MAKES NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 8. – The government floated an eight hundred million dollar loan the other day and Al Capone took most of it himself. There is the guy that should be Secretary of the Treasury. Just turn him over the country and split the profits with him.

I see by today's statistics of what the soldiers have done with their late bonus money that a big item is second-hand cars. Sorry to hear that. We haven't got twenty men in America that are well off to support one.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1522 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT BEARISH ON THIS CONFERENCE BUSINESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 9. – Mr. Mellon and Mr. Stimson are going over to London to another conference.

We say we are not going to cut down on the debt payment. We could write and tell 'em, but we like to get in wrong personally.

We have another delegation at Geneva on dope. We want to limit the output. We don't manufacture it and the other nations do, so you know where the conference will end.

We get nothing at a conference only the trip. It looks as if the depression would hurt the conference business, but it don't. They can always dig up enough to go and get in wrong.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1523 MR. ROGERS FINDS A NEW KIND OF CHARITY, AND A WORTHY ONE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 10. – Out here in Los Angeles it was suddenly brought to public attention the other day that when school was out children that had been given their lunch because their parents could not afford it would be without it.

Well, the response by everybody was wonderful, but you know that's a situation that's liable to exist in a lot of towns. They might just forget that because school was out there was no reason to keep up the lunches, and there is not a town or city that won't gladly do it.

People are marvelous in their generosity if they just know the cause is there, so just in case your town might have overlooked it. Out here it was the parent-teachers that did it. Some towns might not have that.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1524 MR. ROGERS HAS A BIT TO SAY ABOUT OKLAHOMA'S SHERIFFS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 11. – Well, Oklahoma sheriffs broke a record. They finally found a car with no liquor in it, but it had to be occupied by Mexicans to do it, so they shot two of 'em for being unusual.

The sheriff's excuse was that the car had a Kansas license on it (Kansas

adjoins Oklahoma). Does a foreign license in Oklahoma bring out the gendarmes, or is it the name Kansas that makes you shoot on sight? If he had showed his badge instead of his gun, the whole thing wouldn't have happened.

Well, it's lucky for Mr. Pershing, for if the conditions had been reversed, he would have been marching into Mexico today "to clean that country up and make 'em civilized."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1525 ROGERS COMMENTS ON SCHOOL AND THE STUDY OF ENGLISH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 12. – My daughter graduated yesterday at a girls' preparatory school. They read off what course each girl had taken. When they said, "Mary Rogers, diploma in English," I had to laugh at that. One of my children studying English—why it's just inherited. You don't have to study it in our family.

Doug Fairbanks had a niece graduating, Wallace Beery had a relation, Frank Lloyd, the great director, a daughter, and all four of us just sat there and purred like four old tomcats basking in a little reflected sunshine and secretly congratulating ourselves on choosing a profession where education played no part.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1526 MR. ROGERS TRIES TO LIVE DOWN THE PAST, BUT TATTLERS TELL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 14. – No part of a person's private life is free from the eagle eye of that bird Brisbane.

I am as ashamed of my early years spent at Eton and Oxford as all the rest of their alumni is. But if any of us can conceal it and get away with it, why don't he give us credit, and let us go on living it down? But no! He has got to "blab" it to the world.

By the way, if you think this ain't going to be the worst Winter for unemployment we ever had, just count the number in these college graduation classes. Immigration is not our biggest problem, it's surplus diplomas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1527 MR. ROGERS APPEARS DISTURBED BY THE NEW CROP OF LAWYERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 15. – Did you read how many thousands (not hundreds) but thousands of students just graduated all over the country in law? Going to take an awful lot of crime to support that bunch.

A man naturally pulls for the business that brings him in his living. That's just human nature. So look what a new gang we got assisting devilment, all trained to get a guilty man out on a technicality and an innocent one in on their opposing lawyer's mistake.

This is the heyday of the shyster lawyer and they defend each other for half rates.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1528 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO LATE PRESIDENT HARDING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 16. – Mighty glad to see Mr. Hoover and Mr. Coolidge finally (after years of delay) go out and dedicate the Harding Memorial. Too bad they waited till Ohio looked politically doubtful, and the odd thing about it is that they both owe their Presidency to this man's death. If he had lived one would have retired as an ex-Cabinet member and the other as just another ex-Vice President. They ought to have been just standing waiting for it to be finished in order to do their part for there was certainly nothing to be ashamed of in being there.

Harding was the most human of any of our late Presidents. There was more of the real "every day man" in him. If he had a weakness it was in trusting friends, and the man that don't do that, then there is something the matter with him sho nuff.

Betrayed by friendship is not a bad memorial to leave.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1529 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 17. – Just heard Mr. Hoover over the radio at Lincoln's Tomb. He is making a monumental tour of the country visiting the tombs of dead Republicans, and incidentally to count the lives ones left. You'd

be surprised the amount of good Republicans dead. Poor Franklin D. Roosevelt, when he launches his campaign, can't find enough Democratic monuments to get his policies over.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1530 WILL ROGERS SEES A GOOD BREAK FOR THE HARASSED MR. CAPONE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 18. – The government has finally been able to arrange an "armistice" with Al Capone.

He is to go to jail "in person" for two years (which term he named himself. His lieutenants are to carry on his business and deliver the receipts to him at the jail every day. In return the government is to feed, clothe and protect him from harm and release him just about the time business turns the corner.

The government is remodeling Leavenworth now for him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1531 ROGERS SEES SOME GOOD LUCK DUE TO BREAK FOR MR. HOOVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 19. – Poor Mr. Hoover, if things ever do turn, and start breaking right for him, he will be a good man to string with, for he ought to have a long streak of luck. Of all the things that's gone against him, the worst one happened this week. His speech run 15 minutes overtime, and he took up Amos and Andy's time on the radio.

That was a vote loser sure enough. That did him more harm than even the Wickersham report. I never saw radio fans so worked up. That will be a lesson to all presidents.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. The old West is deteriorating. In Reno they are shooting cartoonists with empty guns.

1532 WILL ROGERS REPORTS HIS ACT HAS BEEN STOLEN BY HOOVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 21. – Mr. Hoover is stealing my act. He wants to postpone international debts for a year. Two weeks ago I had the same

scheme, only I took more territory, I wanted to cancel everybody's, and every nation's debt, and the only persons that fell for my plan was two guys that owed me. They immediately agreed and canceled.

It's not government debts that's worrying us. Ramsay MacDonald, Hindenburg and Andy Mellon are the only ones worried about government debts (and we pay them to worry). It's individual debts that's got the 119 millon by the nape of the neck.

We can always manage to dig up our taxes. It's old man interest that hurts.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1533 MR. ROGERS DOESN'T BANK MUCH ON THIS 'MORAL LEADERSHIP' TALK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 22. – Here we go again! America is running true to form, fixing some other country's business for 'em just as we always do. We mean well, but will wind up in wrong as usual.

When some nation wants us to help 'em out they use the same old "gag," that we should exert our "moral leadership" and, like a yap, believe it, when, as a matter of truth, no nation wants any other nation exerting a "moral leadership" over 'em even if they had one.

If we ever pass out as a great nation we ought to put on our tombstone, "America died from a delusion that she had moral leadership."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1534 MR. ROGERS'S FAVORITE AMERICAN IS LOADED DOWN WITH DEGREES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 23. – Every time I pick up a paper I see my favorite American citizen, Dwight Morrow, getting a degree from some more universities. He has played a regular circuit of 'em. He has been in his cap and gown more than he has his pants this Spring.

You know it's awful hard for these universities to get a good headliner to draw the crowds and publicity, so when they get a real one like Mr. Morrow they just weigh him down with "hokum" degrees.

We are living in an age of publicity. It used to be only saloons and circuses that wanted their name in the paper, but now it's corporations, churches, preachers, scientists, colleges and cemeteries.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1535 MR. ROGERS DESPAIRS OF SCHEMES PROPOSED TO SAVE THE WORLD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 24. – There is one big advantage about proposing plans and schemes for the world's solution now. None of them can be acted on till Congress meets in December and by that time all of the ones proposed now will be forgotten and a new batch will be brought out.

We can't maintain excitement over any one thing over a couple of weeks at the most. The world ain't going to be saved by nobody's scheme. It's fellows with schemes that got us into this mess. Plans get you into things, but you got to work your way out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. Vanderbilt and his wife are having a duel and the public hope it will be successful.

1536 MR. ROGERS MARVELS AT THE JUMP THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS MADE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 25. – I never saw a man jump into a hero's berth as quick as President Hoover did. Why, this time last week he was in as bad as a Democrat. Now, he is proposed for the Nobel peace prize.

Wall Street has broke out on another rampage. Course the unemployed here ain't eating regular, but we will get around to them as soon as we get everybody else fixed up O. K.

I still claim as I did a month ago that all debts should be canceled, but my scheme didn't hit the international banking group with the same gusto that Mr. Hoover's did. I was appealing to the wrong class.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1537 WILL ROGERS SEES TOUGH JOB FOR MR. MELLON IN PARIS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 26. – Mr. Mellon has got a tough job. He has to go to Paris and explain to the French that it's better if Germany didn't pay anything for a year. Now, when you start in telling France something about Germany, that's kinder like explaining politics to Calvin Coolidge. It can't be done.

France will say, "That's fine, Mr. Mellon, from a Pittsburgh angle, but we happen to live right across the river from 'em and we know what's going to happen to us soon as they are able again. What are you trying to do, shorten our lives one year?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1538 THE FIRST GOOD NEWS OF THE 1932 CAMPAIGN! MR. ROGERS SAYS HE WILL NOT RUN FOR ANYTHING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 28. – Will you do me one favor? If you see or hear of anybody proposing my name either humorously or semiseriously for any political office, will you maim said party and send me the bill?

Life magazine and I had a lot of fun last time by running for office, but am certainly not going to try and impose the same comedy twice.

My friend on Collier's (George Creel, it is, by the way, that writes that clever "Keyhole Column" in Collier's) says that I am taking this running serious. George, that's the worst slam you ever took against my sense of humor.

I certainly know that a comedian can only last till he either takes himself serious or his audience takes him serious, and I don't want either one of those to happen to me till I am dead (if then).

So let's stop all this damned foolishness right now. I hereby and hereon want to go on record as being the first Presidential, Vice-Presidential, Senator or justice of peace candidate to withdraw. I not only "don't choose to run" but I don't ever want to leave a loophole in case I am drafted, so I won't use "choose." I will say "won't run" no matter how bad the country will need a comedian by that time. I couldn't run anyhow, because I can't make up my mind which side to run on, "wet" or "dry." I don't know which side the most votes is on and I can't straddle it, for that's where all the rest of the candidates are now.

I hope in doing this that I have started something that will have far reaching effect. Who will be the next to do the public a favor and withdraw? What is there to worry anybody over the next nominations anyhow? It's one year

away, but the candidates will be Hoover and Curtis versus Franklin D. Roosevelt and some Western or Southern Democratic Governor as Vice President.

Campaign literature of the Democrats should read "that in case of success that Owen D. Young would be Secretary of the Treasury." Big business has kept the Republicans in for ten years just to get Mellon.

Well, he ain't got anything on Owen Young when it comes to talking sense with big money.

Oh, yes, Collier's also said "that I could get a very liberal campaign fund." Well, none has shown up to now, so that's really the reason for this early withdrawal. Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with nowadays.

I have looked politics and the movies both over and, while they have much in common I believe politics is the most common, so I will stay with the movies. Will Hays didn't make any mistake. It's hard to give up the old White House, but it would be much harder to take politics serious. So long, boys.

Will Rogers.

1539 MR. ROGERS WAXES ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE POST-GATTY FLIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 29. – No news today as big as this Post and Gatty that are making this world of ours look like the size of a watermelon.

This pilot Post is an old, one-eyed Oklahoma boy. He has just got that good eye glued on the horizon and he is going to find that horizon if it meets the earth anywhere, and Gatty, this reformed Australian "brumby and wombat" (you boys that didn't go to Oxford are lost in another maze of intellect) well, this Gatty, just give him a compass and one peek at the Giant Dipper and he can tell you where you are even if you ain't there.

This is one ship I would have loved to been a stowaway on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1540 MR. ROGERS'S CHIEF INTEREST IN THE NEWS IS IN THE FLIERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 30. – No news outside those fliers making a sucker out of the world.

Southern Methodist Conference out here passed resolution asking Congress to exempt them from war. Don't know what claim they have over other

denominations unless it's that they are always fighting so much among themselves that two wars at once would be a hardship on 'em.

Mellon is still coaxing the French. Looks like he will have to give 'em a "bonus" to accept his plan.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1541 MR. ROGERS IS PLEASED GREATLY WITH NEW HEAD OF TEACHERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 1. – America is a land of opportunity and don't ever forget it.

Yesterday out here in Los Angeles (where our local papers say people are dying from heat by the thousands in the East) out here we are just dying but for no particular reason at all, well there was elected to a very high office, president of the Educational Association, just a plain pleasant looking fat (and enjoying it) common sense woman. She is head of the rural schools in Maine and when you are rural in Maine you are rural. Now she is head of all the teachers in our land.

I guess from her name, "Miss," that she is an old maid, but, darn it, I just liked her looks in the paper this morning and I believe she could teach these young modern heathens of ours some sense.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1542 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO AN EX-CONGRESSWOMAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 2. – You remember I told you there was some awful good dead Republicans. Well, the finest woman one of 'em all went yesterday, ex-Congresswoman Alice Robertson of Oklahoma.

Nick Longworth told me this story: When they was voting on the soldiers' bonus she didn't believe in it in her own heart and she told why and told that her action would mean her finish in Congress. She told how she loved 'em and had fed 'em and spent every cent she ever had on 'em (and she had), but that she wouldn't vote against her conscience just to stay in Congress.

Nick said every man in the room went to her and complimented her on her bravery, then went over and voted the way the most votes were back home. She was a fine old soul, too fine for politics.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1543 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO WORLD FLIERS AND BACKER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 3. – The Governor of Australia (Gatty's home) cabled "Australia is proud of Gatty and I am sure Gatty is proud of Post." Now beat that for beautiful and diplomatic wording, and, say, let's give a great big hand to Hall that financed and made the thing possible. Never has a promoter remained so much in the background. If some other men had backed that trip, they would have had Gatty and Post riding in the jump seat parading in New York.

It was a great combination, a great flier, a great navigator and modest backer.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1544 MR. ROGERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THOSE FLIERS REALLY MAKE GOOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 5. – I got my first thanks this morning for ever saying a nice thing about some man, and I do lots of times brag on our prominent men, but always take it as a matter of fact. But the old Oklahoma oil man that backed the flight come through.

"Many thanks for your kind notice, and the best I can do in return is to take Post and Gatty to visit Claremore, Okla. Advise if you want us."

Now, here is a chance for these two boys to really make good. If Gatty can navigate enough to find a field there, I'll say he is a Columbus, and if Post can land on the field, I'll say he is a magician. I have always had to use a parachute.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1545 WILL ROGERS POINTS THE WAY TO REAL SAFETY ON THE FOURTH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 6. – When the Fourth of July and a Sunday come together there just ain't anything to do on Monday but send flowers.

Fireworks killed and maimed everybody that had a match. Rip tides in the ocean just wait for a holiday to get their quota, and autos got what was left.

About the only sure way to keep from being hurt on the Fourth of July is to participate in one of our heavyweight prize fights.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1546 MR. ROGERS IS HONORED BY A CALL FROM A HEAD MAN IN CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 7. – Now I can't be so truthful about these Congressmen in Washington, for yesterday the head one of all of 'em drove out with Congressman Crail to my igloo to see me.

Tilson, the Republican majority leader (who will perhaps be the next Speaker). We talked over old times when we used to meet and tell jokes in Longworth's room.

He was called in to consult on Mr. Hoover's debt plan. It was well thought out and no politics involved, as he fed quite a few Democrats during the huddle.

Tilson says, "We are over the worst" Let's hope he is right. Even a Congressman can be right occasionally.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1547 MR. ROGERS FINDS ENTERPRISE STILL LIVES IN OKLAHOMA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 8. – Show you what enterprise will do. Claremore was one of the few towns that was built up so solid that it had no landing field. Even the adjoining country was one mass of suburban homes.

Well, overnight, in order to get our great Oklahoma pilot, Post, and his famous partner, Gatty, to come there, they just tore down and blasted out blocks of homes, and now they got the best landing field in the world (outside of the Templehof Field in Berlin) just ten minutes' drive from the heart of Claremore.

Course (due to a constant Republican administration) most of these destroyed homes were mortgaged, but at that it shows what a real town can do.

My friend Frank Hawks has suggested making a landing field out of New York City. I knew somebody would think of a useful use for that ground some day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1548 MR. ROGERS TELLS WHY FRANCE IS BETTER OFF THAN THE REST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 9. – Editorials have been blaming France for not falling over themselves to cancel the debt.

Well, France receives $95,000,000 more than she pays out to England and the United States. France is better off today than all of them. Why? Because of hard work and watching the pennies.

France is a good deal like Amos on the radio, "Now wait a minute, Andy, that scheme of yours sounds mighty big and fine now, but in the end where is we gettin' off?"

The United States is exactly like Andy. Anything comes up, "Oh sho, sho, send it over C. O. D. We will pay fur it or sumpin. Come on, Vanilla, les go fishin'."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1549 BUY RANCH AND LIVE FOREVER IS THE ADVICE OF WILL ROGERS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 10. – Dude ranches were the economic salvation of the Northwest. Wyoming may be king of the dude ranches, but Santa Barbara, Cal., is daddy of the rich "dudes'" owning ranches and enjoying 'em, and it's a great thing from every angle. They improve 'em, give lots of employment, raise fine horses and keep themselves out of a lot of worse devilment.

So buy a ranch somewhere in the West. All your life every man has wanted to be a cowboy. Why play Wall Street and die young when you can play cowboy and never die?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1550 MR. ROGERS REPORTS TROUBLE IS CONFRONTING SANTA BARBARA

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 12. – Germany's got her problem, Mr. Hoover his Farm Board, England her "dole," but Santa Barbara has got real trouble.

The "Crusader," anti-prohibition float, won the prize in the parade. The drys claim it was all right to enter it provided it didn't win anything. Now they

are going to have the parade held over again with different judges. If the drys win the next one, the finals will be held in neutral territory, perhaps Canada.

Mr. Hoover and Vice President Curtis are together today on the Rapidan, rehearsing signals for the big game next November.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1551 WILL RUSHES BY PLANE TO SEE POST AND GATTY

TULSA, Okla., July 13. – Breakfast in Santa Monica and dinner in Claremore. Rushing home to help welcome Post and Gatty, who are going to visit our metropolis tomorrow. I thought if they could fly clear around the world and come to Claremore I ought to make this hop. Besides I am just anxious to see those guys. Flew Western Air to Amarillo, Tex. Now I am flying 9000 feet at 170 an hour in one of these fast low-wing Lockheeds belonging to the Bowen Line.

It's my first trip in one where they bundle the wheels up inside the wings. They say they sometimes forget to put 'em down. Believe me Pilot Lee will be reminded of it when we start to land. The wheels are under the wings and the passenger can't see if they are down. I am going to do a little wing walking and go out and see for myself tonight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1552 MR. ROGERS FLIES IN FAMOUS SHIP AND HOBNOBS WITH REAL FLIERS

CLAREMORE, Okla., July 14. – Well, this was a great day for Gatty and Post. It was just an ordinary day for Claremore, but it was a big thing for those boys. They never saw a town like ours.

We built a real airport in four days just to welcome 'em. I was with 'em in Tulsa last night and flew over here in the Winnie Mae with them today. It's the combination of the two that make 'em so great. I'd bet on 'em going around the world endways and cross both poles.

In all the excitement and rushing about, you know when they sleep? At the banquets. They said if it wasn't for banquets they wouldn't have any time to sleep at all. Smart fellows.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1553 MR. ROGERS REPORTS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE AT HOME

CHELSEA, Okla., July 15. – Around big cities nowadays you read of nothing but the plight of Germany and how their finances can be saved, but when you get out here in the agricultural region you read of what's happening at home.

Another drought looks like it's going to kill off the corn crop. Oats 15 cents a bushel. If food is not cheaper than it ever was then somebody is making money, and it ain't the farmer.

The farmer can't abandon the farm. He ain't got enough to move to town on.

Some of our optimistic after-dinner-speaking financiers of the East ought to try making a living and those speeches on 35-cents-a-bushel wheat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1554 MR. ROGERS SEES THE COUNTRY AND DISCOVERS A NEW SALAD

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 16. – If you want to see lots of our country in one day and all kinds of it leave Fort Worth in the morning from their fine new airport across Texas. (And, brother, you will know you crossed something.) Abilene, Big Springs, El Paso, Douglas, Tucson, Phoenix, and you will be in Los Angeles at 7.

Had a great new dish last night. Open all the cans of tomatoes you have, all the cans of cove oysters, lots of sliced onions, raw, mix 'em in a big bowl.

It's a sort of soup salad. It's called "we have scraped the bottom salad." You get it at Shady Oak Farm, Fort Worth.

Yours for the latest,

Will Rogers.

1555 ROGERS PAYS LAST TRIBUTE TO A REAL HOLLYWOOD ACTOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 17. – He had been in movies for years, just about the best real cowboy out there, the most graceful roper I ever saw. You fans, didn't know him, for he didn't get to do much but the rough stuff and the skilled stuff, but when any director wanted anything done right on a horse it was "Ha, Pedro, do this for this high-priced 'dummy' and he can take the close-up." Great smile, great teeth, great disposition.

You have gone now, Pedro, to where, when you do something, your name will be on the bills. "Pedro Leon en persona un muy bueno hombre." You was a Mexican vaquero to some, but a real man to those who knew you. Adios, mi amigo.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1556 MR. ROGERS TAKES UP THE DEBTS, CABLE TOLLS, RACE HORSES, &c.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 19. – Our two finest race horses seem to have taken up the same racket as our prizefighters and wrestlers. "You win this time, and I'll win the next. Let's take it easy and look at the dough we can get."

If Mr. Hoover wanted to call a Cabinet meeting nowadays, he would have to hold it in Europe. He is the only member in the United States.

If we had just donated to 'em the price of our long-distance telephone and cable calls, they woudn't have needed any more help. Clarence Mackay made enough on it already to afford to marry a prima donna.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1557 MR. ROGERS SYMPATHIZES A BIT WITH TWO PERSONS IN THE NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 20. – This is sorter "give the down and out a chance day."

They pounced on Ma Kennedy (Aimee's mother) after the poor soul had tried to scare up some fun and amusement. They started to examine her sanity, but they couldn't find any one in Hollywood capable of making the test.

Can't see much satisfaction (only for the politicians to have something to point to with pride in years to come) in sending old man Fall to the pen. He got the $100,000, but he evidently did not put up oil lands for security, for he has lost the ranch to Doheny for the same $100,000.

Course everything wasn't exactly on the up and up, but that is one case that was tried entirely by politics.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1558 MR. ROGERS PENS A SAD PICTURE, LONG RANGE, OF LONDON PARLEY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 21. – This conference in London ought to be called "a hard luck testimonial meeting." It had no more than opened than each nation jumped up and told how poor they were before the others even had a chance to ask 'em for anything.

Ramsay MacDonald (a Scotchman), the host and toastmaster, before he finished he had 'em all in tears with England's condition.

France brought their own lunch (and not much of it).

Even "Uncle Andy" Mellon, to stave off a possible touch, joined the spirit of the thing and wore a Pennsylvania homespun suit and no sox.

It wound up by Germany offering to loan them what little she had left.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1559 MR. ROGERS SEES NOTHING NEW IN OUR PLAN TO AID GERMANY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 22. – This new scheme of Mr. Hoover's to Germany "that all short-time credits shall be extended, and converted into long-time credits," why that ain't new. That's our old standby gag of "renewing your notes."

Why, half of our traffic is folks going or coming from renewing our notes.

I sho' do hope Mr. Hoover gets 'em straightened out. He had made every conscientious effort to help 'em, but helping one country in Europe is like helping one bee in a hive. You may help him (or her as the sex may be) but you will know you have been to a helping.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1560 MR. ROGERS STILL IS YEARNING FOR THE LIFE OF A STOWAWAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 23. – Two trips I would like have been on. One was stored away in the tail of Post and Gatty's ship, and the other is with Bernard Shaw and Lady Astor in Russia (maybe stored away in Bernard's beard). The laughs there will be on that trip for Lady Astor can hand 'em out about as fast as old "apple cart" can.

Well, it's fine if they have fixed it so Germany will pull through. There is one debt they ought to wipe out entirely, for it had no reason ever existing, and that's for the "armies of occupation." That was just like sitting over the grave of a dead man for a year to see if he was coming to life and then charging his family the price of the sitting.

Boys brought home enough fine fat German girls to pay for that trip.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1561 MUST BE HOT, SAYS WILL ROGERS, WHEN CALIFORNIA ADMITS IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 24. – This must have been an awful hot spell. California papers are printing their own heat prostrations.

If it hadn't been for Secretary Mellon and Stimson and O. O. McIntyre, there wouldn't have been an American tourist trade this Summer.

The financial depression is so bad that American millionaire polo players are having to play on American horses.

I didn't know it till I was reading the statistics the other day, but the Argentine republic furnishes us over 90 per cent of our tanned hides and gigolos.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1562 MR. ROGERS FINDS ANOTHER THING THAT IS AGAINST THIS COUNTRY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 26. – A fellow was just up here telling me that one of the causes of the extreme heat was that the Japanese Gulf Stream was in closer to us this year and that the water was much warmer, hence warming the land. Even the ocean is against us. Did you ever see as many cockeyed things that could happen to one country all at once?

Ex-President Calles has declared that you can use silver to pay your debts instead of gold. He is trying to get silver back where it belongs. That's fine. Mexico has got the silver, but what about us? We will have to start paying off with potatoes and watermelons.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1563 MR. ROGERS NOTES THE DOWNFALL OF ANOTHER BOASTFUL LEADER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 27. – Lots of countries are breaking the monotony of their depressions with little home-talent revolutions.

A big amateur dictator in Chile had said, "Nothing could harm me; I am under divine protection." Well, yesterday the bullets got to getting so close he commenced figuring maybe he had kinder overestimated his partnership with the Almighty.

There's no leaders in any country now that look like they are getting any divine aid.

Did you read about some women getting held up in China? Well, they was the female kinfolks of Harry Carr, the best writer on the Coast. He wrote an awful nice piece sympathizing with the bandits.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1564 MR. ROGERS HEARS THE RUMBLINGS OF WAR AND PREPARED FOR CALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 28. – I was pretty worried last week. I am a Colonel on Alfalfa Bill Murray's Oklahoma "fighting staff." I thought he overmatched hisself. Take on Kansas till we get in practice, then Texas in the finals.

When I heard "Old Bill" hisself had hid a long squirrel rifle under his mustache and gone to the wars "in person," I said to myself, "Col. Rogers, you better go into rehearsal."

So, I got myself a chemist and we started to work. The only way to lick a Texan is with bad liquor. Any State that can make worse liquor than Texas can lick 'em, but it's hard to make worse. That's why Texas licked Mexico. Texas had the worst. They fattened on Mexico's "tequilla."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1565 MR. ROGERS IS FOR DIGGING A LOT OF CANALS EVEN IF WE'RE BROKE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 29. – Been reading of our army survey of a new canal by Col. Dan Sultan, but what you haven't read is the wonderful work that he and his crew did during the Nicaragua earthquate.

He moved in with his whole outfit, among which were some splendid

doctors, and they worked day and night there. They and the marines were in the right place at the right time that time.

He explained the canal to me down there. For folks that like to dig canals, there is a good place to dig. One there cost $700,000,000, but Lord, the way we are going what's seven hundred more millon in hock for us?

We are sunk anyhow, so let's get a series of canals, then save the best one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1566 MR. ROGERS FINDS GRASSHOPPERS DO MORE HARM THAN FARM BOARD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 30. – I been getting some papers sent to me from the Northwest, and I am telling you, from the pictures, these grasshoppers have laid that country lower than the Farm Board.

They just swarm onto a place like farmers at a free barbecue, and leave about as little.

There is one thing to be said for the grasshopper-he has generally operated in Republican territory. Kansas has been ruined by 'em as often as by their politicians, so that's why the Democrats have never paid the bugs much attention, in fact, kinder urged 'em on. But they never even prayed for anything like this to happen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1567 ROGERS NOW EXPECTS CAPONE TO SUE U. S. FOR DEFAMATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 31. – That was funny in Chicago yesterday that judge not knowing anything about the U. S. Government having a special treaty with Al Capone to let him off easy. This backwoods judge was trying to treat him like a criminal. Now the whole thing has got to go to court and he will win and perhaps sue the government for defamation of character.

If all of our navigators ever get as reliable as our engines half our people will be spending their weekends at Mars and Venus (perhaps Venus). Those old boys that went to Turkey did a mighty fine job. Just the idea of going there was as original as the feat itself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1568 MR. ROGERS ADOPTS A WET PLANK; WOULD TRADE WHEAT FOR BEER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 2. – Somebody said we had a chance to sell Germany some wheat and cotton on time.

Sure, let 'em have all they want, and take the pay out in good German beer. Then pass a law that if you found a man drinking whiskey he gets ten years.

If everybody had all the beer they wanted they would naturally be against the whiskey drinker and would help enforce the law against him. Then you would have a popular law.

Put a good tax on the beer and that would take care of the unemployment fund.

A bushel of wheat for a big "growler of wusberger'" wouldn't be a bad trade.

That's about all the ideas I got today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1569 MR. ROGERS SUDDENLY DISCOVERS THAT THERE IS A DEARTH OF NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 3. – No news any more in the depression, and no more news than truth in optimistic predictions.

We not only cured our "big men" from predicting, but we just about cured 'em from thinking they was "big."

Debts are about all canceled but our own, heat is dying out, grasshoppers are starving out. Nobody running for President on either side in '32 but Mr. Hoover, and even he may lose his passion for punishment by then.

So it just looks like nothing ever happens in our country but interest and taxes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1570 MR. ROGERS IS IN THE FIELD FOR A JOB AS AMBASSADOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 4. – See by the paper this morning they have formed, away out here in Sacramento, Cal., a Draft-Dwight Morrow-for-President Club.

Well, I hope he makes it. All I want out of it is the Ambassadorship to Mexico. (Don't laugh, you haven't seen all our Ambassadors lately, have you?)

I could get away with that job, for Morrow could tell just what to do and who to do it to. I could attend the dinners and bull fights and make speeches to both, and listen without laughing (much) to the Americans saying we got to take this country over and civilize it like ours. Like ours, ha! ha!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1571 MR. ROGERS IS KEPT QUITE BUSY BY THE WARS IN OKLAHOMA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 5. – Say these wars is getting to be tough. I had no more than got home from the battle of Red River in which, with my old commanding general (I am a Colonel on the staff of Bill Murray), we licked Texas and "made bridges free for Oklahomans" to cross, even if they had no business on the other side. Today my old general calls me back into the trenches.

(Let's see who we are fighting this week?) Oh, yes, the Standard Oil and the octopuses. We want $1 oil, and we ain't going to quit shooting till we get it.

Old Bill's been right every time, and I am still with him. Next week we are going to fight for 20-cent wheat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1572 MR. ROGERS SUMS UP THE NEWS OF THE DAY AND IS UNINSPIRED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 6. – Tough day for news.

China had a flood.

Mae Murray, film actress, decided to retain same husband.

Ain't heard a word from Russia since Shaw left it.

Even a Wickersham report would read good today.

Wheat went so low that even the grain speculators are being driven into legitimate business.

All that saved the day was Jack Dempsey announcing that he was going to fight again and Grace Coolidge getting her hair bobbed. I'll bet Calvin will

sneak off where the voters can't see him and get a manicure.

I hope something unusual happens before tomorrow. Maybe Lindbergh's radio will work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1573 ROGERS DISCUSSES HONOLULU, JIM REED AND VACATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7. – My wife and daughter just off the boat today from Honolulu with a ukulele under one arm and a surf board under the other. They claim it's a great vacation spot. They visited some of the big cattle ranches. That and that hula stuff would hit me better than trying to stand on my head on a board.

Saw my old friend Jim Reed of Missouri, and Jim generally knows what he is talking about, says the government is in the bootlegging business. Lord, as far behind as the treasury is now they got to get into something that pays.

Our Governor of California wants everybody to take a six days' vacation. That won't affect over 10 per cent of our people.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1574 WILL ROGERS SEES A DARK PLOT IN THAT FLIGHT OVER JAPAN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 9. – Say, some more of our girls ought to get married and retire for a while. Look at our Helen Wills Moody. Bless her lamp-shaded form, she just went out and brought the tennis championships back to the white race.

Two of our pilots flew over Japanese fortifications and now it looks like they will be hung. When a Jap is serious over some fool thing he can be the most foolishly serious of all the two-legged folks.

Well there you go, Hoover secretly sending these boys over there to get a line on all this. Just shows you he ain't thinking about us here at home, only worried about whipping Japan.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1575 MR. ROGERS SEES NEW TROUBLE FOR HOOVER AS HE GROWS OLDER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 10. – Today is our President's fifty-seventh birthday. I look for him to come in for a lot of censure for allowing himself to get that old. If ever a man should be wished well it should be him.

We think everything has happened to us when nothing has happened to us. Mr. Coolidge and Wall Street and big business had had their big party, and was just running out of liquor when they turned it over to Mr. Hoover. He arrived at the picnic when even the last hardboiled egg had been consumed. Somebody slipped some Limburger cheese into his pocket and he got credit for breaking up the dance.

Prices and everything is getting back to normalcy—all but the people; they are the last to see it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1576 WILL ROGERS HAS SOME IDEAS ON USES FOR THOSE WINE BRICKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 11. – Here is what the Prohibition Director decided about this pressed grape bricks you have been reading so much about: "They will turn to wine if handled properly, but it's not illegal to buy 'em; we would have to prove that he was going to handle 'em properly." Well, that's fine. That a gal Mabel, and I hope you get the government loan. By the way, a few sample bricks would reach me at the above address, only, mind you, for paving and heaving purposes. I got a cat on my back fence I want to throw 'em at. Of course, if they turn to wine before I hit him I will be disappointed and humiliated beyond words, because the cat don't like wine.

Send instructions what to do in case I make up with the cat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1577 MR. ROGERS HAS A KIND WORD FOR WICKERSHAM COMMITTEE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 12. - Say, you know this Wickersham report that we all been kidding about. That thing has dug up a lot of mighty valuable dope at that. About everything they went into they found was "cockeyed."

Our deportation of non-citizens—they found we had sent everybody away that we shouldn't and none that we should.

Now they show up this "third degree," where they beat you till you admit to anything that has been done, even if it happened before you was born.

All we got to do in this country to find out anything is wrong is just to investigate it.

Anyhow, him and his gang wasn't loafing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1578 WILL ROGERS FINDS WIDOWS ARE PREY FOR SWINDLERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 13. – One of the most astonishing things I ever read was in the paper today publishing facts and figures that there has been over $300,000,000 swindled by fake stocks and mines, proposals of marriage and all sorts of schemes, just from mostly widows, alone here in Los Angeles.

Now there is no harder earned money in the world than earned by a wife, and then to be simple enough to let some guy talk her out of it. They say it's worse in California than anywhere. It's either the climate, or widows are dumber.

About the only way I see to lick these malesharpers is not to leave your wife anything. That will get even with those slicks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1579 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A GENEROUS GESTURE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 14. – Say, you talk about a people and a place being appreciative of what was done for them when they was in trouble. Remember England, Ark., that had all the trouble during the drought last fall? Well there is a coal-mining section of Oklahoma (same as the coal mines everywhere) they were mighty hard up. Well, this England, Ark., just loaded up thirteen heaping truck loads of food and sent them to Henryetta, Okla. Now that's remembering, ain't it?

England is in a mighty fertile country, and this year they have really raised something. Course they can't get nothing for it, but ain't it nice they help others out with it?

Yours

Will Rogers.

1580 WILL ROGERS WOULD EXTEND THE FARM BOARD'S NEW PLAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 16. – Farm Board destroying every third row of cotton is the nub of a great idea. What would give more relief than extinguishing every third Senator, every third congressman, every third committee, every third stock broker, every third law. Make a third of the vice presidents of concerns go back to work. Turn the cows back into every third golf course. Convict every third gangster arrested. One-third of all millionaires that issue optimistic reports from aboard yachts. Too many banks, bump off a third. Stop up every third oil well and every third political speaker.

Destroy one-half the newspaper columnists, and last, but the main thing, the matter with the whole world is there is too many people. Shoot every third one. This whole plan is inexpensive and a sure-fire scheme back to prosperity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1581 ROGERS EXPLAINS WHY FRANCE IS WELL OFF IN THE DEPRESSION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 17. – Wasn't much happened over the week-end outside of Texas put on a little earthquake which California papers brought up to giant proportions.

Winston Churchill made the front page by hanging on to Bernard Shaw's whiskers and Nancy Astor's petticoat. He is stepping out of his class of wits with those two. He has misfit into too many prominent positions in England to shoot at those two successes.

Borah says that France is better off than any nation today. Well, if you remember, they are the only one that went to work and saving the minute the war was over. We are just starting now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1582 WILL ROGERS THINKS CONGRESS IS DUE TO HELP UNEMPLOYED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 18. – What's all the scandal today? Good deal of talk of Congress meeting early on account of the unemployed. Well, I believe if I was unemployed and hungry I would want a little more substantial

help than just the thought of "our boys" being gathered in Washington. In fact, I believe a man can get just as hungry with them there as he can if they are investigating the Philippines or France or somewhere else, and I am sure Mr. Hoover ain't bringing the lads in just because he has missed 'em so. But Congress might do something. They are about due.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1583 WILL ROGERS FEARS WE MUST SAVE OURSELVES ACCIDENTALLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 19. – Every day brings new schemes in the papers for relief. The Russians have got a five-year plan. Maybe it's terrible but they got one. We been two years just trying to get a plan. The latest two came from Mr. McKelvie of the North and Governor Long of the South. Neither one helps the corn raiser or the city fellow. One wants to give all the surplus wheat to the unemployed. (That has been suggested more times than there is bushels.) Long wants to plant no cotton next year. Both good schemes, but neither don't put anybody to work. So we are still in the market for a plan.

We will just about have to save ourselves accidentally. That's the way we stumbled on prosperity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1584 WILL ROGERS CALLS GIFFORD A BIG MAN FOR A BIG JOB

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 20. – Mr. Hoover has named another man to look after the jobless. The latest one is Mr. Gifford, the very efficient head of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. That's a terrible position to wish on anybody. "Here, you go out and find six million work." Well, if Gifford can't give you a job he can at least put you on a phone so you can call up your other idle friends, or he can use these six million to keep that other six million off the line while you are trying to talk.

Anyhow, we got a big man in a big job, and if he gets away with it he is our Moses.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1585 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ON NEW HOOVER COMMISSION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 21. – No matter how bad the depression gets and how short we become of the necessities of life we never seem to run out of material to put on a commission. Mr. Hoover just got ahold of a book called "Who's Who for no Reason at All" and appointed sixty men. That breaks his own record for quantity if nothing else.

He picked every bank president and corporation head who have handled their own affairs so ably in the last year and a half that it is their stockholders that constitute the present needy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1586 WILL ROGERS EXTOLS COUZENS FOR HIS GIFT TO UNEMPLOYED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 23. – Best news in a whole bale of Sunday papers was from a Senator.

Wouldn't think it, would you?

Senator Jim Couzens offered a million to Detroit's relief fund. A few examples like that early before the cold sets in will have great effect. Young Insull in Chicago is doing some fine work.

That's the best thing about Mr. Hoover's big committee. It's what they will give themselves and get their friends to give that will make them valuable. Our rich are mighty liberal when the real showdown comes.

So thank you, Jim, we will cable your friend Andy about this.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1587 WILL ROGERS LISTS SURPRISES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS IN NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 24. – Did you ever see as many things happen to a country in one year? One disappointment after another. Had Al Capone headed for jail and then he notified us that he didn't care to attend this semester. Ramsay MacDonald was our only friend in England, now he is "on the dole." When Uncle Andy Mellon, the missing link between finance and gov-

ernment, pulled up one billion lame that was a shock. We knew our financial "giants" had failed to giant. We knew our laws had crumbled. We knew the weather was against us, but to have Lindy keep a reception committee waiting one month, that was our last straw.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1588 ROGERS SAYS LINDBERGHS FOUND NEW ISLANDS FOR THE JAPANESE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 25. – See where the Japanese jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" against Lindy. They not only freed him but complimented him for finding some islands that they didn't know they had themselves. Funny how they guard those forts and I don't reckon there is a fort in the world that all other nations don't know more about it than the one that owns it.

The Labor Government of England fell because it wanted to cut the salaries of those that wasn't laboring. Now they got a coalition government. That's one they have when there is nothing left to divide up.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1589 WILL ROGERS DOUBTS ACCURACY OF LOS ANGELES WEATHER MAN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 26. – Everybody in Los Angeles can die of the heat but one lone man, and he will stagger to the type-setting machine and report "temperature 96 degrees." Their thermometer is in a Frigidaire.

Sixty shots were fired in Mexico's Congress while it was in session, and they were only able to totally eliminate one member, and then people ask "What's the matter with Mexico?"

After reading what tonsils did for Estelle, Dempsey will get his divorce.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1590 ROGERS PRESIDES AT PARLEY ON A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE LOT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 27. – A lot of different nationalities were working with us on a movie set yesterday, all representatives of different countries. We all sit around and gabbed between scenes. The Chinaman: "My coun-

try very bad, what will be the end?" The Russian: "Poor Russia, what hopes can it have?" The Englishman: "We were never in such a bad way; who knows how we will come out?"

I said: "Boys, I sure would like to tell you, and I will just as soon as I find out where we're going ourselves."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1591 ROGERS SAYS BIG MONEY GOES TO PARTY THAT SUPPORTS IT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 28. – No wonder the Republican party in this country is careful to do nothing to interfere with big banking interests. Look over in England. The Labor party was in but they had no money. They get out and a different bunch in New York and Paris banks loaned 'em a half billion dollars.

Big money only goes to the party that supports big money. I am entering no crusade to end it. I am just telling you how it is. You go ahead and change it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1592 WILL ROGERS THINKS AIR RACES ARE AMERICA'S GREATEST SHOW

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 30. – Post and Gatty and their families were out to spend the day with us today. They are mighty modest, fine boys. Gatty thinks we have pilots and engines that will take us anywhere; that it's up to navigation now.

They are leaving at once for the Cleveland air races. Post won the race from here there last year. This year Jimmy Doolittle has a very fast new plane that should win. That ought to be the greatest show in America, for there is nothing new in any kind of a show nowadays but aviation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1593 WILL ROGERS IS A BIT CAUSTIC ON THE NEWS OF THE WEEK-END

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 31. – Not much news over the weekend, as we look at news nowadays. Flood in China drowned a million. We take that

with as little concern as a New York gang killing or the fifty people killed in autos over the week-end. Mr. Mellon is today's headliner, borrowing one billion one hundred million at 3 per cent. Could have got it at about 1 1/2, but wanted to give the boys a break. This means they are going to finance by borrowing instead of increased taxes on those able to pay.

It's too close to election to antagonize the big boys.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1594 ROGERS SEES MORE INTEREST IN GOLF THAN IN UNEMPLOYED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 1. – This country is not entirely over the "cuckoo" stage yet, for every day there is more printed in the papers about the new and old golf ball than there is on unemployment. When the dimensions of a golf ball is our greatest worry, we still got a long way to go to get back to normal. Five thousand people followed Bobby Jones and watched him watch the golf championship. We ought to get Bobby to sit in Washington and watch it. That might revive interest in our present form of government.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1595 WILL ROGERS SAYS PRESIDENT PUT OWEN YOUNG ON THE SPOT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 2. – California will stay ahead in everything or bust, even depression. A guy out here yesterday robbed the poor-farm.

I think Mr. Hoover had overlooked Owen D. Young on his first relief committee and all the papers commented on it, and to make up for it he appointed him on a special one. Asking a Democrat to feed the country is almost a "believe it or not." Young is in a tough spot. If he feeds 'em through the Winter, he will only be keeping 'em alive to vote the Republican ticket next Fall. Voters can't remember back over two months.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1596 WILL ROGERS FINDS EVERYBODY OCCUPIED SPREADING RUMORS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 3. – We got one thing to be thankful for anyhow. The country is not in as bad shape as the rumors have it. If ever a land

was rumored to death it's us. There is not a bank in America that is not closed a thousand times a day by whispers. In fact there is no unemployed. We got one hundred and twenty million people working overtime just repeating rumors. If we did pass out as a great nation our epitaph should read "America died from fright."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1597 WILL ROGERS FINDS LARNIN' SPOILS ONE FOR REAL WORK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 4. – The papers today say that illiteracy has decreased. The more that learn how to read the less learn how to make a living. That's one thing about a little education, it spoils you for actual work. The more you know the more you think somebody owes you a living.

Chic Sale was just out to see me, an old friendship we started in vaudeville together many, many years ago. We are very fond of he and his fine family. We both wrote a book, but I foolishly wrote mine on politics, a subject nobody was interested in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1598 ROGERS FOLLOWED OUIMET 36 HOLES TO LEARN NAME

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 6. – This trip of Wilkin's will sure discourage a man from ever buying a second-hand submarine. I don't see why he don't try the thing under water, it sure won't float on top. Unless he has made arrangements to have a whale tow him he ain't got much chance ever getting far.

I don't know anything about golf, but I do know We-met that won the championship yesterday. He is a great friend of Fred Stone, and about the only time I ever followed a man was him and Fred. It's just about like following a man plowing all day. I had to follow him thirty-six holes to find out how to pronounce his name, We-met.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1599 MR. ROGERS COMES FORWARD WITH DEMAND FOR NEW TAXES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 7. – When will they quit taxing farmers' land regardless if it made anything? Or selling people's homes for taxes?

Not till they get a sales tax small on necessities and large on luxuries; then a stiff inheritance tax on the fellow that saves and don't spend.

That will get him either way.

A tax paid on the day you buy is not as tough as asking you for it the next year when you are broke.

It's worked on gasoline. It ought to work on Rolls Royces, cigarettes, lipstick, rouge and Coca-Cola.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1600 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS THE NEWS AND MAKES A BOW TO BORAH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 8. – No dullness over this weekend's news.

King of England and the Prince of Wales set a fine example and get a merit badge.

Our Bill Murray made a good speech, and when everybody has had their say on a subject, Senator Bill Borah says something. That "It's all right to say the government don't support the people, but who got the people in the shape they are if it wasn't the mismanagement of the government?"

Them's true words, Willie. No wonder they won't run you for President.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1601 MR. ROGERS TELLS WHY LEAGUE DOESN'T INVITE US TO JOIN NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 9. – Mexico just joined the League of Nations. Since we went broke we have never been invited in.

If the South don't raise any cotton next year it will just be their luck to have the boll weevil change its diet and switch over to something else.

With no cotton in the South next year the people can devote all their time to politics instead of just two-thirds of it.

Wilkins is bringing the Nautilus home to get a new tow rope.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1602 MR. ROGERS THINKS OUR WOMEN WILL KEEP ONE RECORD FOR US

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 10. – We had quite a mix up over an international speed boat race.

I know Gar Wood and I don't think he is that kind of a sportsman, but whether he did or did not, we know the Englishman had the fastest boat, the same as they have the fastest auto and the fastest plane.

But I believe our women have got it on 'em for speed. They are about our last hope to hold a speed record.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1603 MR. ROGERS LIKES THE MANNER IN WHICH ENGLAND DOES THINGS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 11. – You can't beat that England. She don't look good till they get in a hole, then watch her.

They wasn't afraid to put an additional tax on big incomes. They forget politics when they are in a tight place.

Republicans can't tax big incomes over here for they haven't got next year's campaign budget yet. Democrats still owe for their last three elections.

Somebody said that Al Smith wouldn't run next year, but Al says it wasn't him that said it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1604 MR. ROGERS HOLDS OUR MAYOR HAS AT LEAST ONE DISTINCTION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 13. – France gave Jimmy Walker the Legion of Honor because he didn't bring nineteen other mayors with him.

Every time the Republicans start to pin a rosette of poison ivy on him in New York he is sipping a stein of beer with Hindenburg, shooting craps with Premier MacDonald, or doing an adagio dance with Mussolini.

No man was ever so investigated on one hand and dined on the other. He keeps just three decorations ahead of the investigating committee.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1605 WILL ROGERS ANNOUNCES A SHIFT OF HIS AFFECTIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 14. – Sister Aimee McPherson had just yesterday sent an advisory out to invite me as her special guest to her new musical play based on the Bible, words by Moses, music by McPherson.

Now she has gone and got married on me, so I am going to switch my affections over to "Ma" Kennedy.

Hollywood may not keep you young, but it sure keeps you marrying.

Los Angeles's fiesta was a big success, all but the "Native Sons" parade, and not enough entries came from Frisco to make it worth while.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1606 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO A 'SKINNY LITTLE FELLOW'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 15. – London has had lots of conferences. There was enough fuss made over the disarmament one to fix the whole world for years.

Our delegates went by special boat. Dressmakers worked for months before, but a skinny little fellow with nothing but a breech-cloth, a spinning wheel and an old she-goat goes there representing more humanity and with more authority than all the high hats in the world.

It's sincerity versus diplomacy.

Viva, Gandhi.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1607 MR. ROGERS'S COMMENT RUNS CHIEFLY TO NEWS OF GANDHI

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 16. – So Mayor Walker stood Mahatma Gandhi up and went to a night club instead. As our southern mothers always said, "Raising will tell."

Gandhi, on viewing Buckingham Palace all illuminated, said: "What an extravagance for a country trying to balance its budget!"

Mr. Hoover has just appointed a "home building conference." Why not call a moratorium on the mortgages of the ones we got?

Every McPherson marriage unearths a batch of old worn-out sweethearts.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1608 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS THE BOUT BETWEEN HUEY LONG AND TEXAS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 17. – Texas had just lost a war to Governor Murray, so when Governor Long said they had been influenced by the lobbyists, why they called him a "liar," by resolution. (That's like calling you a liar by mail.)

Nothing makes a man or a body of men as mad as the truth. If there is no truth in it they laugh it off.

Now Texas is going to raise all the cotton she can and be worse broke next fall than this, just to spite Long, because he had the only real cotton idea that's been suggested.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1609 ROGERS THINKS AMMUNITION THE ONLY WAY TO FREEDOM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 18. – Poor little Gandhi, he is becoming discouraged with the London Conference. He says they only talk. I wonder if he thought a nation got independence over a conference table and not over a gun barrel. Where would we have been if Washington had conferred instead of confiscating? Didn't a Missouri Senator set the Philippines free this Summer? And Pat Hurley went over and annexed 'em again. Ammunition beats persuasion when you are looking for freedom.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1610 MR. ROGERS SETS FORTH HIS VIEWS ON THE FAR EAST ROW AND POLO

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 20. – Japan has been trying to match a war with China for years. Looks like they finally made it. Russia is rehearsing to get in. This Manchuria must be a pretty valuable country. Now we will see how strong the League of Nations are.

Did you read what that Argentine polo team did to America? Andrada, a real cowpuncher, was the whole show. It was a great thing for polo. The social register has had its last hold on the game. The next American team will know no more about pouring tea than a marine.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1611 MR. ROGERS THINKS IT IS TIME THAT A SMART MAN CAME ALONG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 21. – Something has happened to England's gold standard.

I don't know any more about it than a prominent man knows about relieving depression. I know you can't get any gold out of the Bank of England even with a check from the King indorsed by Gandhi.

We got all the gold over here and look how pretty we are sitting. "Yeah?"

It looks like the financial giants of the world have bungled as much as the diplomats and politicians. This would be a great time in the world for some man to come along that knew something.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1612 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS VERSION OF WHAT HAPPENED AT DETROIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 22. – The American Legion did themselves mighty proud by giving the President such a fine reception.

They made him feel he alone was not entirely responsible for the war in China, England's dole, fog over Alaska and Whataman's "it."

He told 'em truthfully that the taxpayers couldn't stand another cash bonus and the boys said:

"O.K., chief, we don't want to cause the taxpayers any hardship, but do you think a glass of beer would be asking too much for our service rendered?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1613 WILL ROGERS EXPRESSES SYMPATHY WITH RAILROADS

ROSWELL, N. M., Sept. 23. – It's two days and two nights here by rail. Flew in here in seven hours in Hal Roach's (the movie comedy producer) private plane, Captain Dickson piloting.

I shouldn't say anything that would in any way be detrimental to the poor railroads, for they are having tough enough sledding. The only thing "riding" the R. R. is the government (with restrictions). If they would lay off and let 'em run 'em their own way maybe the public would come back.

This is the prettiest little town in the West.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1614 MR. ROGERS FLIES INTO A LAND OF CONTENTMENT AND PLENTY

OOLAGAH, Okla., Sept. 24. – Flying all morning over stopped-up oil wells, while Venezuala is shipping it in tariff free by the ship-loads. Now explain that, here in my old home section. Bins full of wheat and cribs full of corn, fat steers bring what a fat hog used to.

Nobody's got much money, but smoke houses all full of meat, woodpiles are high, Bill Murray to look after our troubles so nothing to do this winter but hibernate and listen over the radio to Wall Street wailing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1615 WILL ROGERS IS PINCH-HITTING FOR ALFALFA BILL MURRAY

CHELSEA, Okla., Sept. 25. – I am in Oklahoma pinch hitting for Governor Murray. He is in St. Louis today fixing the unemployed, tomorrow he is in Little Rock fixing the cotton situation, and I am just waiting around here till

sometime when I catch him passing through Oklahoma.

He is the Jimmy Walker of Governors.

Middle West never gets very stirred up over prohibition, but they figure now that a man has to have some drinks to go with these prices of farm products.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1616 MR. ROGERS SINGS: 'HOME FOLKS ARE THE BEST FOLKS AFTER ALL'

WINSLOW, Ariz., Sept. 27. – Accompanied by a couple of my kids and a nephew, we are flying back to old Orangejuiceville after a happy day yesterday at a big celebration in Claremore.

It sure was fine to meet all the old home folks. After all, it's the best people that stay at home. It's just the tramps that leave and do the bumming.

It broke all records for an enjoyable day. There wasn't a speech made, and you just can't imagine how glad everybody was. The Chamber of Commerce and some politicians were broken-hearted not to be able to say something, but we kept 'em still.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1617 MR. ROGERS IS READY TO USE MOST ANYTHING FOR MONEY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 28. – To show you what our smart men know, they led us to believe the world was coming to an end when England lost her gold standard. Now we come to find out that things are picking up on what they thought was a calamity.

Other nations are going to silver voluntarily. Sure, use silver for money, use as many things as you can for money, and the more trading and business will be done.

Astor made a fortune trading chewing tobacco for skunk skins.

Poor Bryan, he ran for President just thirty-eight years too soon!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1618 MR. ROGERS STATES HIS POSITION ON TAXATION OF BIG INCOMES

YUMA, Ariz., Sept. 29. – They are trying to find a scheme to raise more money without hitting big incomes.

Republican's theory is that if you tax big incomes too much you will discourage a man from making so much for himself. Didn't discourage him during the war when income tax ran as high as 70 per cent. Some of the biggest fortunes were made at that rate of income tax.

Any guy that's been lucky enough to have a bucket of water during this two-year drought shouldn't kick on handing out a drink.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1619 MR. ROGERS BEGINS TO FEEL A BIT SORRY FOR THE WETS

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 30. – In the old days in a prohibition fight the money used to be with the wets, but nowadays it's all on the other side.

In addition, the great bootlegging interests (which is no longer just a racket but an industry) have joined with the W.C.T.U. Now yesterday's statistics show some new allies. Candy sales have jumped from $150,000,000 to $400,000,000, soft drinks from $50,000,000 to $275,000,000 and ice cream from $55,000,000 to $305,000,000.

So, the poor wet has nothing on his side but his thirst.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1620 MR. ROGERS IS ENTERING A LAND THAT IS NOT 'MODERN' BUT HAPPY

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 1. – I always send these telegrams, from the very place I am, but I am heading down into the wilds of old Mexico and will leave this and a couple of more here as I will be out of touch with what we humorously call civilization.

They don't even have a daily lecture on pyorrhea or know what cigarette will raise or lower your Adam's apple. They're so primitive they have never tasted wood alcohol or know the joys of buying on credit.

They are evidently just a lot of heathens that are happy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1621 WILL ROGERS OFFERS NEW IDEA ON CANCELLATION OF DEBTS

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 2. – These old big boys work fast and away ahead of time. Big bankers are coming down from New York daily to show President Hoover that the debt moratorium should be extended, maybe a year, maybe five years. They didn't know which, but they were sure they should be canceled entirely. In that way it would make it easier for them to collect the money that was owed them personally.

Mr. Hoover ought to have told 'em, "Boys I will cancel half they owe us if you cancel half they owe you." That would have checked their philanthropy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1622 MR. ROGERS THINKS OF ONE USE TO WHICH WE CAN PUT OUR GOLD

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 4. – Say, what if all the nations go off the gold standard and decide that silver is a metal, too?

This fellow Calles, the ex-President of Mexico, started all this when he declared silver was their national dish. Now all of 'em are joining in.

A nation has the right to declare anything it wants for money-poker chips, possum hides, empty gin bottles, niblicks or canceled Congressmen's checks to bootleggers, as it looks like us and France will have to take our gold and fill our teeth with it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1623 WILL ROGERS FINDS MEXICO READING COOLIDGE'S REFUSAL

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 5. – Talk about big ranches and a great cattle country, you ought to see this Hearst Babicora ranch in Old Mexico.

Takes a week to even fly over it. Lot of grain, grass and tens of thousands of fat cattle.

The first news of the outside world I have seen was a Mexican sitting under a mesquite bush reading the Saturday Evening Post about Coolidge's not running. His refusals are getting longer every year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1624 WILL ROGERS FINDS IN MEXICO AN EXAMPLE OF REAL LOYALTY

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 6. – Coming in from the Hearst ranch on one of America's unique railroads, the Mexico Northwestern. Been pillaged and robbed by bandits for eighteen years, yet the same people have stayed with it through all this. They could teach many of our concerns a lesson in loyalty.

Here is a queer coincidence. Away down in the wildest part of Mexico, I was told this morning by a peon of the death of Dwight Morrow whom I had met in Mexico and who I had come to think more of than any man in public life I ever met. That's all they are talking about all up the line today. They all say "amigo de Mexico," friend of Mexico.

Yes, and a friend of humanity, too. What a loss!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1625 WILL ROGERS FINDS THAT NEWS OF REAL INTEREST TRAVELS FAST

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 7. – News can travel when it's of real interest to the people among whom it travels.

I hadn't heard a thing for eight days-no world series, no word from Al Capone, didn't know Wall Street had shook the small klinkers out, another conference had been held, but the only real thing of future importance that had happened in the eight days was Dwight Morrow's death, and I heard that in the heart of Mexico (and from the heart of Mexico).

I am sorry Mr. Hoover is too busy to attend the funeral. This fellow Morrow was quite a fellow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1626 MR. ROGERS IS IN THE FIELD WITH HIS TICKET FOR 1932

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 8. – Here, why didn't you tell me what this fellow "Pepper" Martin from Oklahoma was doing?

I had been in Mexico all this time and hadn't heard a thing. I would have flew clear there to see that fellow Oklahoman operate. Why, I can't hear a thing of Hoover, Borah, Coolidge, Aimee, Capone or Gandhi.

Well, there was never a time when a man that would "do something" is more appreciated, or a novelty than he is today.

It looks like Governor Murray and Martin in '32.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1627 WILL ROGERS NOW KNOWS WHAT A FROZEN ASSET IS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 9. – After "Pep" Martin fell down on me so hard today there just ain't much to talk about but Mr. Hoover and his "relief for frozen assets." We had heard of all kinds of relief, drought, grasshoppers and potato bug, but the general run of us didn't know that these frozen assets were in such bad shape till this plan came along. In fact, we didn't know what a frozen asset was, but now everything is clear.

If you got a little frozen asset in your house, why the Federal Reserve will take it over.

Everything's "jake" now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1628 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS VERSION OF HOOVER AND THE BANKERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 11. – Mr. Hoover has had many a tough break during the many weeks he has been in, but just kinder looking it over from all angles, I believe that this last week was his most successful one in a long time. I think he just rounded all those big bankers up and said:

"Now listen, this thing has got past a joke. You birds got to get in here and help me do something. I been helping you out long enough. Now if big business wants a Republican administration, big business better start helping a Republican administration, or else!"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1629 MR. ROGERS IS WILLING TO TAKE SCENTS AND BERETS ON THE DEBT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 12. – If I had suggested such a "nut" thing I doubt if even my own papers would have run it, but somebody in official life done it on the level suggested that England pay us her debts in battleships, that

they had more than we have.

Now, can you see England bringing over a couple of big dreadnoughts to us and turning the sailors loose on the "dole?"

Why not let Italy pay in spaghetti and France in perfume and berets?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1630 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS OPINION ON THE POWER OF THE LEAGUE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 13. – Every morning some nation issues Japan an ultimatum to quit fighting China, and every time she gets another ultimatum she sends in another army.

Poor League of Nations! They have written Japan so much they have run out of stationery. She don't even open their notes any more.

That League was a great thing to make the little fellow behave, but when the big fellows want to get away with anything it has no more power than a Senate investigating committee.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1631 MR. ROGERS FINALLY REVEALS WHAT HAS BLIGHTED HIS LIFE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 14. – As soon as the government lawyers had shown that Al Capone wore silk underwear, why they rested their case. They looked at the jury and figured that would be the most damaging evidence they could bring before 'em.

I don't know if that's the worst charge against Capone, but that about sizes up the condition of the rest of the country. We haven't been any more used to the silk underwear than Capone was and his old cotton is scratching us and that's what we are beefing about.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1632 WILL ROGERS APPROVES OF MOVE TO MAKE MRS. MORROW SENATOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 15. – See where Mrs. Morrow has been offered her husband's seat in the Senate if she wants it.

Now, in most cases those positions are offered the wives just out of courtesy, but Mrs. Morrow is just about as unusual a woman as her husband was a man. She was a tremendous item in Mr. Morrow's Mexico success. She learned Spanish and became a great favorite with the Mexican people.

If she goes in there she will know what the Senate is all about. Well, of course, not exactly, but as near as it can be found out.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1633 ROGERS THINKS THOSE 13 VOTES SIGNIFICANT IN THE BID TO US

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 16. – Mexico's whole Cabinet retired whole.

Headline says "Chicago electrocuted four gangsters." Their limousine must have crossed a live wire.

"Harvard bars Aimee from the campus." Harvard must have some smart men to think up all the fool things that school does to get notoriety.

Thirteen nations asked us to join the League to try and help make Japan behave. That number 13 ought to be the tipoff right there to stay out of there.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1634 MR. ROGERS SEES SOME HOPE IN THE CONVICTION OF CAPONE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 18. – See where they convicted Al Capone on five counts silk underwear and four ethers.

Now comes the out on bail, new trial, change of venue, habus corpus, stay of execution and twenty-one other things that the law has invented to hinder justice.

This case is a great boost for Mr. Mellon and his deficit, for if bootleggers and robbers are liable for an income tax, why our treasury will be richer than France.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1635 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 19. – Best Edison joke I know was on me. He and Mrs. Edison used to always come to Ziegfeld Follies and I played directly to him with my little jokes for four years before I knew he was deaf. Owen D. Young was making a flowery speech about him at Ford's great dinner at Dearborn. We all got to laughing. Young was mystified. It was Edison making faces and pantomiming that what Young was saying was "hooey." Ford moved his old invention shop to Dearborn, even brought the red New Jersey clay. When Edison first saw it he also noticed the clay. "Gee Henry, where did you get this?" He'd been a great old man even if he never invented anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1636 MR. ROGERS THINKS CORNWALLIS DID HIS NATION A GOOD TURN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 20. – Been having a big celebration down at Yorktown. The State of Virginia is celebrating their taking over the thirteen colonies from England, eventually losing the management of them to Pennsylvania and Mellon.

I bet if Cornwallis was alive today he would have entered into the spirit of that celebration, for he just looked ahead 150 years and lost that war on purpose.

Look at the Philippines. If one of our generals would lose them for us he would be our great national hero.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1637 MR. ROGERS REPORTS A DELUGE OF PRAISE ON HIS JOB SPEECH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 21. – I can't answer all the telegrams, and letters, but I want to take this means of thanking the most people that ever wired or wrote me on anything—my little speech over the radio for the unemployed-and will send them copies as soon as I can think of what I said. Dozens of community chests want to use it as an ad. Sorry it wasn't the usual "hooey" on the subject, for some paper would have published it and saved me all the trouble.

What made me feel kinder proud was that while I got after the "big men," yet it was the big men that sent me the fine wires. Mr. Gifford, head of American T. and T. Owen D. Young said, "It was the best speech ever would be made

on the subject." Edsel Ford wants a copy for his father.

I am going over to the flying field to get my good friend, Pat Hurley. Going to try and make him stay all night with me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1638 MR. ROGERS INTERVIEWS HURLEY ON THE BIG ISSUES OF THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 22. – Scene in box stall in Rogers home: Secretary of War Hurley eating Rogers's "fodder."

"Mr. Hurley, this is not for publication, but should the Philippines have their freedom?"

"Will, this is a good administration, you see if it ain't."

"Now, Pat, you was in both China and Japan. Just what is their troubles?"

'I'll tell you, Will, Hoover is a very warm, sympathetic man when you know him."

"Mr. Secretary, will that Russian plan work?"

"Listen, Will, they haven't got a soul they can run against us."

So I just fed him and slept him for nothing. The next Cabinet officer pays his board.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1639 WILL ROGERS SEES INFLUENCE OF A WOMAN ON BERNARD SHAW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 23. – Bernard Shaw came out this morning in favor of prohibition. He is also a vegetarian. Shows you what the influence of a good woman will do even on a writer. Lady Astor, a staunch believer in prohibition, accompanied Shaw to Russia.

I read a story of Edison's funeral and I said this is the making of this writer for it was a masterful bit of human reporting. Then I saw it was by Arthur Brisbane.

Well, that was one funeral where you could use up all your eulogies, and then you would only have a few introductory remarks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1640 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS THE EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS IN WASHINGTON

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Oct. 25. – This man Laval, who is mighty ably representing the great French nation, is said to be a self-made Frenchman. (And we thought only Americans were self-made.)

Well, he was just getting along great with Mr. Hoover, as they had said that they had no "real business" to transact.

But then, unfortunately for Monsieur Laval, he run into our Prime Minister, Mr. Borah, who has charge of our foreign affairs. Typical Frenchman had met a typical American. And mere compliments ceased.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1641 MR. ROGERS TAKES COGNIZANCE OF A NEW YORK STATE ISSUE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 26. – Governor Roosevelt of New York was sponsoring a bill in the State for reforestation and Al Smith said it was unwise, wrong in principle, entirely without precedent, wholly undesirable, misleading, confusing and badly drafted.

He didn't exactly want to find fault, but he just couldn't hardly reconcile himself to agree with it in its entirety on account of them both being members of the same great political party.

Well, Laval is gone. His trip was a success. He had never seen Washington before.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1642 MR. ROGERS GIVES EXPRESSION TO A FEW NAVY DAY THOUGHTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 27. – Well, this was Navy Day. We celebrated it this year by lopping off its appropriations.

Wake up some morning with a war on our hands, then the mad rush will be on to build ships. Give the companies big bonuses to get 'em done quick. Then, we will have to go through that silk-shirt buying period again.

England is a pretty wise old bird. She relinquished her world's financial supremacy, but she didn't relinquish any ships. Shows which she thinks is the most valuable to a country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1643 MR. ROGERS SEES IN BRITAIN A LESSON FOR THE G. 0. P. HERE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 28. – Father O'Donnell, head of the great Notre Dame University, did me the honor of a visit out to the "lean to" here yesterday, and, by the way, he says constant usage makes a thing correct and that "Notre Dame" is O.K., and the ones that try to say "Notrey Dom" is all wet. He says Anderson is doing a great job of coaching in Rockne's place.

No business or school is bigger than the head of it, and you just have to meet this fellow and chat with him to see why that school prospered.

See what happened in England. No matter what government or party is in, if you have your election during the hard times they will throw 'em out on their ears. The Republicans have just got from now till next Summer to make things look better or out in the alley they go.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1644 MR. ROGERS IS OUT TO ROUND UP 2 STRAYS FROM THE HOME CORRAL

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Oct. 29. – Early in the autumn, Mrs. Rogers and I sent two sons away supposedly to schools. (We got tired trying to get 'em up in the morning.) One went north, here in this State; another to New Mexico. Since then we have received no word or letter.

We have looked in every football team all over the country. Guess they couldn't make the teams, knew their education was a failure and kept right on going.

Any news from any source will be welcome.

I am flying to Mexico City today. The big one spoke Spanish, so maybe he is there. The little one didn't even speak English, but he loved chili and hot tamales, so he may be there, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1645 WILL ROGERS, AFTER AIR TRIP, FINDS MEXICO LOOKS 'FINE'

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 30. – Hal Roach, Eric Pedley, the great international polo player; Captain Dickson and I had a wonderful flight here from Los Angeles in Mr. Roach's plane. I sure do like this country, and this is one of the greatest cities in the world.

Am mighty glad to report everything here looks fine. A few changes in cabinet positions but no disturbances whatever.

Going out right now to visit my old friend ex-President Calles. He is still here, quite a bit here. When Mr. Morrow and myself sized him up here four years ago we said he was not only the strongest man in Mexico, but pretty near anywhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1646 MR. ROGERS FINDS A NEW LOW ON HIS VISIT TO MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 1. – Did you ever spend a lonesome hour in a strange town?

You all think you have, but you haven't. The lonesomest hour in the entire world is in Mexico City and Madrid, Spain, on Sunday afternoon between the hours of 4 and 5 when everyone has gone to the bull fights.

I am not against it. Every nation for their own affairs and own sports. Some nations like to see blood and some to see their victims suffer from speculation. It's all in your point of view.

They kill the bull very quick. Wall Street lets you live and suffer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1647 MR. ROGERS FINDS THAT MEXICO IS DOING PLENTY OF THINGS

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 2. – Following Dwight Morrow is not my idea of a soft job, but this American Ambassador Clark we got here is doing it, and great, too. They like him here.

He thinks Mexico is in better shape politically than in many years, and say, it's not all bullfights here.

Mexico's famous university plays Tulsa Saturday, Memphis' baseball

team is here and the Mexican army is sending a great polo team to California.

Studios are making their own movies.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1648 MR. ROGERS IS BACK IN THE STATES AND HEARS OF A NEW COMMISSION

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 3. – Just flew in here from Mexico City by two good lines, the Pan American to Brownsville and American Airways to here.

That's a great valley down in that lower end of Texas, but did you know there is a mess of Republicans down in there? The rest of Texas is ashamed of 'em and got 'em segregated away off down there to themselves like some towns do vice.

I been away a few days, but I see by the papers Mr. Hoover's got a new commission. This is one of the most unique ones of all. He has appointed it to find out "if he storied about the navy or if he didn't."

Yours,

Will Rogers

1649 MR. ROGERS FINDS THREE TOWNS THAT ARE NOT STANDARDIZED

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 4. – I always told you that there was just three towns in the whole of America that was different and distinct, New Orleans, Frisco and San Antonio. They each got something that even the most persistent chamber of commerce can't standardize.

Say, what do you know about the Democrats walking away with the next Congress? I am going to try and get out here in the mesquite brush about eighty miles at Uvalde, Texas, and see an old prairie dog, Jack Garner, that is going to be the next Speaker of the House, and funny thing, he was Nick's best friend.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1650 MR. ROGERS FINDS A REAL RANCH AND REAL COW HANDS IN TEXAS

KINGSVILLE, Tex., Nov. 5. – Down on the great King ranch, biggest in the whole Southwest, and I did my best acting today trying to look and act like a cowboy on Bob Kleberg's best cutting horse, and hanging on by my teeth.

Both Kleberg girls dragged calves up to the fire faster than I ever could.

This is a real outfit. If you think there ain't any more real cowboys in this country, you're crazy.

Flew down here with the flying Laphams and Frank Hawks. Mother Lapham flying her own plane, Papa Lapham his, Baby Lapham his, each Lapham servant their own.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1651 ROGERS VISITS JACK GARNER, AND LEARNS ABOUT PECANS

NORTH UVALDE, Tex., Nov. 6. – Here I am in this beautiful little western town. Flew in here from the King Ranch to spend the afternoon with a man who you are going to hear more of in the next few months than any man in America. That's just plain Jack Garner, who will almost surely be the next Speaker of the great House of Representatives.

I never did go in much for this typical American stuff, but this fellow in his career and his home life will come pretty near living up to what we think one is. His only regret, and this is no bull either, in going back to Washington this time is how he and his wife will miss Nick Longworth. That alone almost keeps him from being typical anything. He raises famous soft-shell pecans. He gave me some and I just found out what a soft-shell pecan is. It's one you can crack with just a small hammer.

When I got here he was practicing with a gavel.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1652 MR. ROGERS FINDS WE ARE BACK WHERE WE STARTED ON THE NAVY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 8. – Mr. Hoover's navy jury set him free. Mr. Gardiner's jury set him free. Now we are right where we are in all our investigations. Just where we started from.

The only way we will ever find out who is right is to have a war. If we are ready for it, Hoover is right; if we are not, Gardiner is right. And wars are just like depressions, they come when you least expect 'em.

We lost a lot of common sense and a lot of well needed humor in the Senate when we lost Caraway of Arkansaw. It was a pleasure to watch him walk up and down the aisle, like Felix the Cat, and then bump the Republicans off with just one short remark.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1653 MR. AND MRS. ROGERS GET, AT LAST, THE USUAL WORD FROM THE BOYS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Nov. 9. – Well, I got home and we heard from the boys. Yes, on the first of the month they remembered us. They arrived at their schools O. K. If their remittance is in proportion to their grades I am not going to have such a tough year at that.

And, here is a warning to the world at large. Please quit sending me by either mail, telegram, booklet, volumes or word of mouth schemes to end the depression. Just go ahead and end it without any aid from me and then you can wire me word collect that you have done it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1654 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT PUZZLED BY THE FAR EAST'S NEAR-WAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 10. – We can't tell from this morning's press which nation has declared war on the other, China or Japan. Each wants to make it appear that the other was the aggressor. It always helps out in your recruiting and your patriotism if you can make your own people believe you was the one pounced on.

I think the only real diplomacy ever performed by a diplomat is in deceiving their own people after their dumbness has got them into a war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1655 WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 11. – Old Hollywood is just like a desert water hole in Africa. Hang around long enough and every kind of animal in the world will drift in for refreshments.

Yesterday there came a mess of newspaper men from all over our destitute land on their yearly periodical. There wasn't an odorless breath in a carload.

They are supposed to be holding business meetings, but the meetings are with our female scream scars. The "moulders of public opinion" have been moulded into the "orgies" of Hollywood.

Yours for a respectable press,

Will Rogers.

1656 MR. ROGERS HAILS A DEMOCRAT WHO BOBS UP WITH 'GOOD IDEAS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 12. – Barney Baruch, about the lone sole survivor of what was once our boasted "big-men period," and along with Calvin Coolidge being the only two men that knew the "bubble" was going to bust right in our face, advocated in a speech Wednesday "increase in income tax in the higher brackets," "sales tax on all but necessities," "no debt cancellation."

These Democrats are always bobbing up with some good ideas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1657 WILL ROGERS SEES REHEARSAL FOR A REAL WAR IN MANCHURIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 13. – Somebody foolishly invited the newspaper editors from all over to come out here and now we can't get rid of 'em.

Vice President Curtis is still prowling around here from one studio to another. I can't tell if he wants to get in the movies or is just trying to find a Republican.

The Japanese and Chinamen haven't officially declared war yet. All this killing and fighting is just rehearsing in case war should be declared. If you get killed now it don't count.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1658 MR. ROGERS CITES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GRANDI AND GANDHI

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Nov. 15. – Japan has picked China out an emperor for Manchuria. That's about like Al Capone picking out prohibition enforcement officers for Mr. Hoover.

Gandhi gets in today. Don't get Grandi mixed up with Gandhi.

Gandhi has practically no wardrobe and carries his own goat for milk. Grandi is dressed like a diplomat, including whiskers, and carries his own grape vine.

Gandhi went to England to get liberty for his country. Grandi comes to get–?–?–?– from Hoover. Both missions will be equally successful.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1659 WILL ROGERS TELLS OF A WAY TO ENJOY NAP AND AID IDLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 16. – Watch your local movie theatres for the date they are giving their unemployment benefits, with the proceeds going to your own locality. That's a big thing, and should raise a lot of money. Go, even if it's my picture and you have to sleep through it. I always holler at the end of each one, so it wakes everybody up and let's 'em know it's over.

Say, this new home building idea of Mr. Hoover's sounds good. They are working out a lot of beneficial things. The only thing is it took 'em so long to think of any of 'em. We ought to have plans in case of depression, just like we do in case of fire, "Walk, don't run, to the nearest exit."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1660 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEAS REGARDING THE GRANDI VISIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 17. – The steamship lines must be giving tourist rates to foreign diplomats. There is no other way of accounting for 'em all coming over. Poor Washington, D. C., can't hardly tell what flag to hang out.

This fellow Grandi, I remember him from the London disarmament conference last year. He just sit there and watched France. Now he is here to find out if Laval got anything for France. If she didn't, why he don't want anything, but if she did he wants a helping out of the same dish.

You talk about actors being jealous. You haven't seen any jealousy till you watch diplomats work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1661 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS OWN OPINION AS TO WHAT IS INTERESTING NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 18. – Of all the items we had in the papers this morning, including "China Attacks Japanese Troops," "Japanese Attack Chinese Troops," "Grandi and Hoover Confer Informally," "American Exports Hit by Prince of Wales's Appeal to Use Only British Goods," "United States Congressmen Visiting Canada Highly Endorse Sales Tax and Other Canadian Customs," the one lone item that appealed to everybody was that poor fellow with the hiccoughs.

Everybody is more interested in him than the League of Nations, disarmament and the investigation of Jimmy Walker.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1662 MR. ROGERS' THOUGHTS POLITICAL AS HE FLIES INTO A SNOWSTORM

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 19. – Breezing along over the snow-capped mountains of Northern California. Breakfast in Beverly, dinner in Seattle. There is nothing more beautiful in America than looking down on this redwood highway.

Say, Texas has got a chance next Tuesday to put the Democratic Congressional majority over the top and cinch Garner for Speaker if they elect Kleberg at San Antonio. I would like to see a real cow-puncher get in there, even if he was a Republican.

Say, we are running into a snowstorm and may have to set her down at Medford, but you can always trust a good airline pilot. This one has flown this route five years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. And we did set her down here.

1663 WILL ROGERS DECIDES TO GO ON, KNOWING THREE CHINESE WORDS

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20. – I was just handed a special press dispatch by the Centralia Daily Chronicle at Centralia, Washington, that China and Japan had agreed to an armistice in Manchuria. I told you if I went over there I could have the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, but I didn't think I could do it by Thanksgiving.

I have already learned to pronounce two towns and one General's name, so I am not going to turn back now. Besides I will just get there for the "after-war prosperity." Remember ours?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1664 MR. ROGERS TELLS OF POSSIBILITY OF A WAR ON THE HIGH SEAS

S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Via San Francisco, Nov. 22. – On the Empress of Russia, the Soviet perhaps call it now Lenin's ferry, with my old friend Floyd Gibbons. If I had the world to pick from there is no one I would rather go with. I met him in Warsaw, Poland, in '26 when we were covering Pilsudski's revolution.

On the train with Floyd crossing Canada from the East was twenty-two Chinamen going home on this boat. When I saw old Field Marshal Gibbons with twenty-two Chinamen I appointed myself master of ceremonies of twenty Japanese who are also on the boat going home.

We may have some news for you any day now as this Gibbons-Rogers war is not under the supervision of the League of Nations.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. Bless this ocean for being quiet today.

1665 MR. ROGERS FINDS HIS 'ARMY' OUTNUMBERED AND PLANS A COUP

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Nov. 23. – Floyd Gibbons, being a real newspaper man, he don't get up. He naturally thought that his 22 Chinamen were the only ones passengers.

Well, I got to stirring around and I found 225 more, making nearly 250 in all against my 20 Japs. So, I am going to trade commands with him before he knows about these extra Chinese.

Everything is pretty peaceful so far except some Chinese college boys that lost on Notre Dame.

We got some missionaries on here going out to make all the world good and pure like us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1666 MR. ROGERS FINDS FAN TAN IS THE OLD CHINESE ARMY GAME

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Nov. 24. – I went below decks to drill my Chinese army today but I couldn't get 'em away from a fan tan game.

We call 'em heathen, eh? You play with 'em and see how heathen they are. They will have these missionaries' red underwear before they get to Shanghai. Clara, this would have been no game for you. And speaking of movies, I see by this morning's paper you can pretty near tell who is the highest-priced female screen star of each year by seeing who the Marquee de Coudray is married to.

Say, cable me who won the Texas election today and tell me which one of my friends will be speaker, Tilson or Garner.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1667 MR. ROGERS COMES PRETTY NEAR NOT HAVING A THANKSGIVING DAY

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Nov. 25. – When you reach the 180th meridian west you lost a whole day. Don't ask me why. It's all Wickersham to me.

If you come back this way you get it back. If you don't you just lose it. The way days are now it don't look like it's worth coming back for.

We go to bed tomorrow night, Thursday, and wake up Saturday, maybe. We come pretty near losing Thursday, Thanksgiving. Guess lots of folks wish they could skip this Thanksgiving. Getting less cause for it every year. It's just about a bust with everybody that don't raise turkeys or cranberries to sell.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1668 WILL ROGERS LEARNS A LOT IN A STORM ON THE PACIFIC

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Nov. 27. – You know I told you we was going to lose a day for no other reason than to make somebody's calendar come out even. Well, we lost a day. We gained a typhoon. We lost a lifeboat and I lost my whole internal possessions. An old Oklahoma prairie product has no business on this ocean when it's washing away lifeboats. Brother, you get quite a spring freshet.

Gibbons was broken hearted when we got through it alive, for it spoiled a good story for him.

I already found out enough on this trip to warrant coming, and that is that if America will stay home and take care of our own business we need never fear Japan if she has to cross this ocean to get to us. If we can't lick a seasick soldier then we deserve to lose.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1669 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES THE NEWS OF WALKER AND THE MOONEY CASE

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Nov. 29. – I been reading where Mayor Jimmy Walker was trying to get Tom Mooney out of jail. I believe if I was in jail and winter like this coming on I would whisper to my friend, "Get me out, but not till Spring."'

Jim ought to get Mooney out of jail. Mooney got Jimmy out of New York. But Jimmy don't have to be afraid of a Republican investigating committee in New York. One has never yet been able to find out even where the committee was meeting at.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1670 MR. ROGERS IS ADDLED A BIT BY THE COURSE HE IS TAKING

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Nov. 30. – Yesterday we lost a whole day, so the argument has come up when is it back home? We not only don't know what hour it is back there but we don't know what day it is, and some of us are even doubtful about the week, and Gibbons don't know what year it is.

It's Sunday here. We just come from services on the boat but they say it's only Saturday at home. Everybody is at civil war arguing over it, so please wire what time it is at home.

Everything is cockeyed to us, anyhow, for here we are traveling straight west to get to the Far East. Japan, the land of the rising sun, is where it sets.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1671 MR. ROGERS IS REALLY GLAD DAWES HAS STOPPED THE WAR

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Dec. 1. – This ocean is just as innocent looking today, just like it hadn't done a thing.

We have followed the great circle route and swung away up north. If we had gone ashore I would have been telling my Republican jokes to an Eskimo, and I expect the Republicans wish they was with the Eskimos about now.

This morning's wireless reports Mix better, which is good news. He has given many a grown-up and all kids a thrill. In 1905 at Madison Square Garden Tom and I made our New York horseback debut with Zack Mulhall's Wild West.

Sure glad Charley Dawes has stopped this war and I can change it into a kimona shopping tour of Japan and China.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1672 MR. ROGERS THINKS OF A JOB, JUST A CHORE, FOR CONGRESS

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Dec. 2. – Look on your map and find Kamchatka. It's part of Siberia. Well, we was just grazing it all day yesterday.

There ought to be a law against making an ocean this wide. That's something Congress can take up at the next session, as they won't have anything to settle much, outside of unemployment, two billion deficit, arrange extra taxes where they will do least harm next November, relieve Wall Street and think up something new to promise farmers.

Narrowing an ocean will be just a chore for this Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1673 MR. ROGERS SENDS FIRST STORY ON THE WAR FROM SHIPBOARD

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Dec. 3. – Here is the best war story and it happened on this boat.

This Fall a Chinaman working on the boat who evidently knew how big China's population was asked about the war from a radio man, "How she go war?"

The radio guy, kidding him, said, 'Yesterday Chinese lost 500 men, Japanese three men."

Next day the Chinaman was back again, "Catchem mo news?"

"Sure, Chinese lost 600 men, Japanese two men."

Third day: "What air say bout war today?" The answer was, "Chinese lost 700, Japanese lost one man."

The Chinaman was pleased and said, "Pletty soon be no Japanese left."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1674 WILL ROGERS IN JAPAN TO STUDY GEISHA GIRLS AND DIPLOMATS

ABOARD THE S. S. EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Dec. 4. – Now don't get me mixed up on this Oriental pilgrimage with this fellow Floyd Gibbons. He is a war man and is over to tell you about them. That ain't my business over here at all. I am a peace man. I haven't got any use for wars and there is no more humor in 'em than there is reason for 'em. Get your war news from Gibbons and your Geisha girl news from Rogers.

I am over here "scouting for Ziegfeld's Follies" and I want to see where they train these Japanese diplomats that go to an international conference and bring home everything but the desk that the treaty was signed on.

That's all we got to show for the Washington disarmament conference was the desk, and we will perhaps lose it at the next one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1675 MR. ROGERS, A REAL COUNTRYMAN, LIVES UP TO ALL EXPECTATIONS

TOKYO, Dec. 6. – Well, sir, yesterday on the boat before we steamed into Yokohama, I got the first indication that the depression had really turned the corner.

A professional Scotch golf player deliberately and with malice aforethought drove six golf balls from the deck away out into the ocean.

Talk about a "rube" in town. I got off the boat last night standing rubbering at everything with my mouth open and got run over by a ricksha. That's a taxicab propelled by a man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1676 WILL ROGERS FINALLY SIZES UP THE SITUATION IN MANCHURIA

TOKYO, Dec. 7. – After drinking at least two barrels of tea and wanting to be fair, here is about how Manchuria looks to me:

China owns the lot. Japan owns the house that's on it. Now who should have the policemen? China is trying to save its country, Japan is trying to save its investments, the League of Nations is trying to save its face.

Now somebody has got to lose.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1677 WILL ROGERS FLIES OVER JAPAN ON HIS WAY TO MANCHURIA

OSAKA, Dec. 8. – Flying from Japan to Manchuria.

Every man, woman and Democrat in the world have seen pictures of Japan's famous mountain peak with the snow on the top, Mount Fujiyama, but think of flying around him. We come by him this afternoon, and what a beautiful country this is to fly over.

I didn't know Japan was so mountainous. Had old Gibbons rubbering for a landing field but there wasn't any.

This is just one of the villages of Japan. It only has two million. The papers here tonight predict a fight at Chinchow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1678 MR. ROGERS LANDS IN A COUNTRY NEW TO HIM AND FINDS ODD HATS

KAIJO, Dec. 9. – Well, here we are in a whole different country-Korea, and this is the capital. Flew down the inland passage from Kobe to Nagasaki, and it was beautiful; then from Japan to the mainland of Asia, across the Sea of Japan, about 150 miles, and oh say, I found people that have funnier hats than the Princess Eugenie kind you are wearing back home. It's the Korean men, the peasants.

It's a sort of old black cab driver's derby, but it's made of screen netting like the thing we used to keep over cheese in the Claremore grocery store.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1679 WILL ROGERS REACHES DAIREN AND SEES RELICS OF OTHER WARS

DAIREN, Dec. 10. – Gibbons quit me and took the locomotive. These Japanese pilots were flying too close to the tops of the rice fields to suit him.

Had a great flight in here to Dairen, the most modern city and port you ever saw, and spent the afternoon visiting historic old Port Arthur of Russia-Japanese war fame, the birthplace of Japan and the graveyard of old Russia.

If I can't find this present war I can find where some of the others were fought. I am only two wars behind.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1680 ROGERS FINDS COLD WEATHER BUT NO WARFARE IN MUKDEN

MUKDEN, Dec. 11. – This is the famous Mukden in Manchuria where all your news comes from. The Chinese army evacuated the city and the American newspaper men moved in. They have been here so long and times are so tough that about half the banditry committed is by them.

They got no American news until I mushed in over the snow today. They did not know old General Ma Garner, with 220 Democrats had marched on Washington.

No war today, cold weather.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1681 MR. ROGERS BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS THE WAR STOPPED

MUKDEN, Dec. 13. – I got this war stopped if the League of Nations don't start it again.

I am leaving this afternoon for Harbin in North Manchuria. That is supposed to be the liveliest and most unique town in all the Far East. It's in Chinese territory and a Soviet railroad headquarters, also the refuge of the old Czar Russians.

And, say, do you know this whole country of Siberia looks just like Oklahoma and the farmers are just as bad off?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1682 MR. ROGERS FINDS IN HARBIN THE REAL CAUSE OF THE WAR

HARBIN, Dec. 14. – This is Harbin. It's 32 below. Horses wearing snowshoes. Vodka is not a beverage, but a necessity. Wild dog fur is kolensky. The American consul-general is the emperor of Manchuria.

I got on a fur hat that looks like Daniel Boone. And what do you think I found? A war? A revolution? No! "Abie's Irish Rose." Played by Russians and Chinese combined. What more cause could there be for a war?

But don't miss this town.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1683 MR. ROGERS OFFERS TO RELIEVE LEAGUE OF BIG JOB AT HALF PAY

MUKDEN, Dec. 15. – League of Nations is sending here a commission to look over the ground. That's like a sheriff examining the stall after the horse has disappeared.

Now, I am here on the ground and can do that and for half the money and will send in the same report they will, only shorter.

By the way, up in Harbin Saturday I was offered the governorship of North Manchuria by General Ma, so if the League wants me they will have to act quick, which, of course, they can't.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1684 MR. ROGERS IS PESSIMISTIC ON THE MANCHURIAN MUDDLE

MUKDEN, Japan, Dec. 16. – America could hunt all over the world and not find a better fight to keep out of.

There is only two things certain out here. The Manchurian problem won't be settled this year or next. The second certainty is any commission that tries it will wind up in wrong with both sides.

We don't belong to the League. They are the ones that are refereeing it, and we have yet to referee a fight successfully. But, of course, we will join 'em and get in wrong. It's too big an opportunity to lose.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1685 MR. ROGERS TAKES NO CHANCES WITH THOSE CHINESE BRIGANDS

DAIREN, Dec. 17. – Good joke on me. I had my ticket all bought today to go from Mukden to Peiping on the railroad, but that's the one the bandits have been working on. I figured my jokes wouldn't go so good out in this snow waiting for Claremore, Okla., to ransom me out, so I am taking roundance on 'em with a boat.

I am going to join those students in China if I can find some of my old Oxford fraternity pins.

This war ain't quite over yet. Wait till you read about next week at Chinchow. Now, remember that.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1686 SOYA BEANS AND CABINETS POINT TO A MORAL FOR ROGERS

DAIREN, Dec. 18. – Plenty of excitement in these countries. Japan's Cabinet resigned, China's resigned. It's funny we can't ever have any luck like that.

Human nature and intelligence is about the same. Chinese have planted a new, big crop of soya beans and they haven't sold the last two years' crop. Don't that sound exactly like the wheat and cotton farmers at home? Yet we call these heathen. Yeah!

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1687 MR. ROGERS'S DISILLUSIONMENT INCREASES AS HE GETS ABOUT

DAIREN, Dec. 20. – They got a new gag in Europe now to help along their argument that America should cancel the debts. They are appealing to our egotism (and they figure we are not short on it).

The new gag is "America won the war and she should pay. We admit that it was America coming in when she did that determined the destiny of the World War. Therefore, she is answerable for present European conditions, and should put them right."

Now, ain't that a hot one? No matter what you do, you are wrong. If you help 'em lose it you are wrong, if you help 'em win it you are wrong.

There just ain't any such animal as international "good-will." It just lasts till the loan runs out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1688 WILL ROGERS FINDS A COUNTRY THAT IS WORSE OFF THAN OURS

TIENTSIN (via Tokyo), Dec. 21. – My Peiping press cards are no good in China so the Advertiser is relaying this through Tokyo.

Been bobbing around for the last three days on one of China's oceans in a boat just six inches longer than a Ford, trying to get from Manchuria here.

Run into a storm and had to turn back and go into Port Arthur harbor for the night, but did get here and finally found a country worse off than we are. How's that for an accomplishment? And, for the same reason as us, overproduction.

Pardon me for trying to get humor from a serious situation, but when a country bigger and more fertile than the whole State of Texas changes hands, yet war is not declared on either side, and five months later the League sends a jury out to see how it was done, now there is a laugh in there somewhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1689 MR. ROGERS FINDS A CRYING NEED IN THE CHINESE SCHEME OF THINGS

PEIPING, Dec. 22. – Vice-President Marshall found what America needed. I can tell you what the Orient needs.

Don't bring a lot of clothes. You can get anything here, toilet articles, cigarettes, shoes, Scotch, and all American standard equipment.

But for mercy sakes bring a pillow—one with feathers in it. These out here are stuffed with rice, which wouldn't be so bad if they had cooked it first.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1690 MR. ROGERS FINDS AN ARGUMENT FOR PREPAREDNESS IN CHINA

PEIPING, Dec. 23. – The American missionaries have taught the Chinese to not fight but rely on the Lord. The Chinese diplomats have taught the people to rely on the League, but now they feel that both have fallen down on 'em.

This is a time in the history of the world when you better be pretty well prepared or you won't get anywhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1691 MR. ROGERS IS A BIG NAVY MAN AFTER LOOKING AROUND IN CHINA

PEIPING, Dec. 24. – Get a lot of British news over here in the papers. She may be off the gold standard but she has got a navy that will make the other nations think a long time before they start throwing rocks at her.

When a British warship steams into these ports she anchors just close enough in to give the local Congress and Senate a real view of what a dreadnaught is. When you see those guns pointing at you you don't ask whether they are on a gold, silver, waste paper or zinc basis.

With that navy Nicaragua could go on a banana basis and still be cock of the walk.

Merry Christmas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1692 MR. ROGERS LOOKS INTO FUTURE OF TWO NATIONS OF THE FAR EAST

PEIPING, Dec. 25. – Had a long talk with the young Marshal Chang Si Liang. He was the war lord of Manchuria and all Manchuria, spoke English and was a very pleasant young fellow.

One thing you got to say about these Chinese. They are good losers. There is no yapping or excuses.

He thinks that China will eventually absorb the Japanese the same as they absorbed the Mongolians who captured China so much they got tired.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1693 MR. ROGERS FINDS CHRISTMAS DAY IN CHINA IS A DREARY AFFAIR

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27. – I didn't know that Christmas did mean so much till you have to spend one away off like this from home.

I don't know when these Chinese have Christmas but it wasn't on the twenty-fifth. Course, Shanghai, where I am now, is supposed to be the livest town east of Suez, but all the false whoopee in the world don't make up for the old Christmas tree at home and there is thousands of 'em out here feel the same way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1694 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE JAPANESE RUN THEIR WAR ON SCHEDULE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28. – Papers says the Japanese are marching on Chinchow.

Didn't I tell you last week they was going to take it about Xmas time? When these Japanese run a war they run it on schedule.

That's not a bad Xmas present. This new part they are taking is as big as Oklahoma.

This washes your League of Nations up. This slapped them right in the face.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1695 MR. ROGERS GETS THE USUAL GIFT FROM SANTA CLAUS IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29. – Got the usual father's or husband's Xmas present from my wife with this card, "You can go to China or Manchuria, but you can't escape the Xmas handkerchief."

Get this for a laugh. Have had a date to interview three different high government officials, and they were all kicked out before I got to 'em.

China is the only country in the world strong enough to have withstood fifty years of misgovernment in a row that the foreigners haven't gobbled up.

But their own educated ones have and it keeps right on being just China.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1696 MR. ROGERS FINDS HE KNOWS TOO MUCH ABOUT CHINA NOW

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30. – Trouble with me I been in China too long. If I had only stayed a couple of days I would have had a better idea of China. The more folks you talk to, the more you see and the less you know.

Always dodge the "expert who has lived in China and knows China." The last man that knew the Chinese was Confucius, and he died feeling that he was becoming a little confused about 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1697 MR. ROGERS LEAVES THE WAR FLAT AND THINKS THAT ALL IS SETTLED

ABOARD S. S. PRESIDENT TAFT, Dec. 31. – See by the papers they are evacuating Chinchow without a fight.

That's a good joke on every twenty newspaper boys who have been waiting in Mukden for two months just for this last fight. And, they wanted me to stay over. Goody!

Well, this winds up the war. Japan has got all they want of China and China has certainly got all they want of Japan and the League has got all they want of the whole mess.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS, — 1932

1698 WILL ROGERS COULD NOT FIND ANY CHOP SUEY IN CHINA

ABOARD S. S. PRESIDENT TAFT, Jan. 1. – Shanghai was a knockout. It's Brooklyn gone English. Say, where did they get this Chinese chop-suey stuff? I have run the legs off every ricksha motorman in China, and nobody ever any more heard of it than Nevada did of Volstead.

Another hoax was that a Chinaman's word was as good as his bond. Well, that goes with the chop suey. That might have been in the old days, but not since the missionaries and business men come in. Chinese are just as human as anybody now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1699 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE CHINESE AND THE DEMOCRATS ARE ALIKE

S. S. PRESIDENT TAFT (via San Francisco), Jan. 3. – I just found out who China is like. It's the Democrats at home. Individually they are smart, likeable and efficient, but let two get together and they both want to be President.

Formed a new government at Nanking yesterday and nobody would let the other be head man, so they called it a committee government. Now everybody is President.

There's a new idea for you Democrats.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1700 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A NEW PLAN FOR HANDLING THE PHILIPPINES

ABOARD S. S. RAWALPINDI, Jan. 4. – There's few prettier sights than steaming out of beautiful Hongkong Harbor.

I wanted to go by and set the Phillippines free, but being a friend of Hurley's maybe we better let Pat keep 'em awhile.

I am in favor of giving the Philippines their freedom and then us go under their protectorate. That's the only chance I see of us maybe getting an improvement in the government.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1701 MR. ROGERS, AT SEA, WORKS OUT A BRAND NEW TAX PROGRAM

ABOARD S. S. RAWALPINDI, Jan. 5. – What are they doing over home about the sales tax?

That's the best and most equitable tax there is. The gasoline tax, which is nothing but a sales tax, has proven painless, productive and punitive.

Now, if a tax on gasoline keeps up all the roads why wouldn't a tax on light wines and beers keep up the House of Representatives, one on Coca-Cola and Jamaica ginger and Camembert cheese keep up the Senate, White Rock and cracked ice the State Legislatures, and so on on everything that we have to have or hire and make each stay within the budget.

For instance, if people wasn't drinking much beer, we wouldn't have many Congressmen; if toothpaste and facial creams had a slump, why cut the President's salary in proportion.

It looks like a good scheme from over here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1702 MR. ROGERS, ASTRIDE THE EQUATOR, TRIES A NEW COOLING SYSTEM

SINGAPORE, Jan. 6. – You heard about the equator. Well, here is a town that is straddle of it.

It runs right through my hotel room and in all the beds here they have a long narrow pillow that lays longways. It's supposed to be some aid to you in keeping cool and it's called Dutch wife.

This used to be a wild port, but this Dutch wife is the extent of its devilment now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1703 MR. ROGERS FINDS RUBBER FARMS AS CHEAP AS KANSAS WHEAT LAND

SINGAPORE, Jan. 7. – Americans used to holler about England leaving the rubber business.

Well, Uncle Henry Ford and Uncle Harvey Firestone, instead of going in Liberia and Brazil, if you will just cable me an order to check on you I can get you enough rubber ranches here to supply all the punctures for years. They are cheaper than wheat farms in Kansas. Great opportunity!

So, Hen, you and Harvey cable quick.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1704 ROGERS FINDS GOLD STANDARD HURTS OUR FAR EAST SALESMEN

PENANG, Jan. 8. – The gold standard is all Greek to me. But if you want to sell any goods anywhere outside of home you better either cut your prices down to where they would be if you were off the gold or get off.

Our salesmen say they haven't sold anything out here since other nations' stuff went off the gold, and got cheaper.

Salesmen are even smoking their own cigarettes and burning up their own gas they can't sell.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1705 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VERSION OF AN UNREPORTED CONVERSATION

PENANG, Jan. 10. – Since the big epochal gastronomical meeting of Democrats nobody knows what Al Smith and Franklin D. Roosevelt has been saying to each other. But it's about like this:

"Listen, Al, give me a chance. I been nominating you for years, now you do the nominating and let me do the running, won't you? Come on, Al, be a good fellow."

"Now, Frank, just give me one more crack at 'em. Then if I don't do anything, why you can have 'em. I had tough luck last time. Hoover was hot. But he has cooled down now, and I believe it's my year. So just give the old boy one more crack at 'em, won't you, Frank? That's a good fellow."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1706 MR. HOOVER FINDS ANOTHER WAR THAT SEEMS A BIT HAMPERED

ALLAHABAD, India, Jan. 12. – Forced down with broken piston. Jails so full may have to call this war off. How is Stimson vs. Japanese war going?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1707 MR. ROGERS PROMISES TO RETURN WITH A LOT OF INFORMATION

KARACHI, Jan. 13. – hundred miles flight today across the heart of India.

Tomorrow Persia and the Sultan. That ought to be good.

There is lots of things I can tell you later that I can't tell you now. Savvy?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1708 MR. ROGERS YEARNS FOR NEWS OF THE OLD HOME COUNTRY

S. S. RAWALPINDI, Jan. 14. – Will somebody wire me c.o.d. something that's happened at home since Nov. 21, my day of sailing.

Did the Democrats take Congress? Did Jimmy Walker get Mooney out? Who won the football game in Pasadena?

All I hear is "Culbertson won five rubbers," "Culbertson won three rubbers." Who is Culbertson and who is rubber? If he is that important there let's run him on the Democratic ticket. That will cure him of rubbering.

On an English boat and I have misplaced by dress suit and letters of introduction so I haven't eaten anything or met any one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1709 ROGERS FLIES OVER JERUSALEM, THE DEAD SEA AND BETHLEHEM

CAIRO, Jan. 15. – Today saw Jerusalem, Dead Sea and Bethlehem. Never catch me traveling over here again unless I have read the Book. First, these Pyramids. Mexico's got bigger. And the Sphinx, Coolidge has got him licked to death.

Tomorrow 600 miles of ocean flying in a land plane to Athens; see if the Greeks got a word for that.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1710 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE NEAR EAST HAS SOME GREAT OPEN SPACES

BAGDAD, Jan. 15. – Finally found a telegraph. Persia was a hot sketch.

You Bible students, stockmen and hunters better note this. Flew low all morning between Euphrates and Tigris. It's all level prairie and uncultivated.

Most animals I ever saw were there, thousands of cattle, donkeys, camels, water buffalo, deer, wild boar.

Now over Jerusalem and Holy Land and Bagdad.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1711 WILL ROGERS IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER WORLD'S LONGEST AIR LINE

ATHENS, Jan. 18. – This is the longest airplane route in the world, from Java to Amsterdam. Ten thousand miles with the same pilot, same crew, same plane all the way.

Holland line tomorrow from Athens to Rome in eleven hours. Old Plato and Caesar would have liked to have prowled that fast.

Just had a wonderful chat with Premier Venizelos. He is not only of Greece, but he is Greece.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1712 MR. ROGERS REJOICES AT SIGHT OF LAND RULED BY A DICTATOR

ROME, Jan. 19. – Flew over from Athens today and circled old Vesuvius. That is the only way to see her.

Mussoliniland sure looks like pie and cake after coming out of those Indias and Chinas and Mesopotamias.

They call this old boy a dictator, but he has done more with less to work on than any man in the world.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1713 MR. ROGERS SENDS A WARNING REGARDING THE DEBT PROBLEM

PARIS, Jan. 20. – Flew over Corsica Island today. No wonder Napoleon left there.

Now here is a warning. All Europe is looking for us to do all the debt cancelling. So don't send delegates with hardened arteries, as usual, but get some with hardened hearts, for these people are even rehearsing their crying now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1714 MR. ROGERS MAKES A PREDICTION ON THAT LAUSANNE AFFAIR

LONDON, Jan. 21. – Flew from Paris today. Americans always make this trip, but won't fly at home. Yet, we have twenty lines as good.

I sure miss Charley Dawes. The trouble is, there is not enough of Dawes to go around everywhere we need him.

I bet you they call the Lausanne reparations conference off as we are not there. You can't have a picnic lunch unless the party carrying the basket comes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1715 WILL ROGERS OFFERS HIS VIEW OF THE FEDERAL RELIEF BILL

LONDON, Jan. 22. – See where Congress passed a two-billion-dollar bill to relieve bankers' mistakes and loan to new industries. You can always count on us helping those who have lost part of their fortune, but our whole history records nary a case where the loan was for the man who had absolutely nothing.

Our theory is to help those who can get along even if they don't get it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1716 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

LONDON, Jan. 24. – Got the dope on these international bankers that are crying for us to cancel. Every American trade commisioner and business man

over here tell of the flock of bankers' representatives over in Germany and Europe in the last few years. Hotel lobbies full of 'em offering all kinds of commissions to help put over loans for American banks. The loans were forced over here as much as the sales of 'em forced over home. Now they want the government to cancel to make up for their mistakes. Now if this is not the real low down on it then Borah is a Republican.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1717 MR. ROGERS HAS RELIEF PLAN: STOP BORROWING FOR 5 YEARS

LONDON, Jan. 25. – The President signed another loan bill. This one for only $125,000,000 for land banks. Then last week $2,000,000,000. You can tell this is an election year from the way these appropriation bills are passing. It will take the taxpayers fifty years to pay for the votes in this election.

Our only solution of relief seems to be to fix it so people who are in a hole through borrowing can borrow some more. Borrowing, that's what's the matter with the world today. If no individual or country could borrow a dime for five years that would be the greatest five-year plan ever invented.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. But what about Morgan & Co.? That would be discriminating against them, wouldn't it. Well, we won't do it then. Just let it go.

1718 WILL ROGERS FINDS EUROPE BLAMES US FOR EVERYTHING

LONDON, Jan. 26. – I would like to stay in Europe long enough to find some country that don't blame America for everything in the world that's happened to 'em in the last fifteen years—debts, depression, disarmament, disease, fog, famine or frostbite.

If the dog had two pups and they were expecting more they will show in some way where the debt settlement was directly responsible for this canine delinquency.

But the other day was the best one, they had a prison mutiny and so every paper said it was American movies and American influence that give their pris-

oners this unusual idea.

The birth rate is falling off so I am going to get out of here before we get blamed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – What ever become of our disarmament troop. I can't hear of 'em over here.

1719 WILL ROGERS PUTS IN A CLAIM FOR SOME OF THAT TWO BILLION

PARIS, Jan. 27. – Got a real flying partner. Mrs. Rogers, who joined me in London and flew over here this afternoon, is another Frank Hawkes. We come in a big four-motored, thirty-four-passenger plane, a bar, hot meals, two stewards and everything.

Say, our American disarmament band is lost somewhere on the high seas. Well, no matter how late they are, they will get here before anybody disarms.

What's this I hear about my two best Democratic friends, Jesse Jones and Harvey Couch, going to be allowed to distribute some government money? This can go on record as being my application for some.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1720 MR. ROGERS STILL CONTENDS THAT IT'S A GREAT OLD WORLD

PARIS, Jan. 28. – Some queer things are going on in the world if you just happened to have been there and seen 'em. Japanese war-ships are ready to bombard China because China insists on boycotting Japanese goods. England puts 500 more of Gandhi's bunch in jail because they boycott and picket against English goods.

Here you have China and India, who constitute five-eighths of the world's population, practically at war because they can't do what they want to, yet signboards all over England say "Buy British."

It's a great world even if you are just looking at it for comedy purposes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1721 MR. ROGERS HAS SOME THOUGHTS ON SAVED NATIONS AND OTHERS

PARIS, Jan. 29. – Flying to Berlin in the morning to see the country that there has been so much talk about saving. I can't see the difference nowadays when a country has been saved and when it hasn't.

American delegation gets in tonight. On the same boat are 400 barrels of gold coming from home and on another boat 500 barrels. We always thought barrels were just to send apples or potatoes in. Then they talk about canceling the debt. Say, if we don't run out of barrels we won't have enough gold left at home to fill our front teeth.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1722 MR. ROGERS DOESN'T CONSIDER THE PEN SO MIGHTY THESE DAYS

PARIS, Jan. 31. – Bad flying weather today kept us out of Berlin.

We had better quit writing notes to Japan or she will have all China. Every time they get a note they take another town that they hadn't thought of till our note give 'em the idea. Quit writing and warning 'em what not to do. Wait till they do something that will really affect us.

This war was originally private just between them and China. The way we got in the last war was through notes. We send so many that nations can't tell which one we mean.

Our wars ought to be labeled "Entered on account of too much penmanship."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1723 WILL ROGERS GETS A LAUGH AND A NEW HOPE AT GENEVA

GENEVA, Feb. 1. – Well, we are all here ready for disarmament. The first laugh was when the Japanese delegates arrived. I don't know, but it just struck everybody funny. They have a large bunch and everybody expects to see 'em take over the city and have it under martial law by morning. The younger members of their delegation that started out to the conference have been called back for military service.

Our female delegate, Miss Woolley, is the outstanding novelty. I had an hour and a half chat with her this afternoon. Didn't know whether to call her Miss, Mrs. Professor, Doctor or what, so I just called her Doc, and Doc and I got along great. I had taken an interpreter but I didn't need him, but some of my stuff had to be repeated to her.

She is very plain, likeable, broad in mind and body, feet and plenty of 'em right on the ground. You would like her. She is not the type for a college president at all.

Thirty million women of the world have hope and faith in her common sense versus diplomacy. It's no joking matter getting the world to disarm. Maybe a woman can do it. It's a cinch men can't. So good luck to you, "Doc."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1724 MR. ROGERS FINDS EVERY NATION WITH FARE AND A GUN AT PARLEY

GENEVA, Feb. 2. – This is the hash of nations. There is sixty-five nations represented here. You see, this is land disarmament, too, so every nation with railroad fare and a gun is here. The smaller the nation the bigger the delegation.

If you disarmed the delegates you would have disarmed over half the countries represented.

Turkey is here not to disarm but to try and book some wars for the coming season.

The conferences open tomorrow alphabetically with Abyssinia the keynote speaker.

There is lots of nations here willing to throw away two spears and a shield for every battleship we sink.

Went into another huddle today with Doc Woolley. I am strong for Doc.

The American delegation held a skull practice today with the American press. Each delegate spoke. All bemoaned the fact that both Congress and the Senate had disarmed the American delegation of $150,000, leaving them only $300,000 to argue on.

So our delegation on account of this opens about half sore at the world anyhow.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1725 MR. ROGERS FINDS HUMAN NATURE IS ONLY OBSTACLE TO DISARMING

GENEVA, Feb. 3. – Disarmament conference was held up for one hour yesterday while we all went to the League of Nations meeting to demand of Japan that she quit shooting while the opening session was in conference.

That meeting was much more dramatic of the two. Japan has been winning hands with a pair of jacks for four months, and finally they caught 'em at it. It was England that called the turn on 'em when they read a list of battleships that was on the way there. Japan realized they wasn't dealing with chopsticks then.

The biggest laugh, of course, was uttered unintentionally by the Japanese when he spoke of Chinese aggression. Well, that like to broke up the meeting.

The conference is off to a flying start. There is nothing to prevent their succeeding now but human nature.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1726 WILL ROGERS SEES ONE REASON FOR HOPE IN THE ARMS PARLEY

ABOARD S. S. EUROPA, Feb. 4. – Well, got the disarmament conference off to a good start. Can't say it wasn't running smooth when I left. No meeting today on account of the war in China. They have to disarm between shots.

Now I am going to make you a prediction. I believe that conference will get somewhere. You know why? Just because nobody thinks it will. I believe they will just accidentally do something. I have been to all of 'em and they all started out expecting big things, and then busted. At this one every delegate enters with an apology, so I kinder got some hopes.

I give "Doc" Woolley her parting instructions and I am coming home to Cuckooland. God bless it. He hasn't lately, however, but He will when we deserve it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1727 MR. ROGERS EXPRESSES THANKS FOR MR. MELLON'S SERVICES

ABOARD S. S. EUROPA, Feb. 5. – This is just a little note to "Uncle Andy" Mellon, the first man to step down in order to take the Ambassadorship to Great Britain. Mr. Mellon, you saved us taxes and you made us money, and

we will like a lot of "yaps" went and blew it in. When it was all gone we took it out on you. The thing busted in your face the same as it did in ours.

This is a crisis where the bigger you were the harder you fell. We are mighty poor losers if we can't remember what you did and thank you, and wish you well. So good-by Andy, take care of yourself. If you put on knee breeches be sure and put on long woolens underneath and always remember if we had saved what you saved for us we wouldn't need saving now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1728 WHAT MR. ROGERS THINKS ABOUT ON A SUNDAY ON THE HIGH SEAS

ON BOARD S. S. EUROPA, Feb. 7. – The Europa, Berengaria and Paris racing over to bring back more barrels of gold to France.

Got Ambassador Edge of France on here with me. He is about the only ex-Senator that made good.

On the Paris is the League of Nations Manchurian delegation. You remember they was appointed last fall to go out and see how much country Japan had captured.

Well, Japan asked 'em not to come till they had captured enough to make the trip worth while. If Japan keeps expanding the delegation will meet the Japanese army at about Reno or Salt Lake.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1729 ROGERS SAYS 16,000,000 VOTES GIVE SMITH RIGHT TO TRY AGAIN

ABOARD S. S. EUROPA, Feb. 8. – I went clear around the world to keep from coming back across that Pacific, and here this ocean is worse than it was. We are pulling in a day late. Even the oceans have depressions. If this boat don't hurry up and get in I will be too late to vote for Al.

I always kinder thought he was coming out-well when you get sixteen million votes it does kinder lead a man to think he has some license to believe that he is not just some outsider butting in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – That warning the League of Nations sent just seems to whetted Japan's appetite more than the notes we used to send 'em single handed.

1730 MR. ROGERS, IT SEEMS, IS HAPPY JUST TO BE BACK HOME AGAIN

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 9. – Oh, boy, I was glad to set my old big feet on American soil, even if it has got a second mortgage on it.

Had the greatest trip I ever had in my life and I believe if everybody made it they might come back poorer but better off in the feeling toward our country.

I know business is off, they say 60 per cent. Well, that still leaves us 30 per cent ahead of anywhere I have seen.

If we can just let other people alone and let them do their own fighting. When you get into trouble 5,000 miles away from home, you've got to have been looking for it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1731 WILL ROGERS LOOKS IN AGAIN ON WASHINGTON ACQUAINTANCES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10. – Appropriations were just flying every which way today here in Congress, but I couldn't seem to get my hands on any of it. Heard Borah in the Senate make what the press boys all said was one of his best speeches. Visited my old friend Speaker Garner. Even all the Republicans say he is doing a great job with his handling of this Congress.

Had long chat with Mrs. Longworth, who still knows what all the shooting is about. Heard 'em approve Ogden Mills in the Senate as our new Secretary of the Treasury. Everybody is very high in their praise of his ability and he went through without a murmur.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1732 MR. ROGERS CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND WINDS UP ON A COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11. – Safeguarded and protected by the Secretary of War, I just been in and had a long chat with Mr. Hoover to report on Manchuria, Shanghai, Hollywood, Claremore, and to ask for small dole for international bankers.

President was in fine humor and he told jokes. Said Pennsylvania, the second richest State, was the only one that had passed the tin cup for relief from the federal government. He laughed and got a kick out of this.

"They paid 12 per cent of the taxes. Under the relief program they would receive only 3 per cent. So all they would lose by government relief, instead of relieving themselves, would be 9 per cent. Now, there is one that would do justice to you, Will."

He is worried about this money hoarding and asked me, "Write a joke against these hoarders. Humor might show 'em how foolish they are. Now go do that."

So after all my kidding about Hoover commissions, I am finally on one, "the Hoover anti-hoarding joke commission."

So anybody knowing any anti-hoarding jokes, send 'em to me. I want to be one commission to make good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1733 ROGERS WOULD FORCE CONGRESS TO PROVIDE THE MONEY IT VOTES

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 12. – The worst thing that has happened to us in a long time is that this is an election year. Every statesman wants to vote appropriations, but is afraid to vote taxes. The oratory of Washington is on "reconstruction," but the heart of Washington is on November 4, 1932.

We never will get anywhere with our finances till we pass a law saying that every time we appropriate something we got to pass another bill along with it stating where the money is coming from.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1734 MR. ROGERS VISITS HEREABOUTS AND JOTS DOWN A FEW ITEMS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 14. – Had a fine day today over with the Morrow family in Jersey. The more difficulties pile up on us the more we realize what this country lost when we lost him.

The Lindbergh baby is the cutest thing you ever saw, walking, talking, and disgraced the Lindbergh name by crying to come away with Mrs. Rogers and I in the car.

Say, just left Ring Lardner. There is a man that has forgot more humor than all the rest of us try to write. He is working on a new baseball series that's bigger news to America than if the Japs evacuated Chu-Chin-Chow.

Had lunch and a two-hour chat with Al Smith yesterday. He took me up on top of his building, the highest in the world. He can pretty near see Washington from there—well, as near as anybody else can, anyhow.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1735 MR. ROGERS, IN THE CAPITAL, FINDS SIGNS OF NEW LIFE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15. – Down here in Washington to see Mr. Ziegfeld's latest and greatest show, "Hot-Cha."

Now, about this war that we are all excited about. Had a long chat today with Secretary Stimson and he gave me his side of the thing. He feels that it is going to quiet down over there and they will come to some terms.

The Japs are not so cocky as they were. They figured on taking Shanghai for lunch and it's been seventeen days and they haven't got it yet.

Had fine visit with Mr. Dawes and his money-loaning gang. J. P. Morgan and eighteen international bankers were in line ahead of me to get in.

But the whole place here has a spirit of better feeling. Anyhow, the corpse is showing life.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1736 MR. ROGERS REACHES CLEVELAND ON AN AERIAL HITCH-HIKE HOME

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 16. – Flew here from Washington, 320 miles, in one hour and thirty minutes, piloted by Dave Ingalls, Assistant Secretary of the Navy. I "bummed," or rather, "thumbed," my way here, so I think that's a record for speed for a hitch-hiker.

This Ingalls is a very remarkable young man in more ways than flying. In fact, he is the only Republican I would trust my life with.

Say, just had a chat with Newton Baker. A pleasanter fellow you never met, and of course we know his ability. Instead of talking about himself he was singing the praises of John Garner. That's no way for a candidate to do.

The Democrats have got so many good men this year they can even make a mistake and still be right.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1737 MR. ROGERS HELPS MR. FORD TO SIZE UP THE SITUATION

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 17. – Just flew in here tonight from Detroit. Spent the day there with Mr. Ford.

When the world is in a hole I go to Ford and ask him. More common sense than all of 'em. Then, too, I know there is more people interested in the new Ford than there is interested in Manchuria; they ain't going to get into Manchuria, but they are going to get in these Fords.

I think what he feels is what the country needs is a good eight-cylinder car at the price of the old four and a new four at the price of a good baby buggy.

He drove me around in everything he had. It's a real tonic to visit a man that has more money invested all over the world than any five men, and more.

He said, "Will, you never was as funny purposely as some of our prominent and rich people are acting these days. This is not a panic. It's a side-show, watching folks and seeing how scared they can get."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1738 WILL ROGERS FINDS CHICAGO IS THRIVING DESPITE KNOCKS

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 18. – Chicago, the more they knock it the bigger it gets.

Due to a mix-up in taxes, they don't get any, so the city is just like a modern human being, it has to exist on borrowed money.

But, it's like China. It's so big nothin' can stop it.

Going to see Jack Dempsey in his first big comeback fight tonight. Us old timers got to pull for each other.

Surprised at the war talk you hear? Well, if we do get in, we will have broken a world's record. We will have gotten into a war for less reason than any nation in the history of the world.

If we are out upholding downtrodden nations, it will take a bookkeeper to keep track of our wars.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1739 MR. ROGERS SAYS KEEPING DOWN PAY WON'T KEEP AIRPLANES UP

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 19. – Just flew in from Chicago. Was going over to Claremore tonight, but the hotels are all so full, going to have to stay here in the edge of town.

I see where some line is going to make aviation pay by taking it out of the pilots' salary. When they start hiring cheap pilots I will stop flying. That's what built up what confidence in aviation we have is the experience, character and dependability of our pilots. I think they are just about the highest type bunch of men we have.

I am interviewing all the candidates to see what they are running on, if anything, just outside a desire. So I got to see our Governor, Bill Murray.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1740 MR. ROGERS BEGINS FUNCTIONING AS A HOOVER COMMISSIONER

CHELSEA, Okla., Feb. 21. – About time for my anti-hoarding joke commission to start operating.

I am picking the best of my commission. I got Mr. Wickersham on it. I believe he deserves another chance to make good on a commission, so it's the Rogers-Wickersham committee, but Rogers is chairman.

Out on the Rogers ranch at Oologah, where I spent yesterday, Herb McSpadden, my nephew, had to take a milk stool and whack an old cow over the rear end. She was hoarding her milk.

A Jewish farmer at Claremore named Morris Haas hid $500 in bills in a barrel of bran and a cow ate it up. He has just been able to get $18 of it back, up to now.

This hoarding don't pay.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1741 WILL ROGERS IS MISTAKEN FOR THE FATHER OF A CROONER

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 22. – I have made this trip by air 100 times, but I never saw such mobs at the fields. Rudy Vallee is on our ship. I am just as excited as they are, and say, he is a very modest, likeable young fellow. I was even flattered when the folks at Amarillo thought I was his father.

Was in Oklahoma City last night and my old friend Bill Murray liked to talk to me all night. He is sure a smart old bird. He knows more about things than any one I ever saw.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1742 WILL ROGERS THINKS THE NEWS FROM SHANGHAI IS EXAGGERATED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 23. – There is two things I think you will find out about this war in China.

One is that it is rather over "press agented." All these writers were in Manchuria when I was, and I know they naturally being writers had to kinder exaggerate it all to keep it readable. So they naturally are putting it on pretty thick in Shanghai.

The other is you always want to look at your date line and see if the dispatch is headed Shanghai or Tokyo. Then which ever one it is discount it at least 50 per cent in favor of the other side. For both places have their government censorships and you can't send anything out that is not colored in their favor.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1743 MR. ROGERS REVEALS THE CAUSE OF THE CROWDING IN WASHINGTON

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 24. – You can't get a room in Washington. Every hotel is jammed to the doors with bankers from all over America to get their "handout" from the Dawes commision.

And I have asked the following prominent men in America this question: "What group have been more responsible for this financial mess—the farmers, labor, manufacturers, tradesmen, or who?"

And every man, Henry Ford, Garner, Newt Baker, Borah, Curtis and a real financier, Barney Baruch, and everyone of 'em without a moment's hesitation said: "Why, the big bankers."

Yet they have the honor of being the first group to go on the "dole" in America.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1744 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS OWN IDEAS ABOUT THE "BIG BOARD'S" VALUE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 25. – Mr. Whitney, the man in charge of all the "faro and roulette tables" of the New York Stock Exchange, throwed a scare into Mr. Hoover and some Congressmen yesterday by telling 'em if they stopped speculators selling something "they haven't got"—why, it would stop the Stock Exchange, and people with stocks would have to sell 'em like folks with horses, or cows, or wheat, for just what they are worth.

Now you can just imagine the terrible consequences of that exchange being closed. Why, it would be terrible!

At least 115,000,000 out of the 120,000,000 would put on a celebration that would make Armistice Days look like a wake.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1745 WILL ROGERS FLIES 210 MILES TO RANCH IN SEVENTY MINUTES

SAN SIMEON, Cal., Feb. 26. – Talk about moving. Breezed up here to this wonderful Hearst ranch, 210 miles from Los Angeles, in an hour and ten minutes in Hal Roach's new Lockheed plane—one of those that when it starts off it tucks its legs inside it. All you have to worry about is "are they going to let down when we get there." Mountains go by just like telephone posts in a Ford. Got their own lighted air field here on the ranch.

Here's one rich man that hasn't hoarded his money. There is more people working, and building, on this the most beautiful and gigantic of American estates than there is international bankers trying to get that two billion away from Dawes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1746 WILL ROGERS FINDS A HAVEN OUT WEST FOR MAN AND BEAST

SAN SIMEON, Cal., Feb. 28. – Up here at Mr. Hearst's ranch you get dozens of long typewritten pages of all the news that comes over all the press wires. Lots of this is never printed in the papers, only what you are supposed to read.

If you have missed anybody from any part of the United States and can't find 'em they are here guests of this ranch.

He has the most wonderful wild animal collection all over these mountains. I guess this place has more different kind of animals and more different kind of guests than any place outside Leavenworth. Calvin Coolidge and Polly Moran had a great time together.

I have just held a political argument with the president of Oglethorpe University with Paul Block refereeing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1747 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A WAY TO GET NEW TAXES FAIR TO ALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 29. – Every time Congress starts to tax some particular industry, it rushes down with its main men and they scare 'em out of it. About the only way I see for 'em to do, so it would be fair to everybody, would be for Congress to go into secret session, allow no telephones, no telegrams,, no visitors, so no outside lobbyists can get at 'em, then tax everything they want to, and should tax, then announce, "Boys, it's all over; there is no use shooting at us now."

As it is now, we are taxing everybody without a lobby.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1748 MR. ROGERS CONSIDERS THIS WAR AN 'OFF AGIN, ON AGIN' AFFAIR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 1. – In one column of our morning papers the war had been called off, but they hadn't notified the other column.

The Japanese say they don't want China, and it's a cinch the Chinese don't want Japan. The Japanese say if the Chinese would get back twenty miles from Shanghai that they would quit fighting. The Chinese say if the Japanese would go back home, where they belong, they would quit fighting.

So nobody really knows what they are fighting over. It's almost like a civilized European war in that respect.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1749 WILL ROGERS RECALLS A GOLDEN-HAIRED BABY TODDLING ABOUT IN THE LINDBERGH NURSERY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 2. – Why don't lynching parties widen their scope and take in kidnappings? They are ten times more premeditated and performed by more normal people.

It wasn't enough for that Morrow family to lose the most able, fairest and broadest of our public men then have to be saddled with this. I am sure nothing could carry more sympathy.

What a shock to everybody. But how much more of a one it is when you have seen the baby and seen the affection of the mother and father and the whole Morrow family for the cute little fellow.

Two weeks ago Sunday Mrs. Rogers and I spent the day with them. The whole family interest centered around him. He had his father's blonde curly hair, even more so than his dad's. It's almost golden and all in little curls. His face is more of his mother's. He has her eyes exactly.

His mother sat on the floor in the sun parlor among all of us and played blocks with him for an hour. His dad was pitching a soft sofa pillow at him as he was toddling around. The weight of it would knock him over. I asked Lindy if he was rehearsing him for forced landings.

After about the fourth time of being knocked over he did the cutest thing. He dropped of his own accord when he saw it coming. He was just stumbling and jabbering around like any kid 20 months old.

He crawled up in the back of the Morrow automobile that was going to take us home, and he howled like an Indian when they dragged him out.

I wish we had taken him home with us and kept him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1750 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE NATION HAS BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 3. – Did you ever see such a day? Nobody don't feel like doing anything, taking any interest in anything.

The attention of the world is on a little curly haired baby. Till he is found we can't get back to normal.

Never since the two days and a night that this same kid's father was out over the Atlantic has the attention of everybody been centered so completely on one thing.

The greatest single "kick" that a whole nation got, outside of the signing of the armistice, was when the news was flashed that Lindbergh had landed in Paris.

The next one we hope and pray will be when this baby is delivered safely home.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1751 WILL ROGERS HAD FORGOT TO WRITE A SON WHO HAD FORGOT TO WRITE

ROSWELL, N. M., March 4. – Eight hundred and twenty-five miles in less than five hours, and part of it in a snowstorm, with Captain Dickson doing a fine job of piloting Hal Roach's fast plane. Meeting Mrs. Rogers here coming out from the East. Hope the Lindberghs have as good luck as we did. We finally found one of our boys here that we hadn't heard of in months.

He has learned to play polo here, but hasn't learned to write. Asked him why we never hear from him. Said he had forgot our address.

Cattle country looks fine, lot of rain, no prices. If Wall Street men had these old cattlemen's nerve and "tripe" you would have never heard of this panic. Cattle are so cheap that cowboys are eating beef for the first time in years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1752 MR. ROGERS TURNS BOOK CRITIC AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDS ONE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 6. – Don't tell me we got people that can read, and they haven't read Pearl Buck's great book on China, "Good Earth."

It's not only the greatest book about a people over written, but the best book of our generation. Even in China, the Europeans, and the Chinese say it's absolutely true, and there is few books written about people where they say it's good themselves.

I had an engagement to fly up and meet her, but it stormed that day, and I missed the treat.

So go get this and read it. It will keep you out of some devilment and learn you all about China, and you will thank me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1753 LINDBERGH STAND IN CRISIS COMMENDED BY WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 7. – Out of 120,000,000 people if Lindbergh had had as much advice on how to fly the ocean as he has on this case, he would have cracked up in St. Louis. I think the boy has used splendid judgment in this, the same as he has in everything he has done since we first heard of him. Remember it was his sober judgment that first suggested "get the baby back at any cost," and then start worrying what the punishment would be if they caught 'em.

And remember there is other kidnapped ones out that are just as dear to their folks as this baby of his, so get all the folks in that's kidnapped, then make some new laws and start over again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1754 ROGERS HAILS SOUSA'S TUNES AS HIS ENDURING MONUMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 8. – He was in life rather small of stature. Not particularly impressive, very modest and unassuming. Yet he produced something that any hour of the day or night can quicken the blood and thrill the nerves of every American man, woman or child. His tunes were the Lincoln's Gettysburg address of music.

"El Capitan," " Washington Post" and "Stars and Stripes Forever" is a monument that needs no concrete. It's for the soul, and not for the eye.

Our little March King is dead but his marches will be marched-to down through the ages.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1755 WILL ROGERS ASKS FUND TO AID FORGOTTEN ARMS DELEGATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 9. – The poor old disarmament conference at Geneva, it's just dropped plum out of the papers. It just shows you how we can get all excited about something, and think that life and death depend on it, and in six weeks nobody can remember it.

Those poor delegates, they was fairly well known a month ago, now their

own folks don't know where to send them mail. I am going to ask for contributions for funds to build a home for delegates who have been sent off to conferences and forgotten.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – What a wise guy that Charley Dawes was to escape that burial alive.

1756 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 10. – In one of my little poems I said the bankers were the first to go on the "dole." The "wrath of the mighty" ascended on me. Even the Wall Street Journal (Wall street's house organ) editorially said I should confine my jokes to some semblance of truth. Now I want to be fair, even with the bankers, for they are pretty touchy now. I have had critics come out and say "As an actor old Bill is not so hot." Well, I just wanted to come out and call him a liar, but in my heart and conscience I knew he was right. So I know how you "boys" feel. Now if you will take this money and loan it out to a lot of the little fellows that need it you bankers got a chance to redeem yourselves. But I am not kidding you.

People are not "pointing with pride" to your record in this crisis up to now. Will be glad to reprint any alibis.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1757 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 11. – My good old friend Arthur Brisbane sure put one over on me, showing the difference between a good reporter and a punk one. Two weeks ago I had two hours with Al Capone. (That raises Arthur one hour.) He told me all that I read today he told Mr. Brisbane and more. But there was absolutely no way I could write it and not make a hero out of him, and even as superb a writer as Mr. Brisbane couldn't either. Everybody you talk to would rather hear about Capone than anybody you ever met. What's the matter with an age when our biggest gangster is our greatest national interest. Part is the government's fault for not convicting him on some real crime. Now will somebody please suggest what to do with the story I got bottled up with me and be fair to everybody.

Yours,

Will Rogers

1758 WILL ROGERS HAS TWO VISITORS WHO SHOW A VERY RARE QUALITY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 13. – Well sir, had a couple of mighty interesting and charming callers out at the ranch Friday afternoon, Secretary Kellogg and Senator Gillette of Massachusetts, a couple of mighty fine old men that have played quite a part in our history the last few years.

The thing I liked about their visit was they had no opinion to offer on "when we had scraped bottom." Most every man you meet can tell you who will be our next President, but these ignorant, uninformed gentlemen had no idea.

I have always believed that if the very, very proper inducements were presented that you could smoke Calvin out. Mr. Gillette thought no, Mr. Kellogg yes.

I have told many alleged jokes on both of them, and it was gratifying to know I could do so and still retain their friendship.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1759 MR. ROGERS SEES LESSON FOR ALL IN THE VICTORY OF HINDENBURG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cay., March 14. – It was gratifying to read in the press this morning that Germany "went sane" in their primary election yesterday.

Hindenburg is assured of re-election April 10. He must be a grand old character, the only man that the whole of Europe produced that they followed in war and followed in peace.

Hitler had some swell sounding ideas, but this depression has lasted so long it has given the people a chance in all countries to know that nobody can fix it overnight with an idea.

Nobody knows exactly where it came from, and nobody knows exactly where or when it's going from here. Hindenberg had no solution and was re-elected.

So, why don't everybody do like him and quit lying about it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1760 MR. ROGERS HOLDS THAT CONGRESS DID NOT VOTE ON PROHIBITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 15. – Dry Congressmen voted yesterday, not on prohibition, but voted in favor of keeping the people from voting on it.

Now the wets are not as sore at prohibition as they are the fact that they was never in their lives allowed to vote on it. The drys can win at a general election now, but let the thing drag on for four more years and they will lose.

So it looks kinder short-sighted on the drys' part not to let the people vote while the going is good. But it's one of those things that are out of the hands of the people now and into the hands of the politicians.

The wets have got a hand full of drinks, and the drys think they got a hand full of votes.

Yours ignorantly on the subject,

Will Rogers.

1761 MR. ROGERS DESIRES TO DODGE ANY ARGUMENT ON PROHIBITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 16. – Yesterday I finished my little poem, "the wets have a hand full of drinks, and the drys think they have a hand full of votes." Well, I meant to put, but I forgot it, the words "or visa versa."

But I don't want to get mixed up in that argument. No person has ever convinced another on prohibition. People's minds are changed through observation and not through argument.

John Hays Hammond, the great mining engineer, but through somebody's oversight never became President, was out to see me today. He and Maj. Frederick R. Burnham, the author of that great book "Scouting on Two Continents." We talked of South Africa where we had all prowled about at one time or another.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1762 MR. ROGERS THINKS THE ELECTION THE NATION'S BIGGEST HANDICAP

BEVERLY HILLS, City, March 17. – I see where a bunch of 'em are trying to defeat the sales tax. Canada and everywhere that have tried it have found it absolutely satisfactory.

The idea that a tax on something keeps anybody from buying it is a lot of "hooey." They put it on gasoline all over the country and it hasn't kept a soul at home a single night or day. You could put a dollar a gallon on and still a pedestrian couldn't cross the street with safety without armor.

We are three billion in the hole and will be three more next year, and not a Congressman has got the nerve to ask voters to pay part of it. You can talk hoarding, you can talk lack of confidence, but the biggest handicap to a return of prosperity is that there is an election this Fall.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1763 WILL ROGERS FINDS DIVERSION IN THE PROCEEDINGS AT GENEVA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 18. – One of the funniest things I have read in a long time was the disarmament conference in Geneva took a month off to rest. That's like a vice president of a bank or a night watchman asking for time to recuperate.

The Japanese have started evacuating Shanghai. They claim they won a moral victory by driving the Chinese twelve miles back from Shanghai. What good did that do? That would be just like the Irish driving the Jewish folks twelve miles out of New York. What would the answer be at the finish?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1764 WILL ROGERS GIVES CONGRESS A RATING OF NEARLY '4 OUT OF '5

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 20. – Congress, with an eye, not on the budget, but on November 4, put a tax as high as 72 per cent on some incomes. That's three-fourths.

Congress almost tied pyorrhea. It only gets "four out of five," and Russia only gets half.

Course a man to give up three million out of four is tough; but, on the other hand, 90 per cent of our people would be willing to give up 990 per cent of a million if allowed to make one.

The crime of taxation is not in the taking it, it's in the way that it's spent.

Yours,

Will Rogers

1765 MR. ROGERS SADLY POINTS OUT ONE RECORD WE STILL HOLD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 21. – Phar Lap sounds like a mouth wash, but runs like a race horse.

All American horses saw of him yesterday was his tail and his dust. England, which holds a mandate over Australia, already had the auto and aeroplane records, and Williams of Canada won the Oympics. Now this race horse makes a sucker out of us.

But the good old U. S. A. still holds one international record. Our international bankers have loaned more of other people's money to foreign countries, on less security, than was ever loaned before, even on security.

Now, there is a record we want to see beat, but no other bankers are dumb enough to beat it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1766 MR. ROGERS BACKS BLOCK-AID AS CHARITY BEGINNING AT HOME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 22. – Has your town or city investigated this great scheme called "block-aid" that they have in New York City?

Each person with a job that lives in that block is asked to contribute a dime, quarter or not more than a dollar per week. Now your block is so organized that each block helps itself. It's practical and it works.

Every city, town and even country townships should organize and use it. You know absolutely where your money is going, it's helping your next door neighbor. That's one trouble with our charities, we are always saving somebody away off, when the fellow next to us ain't eating. Same thing wrong with the missionaries. They will save anybody if he is far enough away and don't speak our language.

This is a time when I don't care where you live, you can't throw a rock without hitting somebody that needs help worse than you do. Here is a scheme where charity begins at home.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1767 MR. ROGERS AIRS SOME VIEWS ON CONGRESS AND TAXPAYERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 23. – Congress knocked the rich in the creek with a 72 per cent income tax, then somebody must have told 'em "Yes,

Congress you got 'em when they are living. But what if they die on you to keep from paying it?"

Congress says, "Well, never thought of that, so we will frame one that will get 'em, alive or living, dead or deceased."

Now they got such a high inheritance tax on 'em that you won't catch these old rich boys dying promiscuously like they did.

This bill makes patriots out of everybody. You sure do die for your country if you die from now on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1768 MR. ROGERS ARISES TO APPLAUD SOME STARS OF YESTERYEAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 24. – John J. McGraw gave a little dinner last night. These and many more were present:

Jim Jeffries, who was champion when you had to fight.

Tod Sloan, whom Kings have dropped their monocles applauding.

Barney Oldfield, the originator of giving Americans a thrill.

Chief Meyers, who hit home runs when the ball wasn't rubber.

Mike Doulin, who, with his wife, Mabel Hite, received the biggest reception I ever heard on a stage.

All passing over the horizon of popular clamor, but never forgotten by McGraw. Yet, if all these men's combined applause and cheers had been recorded in sound and run nowadays, it would make our present-day celebrities envious.

I'm raving. I guess I'm getting old. But I want your kids to know that in your dad's time there was men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1769 MR. ROGERS SEEKS INFORMATION ON JUST WHAT IS A SALES TAX

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 25. – This thing of a political party controlling the House or the Senate is not always exactly what it's cracked up to be. The Democrats defeated the sales tax. By about next November, when it's percolated into a lot more people's minds that it's only tax, why some of these boys are going to have the privilege of staying home for the next four years.

Why should a sales tax work on gasoline and cigarettes and not work on anything else? If people use as much tooth paste as they are advised to over the radio, a small tax on it would just about pay our national debt, to say nothing of lip rouge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1770 MR. ROGERS NOTES THE WISDOM OF OUR NATIONAL STATESMEN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 27. – Mr. Calvin Coolidge had a mighty instructive article on finances in last week's Sat-Eve-Post.

We got a long-sighted government. When everybody has got money they cut the taxes, and when they're broke they raise 'em. That's statesmanship of the highest order.

The reason there wasn't much unemployment in the last ten years preceding '29 was every man that was out of a job went to work for the government—state or city.

It costs ten times more to govern us than it used to, and we are not governed one-tenth as good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1771 WILL ROGERS THINKS THE NEWS FROM VIRGINIA ENCOURAGING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 28. – That baby news from down in Virginia sounds the most encouraging there has been.

Of course, this is a case where everybody wants to get in on it and claim they know something. But if we can trust those prominent men like that to know what they are doing, look what it would mean to give all this hope falsely.

Why, it would just show you how some folks could be either misled, or to what means they would go to get publicity.

But I believe they know something, and we will all get some good news, and the world will look brighter to everybody.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1772 MR. ROGERS DETECTS A NEW ART IN THE MATTER OF PAYING LOANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 29. – No matter what the poor old dumb government tries to do, the "big boys" have a scheme that beats it.

Now the big bankers have got a new "racket." Instead of them going direct to the new finance commission for dough, they send the folks that owe them. He gets it from the government and then pays them off. That don't leave a single soul out snipe hunting with a sack but the government.

And, brother, when one of those "big babies" transfers one of his loans over to Uncle Sam, it's not a "frozen asset," it's a "petrified persimmon."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1773 MR. ROGERS IS HURT AND DEMANDS SOME MERCY FOR THE TAXPAYER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 30, – Wait a minute here now.

It's all right for Jack Garner's reformed Congress—

To pour it onto the rich with income taxes;

To fine a man for dying;

To put a tax on malt till they make it cost like beer, even if it don't taste like it;

To refuse to pass a sales tax, then turn around and tax everything that is sold;

To put a tax on matches and drive the U. S. to the insane asylum trying to make cigar lighters work—

All these fool things come under the heading of Congressional employment.

But, when they put a tax on chewing gum, the only thing left for a poor man to chew, that's going too far.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1774 MR. ROGERS TRIES TO FOLLOW THE GYRATIONS OF CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 31. – Congress turned down the sales tax claiming that it was unconstitutional, undemocratic and even unhealthy, that it

was a tax on the poor in favor of the rich. Then they turned yesterday and put a tax on matches.

Well, I never saw a poor man that didn't at one time during his life, no matter how poor, have to light a match. Got a tax on candy, but not on crude oil from Venezuela.

You see these things that they are taxing now, they are not a sales tax. No! No! Entirely different!

This is just a tax on things you have to buy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1775 MR. ROGERS SEES A BABY'S PERIL AGAIN TOUCHING NATION'S HEART

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 1. – It takes a baby to stir the sympathy and interest of a hard-boiled nation. Yesterday that baby that fell in the drill hole-till we got this morning's paper to see if they had saved him, why we didn't care any more what Congress did than they do themselves.

And maybe this means a good omen for the Lindbergh baby. And anyone else that has a clue, don't mention it to the press or public till after you got the baby. You will get enough publicity after that to last a lifetime.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1776 MR. ROGERS REPORTS THE HORSE IS DOING A REAL COME-BACK

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 3. – Major Chamberlin and his troop of crack riders of our army were just up here at the ranch. They are our representatives in the Olympics. They are at San Diego working day and night on their horses. Major Chamberlin has represented us in previous games and he says that the horsemanship events are the most popular on the whole program.

You talk about something coming back. Say, the old horse is coming back in a high lope. Thousands of people are riding a horse today that five years ago couldn't sit in a Ford with all doors locked.

Polo, racing and horse shows all doing great work to help the farmer and rancher to raise better horses.

Legalize racing in every State. Sure people will bet, but they get to see the horses run, and you certainly can't see General Motors and General Electric and General Utility run when you bet on them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1777 MR. ROGERS IS CONVINCED NOW THAT EVERYTHING IS ASKEW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 4. – I see where Secretary Stimson is going to take a vacation. He is going to the disarmament conference in Geneva. I was there at the opening. Certainly was a picnic that day.

By the way, wonder what ever became of "Doc" Woolley that was a member of the original cast. She was as pleasant a nice soul as I ever met. I hated to see her banished to Siberia like that.

I tell you the whole world is "cockeyed," and we mustn't be surprised at anything. Mr. Coolidge, who never said an unkind word against anybody-in fact talks less than anybody—he pays $2,500 for talking too much. I look to see John D. Rockefeller Sr. arrested for vagrancy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1778 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEWS ON FREEING THE PHILIPPINES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 5. – Congress yesterday gave forty minutes to Philippine independence—gave forty minutes, but no independence.

Democrats all voted for it. They are in about the same fix the Philippines are.

Sugar and immigration were the things they were voting on. The freedom of a race of people never entered into it.

We better give 'em their freedom while we got 'em. The only reason we ever held 'em this long was because the Japanese didn't use sugar in their tea. But they are liable to start using it any day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1779 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO PHAR LAP AND AUSTRALIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 6. – Australia, a great horse country, finally produced what looked like the "superhorse." He came 10,000 miles and won in a gallop. He received as great an ovation as he had ever received winning at home. He is dead.

Horse lovers the world over sympathize with Australia. Mr. Wolfe, the Australian sports writer who accompanied him here, was out to see me last week. He talked of him like he was human.

No one could possibly have brought on his death. Our foreign friends can accuse us of lots of things, but not giving a foreign contestant, be he man or animal, a fair chance is not one of them.

It's too bad, Australia. Phar Lap was just a horse, but he brought you honor and represented you nobly. For you never saw a good horse grow where a good man didn't grow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1780 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES MILLS, THE BUDGET AND A SMART FLIER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 7. – This Ogden Mills that is now treasurer of the deficit, nobody has accused him of being "the best treasurer since Alexander Hamilton." But, I have heard Jack Garner himself say that Mills was "a mighty able and conscientious man."

Congress bases her estimate of the budget on "what the people ought to make in 1932." Mills says, "Yes, they ought to make that much, but who are they going to make it out of?"

Word just came that Frank Hawks was hurt. Frank is like one of our family, but the hospital tells me that it's not dangerous. He is a fine, intelligent fellow. That's one profession I have never met, a "dumb" aviator.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1781 ROGERS SEES WAY TO STOP THE WOMEN PIPE SMOKERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 8. – At a luncheon yesterday a Congressman's wife couldn't read President Hoover's handwriting and Mrs. Hoover had to interpret it for her. Now that can mean various things. Can a Congress-

man's wife read? Can't Mr. Hoover write? (All of 'em being Republicans.) The chances are that both of the above are right, and that the reason Mrs. Hoover could read it was she remembered what she told the President to say in the message to the women.

Headline says, "Society Women of New York Smoking Pipe." The only way to break 'em from it is not to watch 'em do it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1782 MR. ROGERS RATES SOVIET AHEAD OF CONGRESS AS WONDER WORKER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 10. – Didn't you see a headline in this morning's papers saying that "Russia is going to extract the snow from the clouds before the clouds reach Moscow, thereby relieving the city of having snow"?

Now that sounds silly, don't it? We all say "Those darn Russians, they always got some crazy ideas."

Then, in the next column it says "Hoover and a Congressional committee propose to take two hundred million dollars from government expenditure."

Well, I'll bet you the Russians get the snow out of the clouds before Hoover and Congress gets any government employees out of their swivel chairs.

But both things sound good in print.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1783 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 11. – After Wall street had been dead for a couple of years and everybody that had so generously contributed to the funeral was just about to go to work and forget about it, why now the United States Senate, that investigates everything after it's dead, is going to dig up the body and hold an autopsy. They will find out exactly what everyone else already knows, "deceased died from overgorging while the gorging was gorgeous."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1784 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 12. – The Senate grand jury which is in session now couldn't get much nourishment yesterday out of this fellow Whitney that's head of the "Wall street gang." There is one kind of noble thing about our modern racketeers, they will go to the electric chair before they will give away any of the workings of their organization. At first we thought when they had this investigation we was going to get the names of our "big men" who were betting the country would never amount to anything. Oh! Yeah!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1785 MR. ROGERS HEARS OF THINGS HE MISSED IN THE FAR EAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 13. – Floyd Gibbons been out here telling me all that I missed in China. The night before I would leave all the towns I would make a speech to all the assembled Americans. Then the war would break out.

Then on top of all Floyd's valuable information, why today a chat with Sir Victor Sasoon, who knows more about China and India than any man, for he is to those countries what J. P. Morgan is to us. We have to get his O. K. to see if we can have sugar with our coffee.

Gibbons and Sasoon both feel that Japan is holding Manchuria till Russia is in shape to take it over. China returns to civil war now till some other outsider shows up.

So pacifists haven't much to look forward to in the Far East.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1786 WILL ROGERS SEES DEMOCRATS DOING THEIR BEST FOR HOOVER

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 14. – The Democrats met Wednesday night to consciously drink a toast to Thomas Jefferson, and unconsciously elected Herbert Hoover.

It's been the same every year, only this fall it's going to be harder for the Democrats to elect a Republican than it's generally been.

The reason it's tough is, there are hundreds of people this year that are going to vote the Democratic ticket in spite of the Democratic party.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1787 ROGERS TELLS THE STORY OF A NEGRO BULLDOGGER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 15. – A little small, good-natured, likeable Negro died last week in Oklahoma, named Bill Pickett. Don't mean a thing to you, does it? Well, he was the originator of a stunt that has thrilled millions. It was the rodeo stunt of "bulldogging."

When they arrest a cowboy for cruelty to animals in bulldogging, they arrest the wrong participant. More men get hurt than steer. He worked with white cowboys all his life and never had an argument or enemy. Even the steer wouldn't hurt old Bill.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1788 MR. ROGERS DEVOTES HIS SPACE TO A STAGGERING OBSERVATION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 17. – Mr. Hoover wants to put in the "stagger system." That don't sound like a dry.

He says we can save eighty million a year by "staggering." we have always thought "staggering" was a shame, but now it's a blessing.

But what he means by the "stagger" is you "stagger" to work today, then "stagger" home and lay off tomorrow, and I "stagger" over and work in your place that day, then you "stagger" back the next day.

The man who is employing you don't know just who is going to "stagger" in to work for him on any given day, but it gives more people days to work and more people more days to "stagger," so the plan is well worth "staggering" into.

Yours "staggeringly,"

Will Rogers.

1789 MR. ROGERS MENTIONS ONE LOBBY OF WHICH HE NEVER HAS HEARD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 18. – Every time the government suggests putting a tax on something the manufacturers of that object rush to Wash-

ington like "Coxey's army," demanding that it's an injustice.

No matter what the tax is put on, the man that makes it don't pay. It's the bird that buys it. But, we have never yet heard of a "purchasers' lobby" rushing down.

Course, the auto makers feel that they are being discriminated against, and it looks like they are.

Everything we buy should have its equal proportion of tax, outside of cheap food and cheap clothes.

There won't finally be anything left of Congress's tax bill but the envelope they sent it over to the Senate in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1790 MR. ROGERS SUMS UP FINDINGS IN WALL STREET INVESTIGATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 19. – Today's news featured two items in the same column "Monte Carlo fails to pay dividend for first time" and "Wall Street investigation still carried on."

Senate has been investigating Wall Street for ten days and all they have found out is that the street is located in the sharp end of New York City, that not only the traders but the street itself is short, that neither end don't lead anywhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1791 MR. ROGERS SEES A CHANCE TO EFFECT A BIT OF ECONOMY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 20. – Talk about economizing and cutting out all unnecessarys, what's the idea of holding the Chicago Republican convention?

This morning's papers announced Mr. Hoover's campaign plan, the route, the towns, who he would shake hands with, and what he would wear.

And as for the platform, it will be the same one they have read for forty years but have never had.

And the speeches will be the same ones delivered for forty years but never listened to.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1792 MR. ROGERS'S DAILY POTPOURRI INCLUDES A BIT OF BOOSTING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 21. – Country's been full of jokes at the expense of the radio announcers, but have you caught any of these political speakers that are desecrating the other? Why you actually want to kiss the announcer when he comes on after one of those.

Took three years of solid depression to get the truth out of dear old Charley Schwab.

Thirty-eight aeroplanes with mail and passengers come and go daily from Los Angeles airports.

Congress is just like us individuals. They are finding it tough to dig up the money they spent last year that they didn't have.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1793 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET INQUIRY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 22. – Did you read that Senate Wall Street investigation? The Senate sent out and got a fellow named Gray. Well, he didn't ask the usual Senate questions. Gray knew where the body was buried, and poor Mr. Whitney, who had a cinch on the stand up to then, why it looked like he was going to break down and confess. Twenty-four thousand patriotic Americans, and some splendid friends from France, was all betting against the country, and we used to arrest men for just saying something against it.

Morgan kept his German bonds up to ninety, till he got 'em all peddled. Now they are thirty-five. "Hot-cha."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1794 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS THE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON AND LONDON

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 24. – This fellow Gray has brought investigations back on the front page. Some of that rich bunch will hire him.

Wall Street will live this down, for the more we find out about anything the less we ever do about it. But, they never will live down Charley Dawes calling 'em a "peanut stand."

A bunch of women are after Mellon because he is going to give the Britishers a drink. Most of America don't care how many he gives 'em, just so he don't take enough himself so he will cancel the debt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1795 MR. ROGERS TAKES PASSING NOTE OF LATEST WORD FROM DOORN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 25. – See where the Kaiser in a statement says, "I would do the same very thing over again."

Well, if he would he is about the only one connected with the war that would. Many a nation and many an individual would like to have had a second guess at it.

That lawyer Gray for the Senate must have lost some dough on the Street and he's out to locate the guy that got away with it.

There is no quicker way in the world to have folks lose interest in a murder trial than to call in alienists.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1796 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 26. – When you think you have heard all the devilment about anything, why you haven't heard anything till a little Italian Congressman (and a Republican, too, strange to say) from New York City, La Guardia, he's always got the evidence. He dragged in a trunkful of canceled checks yesterday that brokers had given financial writers.

You know it's too bad everybody was so busy getting in on it, that no one had time to investigate Wall street before '29, when the horse was being stolen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1797 WILL ROGERS SEES A LESSON IN RESULTS OF THE PRIMARIES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 27. – Say, I bet Al Smith threw a scare into some of these wise politicians that they won't forget for some time.

Whoever advised Roosevelt to enter that primary anyhow? Running against Smith in Massachusetts is like trying to win a debate with Sister Aimee on her grounds.

And, Smedley Butler in Pennsylvania. He used fine judgment. He run as a "dry" instead of as a marine.

There is one thing you can bet on this year. No voter is going to do anything that a politician thinks he will do. The way most people feel they would like to vote against all of 'em if it was possible.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1798 MR. ROGERS RISES TO DEFEND THE HIGH INCOME TAX RATES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 28. – The big writers are hollering now that Congress "soaked the rich" by raising the rate after it passed $1,000,000 to 45 per cent.

Why the holler? A man making $20,000 pays almost twice the rate as one making $10,000. So, why not the man making $200,000 pay twice the rate of one with $100,000, or why not pay more on your second million than on your first?

You can't legitimately kick on income tax, for it's on what you have made. You have already made it. But, look at land, farms, homes, stores, vacant lots. You pay year after year on them whether you make it or not.

Every land or property owner in America would be tickled to death to pay 45 per cent of his profits, if he didn't have to pay anything if he didn't make it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1799 WILL ROGERS FINDS AVIATORS EARN THEIR GOVERNMENT PAY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 29. – The Congressman that suggested cutting government aviators' salaries to help balance their over-spent budget didn't get far with his bill. In fact, he wasn't able to "take off" and leave the ground with it. Taxpayers know that an aviator risks his life every day, and a politician only on Nov. 4 every two years.

The other day Henry Ford visited Mr. Hoover and told him that what the country needs was a "new eight" and a garden. Most people got no room for a garden, so what Mr. Ford will do is put out a car with a garden in it. Then you hoe as you go.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1800 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A WORD OF ADVICE TO HIS UNCLE SAM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 1. – Well, about all you can see in the papers is Honolulu. The whole thing just proves that the islands haven't got any use for the navy and the mainland.

Course I guess I am all wet, but I never have seen any reason why us, or any other nation, should hold under subjection of any kind any islands or country outside of our own.

We say we have to have it to protect the Pacific. Why don't we have to have the Azores to protect the Atlantic? We are going to get into a war some day either over Honolulu or the Philippines.

Let's all come home and let every nation ride its own surfboard, play its own eukaleles and commit their development on their own race.

Yours for remaining on the home grounds.

Will Rogers.

1801 MR. ROGERS PUTS IN A WORD FOR HIS FAVORITE CANDIDATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 2. – Tomorrow is primary day out here in California. Course, it's all cut and dried with the Republicans, but the old Democrats out here in Orangejuiceville have got a chance to name the next Democratic nominee.

Al Smith's big spurt in the East has shown that Governor Roosevelt can't possibly go to the convention with enough to nominate. Give Garner California and Texas and he will be sitting prettier than any of the three, for there is one thing about a Smith delegate, he is sure loyal to Smith, and won't go for any one else at the finish only who Smith tells 'em to.

The Democrats always beat the man that gives to the convention with the most votes, McAdoo at Madison Square Garden when he had a big majority. Champ Clark at Baltimore when he had 600, so California can win with Jack.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1802 MR. ROGERS IS TERRIBLY UPSET BY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ATOM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 3. – Let's give a great big hand to those two Governors, Rolph of California and Balzar of Nevada, for making the flight clear across our country in a day. Too many won't fly because of their regard

for their country and the shape it would be left in, in case of accident.

See where two English scientists were able, the headline said, to "split the atom." The world was not bad enough off as it was; now they go and split the atom. That's the last straw.

We expect the Democrats to split, the country to split over prohibition, but we always felt that the old "atom" would remain intact. It was certainly a big disappointment to me.

Come on, boys, let's up and atom.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1803 MR. ROGERS DOES NOT THINK THE PRIMARIES PROVE MUCH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 4. – About all these primaries prove around the country is that the Democrats have got three good men and the Republicans only one. It looks to me like any man that wants to be President in times like these lacks something.

Wall Street is being investigated, but they are not asleep while it's being done. You see where the Senate took that tax off the sales of stocks, didn't you? Saved 'em $48,000,000.

Now, why don't somebody investigate the Senate and see who got to them to get that tax removed? That would be a real investigation.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1804 MR. ROGERS NOW IS CERTAIN THAT SPRING HAS ARRIVED

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 5. – Spring has been late arriving this year, but this morning on our front page she got here.

It was the old familiar figure Citizen Calvin Coolidge wading in the creek. When that distinguished weather mark takes his hip boots out of dry dock and launches forth with rod and cigar into the very bowels of a Spring freshet, America knows she can then shed her woolens and enjoy her depression in the open air.

The picture showed he had a little "perch" in his hand and the same grin

on his face that he wore on that memorable day in Washington when he, with due premeditation and malice aforethought, slipped the custodianship of these whole United States into the innocent hands of Herbert Hoover.

You can't blame him for grinning, if he never caught a fish.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1805 WILL ROGERS SEES HOOVER FINALLY ON THE WAR PATH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 6. – Our heretofore docile Quaker President went on the warpath yesterday and cut loose with both barrels at Congress and the Senate, and his message was loaded with votes. It was on government economy.

He told the court in his own way what was happening. "You guys are not going to do anything about cutting down. You are afraid, because every one you fired has got a vote, so if you are afraid to shoot the bear, give me the gun and I will do it and take the consequences."

Somebody has been feeding Herbert raw meat, and if he keeps up that diet and builds up those corpuscles he will be elected by acclamation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1806 MR. ROGERS REVEALS THE DIARY OF A BUDGET-BALANCING SENATE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 8. – Diary of a United States Senate trying to find $2,000,000,000 that they have already spent but didn't have.

Monday – Soak the rich.

Tuesday – Begin hearing from the rich.

Tuesday afternoon – Decide to give the rich a chance to get richer.

Wednesday – Tax Wall Street stock sales.

Thursday – Get word from Wall Street, "Lay off us or you will get no campaign contributions."

So Thursday afternoon – Decide "We was wrong about Wall Street."

Friday – Soak the little fellow.

Saturday morning – Find out there is no little fellow. He has been soaked

till he is drowned.

Sunday – Meditate.

Next week – Same procedure, only more talk and less results.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1807 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEWS OF DARROW AND W. J. BRYAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 9. – That fellow Massie and his wife had a tougher time getting out of Honolulu than they did while there. I didn't read about anybody trying to stop Darrow, but I bet at that he made a lot of friends over there.

I have known Darrow a good many years, and always go to see him in Chicago. I knew William Jennings Bryan many years. Both men lived ahead of their times, Bryan in government and Darrow by believing that the under dog, in any fight, had his side.

And, I bet they both had great admiration for each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1808 MR. ROGERS'S HEART GOES OUT TO OUR ENVOY TO ST. JAMES'S

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 10. – Poor Mr. Mellon is just finding out what an Ambassador's business to England is. It's to introduce American mothers' daughters to the King and Queen.

You ought to hear Charley Dawes tell about his experiences with those ferocious mothers. They try everything from bribery to blackmail, and politics to poison. They drove poor Charley pretty near "nutty."

I doubt if a charging elephant, or a rhino, is as determined or hard to check as a socially ambitious mother.

I see there is just as many this year. Even depression can't stop 'em.

Don't you envy "Andy," "Charley?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1809 WILL ROGERS FINDS NEW YORK ISN'T AHEAD IN EVERYTHING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 11. – New York, which always thinks it's ahead in everything, is going to "walk for beer." The rest of the country don't have to walk for it.

Dave Ingalls of Cleveland, Ohio, our naval ace in the World War, is nominated on the Republican ticket for Governor of his State. His ticket was "let the people vote on whatever they want to, whether, it be prohibition, knee breeches for diplomats, or shall Mickey Mouse be allowed to produce sex dramas."

The Democrats have already started arguing over "who will be speaker at the convention." What they better be worrying about is "who is going to listen to the 1,150 delegates that will speak."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1810 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO THE AKRON TRAGEDY HERO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 12. – They were all just young recruits, told to hold on and they did. Two met death because they had no hand hold, or no chance. The other did have one chance in a million and he took it.

Now, we all want to hang onto him like him to the Akron. He lives just twenty-five miles as the Ford flies from my home, the glorious old State of Oklahoma, where a rope is not just an implement, it's a tradition.

Our history has been built on citizens dangling in the air by a rope and some escaped the dangling that would have made better history.

But, we are proud of this boy. Unlike his early ancestors he tied his own knots, and saw that they wasn't around his neck.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1811 WILL ROGERS EXPRESSES SORROW OF THE COUNTRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 13. – One hundred and twenty million people lost a baby, 120,000,000 people cry one minute and swear vengeance the next. A father who never did a thing that didn't make us proud of him. A mother who, only the wife of a hero, has proven one herself. At home or abroad they have always been a credit to their country. They have never fallen down. Is their country going to be a credit to them? Will it make him still proud that he did it

for them? Or in his loneliness will it allow a thought to creep into his mind that it might have been different if he had flown the ocean under, somebody's colors with a real obligation to law and order?

America goes further into debt, and the debt is to the Lindberghs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1812 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS FROM AFAR THE VARIOUS BEER PARADES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 15. – The big news in the papers today was the different "beer parades" held over the country.

New York, the originator of this unique entertainment, had 100,000 in line. Then there was 500,000 sitting in "speaknaturallys" that was drinking beer and watching humorously the 100,000 that was perspiring and marching.

Washington, D. C., had one. Theirs was an "inaugural parade." They were inaugurating 23 new Congressional places.

Chicago broke the record. They only had one man in their "beer parade." It was learned afterwards he was a stranger in the city. Marching for beer is exactly like taking an umbrella with you in bathing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1813 MR. ROGERS TAKES UP A QUESTION THAT IS DISTURBING EVERY ONE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 16. – The Senate slept on the tax bill over the week-end. But the birds that are going to have to pay it didn't sleep any.

Some Senators say that no man should be allowed to earn over $75,000 a year. They forget that a man that earns that much, or more, works for a different kind of an employer from the one Senators work for.

Suppose you got $100,000 a year for working for a firm and you spent $200,000,000,000 of their money that you didn't have and you didn't know where you was going to get it, how long would you be working for that firm?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1814 MR. ROGERS PUTS IN A BOOST FOR A FELLOW OKLAHOMAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 17. – Any time our Governor "Prairie Hay" Bill Murray gets in an argument with the federal government over what a State can do with its own products you can bet "Bill" will win. He knows more about State rights than any man in the country.

Just going out now with our popular Governor Rolph to accept the gift to the State of California of the biggest Arabian horse ranch in the world, given by Mr. Kellogg of Battle Creek.

The Governor knows good breakfast food and I know good horses. I don't want to detract from what may be mighty fine morning "fodder," but I am a ham and egg man myself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1815 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS A BIT ON THE COUNTRY'S GULLIBILITY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 18. – Well, of all the fool things to hit the country in the face with is this guy's story.

He was supposed to be a reputable business man. That should have been a tip-off to us right there, for being no business now, there can't possibly be any business man.

Then he was heartily indorsed by a preacher and an ex-admiral. Well, we know that a preacher will fall for anything, and a retired admiral is not exactly a William Pinkerton.

Now, you can't blame poor Lindbergh, for in his position he was grabbing at every straw, but the rest of us were just carrying out America's reputation for being—Well, add your own last word.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1816 MR. ROGERS APPEARS A BIT COOL TO THE CLAMOR OF THE WETS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 19. – See a lot of pictures of Mrs. Vincent Astor and society women of New York taking up nickels on the street to aid the anti-prohibition campaign.

Such antics as that are sure to win the small town and the farm women over. Yes sir, right over to the opposite side!

I'll bet there is more fool things done for publicity's sake that defeat their own purpose than ever aided it.

There is but one reason that prohibition won't be repealed, and it's not numbers either. It's because the wrong people want it repealed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1817 WILL ROGERS SEES CONGRESS SEEKING A SECOND MORTGAGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 20. – Congress is human for the first time in years. They are broke, just like everybody else, and are running around in a circle trying to pay what they owe.

They got an eighteen-billion-dollar first plaster on the country, and now they are pop-eyed trying to get a second mortgage. They will eventually find out they are just like other folks; they will have to cut down.

No taxpayer is going to make 'em a loan if they are going to keep as much help as they always have.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1818 MR. ROGERS EXPLAINS HIS 'GAG' ABOUT REPEAL OF PROHIBITION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 22. – The other day I wrote a little "gag" about the main thing that handicapped repeal of prohibition was the wrong people are for it.

I still claim it's true. Prohibition is not a party issue. It's not a wet and dry issue. You will find it is country against city. Your city's wet and the country is against it more because it's the city dictating to them what to do. And, if you don't think it's that way, you wait till you count the votes.

Country folks know the whole thing won't work, but they are not going to let "town folks" tell 'em so.

That's why I say the wrong people are for it to get it through.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1819 MR. ROGERS TAKES OFF HIS HAT TO A 'DOWNTRODDEN WIFE'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 23. – I don't suppose there is any country, unless it be India, where the wife is more downtrodden than they are in the United States.

Amelia Putnam flew across the Atlantic Ocean and then had to call up her husband to see if he thought it would be safe for a married woman to venture into London alone.

But, by golly, us old scared males, our hats are off to Amelia. Her bravery is only surpassed by her skill.

But, there is no use kidding ourselves. It does make a "sucker" Out of us men. While the men are playing bridge and arguing over their golf scores, the women are flying the ocean.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1820 MR. ROGERS DECIDES THIS YEAR IS A TOUGH ONE FOR EVERYBODY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 24. – The whole country, including Nicholas Murray Butler, been knocking the Senate so much lately till they just had a session yesterday and held a clinic over their own body.

And, do you know they couldn't find a thing wrong with themselves. Both parties just spent the session scratching each other's back, and us paying for the manicure.

But give the devil his due. They have had their troubles. Every time they went to tax something a voter would rise up and say, "Yeah?"

It's been a tough year to be a Senator. It's been a tough year to be anything. Even Capone has a tough year, so what can you expect from other industries?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1821 WILL ROGERS IS IN FAVOR OF HUMORING CONGRESSMEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 25. – Congress and the Senate are wondering if they will be through in time for their, various conventions.

Now the question arises in our time, the same as in Shakespeare's (or

some other old timer), "to be in session or not to be in session, that is the question; whether it is better to suffer with or without Congress and the Senate."

Most folks say, "Let them suffer like they made us suffer." But to keep a politician away from his convention is just like taking ice-cream away from a kid. It's liable to make 'em so mad there is no telling what they will pass.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1822 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ON THE NEW YORK SITUATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 26. – They ought to take that Jimmy Walker investigation out on the road and charge admission.

Jimmy was in great form. Those Republicans are always going to find out something on old Tammany, and the more they find out about 'em, the less they prove. They get everything on 'em but the evidence.

There is only one conclusion to draw, Tammany is either the slickest thing back there, or the Republicans are the dumbest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1823 ROGERS DRAWS A CONTRAST AND SUGGESTS A MORAL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 27. – Bands playing, soldiers marching, orators orating telling you it's your duty to "buy Liberty bonds." Fifteen years later, no bands, no marching, no orators, just a patriotic girl, or a broken piece of human frame trying to sell a "poppy" for a few cents. Made by even a more unfortunate brother in one of our fifty-five hospitals.

Given fifteen years to think it over, war has degenerated from the price of a Liberty bond to the price of a "poppy."

Six millions of these boys, regular customers, are disabled this year, too, and from the same war, so those that have will have to try and make up for these, by buying more.

There is only one sure way of stopping war, that is to see that every "statesman" has the same chance to reflect after it's over that these boys making "poppies" have had.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1824 MR. ROGERS RECALLS THAT NO BOY PITIED HIM WHEN HE WAS MAYOR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 29. – Paul Block, the wealthy newspaper man of New York is an old acquaintance of mine, and I knew he had a boy, but I had no idea the boy was so interested in downtrodden mayors.

At that time, I was Mayor of Beverly Hills, and I know I was worse off than Mayor Walker. I had to furnish my own car and got pinched in it, and received no salary at all, and had to keep my screen stars out of devilment.

Course, there was always a lot of people out here claimed I was overpaid.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1825 WILL ROGERS WANTS A DECISION ON THE SALES TAX PROPOSAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 30. – Now the sales tax thing is going to pass.

May not pass this year, for all the boys are up for election and they want to show their voter where he is not to pay anything.

But, as soon as election is over, and when they get back in, they will go ahead and pass it, for its the fairest and easiest to collect. No nation that ever tried it ever abandoned it.

What's the difference between a lot of taxes put on a lot of articles and a few taxes put on everything but the cheapest necessities.

So come on Herbert, make up your mind.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1826 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS SPURT OF CONGRESS ON THE TAX BILL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 31. – Looks like Garner and Hoover are not going to wait till November 4 to have it out. They are going to do it now.

Hoover calls Garner's plan of relief a "pork barrel." Garner can't come back at him and say, "your reconstruction finance was also a pork barrel." For the bankers that money helped didn't eat pork. So poor Jack has got to dig up another slogan.

We are living in a great age. The Senate has got to tax something right away, for the conventions will be here, and no matter what taxpayer is shot in the back the Senators must have the pleasure of being at the convention.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1827 MR. ROGERS GOES A-TRAVELING AND JOTS DOWN A FEW NOTES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 1. – When a Los Angeles guy comes up here to Frisco, it's just a country boy going to town. You have to take your spurs off here. You can't explain Frisco. It's just the Greta Garbo of the West.

Just come up through Stanford University at Palo Alto and my son, a student there, couldn't tell me where Herbert Hoover's home was. He is either just dumb or a Democrat, could be both.

See the Senate took your money and balanced their budget. The whole thing is supposed to be based on what we all earn this year. Somebody is going to get fooled.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1828 MR. ROGERS FINDS PALO ALTO SIGN THAT HE CONSIDERS SIGNIFICANT

PALO ALTO, Cal., June 2. – Back here again today looking for Mr. Hoover's house. Saw a sign "to let" on it, so that don't look any too nourishing for you Democrats.

Had a talk with Herbert this morning, not Herbert Hoover, but "the" Herbert, Herbert Fleischacker, who is the J. P. Morgan, Owen Young, Carter Glass and Andy Mellon, all combined, of the Pacific Coast.

And, he is one rich man who didn't start out by saying, "Well, I am an optimist." He said "I don't know any more what's the matter with us, or what is going to happen to us, than the U. S. Senate does."

Imagine a big banker admitting to that?

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1829 WILL ROGERS URGES SALES TAX TO CARE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 3. – Congress politically, but not economically, turned down the sales tax. Well, even out of the mouths of babes may come a good idea. Ham Lewis, a Senator from Illinois, suggests this: "Put a sales tax on now (on objects not taxed under the present bill) and use that additional money just for the aid of the unemployed."

Now there is some sense to a scheme like that, for it provides where the money is coming from before it's spent; there is not a soul (unless it be a politician) that would object to paying a few cents more for an article, if he knew it was going to some one who needed it worse than him.

So come on, a manufacturers' tax for the unemployed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1830 WILL ROGERS SUMS UP THE NEWS OF THE DAY AS IT LOOKS TO HIM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 5. – The Senate voted a 10 per cent cut in government civilians' wages. Surprised they didn't vote themselves a raise.

Chile is the first country to return to normalcy. Last Saturday they had two dictators and one president, and returned the country to the Democrats.

The Crown Prince is trying to get back in power in Germany. A man has either got to be conceited or looney to purposely want to be the head of any country nowadays.

Congress is working fast now, so they can attend the convention, and the payers of the tax can attend the poorhouse.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1831 MR. ROGERS GREETS THE RETURN OF TWO OLD CAMPAIGN FIGURES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 6. – We never realized that elections were so near till we saw by the papers this morning that each political party has "some" plan of relieving the unemployed.

They have been unemployed for three years, and nobody paid any attention to 'em, but now both parties have discovered that while they are not working there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent them from voting.

So Democratic Campaign Leader "Hooey" and Republican Leader "Baloney" say:

"We have to do something about this, Miss Secretary, reach in the bag and get out some of those old campaign promises. We will dust 'em off and use 'em again this year, and remember no matter what the other side promises, see their promise and raise 'em two more."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1832 MR. ROGERS HAS NEW CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 7. – Got a new suggestion for Presidential candidate. Found a prominent man who can make up his mind.

This fellow Rockefeller jumped right out of the Sunday school room into the hearts of his countrymen with the most plain, straight-forward and lucid statement that's been issued not only on prohibition but that's been said on any subject since the panic. Even the rabid drys will applaud his honesty and frankness.

Stop to think it over, this fellow would make us a fine President, if we could persuade him to take over a little, small, run-down outfit like ours.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1833 WILL ROGERS COMMISERATES WITH THE NATION'S BANKERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 8. – "The Bankers Institute" (who call themselves the educational end of banking) are holding a big convention out here. Every one of 'em carry American Express money orders. There is not a checkbook in a carload.

I hope they go back by Canada and see how it is that Canada has only had one bank failure in ten years. The idea evidently is not copyrighted.

But we can't alibi all our ills by just knocking the old banker. First he loaned the money, then the people all at once wanted it back, and he didn't have it. Now he's got it again, and is afraid to loan it, so the poor devil don't know what to do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1834 MR. ROGERS AGAIN NOMINATES A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 9. – I tell you this country is upside down. Didn't Iowa nominate a radio announcer for Senator?

Mr. McAdoo wisely says the Democratic platform should allow you to vote on the prohibition or my other amendment you can think of.

Charley Dawes would make the best President of anybody in the whole country, but he wouldn't stay with it. The minute the new had worn off and he had the thing on its feet, he would want to switch to Sultan of Morocco, or Eva in Aimee's Temple. Why, he is as nervous as a cigarette smoker.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1835 MR. ROGERS NOTES EACH SPLASH AS DRYS DIVE OFF SPRINGBOARD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 10. – Why, the drys are diving off the springboard so fast there won't be any room in the water for the original wets.

Will H. Hayes, the old Presbyterian circuit rider, went off the sixty-foot board into the deepest part yesterday. Bishop Cannon is just trying to find a bathing suit now that will fit him.

When everybody gets through saying everything in the world about a subject, why then Calvin Coolidge comes along and says what would have been said in the first place. In these times of everybody guessing and alibiing, Calvin can still see clear. But, that's why he is where he is, because he could always see ahead.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1836 WILL ROGERS REACHES CHICAGO BY TRAIN-DISGRACED, INSULTED

CHICAGO, Ill., June 12. – Well here I am right at the stage door waiting to see all the actors in this great comedy called "a convention field for no reason at all."

I have the distinction of being the first Democratic white child to arrive at the Republican fiasco. Breakfast at home Saturday morning, dinner in Kansas City, then into Chicago for breakfast Sunday, but disgraced myself by making the last hop on the train, as there was no regular plane. Guess I am getting old, going back, be taking up golf next.

A newspaper man spoiled my whole convention by asking me if "I was an alternate." Now a delegate is bad enough, but an alternate is just a spare tire for a delegate. An alternate is the lowest form of political life there is. He is the parachute in the plane that never leaves the ground.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1837 WILL ROGERS SEES DEMOCRATS FACING TROUBLE ON WET ISSUE

CLAREMORE, Okla., June 17. – Well, I was the first Democratic white child to escape from the Republicans. Just flew in here from Chicago in four hours.

Saw all of 'em leaving Chicago last night. Alice is coming back for the Democrats-said this one was misrepresented and wasn't a convention. Pat Hurley went away grinning like a possum. The real wets all went away mad, the real drys went away sorer than the wets. The Democrats seem more pleased with it than the Republicans, but they must not crow too quick. Wait till they get there and try to frame up a prohibition plank that will please all, and they will begin to realize what these birds were up against. So they are liable to come out of there with one that reads more different ways than the Republicans did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1838 MR. ROGERS, BACK IN CALIFORNIA, SEEMS A LITTLE PESSIMISTIC

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 19. – Mr. Hoover says he is not going out and lectioneer for the job. That's kinder like a pitcher saying, "I don't need to even warm up against this team."

I believe if some one of the Democratic candidates would say the same thing, he would be nominated. For the Democrats have lost many an election between June and November.

This is one year the more a man promises the less he will be believed. Voters are not going to vote for a man this year with any hope of him helping 'em any. They are just going to vote for him for—?. Well, I don't believe they will even go to the trouble of voting. They have lost everything else so they are afraid they might lose their vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1839 MR. ROGERS IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SHOW NEXT WEEK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 20. – Everybody asks, "Who are the Democrats going to nominate?"

"If the Democrats nominate a good man." Where do they get that "good man" stuff? The Democrats haven't got anything else. And, if you don't believe it you just listen in on the radio next week.

Flew through Fort Worth, Texas, the other day and home over the splendid American Airways. Texas is sending more folks to Chicago than they did to Houston. Special trains, bands, all for little Jack Garner.

The wets out this way are hollering for Ritchie.

It's going to be a great show—1,100 real delegates, and not a postmaster in the hall. Nobody knows what any one of 'em is liable to do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1840 MR. ROGERS SUFFERS A CHANGE OF HEART TOWARD CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 21. – Say, you all got to quit knocking Congress. Didn't you see what they did yesterday? Passed a bill to cut their own salaries. Come on, let's give the boys a great big hand. That was mighty good of 'em at that.

Well, how did your taxes work today? This was the first day of the new taxes. Everybody is wondering how they come to tax the articles that they did. Well, I found out how it was done. They give each member permission to bring in the name of some article that he particularly didn't like personally, and they put a tax on for him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1841 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT SARCASTIC REGARDING THIS NEW ARMS MOVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 22. – You are, from now on, going to hear every imaginable scheme brought out to get America to cancel the debts.

In fact, a "wow" of a one has just been showed up. "We are to cancel the debts if Europe will not arm."

That's original! The Liberty bondholders of America bribe Europe to disarm!

We pay 'em five billion dollars if they promise us they just struggle along on what guns they have and not be rash and spend their money foolishly on armaments.

You can't hire a nation from buying a gun if they think they need one any more than you can bribe folks not to carry an umbrella on rainy days.

And, by the way, what are they going to pay us for not arming?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1842 WILL ROGERS DESERTS POLITICS FOR A MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 23. – Mr. Hoover issued a splendid disarmament program, but he was unfortunate enough to issue it on the same day the "square deal" boxing commission disarmed Max Schmeling.

So, naturally, nobody paid much attention to Mr. Hoover's plan. It was the New York plan that attracted all the attention.

Poor Sharkey, nobody feels that he was in any way responsible for it. And, of course, Max was gained by it. Make it clear to foreigners that in the Olympic Games that no boxing commission has anything to do with 'em.

And, ask the radio announcers if the next fight is not so "hot" to tell us so. Sounded like Dempsey and Fitzsimmons were battling it out at the height of their careers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1843 MR. ROGERS EXPRESSES THANKS FOR ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 24. – Well, Mr. Hoover's disarmament plan fell just like all of 'em have. Nations that have none say it's "fine," but the ones that are well armed say it's terrible.

I have been to every one of those disarmament conferences both here and in Europe, and if there is one thing that has been absolutely proved that can't be done it's to get countries to agree on what constitutes protection.

We can make fine proposals over here, for Mexico and Canada are not so strong, but you put us over there in the midst of that mess, and, brother, we would go out and buy another gun, too.

We ought to set by a day of thanksgiving, blessing the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean for their splendid judgment in locating where they did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1844 MR. ROGERS, DOWN IN OKLAHOMA, STILL HEARS DEMOCRATIC NOISES

CLAREMORE, Okla., July 3. – Flew down here to recuperate from one straight month of speeches. Heard a mule braying a while ago out at the farm and for a minute I couldn't tell who he was nominating.

Roosevelt made a good speech yesterday and he gave aviation the biggest boost it ever had. Took his family and flew out there. That will stop these big shots from thinking their lives are too important to the country to take a chance on flying.

But it was a good thing the convention broke up. Times was hard. Some of the delegates had started eating their alternates. Cannibalism was about to be added to other Democratic accomplishments.

Keep the following records straight. It was California that sold out and not Texas. Texas was for sticking even after California had quit 'em.

I have one thing to be thankful for. I am the only defeated candidate that didn't have a band left on my hands to ship back home.

Could an artist paint a more pitiful picture than a poor defeated candidate waking up the morning after the vote and seeing thirty-five horn tooters that had, on account of the humane laws, to be delivered back home. It's enough to discourage candidates but it never does. Four years later they are back again, same ones.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1845 MR. ROGERS RECALLS THE VICTORY OF THE RURAL BOYS AT CHICAGO

NOWATA, Okla., July 4. – The Democratic Convention was a victory of the country boys over the city slickers.

New York and Chicago come there thinking that on account of being uninstructed Tammany was no more for Smith than Smith is for Tammany.

Well, they thought they would be in a position to stop Roosevelt, sell out to the highest bidder and go home driving the band wagon.

Great idea. All that went wrong with it was that the old orange squeez-

ers from California thought of it first, sold out and was on their way West with the loot before New York and Chicago jiggigos could get their cards marked.

It was a lesson in rural politics.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1846 WILL ROGERS IS IN THE THICK OF AN OKLAHOMA FREE-FOR-ALL

CLAREMORE, Okla., July 5. – Today is primary day here in town, both Democratic and also Republican (if any one was humorous enough to run on such ticket here).

There is more Democrats here in Rogers County running for office than in both Chicago's "fiascos."

Looks like the taxpayers in the U. S. are the only folks hiring any help nowadays. A private business when it don't do any business, don't use anybody. But the less business the public has the more we hire to tend to it.

There is but one county institution that needs enlarging, and that's the insane place, put us all in there till we know enough to vote to cut out at least 50 percent of our governing expenses.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1847 MR. ROGERS FINDS DOWN IN TEXAS A NICE, HOMEY LITTLE PLACE

VERNON, Tex., July 6. – Yes, ranches are all gone. Yeah?

Well, I am on one right now of 600,000 acres, belonging to W. T. Waggoner, with 25,000 cattle and some of the best horses in any State. He is one cowman that was smart enough to solve the low prices of cattle and make ranches pay. Every cow has got her own oil well.

The town this will be sent from is Vernon, an old-time cow town, but now a place that is a real modern Claremore. Court house bigger than Garner's Capitol in Washington.

Garner is the talk of everybody in Texas. These people down here don't know that there is a guy named Roosevelt that is mixed up with him in this new enterprise. The ticket down here is "Garner and Garner."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1848 MR. ROGERS WOULD RATHER LOOK AT CATTLE THAN AT DELEGATES

VERNON, Tex., July 7. – No papers away out here on the prairie where I am, so I don't know what has happened.

By golly, to people away out on farms and ranches, where people make a living off what you are supposed to make it off of, why it don't make much difference what happens. The "market could have closed strong," or closed forever, and it wouldn't matter to a big bunch of Americans.

It sure is a lot prettier sight to look at thousands of white-faced cattle than thousands of bald-faced delegates in one corral howling like mad and milling for nothing.

They brand the cattle so you can tell 'em, and have to put bandages on the delegates, so there's not much difference after all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1849 WILL ROGERS TRIES HIS HAND AT ROPING SOME LIVE CALVES

MULESHOE, Tex., July 8. – Down here at the Mashed O, my old friends the Halsell's ranch, branding thousands of calves. I have been roping at 'em all day and they just look around and say go on comedian and do your stuff on the stage, but don't try a real cowboy's racket.

I'll catch one of the little rascals yet if I have to bribe him.

Say, I've been so interested in real things I just quit reading the papers. What is Congress doing and why did Aimee's husband establish his good name? A rancher just rode out to the round-up and said the happy warrior had decided to leave the war and be happy again.

Did you know that hogs went up $2 a hundred while the two conventions were in session? Make your own joke.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1850 WILL ROGERS FINDS THAT THINGS ARE LOOKING BETTER OUT WEST

MULESHOE, Tex., July 10. – Well sir, don't you think things are looking better? They are among the stock raisers and farmers.

I have always maintained that the Republicans this Summer before elec-

tion would with all their influence and money power create an amateur prosperity enough to make folks think things were on the upgrade and not to change horses.

You know it's not going to take much to make us think we are doing fine. No breast, or white meat, just the wing and old back will taste like a banquet to us now.

I think too just promising the people some beer made everybody feel better, even if they know they will die of old age before they get it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1851 WILL ROGERS GIVES WILL ROGERS BOOST IN HIS RACE FOR CONGRESS

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 11. – A nap in Chicago cost me the Presidency. Now I find that while I was down in Texas trying to rope a calf my namesake in Oklahoma brought home the bacon.

Well, I am for him. He has shown more ingenuity already than any candidate I ever heard of.

They are trying to "hog" him out of it now. Well, that's politics for you. They say that he was a Republican eight years ago. My goodness, the whole State of Oklahoma was Republican just four years ago, so he saw what was coming four years before they did. I tell you this bird is smart. In fact, he will be plum out of place in Congress.

So let's all get behind "Will Rogers for Congress."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1852 MR. ROGERS IS FOR CONTINUING TO OWE THE SAME FELLOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 12. – Say, the more you read of that bill for relief that the President vetoed the more you can see he was right.

It was going to loan money to individuals. Now it's right to have the government feed and help get jobs, but to loan everybody money that needs it to pay off somebody else that they owe, well, in the words of my old friends, the two Black Crows, "You can't do that."

Besides, borrowing from one fellow to pay another one don't do any good. Just keep on owing the same fellow. He has got used to "carrying" us by now.

In other words, let's don't change creditors while crossing a stream.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1853 MR. ROGERS INTERPRETS THE STAND OF THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN WETS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 13. – Here is a funny situation. The women anti-prohibitionists said, "We will support the party that comes out for direct repeal."

And they would if it had been the Republican party. But, as luck would have it, it was those "mangy" Democrats instead.

Now, most of these women are wealthy Republicans. And they are having a time now trying to get out of it.

The ladies want prohibition repealed all right, but not bad enough to repeal the Republican party with it. They want it wet, but not wet enough to be Democratic.

In other words, politics is thicker than beer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1854 MR. ROGERS FISHES AROUND A BIT AND DISCOVERS THE REAL ISSUE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 14. – Well, let's see what was staring us in the face from the papers today.

Nurmi, the great Finnish runner in the coming Olympics, run in here yesterday from New York. The other Finns arrive by plane this afternoon.

Roosevelt has actually started his Presidential campaign. I see pictures all over the front page today of him fishing. Are we never to get an original candidate? Well, as least, he didn't stand in the creek with rubber boots on.

This campaign will be settled on fish. Do you want a deep sea fisherman in the White House, flounders and cod, or a big trout and perch man?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1855 WILL ROGERS NOW SEES BEER LINED UP AS POLITICAL LOOT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 15. – Prohibition originally started out with us as a moral issue. It was either good or bad for you to drink. Then it drifted to economics: Did people save more when not drinking? Then into racketeering. But now it's drifted into the worst angle of any, that is politics. American history records no return of anything once it got into politics.

The vote in the Senate the other day shows that morals, economy, less taxes, nothing entered their minds; only "how can my party get part of the beer and all the credit?" Beer has lined up with the post offices as political loot.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1856 WILL ROGERS SEES JUBILATION AT ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS

EAST BAKERSFIELD, Cal., July 17. –Was up to Stanford Saturday to see the American athletes try out for the Olympic Games.

Talk about different nations competing, say they were competing there the white race against the colored. Why, all you had to do there to win a race or a jump was just have a dark-complexion man show up as competitor. In fact, I got to believing that I could "black up" and go in there and win something myself. Talk about Finns running, you watch Booker T. Washington's boys.

I never saw a country as happy as the United States was yesterday when they read Congress would adjourn. People just felt that the depression couldn't end till those birds quit appropriating and got home.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1857 WILL ROGERS SAYS CONGRESS WENT DOWN APPROPRIATING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 18. – Well, Congress adjourned, but they went down appropriating, and some of them are going to find in November that they have just appropriated themselves out of a job.

They killed the sales tax; now, what alibi are they going to offer for that? It's proving a life-saver for Mississippi. They keep building more roads, certainly not for the automobiles. Guess it's just to provide room for folks "thumb-

ing" their way somewhere.

America used to use their forefinger to "point with pride." Now it's their thumb, to register hope.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1858 ROGERS FINDS ABUNDANCE OF JAPANESE AT OLYMPICS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 19. – If any country wants to pounce on Japan, now is the time, for every able-bodied Japanese, man, woman and child, is here to compete in the Olympics. There is hundreds of 'em; the big Swedes and Germans can't step without tramping on dozens of 'em. And they all got kodaks.

I asked a nice little Japanese girl if her father and mother was on the team, too.

"No, they didn't have a kodak."

Visiting the studio today was Matthew Brush, not "late" of but "still" of Wall Street.

Three years ago he saw America going over Niagara Falls, and sold everything "short" but barrels. Such foresight was naturally investigated by the Senate, so he was, and has pronounced clear of at least "astigmatism."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1859 ROGERS FINDS CONFERENCES FINE FOR STIRRING UP HATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 20. – I see where Mr. Mellon is coming home "bringing the data on the economic conference." "A conference." "A conference." That's all we have had for years. The world has just conferred itself into bankruptcy.

There hasn't been a conference since the beginning of the war that hasn't stirred up more hate, and done more harm than it has good. A conference is just an admission that you want somebody to join you in your troubles.

The world can't improve till it gets so poor that it can't send delegates to a conference. Then it will begin to improve by depending on itself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1860 WILL ROGERS SAYS MUSSOLINI KNOWS HOW TO RUN A CABINET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 21. – Mussolini has got the right idea. When a Cabinet officer resigns, he fills the post himself. When the Cabinet holds a meeting, Mussolini just talks to himself under an assumed name.

See they are sending the bonus boys home at just what it actually costs, but they give the Congressmen 10 cents a mile to get rid of them.

Mr. Hoover is not to "open the games here," which means his political advisers have assured him that the State is "safe." Well, he will not only miss some votes, but will miss some awful good running and jumping. Maybe he has seen enough of that in Washington.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1861 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A MIRROR AT $1.80 TO CONFOUND AN ARTIST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 22. – An artist in New York, because his sale of antiques didn't turn out so hot, got hostile at us. He said a "William and Mary" mirror only brought the paltry $400. Well, my boy, William hasn't got any mirror, but my daughter Mary has, and if I can get her away from the front of it I will be glad to add Bill's name to it and let the "Rogers William and Mary" go for $1.80. I will show that bird what depression really is.

He says America is a "race of children and rogues, governed by morons." Well, that last part is just what the Democrats are trying to remedy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1862 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A GREAT MAN OF THE STAGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 24. – Our world of "make believe" is sad. Scores of comedians are not funny, hundreds of "America's most beautiful girls" are not gay. Our benefactor has passed away.

He picked us from all walks of life. He led us into what little fame we achieved. He remained our friend regardless of our usefulness to him as an entertainer. He brought beauty into the entertainment world. The profession of acting must be necessary, for it exists in every race, and every language, and to have been the master amusement provider of your generation, surely a life's work was accomplished.

And he left something on earth that hundreds of us will treasure till our curtain falls, and that was a "badge," a badge of which we were proud, and never ashamed of, and wanted the world to read the lettering on it, "I worked for Ziegfeld."

So goodbye, Flo, save a spot for me, for you will put on a show up there some day that will knock their eyes out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1863 WILL ROGERS SAYS PEOPLE JUST DON'T CANCEL DEBTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 25. – My good friend Senator Borah canceled the debts over the radio Saturday night and they hadn't any more than announced the tooth paste company that sponsored it than the boys commenced shooting at him. Borah canceled 'em because I guess he knew he wasn't going to get 'em.

But if a man owes you some money and he is having hard sledding you won't go to him and say, "Well, that's all right buddie, here is the note, I will just tear it up." No, sir, that's not done. In fact he never asks or expects that. He always understands that he is to pay when he gets it. An individual couldn't single-handed assemble that much nerve. It takes nations to concentrate that much.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1864 WILL ROGERS FINDS ELECTION HAS ALREADY COST BILLIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26. – You remember during the war when we would read that the Liberty bond issue had been oversubscribed. Well, the other day Congress voted that they was going to loan folks something like $2,000,000,000, well you talk about a thing being "oversubscribed," why the whole issue was spoken for before sundown. Why I honestly believe they could have loaned twice that much, and they perhaps will when they meet again, for that was the loaningest" and "appropriationist" Congress that ever was.

Be a good joke on 'em, if after loaning all that money, they then go home and get beat, had all their "loaning" for nothing. The coming election has already cost the taxpayers billions of dollars.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1865 WILL ROGERS SAYS A WORD FOR THE SMALL-TOWN EDITOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 27. – We have a great bunch out here prowling around. It's the National Editorial Association, composed of editors in smaller towns and weekly publications. They are just eating their way around the country, having a good time, and getting a lot of pleasure out of it. And giving every one that meets 'em a close-up of just about as representative gang of Americans as would be possible to band together—intelligent, well read, and no national advertising controls their pages.

They are not conceited enough to think they "mold public opinion." They just go along serving their community with the most indispensable article that it has. And yet their real power is greater than all your metropolitan dailies combined. Any person that don't read at least one well-written country newspaper is not truly informed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1866 WILL ROGERS SAYS EVERYBODY WANTS TO MOVE SOMEBODY ELSE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 28. – See where Mr. Hoover and almost his entire Cabinet held a meeting to decide where to move the bonus army. The Democrats are holding a meeting to decide where to move Mr. Hoover and his Cabinet. Everybody wants to do something with somebody else.

I see by this morning's paper where "living" has decreased 70 per cent since December. In figuring these statistics, (and by the way who is it that figures up all these fool things?) well, anyhow, you might live that much cheaper, but that don't figure in the worry. If worry is worth anything, we never was living as expensive.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1867 WILL ROGERS GIVES THE VIEW OF 15,000 HUNGRY VETERANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 29. – Too bad about this affair in Washington. Personally, I think the whole idea of this pilgrimage was ill advised, and no doubt did their cause harm, but they have their side of it too. They have the same right there as any other "lobbyist." They at least were not paid. They were doing it for themselves, which placed 'em right away about 90 per cent higher in public estimation than the thousands of "lobbyists" that are there all the time.

But no matter how you feel about the whole thing, you have got to admire the fine way that big body of hungry men acted while they were there. They hold the record for being the best behaved of any fifteen thousand hungry men ever assembled anywhere in the world. They were hungry, and they were seeing our government wasting thousands and millions before their eyes, and yet they remained fair and sensibe.

Would 15,000 hungry bankers have done it, 15,000 farmers, 15,000 preachers? And just think what 15,000 clubwomen would have done to Washington even if they wasn't hungry. The Senate would have resigned and the President committed suicide.

It's easy to be a gentleman when you are well fed, but these boys did it on an empty stomach. So we at least owe 'em a vote of thanks. And it was too bad their fine record was marred at the finish by somebody blundering.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1868 WILL ROGERS VIEWS THE SCENE AT THE OPENING OF OLYMPICS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 31. – Get this for a laugh. First event on the Olympic program, weight-lifting, both light and heavy. Each event won by a Frenchman; one was a dancing teacher, the other a dealer in a gambling house.

The best showing at opening was by Canada, second by Italy, third Argentine, and today 105,000 people are looking for the ladies' milliner that put those French "berets" on our American boys. Those "boudwoir caps" are bad enough on a Frenchman, but on an American athlete they are a scream.

Only test of endurance at the opening was 10,000-meter prayer. A man with a short prayer could get a booking for life just at these national events.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1869 ROGERS SAYS BOTH PARTIES REALLY NEED THE JOBS NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – Everett Sanders, the very able head of the Republican campaign, went clear up to the old boss's home at Northampton to try and get Mr. Coolidge to help keep the Democrats from getting their "bonus" this Fall.

The army drove the soldiers out. Now they want Coolidge to help drive the Democrats out of Washington. Both armies are equally destitute, in fact the soldiers have worked since the Democrats have.

This is not an election of parties or policies this Fall, it's an election where both sides really need the work. In fact, I think if you would split the salaries between every two candidates running, they would call off the election.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1870 WILL ROGERS FINDS THE HORSE IS INDISPENSABLE IN WARTIME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 2. – Saw an event this morning that took real nerve. Twenty-six army officers from ten different countries had to ride four miles up and down hill over twenty-two jumps, high and solid if a horse hit 'em, they drew 'em just as they started, and started at five-minute intervals. No one, including the three Americans, had ever seen the horses. He had to be his own judge of the speed his horse could stand up under.

Now you talk about nerve, and no nation has any monopoly on it, they were all great, and our American Army horses were fine. You would have been proud of 'em.

Don't let Brisbane or anybody else who is going to fight the whole next war entirely with planes and poison gas do away with the cavalry. There is certain things you can't replace the horse in, and war is one of 'em.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1871 WILL ROGERS FINDS ATHLETES OUTRUNNING THE POLITICIANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 3. – It's awful hard to get your mind on such insignificant things as Republican or Democratic candidates with 1,500 picked athletes of the world breaking records under your nose. If an athlete wins an event and don't break a world's record we hiss him out of the arena.

Incidentally, the man that brought the first slaves to this country must have had those Olympic Games in mind, for these "Senegambians" have just about run the white man ragged. Every winner is either an American Negro or an American white woman.

Wait till we get to golf, bridge, or cocktail shaking, then the American white man will come into his own. Everybody out here is predicting this California recordbreaking to continue right up till after Nov. 4, when Roosevelt will outrun Hoover, Tolan, Metcalfe, and maybe Babe Didrikson.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1872 WILL ROGERS SAYS ROY CHAPIN GOT JOB IN TIME FOR SALARY CUT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 4. – One of the very able men of the automobile industry goes into the Cabinet, Roy Chapin. He arrived on his new job just in time to get his salary cut 15 per cent. You can get some awful good men now to work for mighty little money.

In the bicycle events out here in the Olympics, our riders couldn't get there in time to change a tire for the foreigners. Too many Fords parked outside our school houses for our young folks to even know how to ride a bike.

Folks had nothing laid up when this depression hit us, but it looks like they think autographs will save 'em next time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1873 ROGERS FINDS A WAY TO TELL DEMOCRAT FROM REPUBLICAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 5. – Every year it gets harder and harder to tell the difference between a Republican and a Democrat. (Course outside of the looks.)

Their platforms and policies become more and more alike. But I believe I have found out the sure way to tell one from another this year. It's just the way they talk. The Republican says, "Well, things could have been worse," and the Democrat says, "How?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1874 ROGERS CALLS MARKET RISE PLOT TO DEFEAT DEMOCRATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7. – Been telling you for a year what these Republicans would do with that market just in time to knock the poor inoffensive Democrats out of their hard-earned votes in November.

Now they are all just a buying and selling among themselves in stocks that haven't shown a cent of increased earning power. That shows the thing is kinder "cockeyed." The earnings should come first and then the raise in price of the stock.

Like everything that is prearranged, it's being kinder overdone. As dumb as we are we know we can't get prosperous that quick.

But one good thing about it all is that it might have a lasting result. But don't forget the original idea of it was to beat the poor old Democrats, who never did anybody any harm in their lives.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1875 ROGERS FINDS OLYMPIC GAMES THE GREATEST SHOW OF THE AGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 8. – You folks all over the United States that thought these Olympic Games was just some real estate racket of Los Angeles and didn't come, you have been badly fooled. You have missed the greatest show from every angle that was ever held in America.

Regardless of hard times, there has been from 70,000 to 105,000 people every day. Regardless of this old town's boosting blowing, they certainly come through beautiful.

It was dignified, impressing and thrilling, and you have just missed something you won't get to see again during our lifetime.

And say don't worry about the Japanese flying over here in case of war, those birds will swim over.

The Argentine won the marathon, 26 miles long. He could stand it, but fainted during his Argentine's national anthem. That is the longest tune in the world and was written to be played during a marathon.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1876 ROGERS SURPRISED A HAY-FIELD SHOULD WORRY MR. COOLIDGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 9. – Mr. Coolidge's excuse for not going to the White House to attend the notification ceremony is that "it would irritate his hay fever." Now Plymouth Notch, Vermont, where he is now, is right in the middle of a hayfield. And there hasn't been any hay cut in Washington, D. C. since October, '29.

These politicians if they ain't a lot of prima donnas! Senator Dickinson, the Republican keynote speaker, accuses Roosevelt of being a bad sport by holding the Mayor Walker investigation the same day of notification. "Now don't you have your party on the same day I have my party, or that will split the newspaper space." I suppose if a war or an earthquake showed up on that day, Dickinson would claim it was a Democratic trick.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1877 MR. ROGERS NOTES A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR MR. HOOVER TODAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 10. – Well, tomorrow is the big surprise day for Mr. Hoover. He is to be notified, not beatified, just notified. They are going to tell him that he is to have the extreme pleasure of having nothing on his mind for the next four years but this country.

A poor man who has had more hard times thrust on him than any man that ever occupied that high position, then to have a bunch come who were endeavoring to sentence you for four more years, that almost comes under the heading of a blow.

By the way, Jimmie Walker is to have his notification tomorrow, too. And, oh, yes, Japan is sore at Stimson again. Poor Japan, Stimson has kept those little fellows worried worse than they have our swimmers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1878 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ON THE STOCK MARKET RISE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – Here yesterday was a good illustration of how these market boosters can pull a bad one. Yesterday farm machinery went up on the stock market.

Now there is not a farmer in the United States that can pay his taxes, or his groceries. Now how is he going to buy any farm machinery. He has no more credit. If he wanted to he couldn't get a garden hoe much less a threshing machine. He can plow with a forked stick and raise more than he can sell. So that raise don't look so hot. That's like Christmas trees going up at New Years.

Everybody is trying to tune in on Seabury being investigated by Walker. Our investigations have always contributed more to amusement than they have to knowledge.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1879 WILL ROGERS THINKS THE DRY IS NOW THE "FORGOTTEN MAN"

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 12. – Well he did it. Mr. Hoover held his handkerchief up and saw which way the old "noble experiment" was blowing and joined in the parade. You can talk "morals" and all that, but when the votes lay the other way, why they sho go with 'em.

Now the question is where are the "drys" going? Both sides are wet and the poor old dry hasn't got a soul to vote for. He is Roosevelt's "forgotten man."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1880 ROGERS CONTRASTS WIND NEEDED BY ATHLETES AND POLITICIANS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 14. – Just witnessed the closing of the most impressive and successful Olympic Games ever held. Every part of our country either contributed a runner, jumper or a spectator.

It was the best managed and attended big affair you ever saw. Seeing or reading about the exploits of the youth of the whole world for the last few weeks has been a good thing for everybody.

Now we go from that into three straight months of political "hooey." Records will be broken there, too. You will hear speeches that require more wind than the marathon race. Both sides will commit enough fouls on each other that if they were in a game of sportsmanship they would be disqualified before election. A politician will never see the day he can lose with as good grace as these boys and girls did. Not an alibi among two thousand athletes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1881 WILL ROGERS SEES A LESSON IN AN OLD NEGRO'S SENTIMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 15. – You can always depend on the real old American Negro to say the apt thing in a few words. Up here at the ranch the other day a Negro private of the famous Tenth Cavalry (who are taking care of the American horses) was leading a tired horse around that had lost in his particular competition. He didn't know any one was in hearing distance, but we heard him say:

"Never mind, old boy, you didn't win nothing, but I loves you."

Now let some educated diplomat think of a more fitting thing to say to our foreign and native competitors than that.

Never mind what boy or girl, what State or what country, come and was defeated, "we loves you."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1882 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS A WAY TO END THE FARM PROBLEM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 16. – This Mayor Walker investigation would be a great money-taker if they would just move it around and make a one-day stand in each town. That would be a touring "Olympics" with the Mayor as "Babe" Didrikson.

The farmers are on a strike in Iowa. Instead of selling their stuff for nothing, they just eat it themselves and that saves 'em the expense of hauling it to town. Funny they never thought of that before.

I have always claimed that if every farmer would eat all that he raised that he would not only get fat himself but farm products might "probably" go up.

Course, on account of this not being an economist's idea, it might not work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1883 MR. ROGERS FAVORS NOMINATING A REAL FISHERMAN FOR PRESIDENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 17. – Things are picking up politically. "Mr.Hoover caught a fish three feet long."

As the last two Presidents seem to have been judged as much by their fishing as any other accomplishment, why it's funny we don't nominate one of those whaling captains and get a real fisherman in the White House.

Just think of the relief of a movie audience looking at a weekly "President Gustavos Svenson landing a 200-ton whale. It looks like whale oil will replace banana oil in public office."

I have read all Presidential speeches on both sides up to now, and the winner is the man smart enough to not make any more. There is a great chance for a "silent" third party.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1884 WILL ROGERS FALLS A VICTIM TO THE MANIA FOR PARADES

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 18. – This is "fiesta" day in Santa Barbara. The other days in Santa Barbara are "siesta" days. (If you don't speak all these languages it's not my fault.)

Hundreds and hundreds of beautiful horses in the parade, and a man without a silver-mounted saddle up here is a vagrant. Everybody in Spanish costumes. These big blond Iowans look kinder funny in 'em but they have 'em on (sometimes backwards).

Every town should have some kind of yearly celebration. (I am writing like Brisbane.) Didn't Rome have its annual bathing festival? Didn't Cairo have some kind of female rodeo? Albany, N. Y., is going to make the Walker investigation a yearly Fall festival.

So think up something for your town to celebrate. Have a parade. Americans like to parade. We are a parading nation. "Upluripus paraditorious" (some paraders).

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1885 WILL ROGERS DECLARES DRYS FINALLY HAVE A CANDIDATE

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 19. – The notification committees have been around notifying everybody that something has happened to 'em, well, they finally caught up with my old "Injun" friend, Charley Curtis yesterday. And they warned him that there was a possibility that he would have to listen to four more years of the same speeches that he had heard for the last four.

Mr. Curtis kinder stalled a Ford right in the middle of the road on prohibition. That is going to bring up a kind of curious situation, as he is the only Presidential or Vice Presidential candidate that is dry. So the drys have finally got somebody to go to at last.

"Keep the country dry with Curtis in the Vice Presidency."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1886 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A REMARKABLE WOMAN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 21. – We have a very remarkable woman out here in Los Angeles at the present time, the head of the world's greatest and most useful organization, Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army.

Now, she says that "things are better." That really means something. What could be a greater barometer of the affairs of the unfortunate than her Army?

All the men who offer predictions deal in money. She deals in people. They look at the stock market for an answer. She looks at the notches in the belts.

The Salvation Army is proof of how respected and useful an organization can get if you keep it out of politics.

So, when Evangeline Booth says something about "folks" it means something, for she seeks nothing from us but our down and out. She takes care of our big men's blunders.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1887 MR. ROGERS OFFERS AN ANALYSIS OF THE CAMPAIGN TO DATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 22. – Well, the old gentlemanly game of politics is just starting to hit her stride.

Roosevelt in his Ohio speech gave seven points where he would remedy things. The Hoover bunch are trying to get the market up seven points so this is a seven-point campaign.

The minute one side makes a speech, the humorously called "strategists" on the other side go into a huddle to pick it apart, which all don't mean a thing.

There is not a voter in America that twenty-four hours after any speech was made could remember two sentences in it.

Politicians amuse more people than they interest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1888 MR. ROGERS ADMITS CANDIDLY THAT HE CAN'T PICK THE WINNER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 23. – I just come to the conclusion that I am the "dumbest" guy in America.

Everybody I meet and talk to can tell me exactly who is going to be elected President. I never saw a time where there was as many confident people on both sides. Why, when I talk to either a Republican or Democrat and even ask them, why they look at me like I was crazy, or kidding 'em, that I don't already know.

Brisbane says that "Hoover won't carry six States." Will H. Hays says "Roosevelt will only get one county in Georgia and the Virgin Islands."

So, I guess I am the only person that don't know. But I am going to be honest, I just don't. Voters are mighty unreliable. You got to become a liar before you become a voter.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1889 MR. ROGERS PICKS OUT A SPOT TO SPEND HIS DECLINING YEARS

MOJAVE, Cal., Aug. 24. – The old desert; the more you see of it the more you can understand folks really loving it.

It's a great health giver to many a disabled soul. It's just like a lot of folks. It never had a chance. The minute you give it any water it grows more stuff than all your fertile land.

These old boys sitting away out here don't look like they have to worry whether Mr. Hoover's letter to the drys will keep them in line or Mr. Roosevelt's retaining Walker will help hold Tammany in tow. Their living has got to come from a well and a pump and not from any political patronage, so these fellows escape all that political "hooey" that hits us every four years.

Yes, sir, when we retire from active life, it's the Senate or the desert, and by golly I believe I will go to the desert.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1890 MR. ROGERS FINDS A PLACE FREE OF POLITICAL STRIFE

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 25. – Ten years ago this was a wonderful valley with one-quarter of a million acres of fruit and alfalfa. But Los Angeles had to have more water for the Chamber of Commerce to drink more toasts to its growth, more water to dilute its orange juice, to water its geraniums for the tourists, while the giant cottonwoods here died.

So now this is a valley of desolation, but wherever you find privation and oppressed people, you find Democrats always bucking the giant octopus. Last night the local Democrats held a rally. Everybody in town including the lone Republican (who of course is postmaster) attended. He agreed to change his politics in return for his present office.

It was unanimously passed, all adjourned. The politics is settled here for the next four years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1891 MR. ROGERS MAKES A DISCOVERY THAT SOLVES AN OLD MYSTERY

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 26. – I guess there is no two races of people in worse repute with everybody than the international bankers and the folks that put all those pins in new shirts.

Owing to this Wall Street boom only having reached us by newspaper reports, I been buying some fifty-cent blue work shirts, and you know I found out something. They haven't got any pins in 'em. No sir, they are made so solid they don't have to pin 'em up till you get 'em home.

Pins in shirts have caused more profanity than putting. But now you know the reason. It's to keep 'em from falling apart.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1892 MR. ROGERS, FROM AFAR, SIZES UP THE DEMOCRATS' SEA GIRT RALLY

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 28. – Well, I see where Mr. Roosevelt in New Jersey had a big Democratic rally and mosquito rodeo.

There was 100 Democrats there applauding, or fighting mosquitoes, you couldn't tell which. A few Republicans were there to cheer the insects on in their good work.

The original Roosevelt used to call it "pussyfooting." This one took in the whole cat. He called it "pussycatting."

Charlie Chaplin says he is afraid his boys will grow up and find out they were actors once. Charlie, actors are like politicians, they never grow up. My company has to watch me every day to keep me from playing Little Lord Fauntleroy.

There is nothing as "kittenish" as an old senator campaigning. You got to watch him, or he will parade right out on the rostrum with rompers on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1893 MR. ROGERS TAKES TIME OUT TO PAY A TRIBUTE TO TEXAS

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 29. – Well, sir, away up here in the mountains working on the movies.

The latest papers tell me of the struggle in Texas of two of my good friends, Governor Sterling and "Ma." Sterling has made a good Governor; but

this is a year that, as the Black Crows used to say, "Even if you are good we don't want any more of you." This is a year when we all are just looking for somebody to lay our ills onto.

Texas is a great State. It's the "Old Man River" of States. No matter who runs it, or what happens to it politically, "it just keeps rolling along."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1894 MR. ROGERS IS TEMPTED TO GO INTO BUSINESS FOR HIMSELF

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 30. – California always did have one custom that they took serious, but it amused the rest of the United States. That was in calling everything a "ranch." Everything big enough to spread a double mattress on is called a "ranch."

Well, up here in these mountains where there is lots of fishing, why every house you pass they sell fishing worms, and it's called a "worm ranch."

Well, I always did want to own a ranch, so I am in the market for a good worm ranch. I never was so hot as a cowboy, but I believe I would make a good "worm herder."

If I can land our Presidents as clients, I could made it sound like England when they sell to the King, "Rogers's Worm Ranch, Purveyor to His Excellency the President."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1895 MR. ROGERS FINDS AN INDUSTRY NOT HIT BY THE DEPRESSION

BISHOP, Cal., Aug. 31. – In a Los Angeles bank robbery last week, due to the bravery of a bank official and the efficiency of the police, two robbers were killed. They caught all the rest. I think it was four captured.

Well, I wish you could read the crime and jail records of all those six men. They had been pardoned or paroled from every institution in the State at least once a month for the last fifteen years.

Their records read like they had just played a series of one-night stands in each jail. They wasn't prisoners. They were traveling men, making hotels out of jails, and that's not an unusual case in any State.

Pardoning has been one industry that hasn't been hit by depression. When have you read anywhere of a crime being committed by an amateur?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1896 MR. ROGERS TAKES UP THE NEWS AND DRAWS A FEW CONCLUSIONS

BISHOP, Cal., Sept. 1. – Everybody has been denying that they saw this fellow Norman, the head of the Bank of England. Hoover says if he saw him it was under an assumed name. Mellon says he never heard of him, so the whole thing is just a rumor. Mr. Norman wasn't in America at all.

The orange squeezers out in California went for the Democratic ticket here the other day like they did in the old days when they was Republicans.

The rest of the country certainly got even with California. They had an eclipse, and if you ever saw a thing leave any one flat, it left us. The Chamber of Commerce has already taken it up. New England got the whole thing. It's their first show since the Plymouth Rock "fiasco."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1897 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS VIEWS ON TWO POLITICAL OCCURRENCES

BISHOP, Cal., Sept. 2. – Away up here in the mountains we got news last night by Indian runners that "Little Big Chief" Mayor Walker had resigned. Now how is New York going to tell when Mayor Walker has resigned and when he ain't? They can't tell from his actions.

Moccasin talk just tells me that "Ma" Ferguson is probably nominated. I would like to ask a favor of my friends, no matter where they be, if they have any flowers, old wreaths or crepe bows, to please send 'em to Amon G. Carter of Fort Worth, Tex. It's rather a pathetic case. He had always staid clear of politics, but the summer heat got him, and he started to actively campaign against "Jim" Ferguson. One hundred and twenty million, and he picks out "Jim" to argue politics with! It would be like me arguing lip rouge with Greta Garbo. So send the poor devil any consolation you can.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1898 MR. ROGERS FINDS THAT HOOVER IS LOSING GROUND IN THE SIERRAS

BISHOP, Cal., Sept. 4. – I bought my worm ranch. The man is to turn over two thousand yearling worms, two thousand two-year-olds, five hundred bull worms and the rest a mixed herd.

Now, I find in these Sierra Nevadas they are fishing with grass-hoppers, so got a grasshopper ranch adjoining. Am going to do a Luther Burbank, cross my grasshoppers and worms and produce an animal that if the fish don't bite at him, he will bite the fish, so you get your fish anyhow.

I am no fisherman and hope I never get lazy enough to take it up. I am in these mountains on an essential industry (ask Bill Hayes) , but these loafers up here tell me that the fish are not biting this year, and you would be surprised the votes Hoover is losing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1899 MR. ROGERS TOURS THE DESERT AND SEES SOME GHOST TOWNS

BEATTY, Nev., Sept. 5. – Had a wonderful day today.

Started out early this morning at Tonopah, the famous old silver mining town, then down to Goldfield, the gold town. There, Labor Day, 1906, was the start of Tex Rickard.

I stood on the ground today where twenty-six years ago today Battling Nelson and Joe Gans fought forty-two rounds. They had fighters in those days, as well as promoters.

Then out to Death Valley Scotty's castle. Arabian Nights never conceived anything like that on the desert. Then to Beatty, and the. famous old Rhyolite and Bullfrog towns.

If they should ever momentarily get sensible and make silver a money, all this would come back.

Now for Las Vegas, Nev., and the Boulder Dam. Water costs more than gold in this West.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1900 MR. ROGERS MAKES A REPORT ON THE HOOVER-BOULDER DAM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 6. – Don't miss seeing the building of Boulder Dam. It's the biggest thing that's ever been done with water since Noah made the flood look foolish.

You know how big the Grand Canyon is. Well, they just stop up one end of it and make the water come out through a drinking fountain.

They have only been bothered with two things. One is silt and the other is Senatorial investigators. They both clog everything up.

It's called the "Hoover Dam" now, subject to election returns of Nov. 8.

The dam is entirely between Nevada and Arizona. All California gets out of it is the water.

Yours for the latest dam news.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1901 MR. ROGERS IS GLAD ONE FOG OF DOUBT HAS BEEN DISPERSED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 7. – The doubtful are gradually falling into line.

Calvin Coolidge has had everybody on the anxious seat for months as to who he would support in the November handicap. Campaign managers and politicians have been dogging his rubber-booted footsteps. But it took, not a politician, but a commercial-minded gentleman (proprietor of America's biggest nickelodeon), Mr. George Horace Lorimer, not with words, or editorial persuasion, but with his signature on a small piece of paper, payable at one of the few banks left open, to break Mr. Coolidge's dogged doubt.

His printed endorsement of the Republican party is perhaps the biggest paid advertisement (in favor of any purely commercial product) since Amos and Andy sold themselves "down the river" for toothpaste.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1902 MR. ROGERS REVIEWS THE NEWS AS HE GOT IT IN THE FAR EAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 8. – These made news today:

Something in the paper about disarmament. I don't know what it was but I know it wasn't about disarming.

Al Smith is coming out with a statement in the Outlook magazine as to who he is supporting. Getting so we have to wait for magazines to come out to get all the latest news.

Rudy Vallees decided to go back together till after the depression.

Iowa farmers are doing pretty good with their strike. They are stopping the trucks and eating what the other farmers send to town. In that way the farmer only has to haul it half as far.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1903 WILL ROGERS COMMEMORATES A CALIFORNIA ANNIVERSARY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 9. – Eighty-two years ago today California entered the Union, on a bet. The bet was that the country would eventually be called California and not America.

We took it away from Mexico the next year after we found it had gold.

When the gold was all gone, we tried to give it back, but Mexico was too foxy for us. In '49 the wayward sons of ten thousand families crossed the country, and the roads was so rough they couldn't get back.

Just when the mining had petered out, somebody discovered a moving picture camera, and the old days of '49 were on again. Now child prodigies come by the bus loads. Fords are packed with literary geniuses. My pictures alone have been the means of bringing every hard-looking old "bird" in the world out here.

It's a great old State; we furnish the amusement to the world; sometimes conscientious, sometimes unconscientious, sometimes by our films, sometimes by our orators, but you can't beat it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1904 WILL ROGERS IS NOT SURPRISED TO HEAR OF WALKER'S VOYAGE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 11. – Every time you read of some Republican campaign speech, it was made at just a meeting of some kind, but every time you read of a Democrat making one it was at a dinner. The old Democrats are going to be sure they get something out of the speech, anyhow.

No wonder Mayor Walker went to Italy. Did you see that new Mayor's picture? He's got it on Jimmy for looks, and he mastered and taught Latin, Greek, and English.

And, of course, with those foreign accomplishments, he does not belong to Tammany Hall.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1905 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 12. – The last right of a citizen has been taken away from 'em. You can't even commit suicide in private any more. The press digs up the body, and the public, instead of the Coroner, heads the investigation. "What's the big idea killing yourself around here and not notifying the press?" "What's the idea leaving a note that nobody but your wife can understand?" "Don't you know this is a free country and the public has got as much right to know everything as your family?" "Who did you love, and when, and why?" "Have you got any old love letters, or birthmarks on you that we haven't seen. We'll teach you to try and sneak off and die and not let us in on all the reasons. Now get up and pose for the photographers, and give us the whole confession. And don't let it happen any more."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1906 MR. ROGERS WOULD DISCIPLINE THE HEAD OF THE FLYING FAMILY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 13. – They found the flying family. They ought to left the father out there a couple of more days just to throw a scare into him for taking those children.

See where some more took off for Rome. A nurse with "million-dollar legs." Over that ocean is one place where legs is not good to you, no matter what price they are.

Who said being Secretary of War wasn't a hazardous business? Mr. Hoover drafted Pat Hurley to pinch hit for him and face the American Legion and try and get some Republican votes.

Pat's speech sounded like the Kingfish's over the radio. "Now, remember, we is all brothers in that great fraternity, de Mystic Knights of de Sea."

Pat got away with his life, but no votes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1907 MR. ROGERS APPEARS TO BE HAPPY OVER WHAT HAPPENED IN MAINE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 14. – What do you know about Maine going sane? And "as Maine goes, so goes the postoffices."

Why, four years ago they imported a Democrat into the State just to show around at the fairs.

Even Wall Street got plumb discouraged at the news. "You mean to tell us this booming and trading we been doing among ourselves here has all gone for naught?"

Mr. Hoover wired to Everett Sanders to "tighten the lines, enlighten the people, our cause is right."

Roosevelt just grinned, and even the original couldn't a shown more teeth.

The old campaign is getting hot. God help a man out looking for re-election on a night like this.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1908 MR. ROGERS HAS A 1-POINT PLAN FOR THE RELIEF OF THE FARMER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 15. – Roosevelt got into the farm relief business yesterday. They all do.

Now nobody can promise the farmer whether his wheat or potatoes will sell for a nickel or a dollar. Supply and demand, and not a political speaker, determines that.

The only relief you can give the farmer is through his taxes. Work it like the income tax. If he makes it he pays on it, and if he don't make it he don't pay.

A thousand shares of stocks or bonds make nothing, you pay nothing, but on a thousand acres of land you pay enough to support half the community who own no land and pay no taxes.

But, the farmer will spend the rest of the fall just running from one speaker's platform to another listening to schemes to relieve him of nothing but his vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1909 WILL ROGERS GIVES THE NEWS HE THINKS IS FIT TO PRINT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 16. – Well, let's see what's in the news that's fit to reprint today? Al Smith had one of the finest and most fearless articles in this week's S. E. Post. Why is it he is about the only politician on either side that can write on a subject and you can tell where he stands?

Roosevelt is headed West. Says he is "just out to meet the folks." But he will give preference to any one of legal age and a registered voter.

Mr. Hoover, who originally wasn't going further West during the campaign than the Potomac, has started looking at time tables.

Politicians, in order to hold the real dyed-in-the-wool radio nut, are crooning their speeches.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1910 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A 1-POINT SUGGESTION TO THE RAILROADS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 18. – Big forest fire been burning out here for two weeks. That certainly won't do Hoover any good, letting that happen right here in his home State.

France says they are "willing to disarm," but they didn't say so till Germany went home from the conference and announced they were starting to build some more of those vest pocket cruisers.

Both political parties are trying to help the railroads. The railroads could help themselves if they would make the fares what they were in the days when they used to make money.

If they would compete with a bus and truck instead of just cussing'em, they wouldn't need all this help.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1911 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES POLITICS, CALIFORNIA FOG AND CARROTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 19. – I been out of town working and missed an old friend that was out here, Josephus Daniels. He was out here spreading some Roosevelt bait. He is a grand old man, is "Uncle Joe," and he ought to know Roosevelt, for he worked for him six years.

Did see Mayor Curley, however. He runs the great city of Boston without an investigation. Curley sincerely believes Roosevelt will carry forty-eight States.

I haven't heard from my good friend Amon Carter of Texas. I am afraid he is taking politics too serious, for he was awfully able and entertaining before.

California's leaving more fog than ever in its history. I arrived here during a Democratic administration and it was sunny and bright, so there goes Hoover again, fire, fog, and lack of rain is liable to lose him the State.

Some guy invented "vitamin A" out of a carrot. I'll bet he can't invent a good meal out of one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1912 MR. ROGERS FIGURES THAT SILENCE WILL WIN THE COMING ELECTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 20. – Say, I got a whole new slant on this election racket today. I run into a Republican.

You see, on account of my low social standing I haven't been able to meet anybody but Democrats. But this Republican tells and shows me where this thing is going to be a real race. These windy Democrats had led me to believe that the thing was going by default.

Mr. Hoover made a move yesterday, that if I had been one of his advisers, I would never have let him make it. He wants "to put more orators in the field." I think, and hope, that it was a typographical error. It should read: "We want more orators under the field."

As I told you all before, I seem to be the only person in America that has no idea who will win this election, but I do know one thing, it will be the side with the fewest "orators." Yes, or even speakers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1913 MR. ROGERS PRESENTS HIS VIEWS ON THE DISARMAMENT QUESTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 21. – Well, we are off again at our old trail. We are not supposed to meddle in foreign affairs, so we don't tell Germany she "can't arm"; we "advise her not to."

Now, there is nothing that makes a nation or an individual as mad as to have somebody say, "Now, this is really none of my business, but I am just advising you."

They never will get anywhere with this disarmament, for no nation can tell another nation what they need to defend themselves. That's a personal affair.

If I sleep with a gun under my pillow, I don't want somebody from across the street to "advise" me that I don't need it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1914 MR. ROGERS SEEMS A BIT DAZED BY SOME REVERSALS OF FORM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 22. - Wisconsin did something or other in the papers this morning. I don't know what it was as they are always doing something that nobody can figure out.

The stock market did something yesterday, too. I don't know what it was. It's always doing something that nobody can't figure out.

Looks like this fellow McKee, the acting Mayor of New York, is doing some mighty good acting, and is liable to be cast for the part permanently. Walker wasn't as smart as I figured him. I would have never let an understudy like that get a chance to "go on" if I had been Jimmy.

Had a great night last night. There was static on the radio and you couldn't hear a single political speech.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1915 WILL ROGERS SAYS VOTING IS SOLE 1932 JOB FOR MANY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 23. – We all out here in Los Angeles are going to wake up in the morning with nothing on our hands but a Presidential candidate.

Mr. Roosevelt, a very fine highclass man, win, lose or draw, is out here shaking these lemon trees, to try and bring down some Republican fruit that might fall in the Democratic basket among the oranges.

This is a year that will bring out lots of votes, for the voter has nothing to do but vote; his 1932 employment consists entirely of voting.

This is Mr. Hoover's home State, and we want to welcome him too, in case he decides to come out in any rebuttal testimony.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1916 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE DEMOCRATS ARE PRETTY HARD TO DISCOURAGE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 25. – Well, Mr. Roosevelt has come and gone. Seemed mighty cheerful and happy.

That's one thing about a Democrat. They never are as serious as the Republicans. They been out of work so long they got used to it.

The Democrats take the whole thing as a joke and the Republicans take it serious, but run it like a joke.

So there's not much diference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1917 WILL ROGERS HONESTLY BELIEVES REPUBLICANS HAVE REFORMED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 26. – Politics pretty quiet over the weekend. Democrats are attacking and the Republicans are defending. All the Democrats have to do is promise "what they would do if they got in." But the Republicans have to promise "what they would do" and then explain why they haven't already "done it."

I do honestly believe the Republicans have reformed and want to do better. But whether they have done it in time to win the election is another thing. The old voter is getting so he wants to be saved before October every election year.

Yours

Will Rogers.

1918 MR. ROGERS FINDS A BIT OF NEWS OF GREAT INTEREST TO HUSBANDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 27. – The government is suing an old "injun" from Oklahoma. They claim he was "out of his head" because he gave his wife money, and they want her to give it back, not to the Indian, but to the government.

There is a case that's of great interest to all married men. If the government wins this, the next case you hear of will be: "The U. S. Government vs. Mrs. Will Rogers, in behalf of another Indian ward of the government, Will Rogers, who has been out of his head at various times since November, 1908." (I think that's the year.)

If the government gets anything back from her, I am willing to split with 'em on the usual government basis, U. S. taking 80 per cent, citizen 20 per cent.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1919 MR. ROGERS FINALLY IS REWARDED FOR HIS PATIENCE WITH THE RADIO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 28. – It was good today to hear our old friend DeWolf Hooper recite his epic, "Casey at the Bat." It was good to hear Graham McNamee, who has remained pre-eminent as an announcer during all these years. Ted Husing was good, as usual.

The old radio pays for itself every fall during the world series. We listen to ads, crooners and politicians all year just to hear: "The count is three and two on Babe Ruth and the pitcher is winding up."

That's America's greatest suspense. Babe is the only man in the world that was ever "tuned out on" when he stepped up to that old home-plate microphone.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Gandhi is eating again; Democrats still fasting.

1920 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A PLAN FOR FIXING POSTAL RATES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 29. – Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig chased both candidates and all their accomplices right off all the pages again today.

See there is some chance of going back to 2-cent postage. Every time we get a good law we change it. The postoffice loses millions a year just because the politicians are afraid to charge a voter as much as it does to carry all the unnecessary letters and folders and junk that goes through the mail.

There ought to be a law that the postoffice could open a letter, and if it's important it should be sent for nothing, and if it's like 99 per cent of the letters that everybody gets, the postage should be a dollar.

Letter writing is a mania and not a necessity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1921 WILL ROGERS DOUBTS JAPAN CAN BEAT US AT HIGH DIVING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 30. – Coast papers are all excited because "Japan has bought more ammunition in the last month than in years-gun cotton, nitrates and scrap iron."

Why worry about a little thing like that? Not being satisfied by making turtles out of us in swimming, they hired our best diver after the Olympics, and in the next games may beat us in that. But here is one thing they didn't reckon on. Our high diving is inherited from our politicians. Our public men do nothing but high dive. They climb up the ladder on promises, just before election, then dive off after they are elected.

No, sir, Japan, you got a lot of diving to learn to catch us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1922 MR. ROGERS FINDS SUNDAY OFFERS NO RELIEF FROM SPELLBINDERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 2. – See where the Prince of Wales is visiting Sweden to see if he can't drag Greta Garbo out of seclusion. That would be a great match for both countries.

After finishing listening to the world's series, I figure on account of it being Sunday I could leave it turned on and not have to listen to some politician, but what do I get? Four preachers, all at different places. What was they doing-saving the sinner? No. Two of 'em was saving the Republicans and the other two was saving the Democrats.

The old sinner won't get much consideration till after November 4.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – All during the world's series all we could hear was "the ball trickled through so and so's fingers." This was the "tricklinest" series I ever heard.

1923 MR. ROGERS OFFERS AN ANALYSIS OF THE FAR EASTERN PROBLEM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 3. – Been reading lot of editorials and everything about what the world was going to do about Japan taking over Manchuria.

Last December Floyd Gibbons and I flew from Japan to Mukden, Manchuria. At the hotel was gathered from newspapers all over the world about twenty star writers. Floyd asked 'em, "What's going to happen here in Manchuria?"

I will never forget their answer, it was so unanimous. They were all Far Eastern writers and knew what they were talking about. "Say these Japanese are in here to stay. League of Nations? World Court? Kellogg pact? Nine-Power treaty? America? Russia? Or anybody else. Who's going to put 'em out?"

Now, you got the whole Manchurian problem right there. So you just as well quit talking about it, if you ain't going to take a gun with you.

Land don't change hands by treaties; land changes hands by arms.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1924 WILL ROGERS JOINS CALIFORNIA IN WELCOMING THE BANKERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 4. – Guess who is out here holding a convention, that you would never thought would show their faces again? Yep, "The Bankers." The Reconstruction Finance Corporation fixed 'em up so they could make the trip.

They are likeable rascals, and now that we are all wise to 'em, and it's been shown that they don't know any more about finances than the rest of us know about our businesses (which has proved to be nothing) , why, they are getting just as human as the groceryman, the druggist or the filling station man.

This panic has been a great equalizer, it's done away entirely with the smart man.

So, the bankers are here having a good time. They don't feel that they have any position to uphold. They are just a lot of Elks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1925 MR. ROGERS CONSIDERS THE BURIAL OF THAT HATCHET WAS TIMELY

EL PASO, Tex., Oct. 5. – I read Mr. Hoover's speech, every word of it.

Now, he may be dry, but somebody sure slipped him a couple of nips and told him, "Go out there and tell those birds something. Deliver 'em a speech so they won't think it's Hoover."

And, I want to tell you he took right after 'em. Course, another thing was in his favor. A man can put a little more into a speech when it means his job.

Some men will stand for, a lot of things, but you start taking their woman or job away from 'em, and you are going to get something besides platitudes.

I'll tell you Al and Franklin didn't make up a day too soon. They made up, going to bury the hatchet. Decided to bury it in Hoover.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1926 WILL ROGERS STILL MARVELS AT THE IMMENSITY OF TEXAS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 6. – I been flying, train riding, automobiling, horseback and buggy riding over Texas for thirty-three years and I've never seen a tenth of it.

If it had been in Europe eighty wars would have been fought over it. There is single ranches here bigger than France, counties bigger than England, saddle horse pastures as big as Alsace Lorraine.

The lakes of Switzerland would be buffalo wallows in Texas. It's located between Mexico and the United States to keep Mexico from annexing the United States.

It's so far to town that the cowboys started in to vote for "Teddy" arrived in time to register for Franklin.

It's sole industry is internal politics. It's so big that no one Governor can handle it. They have a man and his wife.

It's the only State where a Republican has to have a passport to enter.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – They would use California for a telephone booth down here.

1927 WILL ROGERS THINKS MEXICO THE MOST CIVILIZED COUNTRY

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Oct. 7. – Well, here is Mexico, my pet foreign country. They just had a change of Presidents here. Not a shot fired, not a speech made, not even a radio address. Country not all divided against itself. I tell you this is the most civilized country in the world.

Our Ambassador, Mr. Clark, is just carrying out the Dwight Morrow plans and our relations were never better with Mexico. In fact, Clark was the adviser of Morrow while he was here.

Calles is still the strongest man on the Western Continent. Rodriguez, the new President, is very able.

If you want to see excitement, go to Texas; half want a man and half want a woman.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1928 MR. ROGERS RECOGNIZES A NATION THAT WASHINGTON TURNED DOWN

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 9. – This is San Salvador. The U. S. don't recognize this government because it's supposed to have come in during a revolution, something like Washington did in America.

They miss something by not recognizing it. It's a beautiful country, so I am recognizing it in behalf of Huey Long, Jim Ferguson and Bill Murray, the three "American musketeers."

Those three old boys would not recognize anything unless it had had a fight to get in.

I am a "joint commission," going through South America for Hoover and Roosevelt "jointly."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1929 MR. ROGERS PREFERS REVOLUTIONS TO THE DIN OF POLITICAL BATTLES

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 10. – I am leaving for everything south of the equator. Revolutions are thicker down there than Roosevelt Republicans. Am flying down the west coast by Chili, then to Argentina for a week, and up the east coast by Brazil.

I will see more in a week than a New York gossip artist can see in five years of keyholes. South America is our coming country, so it's good to know where it's at.

I want to get back just before election, not to vote, but just to see the show. I think people would like to read something in the papers besides "Hoover said this" and "Roosevelt says that."

I think it's a good time to go.

In fact I am gone.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1930 MR. ROGERS COVERS 5 COUNTRIES IN A DAY'S TRAVEL BY PLANE

COLON, Oct. 11. – This big three-motored Ford Pan American Airways passenger breezed through some country today, San Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, with stops in each place.

Mr. Gerald Dempsey of Long Island and Santa Barbara, Cal., is aboard, headed for Chili. I am not headed for anything, just headed for home by the way of Cape Horn.

It was good to visit Managua, Nicaragua, again. I camped there with the marines right after the earthquake. The town has done wonderful in rebuilding.

Saw Mr. Hanna, our Minister there. He says that every marine was to leave on Jan. 1. That will be as good a move as the one sending 'em in was a bad one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Rain? Brother, you never saw rain.

1931 MR. ROGERS DROPS A FEW LINES AS HE SKIMS OVER COLOMBIA

BUENA VENTURA, Columbia, Oct. 12. – Well, here we are breezing down the west coast of South America. If there ever was a country that the airplane was a godsend to it's this.

The American Consul just told me they get 367 inches of rain. He said a year, but I think it's a month.

We are kinder getting into the revolution neighborhood. Almost every two South American countries are paired off. I have been promised reserved seats at all that I will attend. I am stealing a march on Floyd Gibbons this time.

Well, the plane is whistling to leave.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1932 MR. ROGERS FINDS PERU'S VOTERS HEARD COOLIDGE PLEA FOR HOOVER

LIMA, Oct. 13. – Colombia, Ecuador and Peru today. Lima, Peru, is the oldest city in the western world. It's worth a trip alone.

Flew across the equator yesterday morning. The Pan-American Grace Line hands you a diploma or certificate proving you have been across the line.

An old man at a little Peruvian village where we stopped for gas today came up to me and said, "Did you hear Calvin's speech last night on the radio?"

Here, I have had a fine radio at home and never got anything outside of Los Angeles County.

Well, the race must be getting hot if they have drafted Calvin. I'll bet Calvin will be all broke up when he hears he wasted his speech on people away down here that can't vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1933 ROGERS FINDS TACNA-ARICA AND WONDERS WHAT ABOUT IT

ANTOFAGASTA, Chile, Oct. 14. – You remember such a fuss one time over a country between Peru and Chile called Tacna Arica? Well, I was there today. It takes an airplane to find it. It would be just like us going to war with somebody over Death Valley, California. They said there today that I was the only American ever there that wasn't sent by the United States government as a commission to settle it.

This is the heart of the great nitrate region of Chile. We are right at this moment as I am writing this flying over some of the mines. They are not mines, they are right out on a flat prairie desert and they just scrape it almost off the top of the ground. It's just like plowing up potatoes. I can get some mighty cheap, and both political parties was needing it mighty bad when I left.

Was I talking about rain the other day? Well, we have had two thousand miles of solid desert where it never rains. That's a fact. It was never known to rain. It's drier than my old friend Upshaw's platform.

Peru is the Inca country. In fact every country has become the Inca country—red inka. Excuse me for that one, but remember we are flying at 13,000 feet. It's the altitude that makes you light-headed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1934 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT PUZZLED BY A SOUTH AMERICAN WAR

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 16. – Here is one for Ripley. Peru and Colombia are going to war over a boundary, the usual reason down here, but get this:

The land in dispute is so isolated that neither nation can get to it, so they are arranging to have the armies meet at some convenient place and fight over a piece of ground that the winner can't get to after they have won.

Chile has had five Presidents this fall. One inaugural parade started out with one President and wound up at the White House with another, so they inaugurate two Presidents for the price of one. The man that's in now is afraid to send out his laundry.

When you read this at breakfast in the morning I will be flying the Andes, a long ambition realized.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1935 MR. ROGERS GETS A REAL THRILL IN A FLIGHT OVER THE ANDES

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 17. – Say, had a great trip over those Andes Mountains.

Our highest altitude was 21,500 feet. They have oxygen tubes at each seat, but I guess I am so windy anyhow that I didn't use any.

I kept prowling up forward and talking and looking with the pilot, an American boy named Wagoner. They are all American pilots on this whole trip. We could see the railroad, thousands of feet below winding its way over and through, but high tariffs between each country have killed off the trade and it's not running any more, so that's one way to help the railroads.

It's just the starting of spring down here now. Flew over hundreds of miles of checker-boarded green fields, like Kansas or Iowa, and the fattest and biggest cattle you ever saw.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1936 MR. ROGERS IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER A SOUTH AMERICAN CITY

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 18. – Say, you talk about a city, this Buenos Aires is as big as Chicago, as live as Paris, beautiful as Beverly Hills and as substantial as Claremore, Okla.

Like all countries, the President is just in from day to day. He may be on the same plane with me going out. I have met 'em going and coming down here so much that the traveling man you meet is not a drummer, he is an ex-President escaping to the brush somewhere.

To be unemployed nowadays is terrible, but it's not as bad as it is to be unemployed if you are working for the people.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1937 MR. ROGERS FINDS NO NEWS OF US IN SOUTH AMERICA'S PRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 19. – You folks might think you are big folks up there as a nation, but you don't mean anything down here.

I haven't seen one word of news printed about the United States since I left Brownsville, Texas, and that includes Spanish or any kind of paper.

The Englishmen have got this country tied up tighter than Borah has Idaho.

Has the election been called off, or just what has happened?

The big news down here is the argument between Ireland and England. There is a big mess of both of 'em down here.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1938 WILL ROGERS FINDS SOMETHING TOO FAST FOR HIM TO LASSO

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 20. – Well, had a great day today. Saw the real Argentine gauchos do their stuff right out on one of the big estancias.

We flew out to this big ranch. This whole country is a landing field. Had some of the American polo players along.

These bolos that you hear about 'em throwing they use for ostriches. We chased ostriches all afternoon. They are the fastest things I ever saw run. I never got close enough to one to even holler at him. Got the bolos tangled up around my own neck. These gauchos are sure wild.

It's the most fertile country I ever saw and has the most cattle and horses per acre in the world.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1939 WILL ROGERS FINDS A COUNTRY THAT CAN PLAY REAL FOOTBALL

RIO GRANDE DO SUL, Brazil, Oct. 21. – Say, they got a little country down here named Uruguay, with Montevideo the capital. Did you know that before the world depression that a dollar in their money was worth a dollar and three cents of ours? Even now it's the highest priced money in South America.

Saw their big football stadium. For five straight years they have had the champion football soccer team in the world, and they play any country. The referee stays inside a big wire net where the spectators can't get at him.

Down here the people vote on whether they will hold a football game or a revolution, both equal in casualties.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1940 MR. ROGERS FINDS CONSOLATION IN SANTOS FOR THE REPUBLICANS

SANTOS, Oct. 23. – Say, this Brazil is beautiful along this coast. Thought the plane was going to reach Rio Janeiro tonight, but Old Man Head Wind hit us right in the face all day.

If you read this in the morning take another swig at your coffee. Here is where it's all raised and this is the biggest coffee port in the word.

This town is just sweeping up the streets from a revolution two weeks old, but down here the President stayed in, so the Democrats couldn't dislodge him. That might be the first consolation the Republicans at home have had.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1941 MR. ROGERS FINDS THAT BRAZIL IS A LAND TO INSURE BRAGGING

PARA, Oct. 24. – Brazil ought to belong to the United States. We like to brag about everything "big."

We been flying up its coast line for five solid days and still got another day.

If any of you see the Rockefellers, kiss 'em for me. There is not a mosquito up this coast. If they can just hear of one trying to get a start down here there is ten Rockefeller Foundation men got him singing the blues before sundown. No sir, you got to wait till you get to "God's country" to get eat up by insects.

Rio Janerio is the prettiest city in the world from the air. We are just circling Para where we land for the night. It's right at the mouth of the great Amazon River.

Up from here is where Mr. Ford's rubber plantation is but somebody sold him all male trees and they are having a little trouble getting 'em to bear. I bet they couldn't fool him on carburetors but he didn't know sex life in the forest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1942 MR. ROGERS SPENDS THE DAY FLYING ACROSS THE AMAZON

PORT OF SPAIN, Oct. 25. – If you think that Amazon River ain't big!

We was from just daylight to after lunch ferrying over it in an aeroplane. There is an island in it as big as New York State.

Don't you all remember looking on a map and seeing three little countries called French Guiana, Dutch Guiana and British Guiana? Well, we found and stopped at all three of 'em today.

We also flew by (but not too close) to Devil's Island, the famous French prison off French Guiana where Dreyfus was.

I couldn't see any inmates playing football so I will take mine with my good friend Warden Lawes of Sing Sing.

Tonight we will stop in Trinidad, Port of Spain, an English possession and a beautiful spot.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1943 MR. ROGERS SETS FORTH CLEARLY HIS STATUS AS A POLO PLAYER

SAN JUAN, P. R., Oct. 26. – Finally got hold of a U. S. paper. Said I went to buy polo ponies. That must have handed my banker a laugh. Thank somebody for the compliment.

Old age and depression hit my polo same year. Type of polo I always played, I could get my horses off a merry-go-round. Besides, if I wanted good horses I would never leave America for 'em, and if they will let 'em race in every State we will have better ones everywhere.

Just stopped for gas at our Virgin Islands. Looks like Roosevelt got it tonight.

Stopping in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Just looking down now on the wreckage of that hurricane one month ago tonight. It's hard to tell who needs money the worst nowadays, but I believe you could send some here through the Red Cross and feel that it's going to the most needy place.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1944 MR. ROGERS DISPOSES OF AN ISSUE THAT LONG HAS BEEN IN DISPUTE

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Oct. 27. – Winter is coming and tourists will soon be looking for a place to mate.

Now let's get this Florida and California thing settled. I can afford to be fair, for I can't sell my lots out there, anyhow.

Hotels, even. Both have wonderful ones.

People, even. Both equally windy.

Distance from civilization, even.

Tennis, California; horseshoe pitching, Florida.

Desert and mountains, California; lakes, Florida.

Bathing, Florida wins. We take to the tub about October.

Good roads. Pardon me, Florida, I shouldn't have brought that up.

Millionaire visitors, even. None either place. That's a race of people that has been entirely exterminated by bad judgment.

Florida excels in fish and Democrats. Outside of Catalina Island we can't touch you on fishing.

So, if you like to fish and look at Democrats, Florida is your onion.

But you've got to come to California to see Janet Gaynor, Sally Eilers, Clara Bow and the great Garbo.

Are you listening?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1945 WILL ROGERS IN FLYING HERE FINDS WASHINGTON DESERTED

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 28. – Had a fine trip in here today from Florida, over the beautiful country of Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey. Was going to stop in Washington, but the newspaper boys said there wasn't a soul there.

"Ain't Mr. Hoover here?"

"No, he has gone to save Indiana."

"Well, I know my old Injun' friend Charley Curtis is here."

"No, he is saving Kansas."

"Well, then I will just drop up and see some of the boys in the Cabinet."

"Why, there is none of the Cabinet that's been here since early in the Spring."

"Well, who is running the country?"

"Why, nobody, that's why things are kinder picking up."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1946 WILL ROGERS, BACK TOO EARLY, FINDS A RODEO OF APPLESAUCE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 30. – I have had the most terrible disappointment. I never do look at a calendar and I naturally thought election came around the first day or so of November. So I was timing my South American jaunt to arrive back here after the speeches was over and here I go and make a week's mistake in my time, and arrive back in the midst of the most colossal rodeo of

applesauce in the history of our national pastime.

I would have rather made a forced landing in the Andes, or purposely stood straddle of the Equator another week if I had known this. From now on you will never catch me without a calendar.

I honestly believe there is people so excited over this election that they think the President has something to do with running this country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1947 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE GUESSES HERE ON THE ELECTION CONFLICT

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 31. – Mrs. Rogers and I just looked out of our window and Mr. Hoover was coming into our hotel for the night. He is on some Chautauqua circuit and is speaking in some hall here tonight.

Wall Street is betting two and a half to one on Roosevelt. That's a bad omen for the Democrats, for Wall Street hasn't been right in three years.

You can hear anything you want around here about the outcome, depending on who you talk to, Democrat or Republican.

Tilson, Republican leader of the House, told me "We got everything east of the Ohio River and north of the Line" (meaning Mason and Dixon).

Admiral Grayson says: "Only way the Democrats can lose is to sell out." So take your choice.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1948 WILL ROGERS FAVORS CLOSING THE CAMPAIGN RIGHT NOW AND LETTING THE BOYS GO FISHING

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 1. – There should be a moratorium called on candidates' speeches. They have both called each other everything in the world they can think of. From now on they are just talking themselves out of votes.

The high office of President of the United States has degenerated into two ordinarily fine men being goaded on by their political leeches into saying things that if they were in their right minds they wouldn't think of saying.

Imagine Mr. Hoover last night, "any change of policies will bring disaster to every fireside in America."

Of all the conceit. This country is a thousand times bigger than any two men in it, or any two partes in it. These big politicians are so serious about

themselves and their parties.

This country has gotten where it is in spite of politics, not by the aid of it. That we have carried as much political bunk as we have and still survived shows we are a super-nation.

If by some divine act of Providence we could get rid of both these parties and hired some good men, like any other big business does, why that would be sitting pretty.

This calamity was brought on by the actions of the people of the whole world and its weight will be lifted off by the actions of the people of the whole world and not by a Republican or a Democrat.

So, you two boys just get the weight of the world off your shoulders and go fishing. Both of you claim you like to fish. Now instead of calling each other names till next Tuesday, why you can do everybody a big favor by going fishing and you will be surprised, but the old United States will keep right on running while you boys are sitting on the bank.

Then, come back next Wednesday and we will let you know which one is the lesser of the two evils of you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1949 MR. ROGERS IS THOROUGHLY TIRED OF PART OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 2. – Don't you all kinder wish that the President of our country wouldn't have to run around all over the land getting upon a soap box to shout his merits like a backwoods Congressman running for re-election?

That's why a President's term should be six years; no re-election, and be retired for life on half salary. Then he serves with dignity right up to the finish. And don't have to take part in this mess of promises, accusations and ballyhoo.

We thought when the,radio was perfected and everybody could hear a speech, that it wouldn't be necessary to drag a President around over the country like a circus. But, no, the State leaders must satisfy their vanity by having him appear "in person" in their State.

But, after all, there is very little dignity, very little sportsmanship, or very little anything in politics, only "get the job and hold it."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1950 WILL ROGERS FINDS COMEDY THE FEATURE OF THE CAMPAIGN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 3. – There is comedy in this campaign. Otherwise we would all go "nerts."

Mr. Hoover says that in case of Democratic victory "grass will grow in the streets of American cities." But look at the fun it will be to see every traffic cop pushing a lawn mower.

Last night Secretary of the Navy Adams said "It will bring gloom to a hundred thousand firesides." Yes, but look at the hundred thousand Democratic postmasters whose gloom wouldn't be so noticeable.

Tonight somebody else will be funny over the radio. Don't miss 'em.

Just flew the Alleghenies. Fine trip, plane full of passengers.

Great race for Governor in this State. Good Democrat, and the Republicans' ace of aces, Dave Ingalls, running against him. He is the "class" of the whole Republican stable.

Well, I must hurry to California to welcome Mr. Hoover. He is coming 3,000 miles to vote for himself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1951 WILL ROGERS NOW FIGURES THE WINNER CAN BE THE LOSER

CLAREMORE, Okla., Nov. 4. – This is a hot campaign. Tempers been lost, gentlemanly conduct is a lost art, but let's just stop and study a minute and give the rascals the benefit of the doubt.

The Republicans have been in since 1920. Twelve years. And you would fight, too, if you was in their places. For it's been their hereditary training since childhood that the Republican party shall rule.

Now take the old Democrat. He is fighting, for he is in sight of the first square meal he has had in twelve years. So we mustn't be too critical.

Neither one of 'em is going to save us. Neither one is going to ruin us. Should Mr. Hoover lose, I don't think there is a person that wouldn't feel downright sorry for him, for he certainly has meant well and did all he could, and I expect it won't be long till we will be feeling just as sorry for Roosevelt.

This President business is a pretty thankless job. Washington or Lincoln either one didn't get a statue till everybody was sure they was dead. I'll bet you that even Cal Coolidge, who retired at the "peak," wouldn't tell you that worry didn't more than offset the glory.

So it's going to be mighty hard next Wednesday after it's over to tell which one to congratulate. If this depression stays with us, the loser Tuesday is going to be the winner.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1952 MR. ROGERS MAKES UP HIS MIND NOT TO TAKE SIDES IN ELECTION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 6. – Well, I am like Mr. Coolidge. You ain't going to get me taking sides in this election. I am going to write about aviation.

Aviation will save this country someday, and I know no politician is going to do it. Wish we could get our Presidential candidates to travel by plane, but there is no back platform to make the speeches from and there is no plane big enough to carry all their "yes" men.

Had a great night flight from Fort Worth to Los Angeles last night. Night flying is smoother, cooler and the real time saver and it is becoming very popular on the lines.

Back home after 21,000 miles. Through twenty countries. All big, three-motored American planes. All American pilots and co-pilots. A radio operator, in touch with Miami, or Brownsville, Texas, every minute. A steward to feed you. The whole fare was less than $1,600 and made the trip in less than three weeks. No night flying.

You would be surprised at the progress in those countries. Arrive early in the afternoon, then sight seeing wonderful old towns and cities every night. It's got any trip to Europe skinned a mile.

These are the countries we are going to have to get our future trade with.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1953 MR. ROGERS HEAVES A SIGH OF RELIEF THAT WORST IS OVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 7. – There is only one redeeming thing about this whole election. It will be over at sundown, and let everybody pray that it's not a tie, for we couldn't go through with this thing again.

And, when the votes are counted, let everybody, including the candidates, get into a good humor as quick as they got into a bad one.

Both gangs have been bad sports, so see if at least one can't redeem themselves by offering no alibis, but cooperate with the winner, for no matter which one it is the poor fellow is going to need it.

So cheer up. Let's all be friends again. One of the evils of democracy is you have to put up with the man you elect whether you want him or not. That's why we call it democracy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1954 MR. ROGERS OFFERS CONSOLATION TO THOSE WHO BACKED THE LOSER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 8. – If your side lost don't take it too much to heart. Remember there is always this difference between us and Italy. In Italy Mussolini runs the country. But here the country runs the President.

As I dispatch this little message along late in the evening, it looks like the only thing can beat the Democrats is honest counting.

Certainly brought out a big vote. There was actually women went to the polls that didn't have a new hat. Humiliation couldn't even stop 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1955 MR. ROGERS SEES A LOT OF BALM FOR THE LOSER OF THE ELECTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 9. – Mr. Hoover, the consolation you have from the whole American people is no doubt greater than that ever shared by a losing President.

There was nothing personal in the vote against you. You just happened to be associated with a political party that the people had just lost their taste for.

There is something about a Republican that you can only stand for him just so long. And, on the other hand, there is something about a Democrat that you can't stand for him quite that long.

We all know that you was handed a balloon that was blowed up to its utmost. You held it as carefully as any one could, but the thing busted right in your hands. Well, there just ain't much you can do in a case like that.

No, it wasn't you, Mr. President. The people just wanted to buy something new, and they didn't have any money to buy it with. But they could go out and vote free and get something new for nothing. So cheer up. You don't know how lucky you are.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1956 MR. ROGERS ANALYZES SOME ODDS AND ENDS OF THE ELECTION NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 10. – Well, the returns are pretty much all in. All but Kentucky. They got a law they can't count their votes till everybody sobers up, so it will be quite a little bit before we get them.

I was surprised at the vote the Republicans polled in Mississippi and Louisiana. I thought there was more post offices there than there is.

California and several states voted to do away with their local enforcement laws. Now out here liquors and wines are classified as "perishable goods" and are given right away on highways and trains.

Democrats had such a hard time getting money to campaign on, that I doubt if they will have enough to get to Washington on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1957 WILL ROGERS SAYS FISHING WORKED WELL FOR GARNER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 11. – I advised 'em all to go fishing. Let the people alone and make up their own minds. Jack Garner was the only one that listened to me, he went fishing, made no enemies, had a good time, caught three big "channel cats," a seat in the House of Representatives and the Vice-Presidency.

That's about a record for one catch. He wanted to throw back the smallest of the "catfish" and the Vice-Presidency, and just keep the seat in the House and the other two fish. Garner will be the only man ever went from "Speaker" in the House to "listener" in the Senate.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – By the way, what ever becomes of the Roosevelts that claimed they was only eighth cousins to this one?

1958 MR. ROGERS LEARNS THAT OTHERS PROFIT BY HIS LITTLE AIR JAUNTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 13. – Say, my trip to South America was of some use to someone besides myself. Get this. It's a new one on me.

"Dear Mr. Rogers: Did you know when you left for South America that you took forty-nine fifth grade pupils from Concord, North Carolina, with you? We clipped your daily messages and found the places on the map, and tried to learn all we could of the places. We liked the trip fine. We liked our hop over the Andes with you, Buenos Aires, Rio Janeiro, Santiago, Chili, Lima, Peru, and all of them were beautiful.

"You have made us love South America. Hurry up and go somewhere else. We want to go with you. Fifth grade, Long School, Miss Perberton's room."

I am the Nicholas Murray Butler of Concord.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1959 WILL ROGERS WOULD LET HOOVER PEEL DEBT MORATORIUM ONION

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 14. – Herbert has invited Franklin down to see him.

Now, on the face of it, that looks like the last word in hospitality. But let's look that gift horse in the face. Is Herbert just crazy about Franklin? No, "children," prominent men are never crazy about each other.

Herbert's in the hole on these foreign debts. Something has to be done right away. If he gives 'em another year or cuts the amount he will get all the blame. But, if Franklin confers with him and then something is done, why they split the blame 50-50.

Now, maybe, two Presidents can run a country, but if I was Franklin I would say:

"Thank you for the invite, Herbert, but the moratorium is your onion. You will have to peel it. I don't want any of the tears of it in my eyes till I start drawing salary. Going on a little trip to South America. See you March 4. Yours, with best wishes, Franklin."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1960 MR. ROGERS FINDS BROKEN LINK IN THE DEBTS PAYMENT CHAIN

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 15. – Germany has always paid each of these other nations more than each of them paid you. But, Germany has quit paying them. Now, they say they can't pay us.

What they mean is that they could pay us, but they would have to use some of their own money to do it with. And, of course, a thing as revolutionary as that never entered their heads.

Now, the big joke is that we had been loaning Germany all the money that they paid them, so that they could pay us. So, it really wasn't Europe that fell down on the debts, it was us. It's all our fault.

It was a wonderful idea, as the Republicans worked it for years, only we run out of money and couldn't keep it going.

But, don't ever lay the fault on Europe for not paying us. They would start tomorrow if we would just loan 'em the money to do it on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1961 MR. ROGER'S HEART UNTOUCHED BY "CAN'T PAY" DEBT PLEAS

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 16. – You couldn't pick up a paper for a year and a half but it told of the millions and millions of gold shipped to France, especially.

Our whole export trade consisted of gold bars to Europe. They tried everything from petty larceny to manslaughter to get us off the gold. If they had been able to do it, their celebration would have been bigger than the Armistice. I was in Europe and that's all they talked of. Then for France to say they can't pay!

Here is the funny part about the whole thing. Why don't they default? Oh, no, they never use that word. They don't want it said they "defaulted."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1962 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS A MESSAGE OF THREE WORDS FOR EUROPE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 17. – Well, the old propaganda is working, boys. Every night over the radio, or in big lengthy editorials, it keeps on saying, "What are you going to do? You can't collect, we have got to make

some different terms."

One message of three words will make every nation in Europe dig it up and send it over by plane, they would be in such a hurry to get it here—"Pay or default."

There is not a country in the world that would dare default. It would spoil their credit. They couldn't borrow any money any more.

England will pay you every dollar they promised, you can go bet your cent on that. And, France is five times more able to pay than England, but a Frenchman is not an Englishman.

You can see the whole thing is a frame-up by 'em all "ganging" in with their protests at once.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1963 WILL ROGERS LINKS TWO ITEMS IN THE NEWS ABOUT ROOSEVELT

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 18. – Two very important items in the papers: "Mr. Roosevelt to visit Mr. Hoover" and the other "Mr. Roosevelt takes out a $500,000 policy," I do hope these two items together have no (what is it you call it?) significance. Mr. Roosevelt made his policy payable in favor of his pet and well-deserving project, the infantile paralysis home at Warm Springs, Ga.

See where The Literary Digest missed the election by 2 and 6-100 of a point. That sheet is certainly going back. Why don't the Digest hold one now to see if we are going to get any dough back from "our friends" overseas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1964 MR. ROGERS WRITES THE WORDS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PARLEY

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 20. – "Hello, Governor Roosevelt, nice of you to come, knowing your distance for Washington."

"Hello, Mr. President, nice of you to make it possible for me to get to Washington, but let's get right to business. Are those foreigners going to pay?"

Mr. Hoover: "Not unless they have to."

Mr. Roosevelt: "What were your campaign promises?"

Mr. Hoover: "No postponements and no cancellations."

Mr. Roosevelt: "Mine, too. What do you say just for a novelty that both

parties keep their campaign promises?"

Mr. Hoover: "That's O. K. with me. Stimson, bring us a cable blank."

"Dear (?) Europe: Your applications of poverty to the U. S. Government for extension on your notes is respectfully denied as the taxpayers at home whom we borrowed the money from are demanding it. If we don't receive it from you, we have no possible way of refunding it to them. We hope this is quite clear.

"Yours respectfully,

"HOOVER AND ROOSEVELT, Representing U. S. Government."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1965 MR. ROGERS HOPES FOR THE BEST FROM THAT CONFERENCE TODAY

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 21. – Well, as you read this our two Presidents will be as nervous over their meeting as a couple of debutantes. Well, we all hope some good comes from their meeting, and in fact we hope some money comes out of it, too.

Wasn't that too bad about that poor fellow Robins down in North Carolina that just got that way looking for another dry?

I know a hitch hiker out here that is having such poor luck getting a ride that now he is standing in the middle of the road offering to go either way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1966 WILL ROGERS PATS THE BACKS OF SOME FELLOW WRITERS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 22. - Got a thrill this morning, Walter Lippman, a grand writer, that I would no more miss reading than miss breakfast. Also, he made the best radio talk the night of election that was made.

Well, he had actually read something I had written about the debts. I couldn't have been more happy if Mr. Hoover and Roosevelt had slummed over in my literary pasture. Course he didn't agree with me. But, just to be disagreed with by a man like him is a thrill.

Speaking of good writers, Mr. Brisbane is out here. Months ago on my porch he bet Mrs. Ned McClain the Republicans wouldn't carry eight states. I thought he was crazy. He was by two States.

Everything is changing in America. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke, when it used to be visa versa.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1967 MR. ROGERS HEARS OL' OKLAHOMA IS GETTING BACK TO NORMALCY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 23. – Los Angeles paper the other day took what they thought was a terrible slam at my honorable old State with the following:

"Will Rogers's home State of Oklahoma sold more buggy whips last year than any other."

Well, if it did that means she is leading the United States back out of the mess. Put a buggy whip in every man's hand that's got no business with a steering wheel.

The horses raises what the farmer eats, and eats what the farmer raises. But you can't plow in the ground and get gasoline. You don't have to pay some finance company 10 or 15 per cent to own a horse.

We been moving awful fast the last few years, but when we stopped and checked up we found we would have gotten just as far if we had walked, and wouldn't have owed anybody.

So "bravo" Oklahoma!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1968 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A DEFENSE TO BROADSIDES OF CRITICISM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 24. – Say, a lot of you birds sure take the hide off me when I am wrong (and that's plenty constant), but give me credit when I do guess right.

You skinned me alive when I said nothing would come of the Hoover-Roosevelt meeting. I said Mr. Roosevelt would say, "It's your onion and you peel it till March 4." How different did it happen from that? And, as for the meeting, maybe there is a doubt in both men's minds if it wouldn't have been better if it hadn't been held.

I don't see how folks figured they could agree. They hold two opposite views on the question. That's why they belong to different parties. Either one of 'em might be right. We know they are both sincere in their beliefs, but how

was one man going to tell another man how to run his business, until he, the No. 2 man, come in and started running it for him.

Politics don't have to enter into that. That's just human nature. So don't shoot me, boys, till the returns are all in on all these affairs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1969 WILL ROGERS SAYS MCADOO WON'T TAKE A CABINET POST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 25. – If you think this Democratic victory brought on harmony, you just wait till they start to hand out those postoffices down South. There will be more people killed in the rush than in the flood.

Got some real debt information first hand yesterday and not from an editorial. Mr. W. G. McAdoo was out to visit me. Incidentally, all he did (and this didn't come from him either, it comes from known facts) well all he did was make the next President of the U. S.

He says he will absolutely stay in the Senate, and accept no Cabinet position, even if offered.

Later in the afternoon came out Congresswoman Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of W. J. She was bred in the purple in politics, and shows it.

It was the first Thanksgiving the Democrats have celebrated since B. C. (Before Coolidge).

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1970 MR. ROGERS ANNOUNCES A PLAN TO WRITE ON TOPICS HE KNOWS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 27. – Well, all I know is just what I read in the papers.

Never miss my old friend Mr. Brisbane, but I finally caught him on one. He wrote Saturday about Mr. Hearst's 15,000 "Holstein" cattle. Now, a Holstein is an old black and white spotted milk cow. She is a beverage animal entirely. She is raised for her juice, and not for her T-bones. Why even Mr. Hearst hasn't got enough editors to milk old "bossies." Course, what he meant was 15,000 "Herefords," white faces, faces made up like women.

Now here is what we got to do with this writing business. We got to have it divided according to talent. I'll handle the cattle end. He takes disarmament, unemployment, wars past and future, history gone and coming, advantages of

living in California and Florida.

And, oh yes, I'll take over discussion of the foreign debts, and give him 10 per cent of all I collect. But, he is to have all the dis-satisfied Republicans who blame the loss of the election on ignorance.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1971 MR. ROGERS FINDS A REPUBLICAN WHO IS FED UP ON STRAW VOTES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 28. – Hey Rip, I got a "Believe It or Not" for you.

A fellow in Beverly Hills says The Literary Digest polls should be abolished on account of their accuracy. He don't mind a straw vote if it's not right, but he is "agin" the true ones. He says people read 'em and vote with the majority.

But, here is what he don't explain. What makes the majority in the straw votes?

No, you are wrong. Chaplin didn't write that, or Laurel and Hardy, or Joe Brown. It was my friend, the Republican editor of the Beverly Hills Citizen, in a convincing editorial. It was his contribution to "what can the Republican party do to get their hands back in those U.S. mail sacks again?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1972 MR. ROGERS IS FOR A TIME LIMIT ON THANKSGIVING TURKEY BONES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 29. – Did you read about the woman up in the Northwest that swallowed a turkey bone four days after Thanksgiving, then got in an airplane, got sick and got rid of the bone?

Well, I was going to try to write a little joke about it, showing how many days it took to reach the old bone of the gobbler. When lo and behold, today, Tuesday, our own cook come dragging in turkey hash. We don't reach the bones till about Thursday.

If I run for something, that would be my platform, "boys, no part of any turkey served later than Sunday night after Thanksgiving."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1973 MR. ROGERS EXPRESSES SYMPATHY FOR OUR COLLEGE BOYS AND GIRLS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 30. – They got a "gag" in these colleges now when they slip up behind an old boy or girl and say:

"What are you going to major in?"

"Oh, Professor, I am not going in the army. I ain't going to do any majoring."

"I mean, what is to be your life's work? Hurry up now. Let me know before noon."

Now, there is nothing they can do, yet they are told to make up their minds what it is. Suppose professors and teachers were told they couldn't teach any more, but to make up their minds what they were going to "major" in?

If somebody took my little jokes and good looks away from me, I know it would take me a right smart spell before I could make up my mind what to "major" in, especially if this Eighteenth Amendment is voted out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1974 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS VERSION OF WHY LAME DUCKS ARE LAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 1. – We haven't got enough work to do to go around, so it looks like they are finally going to try and more evenly distribute it by having a five-day week and six-hour day. I see now where the Federation of Labor and almost every one are for it.

All this after three years of starvation. We are a country that everything has to be proved to us. Look at the sales tax. That is coming just as sure as shooting, but you couldn't get the guys in that last Congress to admit it. We hadn't suffered enough yet.

Well, the lame ducks met Monday and that's why they are lame, is because their constituents were thinking faster than they was.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1975 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A WAY TO TAKE CARE OF INTEREST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 2. – I have heard every kind of reason given for our hard times and as causes of our slow recovery. But I have never heard the real one, that's that interest is too high. The world and about every-

body in it are broke from paying too high interest.

No man should receive more for the "hire" of his money than he could take it and earn with it himself, and for the last three years there has been nothing that he could have made even 1 per cent on it, outside of loaning it.

The banks all failed because the interest people owed 'em was larger than the principal. What would be the matter with banking on a real percentage of business? The banker receives in interest in accordance to what the borrower makes on the loan. If he don't make anything, he don't pay anything.

Well, that's about all for today. Be busy tomorrow reading wires from bankers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1976 MR. ROGERS THINKS THIS CONGRESS SHOULD KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 4. – Everybody is knocking this lame-duck Congress, but do you know those fellows have a chance to make a real name for themselves and make us ashamed that we fired 'em?

They know exactly how the people voted on every question that they will be asked to decide on. They know the majority didn't want prohibition. They know the majority don't want the debt canceled. They know everybody wants government expense cut in half.

So when any questions comes up all they have to do is read the election returns. Course, if they want to still be on the minority side of all these things we will know exactly why they was defeated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1977 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS OPINION OF LAME DUCKS THAT CANNOT SEE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 5. – Europe turned out a movie called "Congress Dances," and it pleased everybody. Today our Congress met and pleased nobody.

Forty-four Democrats, mostly lame ducks, were the villains. In November the country went overwhelmingly wet. But 100 Republicans and 44 Democrats figured that the country didn't know what it wanted. So that means an extra session of Congress.

Regardless of what your opinion is on this subject, but when you absolutely know that it will eventually pass, then to purposely hold it up and cost the government all this money, then you are a "lame duck," but not in the leg.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1978 MR. ROGERS SUBSCRIBES FULLY TO A 'BUY AMERICAN' CAMPAIGN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 6. – This country is so hungry this morning they could eat a lame duck.

If you want to really know one of the major things that's wrong with us, go take a nickel and get last week's Saturday Evening Post and read the first article in there. It's by Sam Blythe. Then go out, and before you buy the baby a rattle, your sweetheart a tooth brush, your wife a pair of rubber boots, ask if they were "made in America."

Then you, can show your patriotism, and not just keep asking "What's the matter with this country?"

England is doing it; the world is doing it. But our society don't think they smell right unless they been dipped in foreign perfume.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1979 MR. ROGERS IS TOLERANT AND ALOOF AS REGARDS EDITORIAL WRITERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 7. – I would like to state to the readers of THE NEW YORK TIMES that I am in no way responsible for the editorial or political policy of this paper.

I allow them free reign as to their opinion, so long as it is within the bounds of good subscription gathering.

But I want it distinctly understood that their policy may be in direct contrast to mine.

Their editorials may be put in purely for humor, or just to fill space.

Every paper must have its various entertaining features, and their editorials are not always to be taken seriously, and never to be construed as my policy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1980 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS DEFINITION OF TERM 'LAME DUCK CONGRESS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 8. – An awful lot of people are confused as to just what is meant by a "lame duck Congress."

It's like where some fellows worked for you and their work wasn't satisfactory and you let 'em out, but after you fired 'em, you let 'em stay long enough so they could burn your house down.

You know Ruth Bryan Owen, the Congresswoman who had always been a prohibitionist and was defeated in the primary on it. You got to give her credit. When she saw that the vote was against it, why she held no revenge, but voted with the repealists.

So, there you have a woman with more nerve than a lot of men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1981 WILL ROGERS COMPARES IDEALS IN FOOTBALL AND IN POLITICS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. – Notre Dame is here. Notre Dame is here to carry on for Rockne. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had political leaders who could leave ideals and systems that the young knew were fundamentally right. The difference is that the coach has spent a lifetime teaching co-operation. He knows what he wants. While the political candidate only knows that he wants 'em to vote for him. But from then on he is just guessing.

Imagine a politician inspiring voters with, "give us one more vote boys, for the memory of dear old Senator Jasbo." "Ah hooey, who was old Senator Jasbo, and what did he ever do?" But Notre Dame will do it for Rockne as long as a football is blown up.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1982 MR. ROGERS GIVES THE INSIDE ON CALIFORNIA AND FOOTBALL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 10. – Big football game, one hundred thousand of us sit there in the cold and picked up what little pneumonia there was left. Give a Californian a football or an orange and he knows more things to do with it than a Harvard guy does a dictionary.

Notre Dame had a fine team but after taking one look at that California line they should have started 'em throwing forward passes before they got off the train. I would have sent players up in the stands to grab off passes.

Pittsburgh is coming out to play this team New Year's in what we humorously call our "Rose Bowl."

Well, it's a nice trip out here and California will play their Chamber of Commerce against 'em in the first half.

Would have brought Colgate but everybody out here thought they were a toothpaste team of the radio.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1983 MR. ROGERS REPORTS CALIFORNIA FEELS ROOSEVELT MADE GOOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 12. – Well, the Democrats made good out here. I don't know what they promised in the rest of the country, but Roosevelt promised us rain, and, by golly, he made good.

The rest of the country can be excited over prohibition, disarmament, war loans or the new Cabinet, but this is a desert country, and if we don't get rain we are blowed up.

We can show you oranges growing, and flowers, but if you look under the bush you will see a hose. A sprinkling can is our national emblem. Rain is never a nuisance here; it's a miracle.

So the Democrats have made good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1984 MR. ROGERS CANNOT UNDERSTAND ONE STRANGE FORM OF THRIFT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 13. – As you read this tomorrow, an air express line will be inaugurated from coast to coast, nothing but express. We used to think it was too expensive to send anything by air but a postcard, but it's not that way now.

Air mail has fallen off since the costs were raised 3 cents. Here, companies have spent and are losing millions giving the people the greatest air network for mails in the world. Write a letter today, the receiver reads it tomorrow no matter where he is. If a letter is not worth 3 cents more to get there three days

ahead, it don't look like it is important enough to write. I would just hand it to some hitch hiker and let him deliver it in the spring.

We used to think mails were terribly important, but if they ain't worth 3 cents, the guy might just as well wait till he meets the other fellow and tell it to him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1985 MR. ROGERS NOW CONFESSES HE IS NO AUTHORITY ON DEBTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 14 – Got some news for you. Fellow wrote the NEW YORK TIMES (my mother paper), took exception to some fool thing I had written and forgot about.

THE TIMES took it serious and so did people arguing over it. They thought the fellow was some authority. Now what do I find out? He is a young Harvard graduate, Charlton Ogburn Jr., 22 years old. And, like all Harvard graduates, "Junior" wanted to do something worth while" for the old alma mater.

But America's sense of humor has taught 'em there is three things they must never take serious—columnist on any paper, a political speech by any candidate, and a Harvard graduate if he hasn't been out four years. Harvard is an eight year school—four in and four out. But after then they are just human and fine as any college graduate.

So, don't take the debt thing too serious from either Harvard or O. C. C. (Oklahoma Cow Camp). Their information on the subject is about equal.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1986 MR. ROGERS BELIEVES ENGLAND WILL BE GAINER IN THE END

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 15. – Somebody will finally find a way to run this government yet. An old boy was on the right track the other day. He came into the Congressional Gallery the other day waving a gun and said, "I am for America. All not with me better take to the brush, for I am going to take a shot at 'em."

Well, the place was clear in a jiffy. Now they got a sign in the visitors' gallery, "Don't shoot your Congressman, without first getting a license."

England never stood higher in American opinion than today. That was the cheapest hundred million they ever spent. And they will gain in the end by it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1987 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 16. – I bet you France pays. In fact they already started paying. Merchants in Beverly Hills (the best dressed and most cosmopolitan town in the U. S.) said they couldn't sell the "scream stars" a single French importation. Instead of Christmas night perfume, it's "jockey club" made in Des Moines and it don't smell bad at that. The "leading men" have all switched from a French to a New Jersey hair tonic. Every show store is knocking the "French heels" off their shoes. These French "berets" that some "near" men were wearing, they have switched to crocheted boudoir cap. Oh, France is paying.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1988 WILL ROGERS MARVELS A BIT AT THE SENATE'S FORESIGHT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 18. – The U. S. Senate sentenced the Philippines to twelve more years of American receivership.

Will you tell me one thing? How can one nation tell when another nation is ready for independence? But our government can do it. Yes, sir; there is not a dozen of 'em that's ever been west of the Golden Gate, but they could tell you to a day, twelve years from now, just when the "little brown brothers" would be able to mess up their affairs as bad as ours.

Certainly lucky for us we got our liberty when we did. Suppose the House of Commons in England was holding a clinic over us to decide if we were ready for "self-determination."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1989 MR. ROGERS BELIEVES FRANCE HAS ABLE PILOT AND WILL PAY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. – See where France has Paul-Boncour to form a new Cabinet. Six years ago in Geneva, at a disarmament conference, he was head of France's delegation and I saw quite a lot of him. He is very able. I have always wondered since then why they never used him more.

France will pay, and it can't possibly hurt them as bad as it will some of our writers and American financiers. I never saw people so broken-hearted over our country receiving a little dab of money.

Congress voting on beer again Wednesday. It passed the people. But they can't get it through Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1990 MR. ROGERS JOINS IN DISPUTE OVER MERITS OF 'TECHNOCRACY'

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20. – "Technocracy," is it a new mouth wash, a corn plaster or has the scientists just hired a press agent?

It says you only work four hours a day, and there will be no politicians. That last is the best selling clause it has.

There is not a man in the country that can't make a living for himself and family. But, he can't make a living for them and his government, too, the way his government is living.

What the government has got to do is live as cheap as the people. Then you don't need "technocracy."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1991 WILL ROGERS THINKS HOOVER IS A GOOD COLLECTOR, AFTER ALL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 21. – I don't know why Mr.Hoover is all excited over the debt yet. That's all over now.

He did a mighty good job. We was owed about one hundred and twenty-five millions and he collected over a hundred. Anybody who can get four-fifths nowadays is doing a mighty good job of collecting.

And besides, France is going to pay. So it looks like the debt thing is all settled till next December, when it will be Mr. Roosevelt's Xmas present to try and get on our tree.

Time to worry over a debt is before you get it, not after you got four-fifths of it.

So arguing over the debt now is just like arguing over the last election.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1992 MR. ROGERS IS STILL PUZZLED BY THIS TECHNOCRACY THING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 22. – This technocracy thing, we don't know if it's a disease or a theory. It may go out as fast as Eskimo pies or miniature golf courses. But people right now are in a mood to grab at anything.

They are sure of one thing, and that is that the old orthodox political way of running everything has flopped.

There is not a man in the whole world today that people feel like actually knows what's the matter. If there was, he would be appointed dictator unanimously by the whole world.

Our "big men" don't admit they don't know. They just keep on hoping they can bull their way through.

The case has simply got too big for the doctors, but the doctors haven't got big enough to admit it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

1993 WILL ROGERS FINDS HOOVER NOW ACTING AS HE PREDICTED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23. – Say "Babe" Didrickson scaled over another bunch of hurdles yesterday. This time it was the A.A.U.'s that got down on their all fours and she hopped right over them. It didn't take all this messing around and publicity and ballyhoo. They knew at first if she had been paid for the advertisement or if she hadn't. But the minute they saw those gate receipts slipping out of their hands into hers they did a high jump backwards that beat one of her front ones.

"Babe" has always beat women. This is the first time she has ever entered the male ranks and showed them up.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – I told you Mr. Hoover would quit worrying about the debts and leave them alone.

1994 MR. ROGERS FINDS CHRISTMAS UNCHANGED BY TECHNOCRACY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 25. – This "technocracy" didn't seem to make much difference with Christmas. Father's neckties and sox were done up in the same deceptive boxes they were before the scientists took us over.

People didn't get "beer by Xmas." They just had to struggle along on gin and corn.

Mr. Hoover went fishing in the South but didn't catch any thing. He had waited too long, and the fish had all gone back Democratic.

France went into a "huddle" and practiced some of Shakespeare's signals. "To pay or not to pay, that is the question; whether it's better to pay and use the Yanks again? or not to pay and lose 'em?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1995 MR. ROGERS RETELLS HIS CHOICE OF THE CHRISTMAS DAY STORIES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 26. – Best story in the paper today, and there was many of fine charitable acts on Xmas.

Away out on the Escalante Desert between Los Angeles and Salt Lake—I have flown over it many times, it's one of the most desolate places you ever saw—one lonely ranch, the father had died and the mother and a whole house full of children live there.

Well, the pilots on the Western air run took up a purse of $80 and got the children clothes and toys, and then flew low on Xmas day and dropped 'em.

What a godsend the plane and the radio is to out-of-the-way places.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1996 MR. ROGERS WAXES A WEE BIT SARCASTIC ON THE MACHINE AGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 27. – So technocracy wants to do everything by machinery.

Well, if they can invent some machine that will kill more people than automobiles, why their plan will work. Three hundred and eighty over Xmas, and prohibition not repealed. That's more people than died by pestilence during the same three or four days in all the countries combined where we send doctors to teach 'em how to be civilized.

So, machinery is just doing fine. If it can't kill you, it will put you out of work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1997 MR. ROGERS HAS A SUGGESTION ON THE 'LAME DUCK' PROBLEM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 28. – Mr. Hoover has gone South fishing and, from what I read in the papers that the Democrats are planning for him, I believe I would just keep right on fishing.

I have always believed he made a mistake by not stepping out and turning the whole thing over to 'em on Dec. 1. There wasn't a chance of him and them agreeing on anything. It would have been a great big thing to have done.

Everybody is against the "lame duck," and this is the last one, anyhow. That would have given Hoover an excellent excuse. They couldn't have accused him of quitting. Work it like President Wilson was going to. There would have been enough "lame ducks" followed his example that we would now be seeing what plans the Democrats had.

As it is now, we have two more months of loggerheading and an extra session of Congress.

I would even leave 'em now and say, "Boys, it looks easy, maybe you can fix everything before March 4."

The Democrats would have to dig up some schemes mighty fast. Mr. Hoover would come out sitting mighty pretty. There wouldn't be a Republican on the Potomac to lay anything onto.

As it is now this is just a grudge Congress, a where-can-we-lay-the-blame Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

1998 WILL ROGERS CANNOT FATHOM THE INCOME TAX MYSTERY YET

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 29. – Did you see the list of refunded income taxes this morning?

If anything should prove that a sales tax was a fair tax, it is the uncertainty of income tax. Through no one's particular fault people pay in a lot of money, then in a year or two they get it back. Then others think they have paid it an up. Then in a year or so the government wants more. There is no expert living that knows exactly what is, and what ain't allowed.

Remember tomorrow, Saturday, Sunday and Monday are the people's last three days of mind relaxation. Congress meets Tuesday.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S.– Have any of you seen my friend Charlton Ogburn, Jr., late of Harvard?

1999 WILL ROGERS HAS HIS SAY ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 30. – Say, good joke on us. We thought Congress had adjourned and here they are in session. Now that's the kind of Congress we want, one where we don't know if they are in session or out of session.

See where Insull is going to do like a movie star. He is going to make a "personal appearance" tour all over Europe.

France loaned Austria almost as much as she was to pay us. But she is wet nursing four or five of those little nations. They don't have to pay her back till the next war. You see in Europe they are already choosing sides. On account of the depression France can get a lot of nations signed up mighty cheap now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS, — 1933

2000 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A NEW IDEA IN THE WAY OF COMMISSIONS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 1. – Well, New Year is here. Now what are you going to do with it?

I bet you there is not a man in America (yes I will take in more country than that, make it the world) . There is not a single person that knows any more about what '33 has in store for us than a billy goat. Ten million people have gone without work for three years just listening to "big men" solve their problems.

I don't know what will be the first commission Mr. Roosevelt will appoint, but millions hope that it won't be the "president of this concern," or "the head of that corporation," but ten men who have been without work; we will at least get an original viewpoint.

If the non-worker has to go to the dogs, he at least should have a voice on the commission that sends him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2001 MR. ROGERS SEEMS A BIT BORED BY THE NEW YEAR PROPHET CROP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 2. – Same facts, same men issued the New Year "outlook" predictions. It looks like they just stay in business all year to tell "what the new year has in store for us." Every one of them has enough to live on no matter what happens.

But I have never seen a paper print what a poor man thought of the "coming year." Suppose at a hanging in a jail the reporters got statements from the warden and all the spectators, but no one asked the convicted man "what he thought the future had in store for him."

So tomorrow after these others have all been forgotten as usual, I have one from just such a man to tell you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2002 MR. ROGERS GETS THAT NEW YEAR INTER VIEW WITH THE POOR MAN WHICH HE PROM ISED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 3. – Hello, Mister, was you ever asked to make a New Year's prediction?

Say, I never even been asked to eat on New Year's.

Have you ever been appointed on a commission?

No, nor in jail, either.

Do you read prominent men's predictions?

No, I never read fiction.

Have you a job?

No, I am on a diet.

What does the New Year hold in store for you?

What New Year? Have they got another one?

Do you think the world leaders can get us out of this?

They might, ignorance got us in.

What do you think of technocracy?

Nothing you can't spell will ever work.

What about the debts?

Well, I hear England paid 90 million, but it's only hearsay as far as the unemployed is concerned.

Do you think we will get out of this depression just because we got out of all the others?

Lots of folks drown that's been in the water before.

What will give the unemployed employment?

If somebody will throw a monkey wrench into the machinery.

Won't light wines and beer be a big aid to the poor?

They will if they give 'em away.

Won't 1933 see a change for the better?

I don't think so. We haven't suffered enough, the Lord is repaying us for our foolishness during prosperous days. He is not quite ready to let us out of the dog house yet.

I will haul you down the road if you like.

What's down the road? I've been to both ends. One place is as good as another.

Well, good luck to you.

Yes, that's what my Congressman said.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2003 MR. ROGERS GOES NATIVE TO SING PRAISES OF THE U. S. C. COACH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 4. – Been stirring around the studio so fast since New Year's that I never did get a chance to talk to you about our New Year's football game at the Rose Bowl.

Andy Mellon's boys from Pittsburgh played U. S. C. The score was 35

to nothing. But I don't want you to think those Pennsylvania Republicans didn't do better than the score shows.

The highlight was a Pitt man had his pants tore off, the same as a Notre Dame man did a few weeks ago. These old grapefruit squirters out here in California beat you and then tear the breeches off you.

We got a man out here coaching, named Jones, that could take the Senate page boys and beat Harvard, Princeton and Yale with 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2004 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE IN HIS OWN WAY TO COOLIDGE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5. – Mr. Coolidge, you didn't have to die for me to throw flowers on your grave. I have told a million jokes about you, but every one was based on some of your splendid qualities. You had a hold on the American people regardless of politics. They knew you were honest, economical and had a native common sense.

History generally records a place for a man that is ahead of his time. But we that lived with you will always remember you because you was WITH your time.

By golly, you little, red-headed New Englander, I like you. You put horse sense into statesmanship and Mrs. Coolidge's admiration for you is an American trait.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2005 ROGERS DISCUSSES THE NEWS FROM IOWA AND COLORADO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 6. – You got to hand it to Iowa for the best news today. Some "bird" tried to bid in a farm on a forced sale at less than the mortgage and come pretty near landing hanging under a giant oak. We hope the days of the old town skin-flint sitting back with some ready money to buy in the widow's home is about over.

Did you read where some Senator from Colorado was giving up his seat to his successor right away. He figured that the folks elected the other fellow and he was the one they wanted in there. That's almost unheard of in political life. There is a "lame duck" that should have a statue.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2006 WILL ROGERS PAYS A TRIBUTE TO CALVIN COOLIDGE'S WIDOW

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 8. – To Mrs. Coolidge:

Mrs. Coolidge, your husband's head rests today not alone on his Vermont soil but pillowed on the sincere tributes of the millions he had served.

Every writer has written of the amazing hold he had on his countrymen and they attributed it to various causes. Now that he is beyond the receipt of more honor, what about the "amazing hold" you have on our people.

Naturally you aided your husband's career. All wives do that. But what made you so beloved by the people? Overnight you were swept into the highest position that can be held by an American woman. Other "first lady's" had had perhaps greater advantages, training, background and social distinction. But you showed that which teachers, travel, and social association can't compete with, something that was born in you, a native dignity, a serenity, a modest graciousness that endears you to all.

Calvin Coolidge left a great lesson to our government in "common sense." Yours is just as great a lesson to your sex, a homely loveliness, and, above all, a consideration for the feelings of others, which constitutes a "real" lady, be she pauper or queen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2007 MR. ROGERS JOINS THE HUDDLE OF EXPERTS WITH A NEW PLAN FOR WORLD RECOVERY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 9. – If ten men went on a hunting trip you would soon learn which was the best cook and which the surest hunter to bring in the meat. You would find that each excelled in something that was useful to all.

Now, nations are just so many men like these. Each can produce something better and cheaper than the rest. Maybe it's by nature, climate, talent or thrift.

The United States, Canada, Argentina and Russia could furnish the wheat, a set amount each, at a set price, which is profitable and livable to the producer. Cotton and meat producing countries the same way. In exchange for this, Germany could be allowed exclusiveness for the things she excels in, France for her luxuries, England, Japan and all of 'em the same.

Even every little nation has something they could make a good living on if given an exclusive world market at a reasonable price.

Why is it if I raise something and you make something, can't we made

a trade? Why do I have to attempt making "at" what you make, and you have to try to raise what I raise on land that's not suitable.

Now don't write any letters telling me "your plan won't work." I know it won't, too. It will never be tried.

You ask, "What's the joke of it?" Well, here's the joke:

Among the commodities which we could prove we excelled in is officeholders and politicians. Along with a free market for our wheat, meat, cotton and automobiles, we could send 'em all the politicians they need. For instance, Russia some Senators for some vodka, little Nicaragua some Congressmen for some bananas.

I tell you, the whole fool scheme is worth trying, just for the sake of this last part. If we can furnish the world with our politicians, we can compete with 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2008 MR. ROGERS HAS A PLAN TO WIN KIND WORDS FROM G. B. SHAW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 10. – Bernard Shaw stopped over just long enough to make one speech in Bombay, India, started a war and 100 Indians killed each other.

That's what I call good speech-making. The only enthusiasm any of our speakers can rouse is a demand to kill the speaker.

Shaw is headed for Hollywood. We will buy one of his scenarios and he will just love us.

They've got the beer thing so muddled up in this session of Congress that it looks like the people will get to vote on it again in the next campaign.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2009 WILL ROGERS AGAIN FALLS BACK ON THE PRESS FOR AMMUNITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 11. – Well, let's see what we can read in our daily paper and then agitate folks' breakfast with in the morning.

"Democrats in clash in Senate; Carter Glass and Huey Long fight over banks." Get your Senate gallery seats now for the next four years, for there is going to be fun and amusement for everybody. Bring the kiddies. Arguing over banks, I didn't know there was any left.

"Debt issue flares up again in Paris." It flares, but it didn't flare up enough to do us any financial good. Even at a French statesman's salary, it will cost France more than 20 million a year just to argue over it.

"Japan takes another hunk of China." That's a daily headline we don't pay any attention to any more. Japan's alibis are the most interesting and unique things about that war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2010 MR. ROGERS CANNOT FATHOM THE MIND OF A LAME –

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 12. - See where Arizona voted to do away with the "lame duck" Congress. If you don't know what a "lame duck" Congress is, it's the type of congress they are holding now, where nobody is going to try to do anything till another Congress is called.

Why this administration wants to stick in there till the last dog is hung and take this punishment is hard to understand.

It's like a troop of actors getting hissed off the stage but insisting on staying on because they had a two week's contract.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2011 WILL ROGERS THINKS HUEY A MATCH FOR WHOLE SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 13. – Senate arguing over "who is to make refunds on income taxes, the Senate or the Treasury Department." Simplify the tax so that folks can tell what to pay and what not to pay and neither need make any refund.

"Japan takes Je-whole of what? China?

"Senate still in filibuster."

Imagine just ninety-five Senators trying to out-talk Huey Long. That many can't get him warmed up, and Huey has got just enough of a sprinklin' of the truth of what has been going on in our high finance that Wall Street is just on the verge of calling him a "menace."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2012 MR. ROGERS SEES THE KINGFISH AS OUR NATIONAL EMBLEM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 15. – Well, the "Huey Long session" of Congress goes into its seventh week tomorrow.

The Senate's principal claim to distinction has been that they have a rule where a man can talk as long as he wants to about anything he wants to. And they have worried the American taxpayer to death with that rule.

Now to have somebody come in that can talk them ragged, like they been doing to the country, why Huey is our hero. If he was the means of making 'em change that rule, the kingfish would replace the American eagle as our national emblem.

So, sic 'em, Huey! It's good to hear a new voice anyway.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2013 MR. ROGERS, SINGING IN THE RAIN SOUNDS A WARNING TO FLORIDA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 16. – California is happy today. It's raining! It's raining!

That might mean just another mud hole to some places, but brother, when you haven't seen a drop of water that hasn't come through a faucet in ten months, why rain looks like a miracle from the Democrats. May it keep up as long as Huey Long. Long live the Democrats!

Give California two months of rain in the year, and nothing can stop us but lack of adjectives.

So, look out Florida. California is "all wet" and when she is all wet" she is hard to compete with.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2014 MR. ROGERS TRIES TO ANSWER A FEW QUERIES ON HUEY LONG

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 17. – Say, I got a good one on "Huey."

The very best female scenario writer at our studio said to me yesterday, "Who is this Chinaman, Huey Long, that you been writing about talking in the Senate? Do they let Chinamen in there, and how did they understand what he was saying?"

Now, that sounds funny, but try to answer it and it's not so funny.

First, of course, Huey is not a Chinaman.

"How did he get into the Senate?" Well, he got in over Carter Glass's veto.

"And did they understand what he was saying?" And that's the hard part to answer. "Did they understand him?" Well, it's always been a question whether it made any difference whether you did or didn't understand what any Senator was saying. Most people have just become reconciled to 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2015 MR. ROGERS SUMS UP THE TASK THAT CONFRONTS THE FILIPINOS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 18. – Everything is different nowadays, even the way a country gets its freedom.

We give the Philippines twelve years. In two years they are to have a Constitution that is suitable to us. I hope they make it. Ours after 150 years is not suitable to us.

They owe us some money so we bet their freedom against ten years that they can't pay us that. We can't pay our national debt in 100 years.

So, here is all they got to do to get their freedom. Get a Constitution that will suit Democrat and Republican, pay all their debts and keep out of the clutches of Japan.

That's what I call a sporting offer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2016 MR. ROGERS SUMS UP OUR ILLS AND SETS FORTH THE CAUSES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal.,.Jan. 19. – Here is how this two-headed President thing works out.

We have a President that's in, but has no authority; a President that's out, but has no authority; a Senate that's in, but has no leader; a House that's in, but has been voted out; a budget that both sides are afraid to try to balance; debts that are owed us that will never be paid, and debts that we owe which we keep adding to.

We are sore at Japan because they took Manchuria; sore at the world because they won't disarm. In fact, we are just sore at ourselves because we muddled everything up, and in the midst of it all we tell the Philippines "what constitutes liberty."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2017 ROGERS DOUBTS WE GET VALUE FOR THAT INCREASE IN TAXES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 20. – The No. 2 President went down to Washington to confer with Huey Long and Herbert Hoover. With Hoover about firewood in the White House basement and Long on international and national affairs.

Every U. S. Citizen is taxed $77 a head. That's $10 more than last year. Every wage earner has been cut from 10 to 50 per cent, but the cost of being governed has taken a 12 1/2 per cent raise.

Then you hear birds say, "All you need to restore prosperity is confidence." Yeah? Well, you will help restore prosperity if you put taxes in proportion to the benefits you receive for them, the same as any other commodity. Did you receive $10.00 more protection this year than last?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2018 MR. ROGERS GETS A NEW SLANT AT THE PEAKS OF THE SIERRAS

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 22. – Fastest air trip I ever made in a commercial plane, Los Angeles to Sacramento, 411 miles, in two hours flat. That's two five an hour. It was on the Varney line, Lockheed plane, Pilot Taft. Flying part of the Sierras, all snow-capped, at that speed was more of a kick than the Andes at about ninety miles.

Another big bank failure. Suppose the Fire Department was run like a bank. A fire examiner finds a small fire and goes back from time to time to see it getting bigger. Then, just as there is nothing left but the chimney he notifies the department, "we better see what we can save for those people?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2019 MR. ROGERS SLIPS UP IN FRONT OF HIS REAL CHECKER-UPPERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 23. – Here's one on me for the book.

My wife and my sister from Oklahoma was reading and lamenting the "Scotty farewell," both agreeing it was too bad and that he was wonderful.

I lay down a Huey Long speech and say, "What do you mean farewell? I was up to his house two months ago."

"Why, you weren't, you didn't see him. You don't know him. You haven't been out of this canyon. He is going back to Italy. He has sung his last."

"Italy? Sing? He can't sing and don't know where Italy is, but he does know more about Death Valley than anybody living, and don't worry about old Death Valley Scotty. He will get along."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2020 MR. ROGERS CALLS ON EVERY ONE TO GIVE THE SENATE A BIG HAND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 24. – Well, this is not only the lamest lame duck Congress, but it's our last lame duck Congress.

States stayed up all night in order to be able to ratify it, and here it was turned down by Congress six years in a row.

But, we got to give the old Senate credit. They passed it every year. So, quit knocking the Senate. They were six years ahead of the House. Give the Senate a great big hand.

If the House had followed out the people's wish like the Senate did, this session of Congress which is being held now just for amusements sake, would not have been held, and we would have been just three months nearer prosperity, or posterity, or whatever it is we are headed for.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2021 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES SILVER, STRAYING KIN AND A NEW SONG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 25. – On account of it being the only kind of money that 80 per cent of our people ever handle, they want to see silver given a real value. But Congress wants to keep it as it is, just to pound up and use as a wedding present.

See where the Roosevelts, even down unto the fifth cousins, are straying back into the fold. Nothing will bring back distant kin folks like the news spreading that you got a job.

The very popular wife of a very popular retiring Cabinet member has written a song, "My Homeland."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2022 WILL ROGERS PUTS HIS FAITH IN THE BANK BILL'S AUTHOR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 26. – Glass banking bill passed the Senate. During the long argument over it so much was printed about what Huey said that the newspapers never did print what the bill said. We just trust to the good banking judgment of Carter Glass to have something worth while. Glass is an absolute authority on money, and it's astonishing that the Republicans were never able to win him over.

France wants to get in on the debt settlement. On account of them paying nothing as it is under the new settlement we are to start paying them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2023 ROGERS LINKS TECHNOCRACY AND LAME-DUCK CONGRESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 27. – Saw today the first picture of the two men who manufacture technocracy.

My faith in the thing, which had started at nothing and grown less by leaps and bounds, took another nose dive. History will record as follows:

"Early in 1933 America sorely pressed economically and their sense of humor lost in a mad whirl of grappling at anything offering relief, took two events seriously, a thing called technocracy and a thing called a lame-duck Congress. Both tried to save the country by a confusion of words, words, words. With not an idea in a carload. Both of these afflictions passed out simultaneously."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2024 MR. ROGERS TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO THE DOINGS AT WASHINGTON

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 29. – The British Ambassador is a mighty popular man, guest of the Senate, guest of the President that's on deck waiting to go to bat. The poor French Ambassador, you can't help but feel kinder sorry for him, he is still in the dog house.

A Senator named Tydings the other day introduced a bill where the government couldn't appropriate more money than was coming in. That is, if you didn't have any money you could not dole out any.

Well the Senate like to mobbed him. They called the idea treason, sacreligious, inhuman and taking the last vestige of power for a politician, that is, the right to appropriate your money which you don't have.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2025 MR. ROGERS SIZES UP THE NEWS FROM AN ENTIRELY NEW ANGLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 30. – Well, let's see what we got in today's press that will stand up till tomorrow.

"Hundreds marooned by snow in Southern California mountains."

Well that will be melted by tomorrow.

"France throws overboard another government."

Well that won't stand up for another day, and neither will their new government.

"Roosevelt and Ambassador Lindsay of Great Britain reach understanding."

Well that won't stand up any longer than the Senate hears about it.

"Henry Ford licks the bankers again."

Well that's not news. He has always licked 'em. If more concerns were owned individually like his and not formed just to sell stock, we would be better off. If your business is any good, why do you want to let everybody in on it?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2026 MR. ROGERS CITES THE GRAVITY OF A CALIFORNIA SNOWSTORM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal. Jan. 31. – My snow that was to melt yesterday didn't melt. It was unusual snow.

You see the Chamber of Commerce had led these folks to the mountains. (You can always trace all devilment to a Chamber of Commerce.) The chamber didn't figure it would snow, because they had passed no resolution demanding snow. But it did snow.

Well, you take a Southern Californian and put him in a snow drift, or anywhere else where he can't see a filling station or a cafeteria, and he is ready to write out his will. There wasn't a suit of long underwear in the bunch. Now we got to set 'em under these orange trees for three months to thaw 'em out.

We can and do live on climate but it takes a real Northerner to digest those snowballs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2027 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 1. – The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is made up of fine men, honest, and mean well and if it was water they were distributing it would help the people the plan was meant to help. For water goes down hill and moistens everything on its way, but gold or money goes uphill. The Reconstruction loaned the railroads money, medium and small banks money, and all they did with it was pay off what they owed to New York banks. So the money went uphill instead of down. You can drop a bag of gold in Death Valley, which is below sea level, and before Saturday it will be home to papa J. P.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2028 MR. ROGERS IS TIRED OF FUSS AND WORRY OVER THE DEBTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 2. – With a million and one home talent problems that ought to be worrying our lawmakers, why they are still excited about the debts. England is paid up till June, so why start worrying now about June.

Suppose the unemployed had work till June, the hungry food till June, they could rest mighty easy for awhile. But they haven't got it. But the debts are paid till June.

I bet if you diagnosed all our problems and listed 'em in the order of their importance to us right now, you would find debts awful near the bottom.

Any problem that is even temporarily settled up to four months ahead is no problem nowadays.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2029 MR. ROGERS SEES LEAGUE AND JAPAN BOTH DISGUSTED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 3. – The League of Nations don't know whether to kick Japan out or Japan don't know whether to kick the League out. They are both equally disgusted with each other.

The League as conceived is a wonderful idea, and it works on small nations, but the minute a big one wants to "gobble up" something, then they say the League is interfering.

Japan wants a "Monroe Doctrine" now, with them playing the part of Monroe, doctoring on China. Not only "doctoring," but operating.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2030 WILL ROGERS RECALLS OPINION OF COOLIDGE REGARDING SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 5. – Funny thing, in the same paper Saturday that told about the Senate vs. Honesty, the Coolidge auto-biography in that very day's installment said: "If the Senate has weakness it's because the people send men lacking in ability and character, but that this is not the fault of the Senate, it can't choose its members. It has to work with what is sent to it. When I was elected Vice President I was going to learn the rules of the Senate, then I found that the Senate had but one rule and that was that the Senate would do anything it wanted to do whenever it wanted to do it."

.Now there's the words of a man that listened to 'em for two years and argued with 'em for six.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2031 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 6. – That was an impressive ceremony over the radio today held in the House of Representatives to pay a beautiful tribute to the memory of Calvin Coolidge. The law-makers gathered in that body today can pay more homage to a President in death, and deal him more misery in life than happens in any civilized nation. After the Massachusetts jurist's fine oration on Mr. Coolidge's achievements, we listened breathlessly for a moment for fear some Senator would get up, (just out of force of habit) and denounce the oration as being, "partisan, misleading and made in the interest of the opposing party." And Mr. Hoover sitting there thinking "I have to die to get this."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2032 MR. ROGERS JOINS THE ARMY OF DEPRESSION DIAGNOSTICIANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 7. – One of my broadminded papers wired me, "Didn't use your article today because you attacked credit and loans."

Well, credit means interest, and I will attack interest because interest attacks me and you. Not only attacks us, but has what you might call a constant attack.

There is not a man that's in the hole today but can look back and with the first guy had never loaned him anything. Any loan made was either to pay off another loan or to expand. It'd been better if we had let the first guy foreclose on us and shrunk instead of trying to expand.

Depression ain't nothing but old man interest just gnawing away at us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2033 MR. ROGERS REJOICES TO HEAR THAT THE SENATE IS NOT GUILTY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 8. – Glad to see the old U. S. Senate come clear like it did.

We all felt that in a good fair trial with all the evidence brought out on both sides that she would clear her fair name. And sho' nuf she did it.

She just got right up and said, "I am not guilty," and said it so convincingly that she made her own members (which was the jury) believe it.

Mr. Barry takes up journalism exclusively now, and the next sergeant-at-arms engaged will be a blind man. Then there will be no writing about what he sees.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2034 MR. ROGERS REVEALS NEW WOE WHICH PLAGUES HOLLYWOOD

BEVERLY HILL, Cal., Feb. 9. – England had no idea they would kick up such a fuss just by suggesting that they settle in cash. The Senate howled, "How dare you offer us cash?" so I guess England will have to keep on owing us.

Here is one for the book. Hollywood is having its first divorce forced on it. That old rich Oklahoma Indian that lives out here, the government wants him to divorce his wife. Well, they are happy and don't want to be divorced. The government claims they could pick him out a cheaper wife. He says he don't want a cheap wife. I imagine the Indian agents would like to marry him themselves.

So poor old Hollywood they won't let you live happy if you want to.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2035 WILL ROGERS SEES CHANCE NOW FOR REAL PRESIDENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 10. – See in all the papers today about making Mr. Roosevelt a President instead of just a man that sends plans up to Congress for the fun of leaving them vetoed. Now you will hear the wail go up, "We are not ready in this free country for a Mussolini."

Say, Mussolini could run this country with his eyes shut. In fact, that's the way our Congress has been running it. Mussolini, with no money, no natural resources, no nothing, has kept his country going; while us, with a surplus of everything under the sun, are mangy with Representatives and liberty. But we can't digest either one of 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers

2036 MR. ROGERS SIZES UP AGAIN THE MUDDLE IN THE FAR EAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 12. – The League told Japan to get out of Manchuria and Japan says, "Yeah?"

The League suggested that wet nursing of it be turned over to America and Russia. Neither one belongs to the League.

That's like a policeman turning a desperate criminal over to a couple of civilians and telling 'em, "Here, you watch this fellow. I am busy."

Europe must sit up at night just thinking of ways to get us in worse than we are, if possible.

When Russia is ready, she will go down and look after Manchuria without our aid.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2037 MR. ROGERS TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO THE WORLD'S NAVAL NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 13. – Holland had a mutiny on one of her battleships. Now she is about to have one on their other one.

Our navy is out at sea in the Pacific trying to solve what they call Problem 14. They better see if they are going to be able to solve Problem 13 first. Problem 13 is to get the government to give 'em enough money to have a navy.

If Problem 13 ain't solved, they better just go to Japan and say, "We will give you California, but you got to take their Chamber of Commerce and Hollywood." That would start Japan to thinking.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2038 MR. ROGERS SUFFERS A BLOW IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 14. – Mr. Hoover who we looked to for a little encouragement in his radio talk gave us the worst news that's hit us yet. He said the Republicans are coming back.

And, by the way, here is one thing I want somebody to explain to me: Why is it, during a campaign, after a campaign, or at any other time, why can't our Presidents speak of each other by name and say, "Well, I wish Mr. So-and-so well. He is a fine man and will make you a good President."

Or, to have the victor say, "He had a hard time, and did the very best he could have under the circumstances."

Even small town Mayors have been known to speak of each other complimentary, but if Presidents ever did, I think we would drop dead.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2039 MR. ROGERS GIVES SOME ADVICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 15. – This depression must have finally hit the Senate. They are investigating it.

If they want to know what is holding back relief measures, all they got to do is look in the mirror.

Papers today stated that Mr. Hoover is going to issue a denunciation of Congress and the Senate. Denounce 'em? Everybody is surprised he hasn't shot 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2040 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 16. – I never saw in any of our papers whether this Italian fellow was a citizen or not. If he wasn't it looks like they would have a way of deporting everybody that didn't belong here. All the good Italians in the country, (and there is many of them fine citizens) they would be tickled to death if all their renegade countrymen were out of here, for they have done nothing but bring disgrace on their whole race. And poor Tony Cermak, a fine fellow. I never went through Chicago that I didn't see him. And he was so proud of President Roosevelt. When he flew out there to accept the nomination Tony drove him all over Chicago to show him what a city he had, while thousands were waiting in the hall.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2041 MR. ROGERS THINKS THE SENATE HAS A TOUGH JOB IN LOUISIANA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 17. – The United States Senate is holding some kind of investigation down in Louisiana.

From what we can gather from the evidence, the investigation is held to determine who is the biggest liar in Louisiana, and with the amount of competitors they are having a tough time finding out.

A repeal of prohibition was passed by the people last November. It finally reached the Senate yesterday. News travels fast in this country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2042 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO "GENTLEMAN JIM" CORBETT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 19. – Jim Corbett, Gentleman Jim, truly a title earned and maintained through life.

My acquaintance with Corbett has been nearly twenty-five years, as he was a great friend of Fred Stone's, who is a great friend of mine. Fred was a great boxer. Corbett always said he would have been middleweight champion if he had taken up that line.

Corbett brought boxing out of the saloon into respectability. He would have been a credit to the ministry, to industry, to teaching, to anything, the same as he was to boxing, a great credit to the stage. He was a splendid actor, perhaps the best straight man that any comedian ever worked with.

He never spoke ill of any man. A career lived in good will and ended in glory.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2043 MR. ROGERS CITES AN EXAMPLE OF OLD-TIME COMMON SENSE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 20. – Remember my old rich "Injun" that I was telling you about the government wanting him to get a divorce because he lived in Hollywood?

Well, they pulled one better than that the other day. They tried to prove that he wasn't in his right mind because one time when his car stalled and they couldn't get it going he traded it for an old pony, got on him and rode off. And they call that crazy.

If everybody did that, they would be out of debt in a couple of years. Just think, no gas, no tires, no roads to pay for.

Why, instead of prosecuting the old Indian they ought to erect a monument to him for being that far ahead of his time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2044 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 21. – Carter Glass when he told the Senate that the whole Reconstruction finance thing was bad, told them what every Senator knew in his heart, but didn't have the nerve to say. Every man, every industry in the United States was hit by depression. Before you start dealing out public funds to help, you should have first found out have we enough money to give aid to every one, every industry, if not, I am not going to give part of them a sandwich and leave the rest go hungry. But no, they didn't do that. They just started right in by helping the bankers, so every man, woman and child in the U. S. thinks, and rightfully so, that they have got as much right to get some sort of government aid as the bankers. Due to the lack of foresight of our lawmakers, the bankers, the railroads, and big business got the first U. S. dole, and it will never be finished till the last one hundred and twenty million reach in and get theirs, because they feel they got it coming. No wonder Glass was too smart to be Treasurer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2045 MR. ROGERS SEEMS TO APPROVE OF THE EARLY CABINET CHOICES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 22. – Well, for breakfast this morning we got three new Cabinet officers.

Cordell Hull is a mighty fine, able man. Ever since I been going to political conventions, no matter who the rest of the world nominated, Jefferson, Jackson, Wilson, Smith or Roosevelt, Tennessee went for Cordell Hull. Their loyalty has been rewarded. Secretary of State is quite a chore in these times.

This fellow Woodin that has inherited the deficit, I don't know him, but I, along with everybody, rush to offer him condolence. Accepting receivership of the U. S. is also no small chore.

Swanson for the navy post is ideal. He did inherit a navy if Congress don't kill it with no appropriations.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2046 MR. ROGERS DECIDES TO GIVE THE WHOLE CABINET HIS O. K.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 23. – Say, that list of new Cabinet members sent everybody scurrying through Who's Who, World's Almanac and the United States finger print department trying to find out who they were.

The forgotten man has been found, and there was nine of 'em and a woman.

So we open March 4th with the "unknown Cabinet." The rogues gallery photographs show us that three of 'em escaped from the Senate. That's like going to the old man's home to get an athlete.

But I believe they are going to be all right. They all got their reputation to make, which is better than feeling that they have one already made.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2047 WILL ROGERS HAILS DOUGLAS, NIGHT WATCHMAN OF BUDGET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 24. – A lot of you are asking today, "Douglas, Douglas, who in the world is this Douglas that they have appointed night watchman of the budget?"

Well, there is one guy I can tell you about. I know him. He is the only Congressman from Arizona. Incidentally, every State ought to only have one. Arizona does better with one than N. Y. does with 45.

Douglas is a mighty able young man, a great grandson of Stephen A. Douglas. Douglas, Ariz., was named for him.

The budget is a mythical bean bag. Congress votes mythical beans into it, and then tries to reach in and pull real beans out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2048 WILL ROGERS GIVES HIS CURE FOR THE FAR EAST TROUBLE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 26. – We never had a greater example of why there will always be war than we are having right now.

Twenty-one nations of the League denounce Japan's Chinese invasion, and the United States, while not a member, also agrees with them.

Now, all in the world they got to do to stop it instantly is to agree to not trade with an aggressor nation, meaning Japan, but they won't sacrifice their

trade just to save bloodshed.

The League has got the weapon to stop war, but try and get the nations to give up that trade. What's a few thousand dead Chinamen compared to Japan as a cash customer?

Yours,

Will Rogers

2049 WILL ROGERS SAYS WE THINK OF OURSELVES LATE IN THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 27. – There wasn't a soul in America that when they picked up their paper today didn't utter the same expression "well, that's too bad," when they read that Mayor Cermak had pneumonia.

Lot of States and places are calling a moratorium on debts, taxes, banks, it takes us so long to think of anything for ourselves.

Funny we thought of it for Europe, but not for ourselves. Why pour all that reconstruction money into a bank when all you had to say was "We are going to pay you but as we are able to pay you out."

Yours,

Will Rogers

2050 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 28. – England says "We won't sell war materials to Japan as she has been proven the aggressor nation." We say, "Well, that would be taking sides." We want to be in the position where we can sell to both sides. Then they wonder why Europe thinks we are always out for the dough. Let's don't kid ourselves, we are out for it a lot of the time. England tries to stop war, we try to stop disarmament. One fellow tries to stop the actual fight, we try to regulate the number of bullets he shall have after the fight starts. Take your pick as to who is the humanitarian.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2051 ROGERS COMMENTS ON BANKS, HENRY FORD AND AL SMITH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 1. - I hear the inauguration is to be put off three weeks on account of the budget. Every time Detroit outgrows Henry

Ford he has to go in and save 'em again. He is going to have a bank where you can leave your money and come back and find it before the banker does.

Al Smith told exactly what his ideas were on every important question. No wonder he can't be elected. Imagine a man in public office that everybody knew where he stood. We wouldn't call him a statesman, we would call him a curiosity.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2052 WILL ROGERS SHOWS A FLASH OF CALIFORNIA'S HOLIDAY SPIRIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 2. – 'Twas a lovely morning sun shining bright. Arthur Brisbane and the fleet had just returned from somewhere, orange juice was in every glass, cameras were oiled and ready to crank on beautiful screen stars, the birds were singing in the eucalyptus trees.

The birds were singing, why? Because they couldn't read the papers. The papers said the bank clerks had worked so hard lately that they should have a holiday.

So, as we are all on a holiday, let's take it on the chin and grin. The Rogers having laid in no supplies against such an emergency will be living on horse meat as that's our sole product.

I love horses and I only ask, don't let me know which one we are eating today.

I hear they have called a moratorium on inaugurations.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2053 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE PEOPLE CARRYING ON IN A FINE SPIRIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 3. – Bankers, this moratorium you have asked for, everybody is joining in good faith, and with fine spirit.

The ones that had a little money have taken as their example the unemployed who have grinned and took it on the chin all this time. While being a victim of our country, the unemployed have been a credit.

Now the bankers say if we will bear with 'em they will work it out, and

we are going to give 'em every change. BUT, (get that but in there with capital letters) if they are handing us the baloney, why then we will know for sure what this country needs. It will need new bankers.

Everybody is doing what you bankers ask, but remember we are watching you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

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2054 WILL ROGERS SEES THE NATION UNITED AND EVEN HAPPY AGAIN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 5. – America hasn't been as happy in three years as they are today.

No money, no banks, no work, no nothing, but they know they got a man in there who is wise to Congress, wise to our big bankers and wise to our so-called big men.

The whole country is with him. Even if what he does is wrong they are with him. Just so he does something. If he burned down the Capitol we would cheer and say, "Well, we at least got a fire started anyhow." We have had years of "Don't rock the boat," go on and sink it if you want to, we just as well be swimming as like we are.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2055 MR. ROGERS HAILS THE ADVENT OF A SUBSTITUTE FOR MONEY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 6. – Everybody is all excited over "scrip." We are all for it. The way it sounds all you need is a fountain pen and a prescription blank. That's what we been looking for for years, a substitute for money.

Say this Roosevelt is a fast worker. Even on Sunday when all a President is supposed to do is put on a silk hat and have his picture taken coming out of Church, why this President closed all the banks and called Congress in extra session, and that's not all he is going to call 'em either if they don't get something done.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – So come on with your scrip. The psychology of the stuff not being actual money is going to make everybody want to buy something.

2056 WILL ROGERS WRITES EPITAPHS FOR TWO GREAT AMERICANS

BEVERLY HILLS, CaL, March 7. – "I am glad it was me instead of you, Mr. President."

I hope they use that. No tombstone in America could carry a finer tribute. His courage, his fighting spirit were great, but most of all his devotion to his family during his battle for life endeared Mayor Cermak to his adopted country.

On another train returning home forever goes Tom Walsh to Montana. His epitaph might read "Fairness lost a friend, crookedness lost an enemy."

But it's only the inspiration of those who die that make thosewho live realize what constitutes a useful life.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2057 MR. ROGERS NEVER SAW A NATION SO TICKLED WITH ITS POVERTY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 8. – It's surprising how little money we can get along on. Let the banks never open. Let scrip never come. Just everybody keep on trusting everybody else.

Why it's such a novelty to find that somebody will trust you that it's changed our whole feeling toward human nature. Why never was our country so united, never was a country so tickled with their poverty.

For three years we have had nothing but "America is fundamentally sound." It should have been "America is fundamentally cuckoo."

The worse off we get the louder we laugh, which is a great thing. And every American international banker ought to have printed on his office door "Alive today by the grace of a nation that has a sense of humor."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2058 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT CRITICAL OF THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 9. – Say, while you are giving credit for all this bank holiday, remember it was an old ex-cowpuncher, Governor Balzar of Nevada, that started it away last Summer, and if everybody would have done it then the banks would have had a whole lot more to divide up than they will have now.

But that is one thing you would have never got a Republican administration to do, voluntarily close a bank. Their theory was leave 'em open till they shut.

We can think of the most things that would benefit the patient, but we never think of 'em till we see the hearse going by.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2059 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 10. – Say, didn't the Rockefellers (through their hired man, Mr. Aldrich) throw a custard pie right in the face of the Morgan banking outfit. Why if the Chase National turns "square" and removes itself from security companies, (that's the bank's roulette wheel) it will be a death blow to modern banking. Imagine a bank just having to live on interest alone. Removing their security or holding companies is like taking the loaded dice away from a crap shooter.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2060 MR. ROGERS VIEWS THE QUAKE FROM A PHILOSOPHIC ANGLE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 12. – Bless Arthur Brisbane's loyal heart, he tried to say it wasn't an earthquake. He said the buildings were non-union construction and the people were killed through a sudden stroke of old age.

But he didn't know that our California papers had turned frank and just said:

"We had an earthquake. It was no fire, no tidal wave, no act of the Democratic party, it was just an old fashioned earthquake."

You see the Lord in his justice works everything on a handicap basis. California having the best of everything else must take a slice of the calamities. Even my native Oklahoma (the Garden of Eden of the West) has a cyclone. Kansas, while blessed with its grasshoppers, must endure its politicians. New York with its splendorshas its Wall Street, and Washington, the world's most beautiful city, has a lobbyist crawling out to attack you from every manhole. Even J. P. Morgan is not sitting as pretty as he was.

So every human and every place is equal after all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2061 WILL ROGERS CLAPS HANDS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 13. – Mr. Roosevelt stepped to the microphone last night and knocked another home run. His message was not only a great comfort to the people, but it pointed a lesson to all radio announcers and public speakers what to do with a big vocabulary, leave it at home in the dictionary.

Some people spend a lifetime juggling with words, with not an idea in a carload.

Our President took such a dry subject as banking, (and when I say "dry" I mean dry, for if it had been liquid he wouldn't have had to speak on it at all).

Well he made everybody understand it, even the bankers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2062 WILL ROGERS IS READY TO GO THE WHOLE ROUTE, REGARDLESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 14. – I don't know what additional authority Roosevelt may ask, but give it to him, even if it's to drown all the boy babies, for the way the grown up ones have acted, he will be perfectly justified in drowning any new ones.

So, viva Roosevelt, and, banzai everything.

It just shows you what a country can do when you take their affairs out of the hands of Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2063 WILL ROGERS FINDS IT HELPS TO DWELL ON OUR OWN WOES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 15. – My bank opened today. In-stead of being there to draw my little dab out, I didn't even go to town. Shows you I heard Roosevelt on the radio.

Bankers should have over their desks this motto, "God bless Roosevelt, God bless radio, and then, P. S. God bless interest."

But I am telling you that Roosevelt should come ahead of interest. All in the world it took to do these things was to forget about war debts, disarmament, China's plight, Germany's plight, and just concentrate one week on "America's plight."

America can carry herself and get along in pretty fair shape, but when she stops and picks up the whole world and puts it on her shoulders she just can't "get it done."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2064 WILL ROGERS LOOKS AT THINGS WITH AN AIR OF SATISFACTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 16. – The millinium (whatever that is) has arrived.

On a Senate vote on economy only thirteen Senators voted that they could run the country better than the President, among 'em Huey Long and Champ Clark.

California passed the racing bill. Maybe Texas, the greatest horse-raising State in the Union, will allow one to run for his oats.

Beer is coming back, wine is coming back, Greta Garbo is coming back, Sister Aimee is coming back.

Senators' salaries cut 15 per cent, that's fair, movie salaries cut 50 per cent (not so hot), newspaper columnists' salaries cut (that's a crime), stage comedians' salaries cut (that ain't fair), but if Roosevelt says it is, why it's O. K.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2065 WILL ROGERS FINDS THINGS 'NEVER WAS LOOKING BETTER'

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 17. – I tell you things never was looking better. And Congress! I want to go on record as giving those rascals a world of credit. They have reformed and they look like they are sorry for what they have done for years.

Nowadays Mr. Roosevelt just makes out a little list of things every morning that he wants them to do (kinder like a housewife's menu list), and for the first time in their lives they are acting like United States citizens and not like United States Senators or Congressmen.

There has never been anything radically wrong with our lawmakers only they thought they were thinking. Now we got a man to do their thinking for 'em, and the whole country is better off.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2066 MR. ROGERS SEES A NATION OF ARITHMETICAL TIPPLERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 19. – If the beer is three and a fraction per cent alcoholic and you want to get 100 percent drunk, why all you're going to have to do is drink thirty-three and a third glasses; 50 per cent drunk, sixteen and a half glasses...

We will be the only country in the world where you can just regulate your intoxication by arithmetic. You say to some friends "Let's go out and have a 10 per cent good time." So you get out your pencils and find that's only three glasses so you all decide to raise it to a 20 per cent party. A wife will bawl out "John, you have had 12 1/2 per cent too much now."

From the looks of it the Treasury is going to get a bigger kick out of it than the drinkers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2067 WILL ROGERS HAILS A MOVE LAUNCHED BY A FLORIDA CITY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 20. – There is no end to the blessings that this fellow Roosevelt has indirectly brought about.

Orlando, Florida, has saw (or has seen) the light and has suspended six civic (eating) clubs and one Chamber of Commerce for sixty days.

Now there is an injunction that should be made permanent. This country just civic luncheoned itself into depression. If they will all go home and eat with their own families, they will not only get their first good lunch in years, but will be surprised how much more intelligently their own wife can talk than the "speaker of the day."

God bless Orlando, Florida.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2068 WILL ROGERS IS IN FAVOR OF A WIDER INCOME TAX

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 21. – Here is a heartbreaking thing for an income-tax payer to relate.

Did you notice in this the worst year in history that the receipts from the income tax doubled over last year? Well, that kinder knocks into a cock hat the idea that if you taxed incomes too much there wouldn't be any.

That is a lot of hooey. Folks that can earn money will earn it, no matter what percentage they themselves get out of it, but you must always remember the government has left one loophole open for those with money, and that is the tax-exempt bonds.

So our financial ills will never be settled till you fix it so every man will pay an income tax on what he earns, be it a farm, grocery store or municipal or government bonds.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2069 MR. ROGERS GIVES A FORMULA FOR AVOIDANCE OF BAD NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 22. – Here is a suggestion that will help you all out of a lot of anxiety and anguish in case your town or district should be hit by some disaster.

Run quick and turn off the radio, otherwise you will hear where your own home has been swept away by the flood, you have been lost in the fire and your husband kidnapped.

We had an earthquake here. That's all we had (which was plenty) but that wasn't enough news for the radio. They added "oil wells overflowing and on fire, a city burning to the ground" and as a P.S. "a tidal wave coming in from the ocean."

So, in case of disaster, run (don't walk) to the nearest radio and turn it off, for they take delight in killing you, whether you have been killed or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2070 MR. ROGERS GIVES DEMOCRATS CREDIT FOR KILLING TWO FADS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 23. – These Democrats are going so fast they are relieving the same man twice before they know it. The House passed the farm relief bill and now are starting on an unemployment relief bill.

Well the farm relief bill relieves the unemployed, it gives everybody that isn't working a job to watch the farmer and see that he don't put in any more rows of potatoes than he did in 1921. It should be called the "Sherlock Holmes bill." It creates 5,000,000 Democratic detectives.

But anyhow, the Democrats have justified their existence; for there are two words we haven't heard uttered in three weeks. One is "Republican" and the other is "Technocrat."

Did you ever see two fads pass out as quick?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2071 WILL ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY ONE GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 24. – Bernard Shaw, you let me come to your home in London, talk to you for a long time. I always said I never met a man I didn't like. You would all like Shaw if you met him, that is everybody that is fair and honest with themselves.

You won't be able to figure him out, and that makes the smart fellows sore. He is one crossword puzzle that has never been worked. Writers' animosity to Shaw is that they didn't think of saying what he had already said. He is away ahead of 'em. England in all these years don't know if he's for 'em or against 'em, and a fellow Irishman knows more about him than a Zulu.

Now when a guy can do all that and put it over, give him credit. He does no harm.

Sir James Barrie told me that he was a very charitable, human man. He does much good, amuses and instructs multitudes, so as "wisecracking" is our national pastime and we have a foreigner come here who can make a sucker out of us doing it, why let's be good sports and admit it. For, as far as knowing the "real" Bernard Shaw, we haven't got a man in America that can see past his whiskers.

So, viva Bernard, look us over, and don't let our hospitality stand in the way of you telling us about what cage in the zoo we belong. It's bound to do us some good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2072 MR. ROGERS STRAYS TO ARIZONA AND PICKS UP A FEW PERSONALS

NOGALES, Ariz., March 26. – Nogales, Arizona, it's what Western towns used to be but it still is.

Had a fine visit with General Pershing at Tucson. Am mighty glad to relate to you that he is looking fine and feeling much better. It's an education to talk to him on Europe. Who have we got that should know more?

Saw Mrs. Greenway, Arizona's Mother Superior, who will perhaps and should be, Arizona's new Congresswoman.

Arizona has a fine old character for its new Governor. He is a country doctor, brought ten thousand babies into the world and when they got to voting age he ran for office.

Arizona's Legislature passed its bills and adjourned, then somebody accidentally read 'em and they was all unconstitutional and cockeyed so they want another session. But the old Doc says "No, they are liable to get 'em worse than that the next time."

There is a man that not only knows maternity but knows State Congressmen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2073 WILL ROGERS HAS THE OFFER OF A NEW JOB, HE REPORTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 27. – Papers all state Hitler is trying to copy Mussolini. Looks to me like it's the Ku Klux that he is copying. He don't want to be Emperor, he wants to be Kleagle.

But ain't it a relief to have a government over here that is going to let 'em solve their own troubles over there?

I see where he is kinder toning down on his racial and religious hatreds. If he does, that guy is liable to come through at that.

You know nobody thought the Democrats could do anything either when our old form of government was overthrown last fall. But the Democrats surprised not only the world but themselves, and now every country is trying to borrow a good Democrat to come and put 'em on their feet.

Mexico has already made me an offer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2074 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE SLUMP HAS PRODUCED REAL PATRIOTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 28. – Our country may be short of work, short of ready cash, but by golly depression has bred real patriots.

Right here in Beverly Hills (the heart of art) in the exclusive Beverly Wilshire Hotel, some friend of the common people sneaked in and stole six saxophones, four clarinets, a bull fiddle and base drum.

Our town constable is looking for him to prosecute him. The people are

looking for him to reward him.

Pardon me for bragging too quick. Just yesterday I said "Hurrah for the U. S. She is spending her time solving her own problems." I wake up today finding we are trying to get into the World Court. My error.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2075 MR. ROGERS IS GETTING WORRIED ABOUT THIS BEER BUSINESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 29. – Beer is supposed to be coming. From what I can read from all the States, nobody knows who is going to sell it, where you are supposed to get it, what it will cost, or what it will taste like.

The whole thing came up so quick that the boys can't hardly imagine how the graft will be distributed, all but New York. Tammany Hall, of course, got the privilege there.

I tell you what I will lay you a little bet on. I bet they mess this thing up so that it will do away with the passing of the real prohibition amendment.

The whole country is buying a blind horse. Suppose this stuff don't taste like we think it will.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2076 WILL ROGERS SEES THE NEED FOR MORE FORESTED AREAS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 30. – Glad to see that reforestration and employment bill pass. We got to have a lot more forests and trees, otherwise these cigarette smokers won't have anything to burn up.

Say, here is something that for the good of the Internal Revenue collectors ought to be made straight. We all kinder smile and the papers headline it any time that somebody gets a refund on their income tax. That's given wide publicity. But here is something that everybody don't know, because they are not allowed to publicize it. They collect in lots more back disputed taxes than they pay out.

It's news if you can get anything out of the government, but if the government gets anything out of you, that ain't news, that's just a habit.

But Uncle Sam has no more faithful, or fair servants.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2077 MR. ROGERS IS SURPRISED AGAIN BY OUR VERSATILE PRESIDENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 31. – This fellow Roosevelt never gets through surprising us. We just find out now that he speaks French fluently.

That's the second linguistic surprise he has handed us. The other was the night the banks closed. We knew he could speak English, but we didn't know he could talk "American" till that night.

In fact, he has got three speaking accomplishments. He is the only guy who can talk "turkey" to the Senate.

Every man gets an opportunity once in a lifetime. That little country banker in New York named Morgan has his now. If he just steps up to the Senate witness stand and can show the boys where he has a business and not a racket, why he can step down a hero; but if he can't, the boat sails Wednesday.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2078 WILL ROGERS AND LIPPMANN CAN NOW SEE GREEN LIGHTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 2. – Walter Lippmann. You all read him. If you don't you ought to. He was a Democrat before the deluge to Democracy. But his writings were so fair and impartial that Republicans used to sneak off around behind the house and read 'em. But being Republicans they never profited by his sage advice. But now they read him and weep.

Well he was out to our igloo and broke cornbread and chili with us the other day. He thinks the green lights are with us, and the only thing can stop us again is prosperity. (There is nothing that sets a nation back as far in civilization as prosperity.)

He is proud of all parties uniting during this pilgrimage of "back from gaga." He thinks that America will not only remain on the gold, but will remain on its feet, which is more important.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2079 WILL ROGERS FAVORS A JOB FOR MRS. RUTH BRYAN OWEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 3. – Ruth Bryan Owen is going as Ambassadoress to Denmark, or Sweden or Norway, or one of those. (Americans will never become civilized enough to tell a Swede from a Dane, or a Norwe-

gian from a Swede. I know the difference means a lot to them, but it just means another tall blonde to us.) Well anyhow, Roosevelt is trading Ruth to that part of the country for Greta Garbo and it's the only bad trade he has made since he got in. Ruth's got it on her any way you jump. Those three countries we have always thought a lot of (even if we don't know 'em apart). They built up our great Northwest, and when we sent the talented daughter of our Great Commoner we are giving 'em the best we got.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2080 WILL ROGERS KNOWS ONE MAN WHO DESERVES A RISE IN PAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 4. – This is a bad time to suggest a rise in salary for anybody, but there is one job that Roosevelt has created and the fellow who is doing it is underpaid, no matter what they pay him. That's the fellow that carries the messages from the White House to Congress.

There is a guy that Roosevelt is running ragged, and when he sends a message to Congress it "stays sent."

Well, beer will be here Friday with the politician replacing the bootlegger.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2081 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL MOFFET'S CAREER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 5. – Loving aviation like I do and believing in it like I do, this loss was a terrible jolt. My main friend among them was Admiral Moffett. We had been to two disarmament conferences together. I could always go to him and get a little inside news what the conference was trying to do. He was a grand soul. Moffett was the "propeller" of naval aviation.

Now don't fly off and say "that aviation is not safe or not practical." There is certain things nature can do to you, whether its an earthquake in California, a flood in Mississippi, a tornado in Ohio, or a drouth in Arkansas. When nature enters into it, don't criticize.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2082 WILL ROGERS READY TO BUY BEER FOR ALL CONGRESSMEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 6. – Well it don't make much difference what we write tonight for you folks to read tomorrow (Friday) for you won't be able to read anyhow. Nobody has any idea what this low-voltage beer will taste like, but I bet it will be mighty potent, for this guy Roosevelt hasn't pulled a bad one yet.

Another thing, too. You take those Congressmen and Senators, the fine way they been acting in this Congress they deserve a little nip. The boys have been mighty fine. We haven't heard the word Republican or Democrat in a month. They are in there really trying to help out the country. So if you are in reach of any of 'em tomorrow buy 'em a drink and send me the bill.

P. S. – This holds good up to one beer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2083 WILL ROGERS SEES THE RIGHT TO DRINK, NOT LIQUOR, WANTED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 7. – Well I can't speak with any authority on the condition of the country today, for here it is late in the afternoon and I haven't sampled a single glass of the "spirit of rejuvenated America." I have always claimed America didn't want a drink as bad as they wanted the right to take a drink if they did happen to want one.

And say, did you see what the Senate voted for yesterday, that a week's work was to consist of thirty hours, six hours a day for five days? I doubt very much if the people working will agree on an increase in time of work like that. We stick to the old American principle of only working when the boss is looking.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2084 MR. ROGERS REPORTS HOARDING ENDED OUT WEST ON FRIDAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 9. – This Roosevelt knows his human nature.

People had been pleaded with not to hoard. Laws had been pas-sed to stop it. But when Roosevelt said "Let 'em buy beer" the money come out of hoarding in a high lope.

Why out here the first few thousand cases of beer sold was paid for with silver dollars worn so thin they was pasted together like a dollar bill.

Every town of course run out of beer Friday. But Beverly Hills (always unique and extraordinary), they were the first town to run out of pretzels.

Very little intoxication over the country, and what there was was caused by people using gin as a chaser.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2085 MR. ROGERS FINDS A REASON FOR THE QUIET WEEK-END

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 10. – Beer brought on one of the most quiet week-ends we ever had, less accidents and everything. People just got full of beer and layed down and took a good nap.

I was playing polo, went to sleep, woke up and found I had been beaten. But it was all right. I did it for Roosevelt. There ain't nothing we can do too much for Roosevelt nowadays.

I tell you we never was living in a better time. We got a smart man doing our thinking for us. You see what put this country on the bum was dumb people thinking for themselves.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2086 WILL ROGERS FINDS REASON FOR A LITTLE HAND CLAPPING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 11. – Some sort of hand clapping is due the Republican Newspapers for their generous support of the administration, for nothing is as bull-headed as a party newspaper, be it Republican or Democratic. People are the first to forget party lines; newspapers are the last. This is a lesson in generosity to Democratic papers.

And, talking about newspapers. Return of beer must have given some new advertising men a job, for never was there as attractive and intelligent ads in the papers as these new beer ads.

Finally we are seeing something as an ad besides a pretty girl smoking a cigarette.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2087 WILL ROGERS FEELS A PANG OF SYMPATHY FOR CHICAGO

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 12. – Poor Chicago. The teachers are trying to get their salaries; the beer bootleggers claim they have been discriminated against, that America overnight wiped out an industry, and right in the midst of all their troubles they are hit by a world's fair.

But I believe they will come out of it. In years to come Chicago will be the biggest city in the world. Soon as Capone gets out and gets back, you will see a big difference.

Bernard Shaw lectured on "America." That's about like me lecturing on the atmospheric conditions over the South Pole.

He left by police escort for his boat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2088 WILL ROGERS IS LIQUIDATING ON THAT FREE DRINK PROMISE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 13. – Say, my beer offer the other day to buy the Senators or Congressmen a nip in return for their unlooked for public good has brought me a lot of bills. Here is one from a man in New Hampshire:

"You didn't say anything about ex-Senators, but knowing your personal regard for ex-Senator Moses, thought it would be O. K., so bought him one. The beer didn't suit him. Said he couldn't get back onto it, so had to give him something better. So enclosed bill, to one drink for Senator Moses, 50 cents, discount 40 cents, which I took care of myself, which leaves a balance due 10 cents. Moses seemed mighty satisfied with this arrangement."

That's O. K. with me. An ex-Republican Senator is worth a dime anywhere. Will do the same for Jim Watson of Indiana.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2089 ROGERS LAUDS MRS. ROOSEVELT FOR USING HORSE AND PLANE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 14. – Hurrah for the First Lady of the land. I am strong for her, she uses a horse and an airplane, the plane for business and the horse for pleasure.

You talk about beer and a lot of things coming back, say the old horse is just headed back in a high lope. Why for young folks not to be able to ride

nowadays is almost as bad as not "seeing your dentist twice a year." Hundreds of riding academys where there used to be none, and this dude ranching thing is one of the healthiest and finest vacations in the world. Think of anybody being able to be a rancher and not having to stand the loss and pay the taxes.

Mrs. Roosevelt good naturedly admitted she fell off in a mudhole. Say, if we could ever see a mudhole once more in California, we would all purposely fall off in it and wallow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2090 MR. ROGERS NEARLY RUNS OUT OF SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 16. – Since the whole country is all agreed that we are headed toward the feed trough, and since the members of Congress have been so fine and decent and the Senators have taken out United States citizenship papers and swore allegiance to our land, and since the bankers have finally seen the errors of their ways and started banking instead of gambling, there just ain't much left a poor writer to pick on.

Course, there is always Huey Long, the Japanese and the French, but the French are repenting, the Japanese have captured more than they can hold and the old "kingfish" of the Louisiana cane brakes has not been convicted by court of law.

You must always remember that in "that great fraternity, the mystic nights of the politics," there is some crookedness going on on both sides.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2091 WILL ROGERS IS THANKFUL FOR ONE FREEDOM WE HAVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 17. – Every day just shows us what a lucky country we are.

We got lots of fleas on us, and everybody is scratching to get 'em off, but there is one insect that bothers most of the world that we are at least free from and that is a newspaper press that is not free.

Everybody wants to know if the Englishmen in Russia are guilty or framed. Everybody would love to know the very facts of what is going on in Germany.

But over here you can write whatever you want to. The only trouble is getting somebody that will read it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2092 WILL ROGERS FINDS A MEETING IN KANSAS THAT INTERESTS HIM

WICHITA, Kan., April 18. – Fly at night, the air is smoother, it's cooler and the lights are wonderful. Flew from the West Coast last night over the American Airways.

The International Society for Crippled Children are in convention in this hustling little Western city. If there could be a greater organization it hasn't been invented yet. In the olden days history records they killed their cripples. And even though we don't think so sometimes, civilization has advanced.

This society has proved that all can be helped and over half can be cured. Kansas and Ohio have kinder led the field in this. If your State is not affiliated then it is not doing all that it can to help the most sympathetic invalid we have, the crippled child.

Incidentally their statistics show that they are brighter and more cheerful than their unafflicted mates. There is gameness for you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2093 MR. ROGERS FLIES MIGHTY HIGH TO DODGE THOSE TEXAS STEERS

AMARILLO, Tex., April 19. – Just flew in here, headed west.

We had to come in mighty high to dodge all the farms and ranches that were blowing around down on the lower strata. It ain't anything to be hit in the eye with a cow that is blowing with the dust from one ranch to another, but with all her dust and all her drought she is a pretty country.

This fellow Clarence Young, the head of commercial aviation, has done more for it than anybody since the Wright brothers. I don't know anything about his going to be removed for Democratic purposes, but it will take twelve Democrats to take his place.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2094 MR. ROGERS WENT OFF GOLD IN 1902, SO HE'S NOT EXCITED

WINSLOW, Ariz., April 20. – All I know is just what I read in the Albuquerque (N. M.) papers. They say we are off the gold.

Well, I am flying over Arizona and New Mexico as I write this and you could take a parachute and jump out any place.

The best way to tell when each one of us went off the gold is to figure back how many years it was since we had any. Well, that's when we went off.

The last I remember getting my clutches on was in Johannesburg, South Africa; some five-dollar English gold pieces that we carried in a belt around our waist. I used the last one to pay a third-class passage to Australia, so I went off the gold in 1902.

So this move strikes me as no great novelty or calamity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2095 WILL ROGERS REMEMBERS ONE CAMPAIGN PROMISE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 21. – Well, there just ain't much to write about today but gold and there ain't much gold to write about.

There is one good thing about this whole economic move, a dumb man knows just as much about it as a smart one does. For I bet you there is not a man in America could tell you exactly what it will lead to. For after all a printing press can make you awful rich (for a little while).

Here is something you might have forgot, in the campaign last fall the Republicans said if the Democrats got in they would inflate money, and the Democrats swore they wouldn't. But who can remember a campaign promise?

I don't know how I ever happened to remember that one. But let 'er go, we are all on a drunk for the time being anyhow and the durn thing might accidentally work permanently.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2096 MR. ROGERS WAS ONLY CONFUSED BY THIS INFLATION BUSINESS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 23. – My old friend Arthur Brisbane accused me good-naturedly of being worried over this "inflation."

I wasn't worried. I was just "confused." There is quite a difference. When

you are worried you know what you are worried about, but when you are "confused" it's when you don't know enough about a thing to be worried.

But Arthur, even my confusion is all over now. Everybody that I meet has explained this whole "inflation" thing so clearly that now I am going around explaining it myself.

You see medical science has developed two ways of actually tracing insanity. One is if the patient cuts out paper dolls or works a jig-saw puzzle, and the other is if the patient says "I will tell you what this economic business really means."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2097 WILL ROGERS IS PREPARED FOR ANY MONETARY SHIFT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 24. – I don't know whether this going off the gold is official or not.

The French have vetoed it. They claim we have no right to go off the gold and leave them high and dry on it.

It seems like if you are on the gold every nation in the world is out to get you. They all say "What's the idea of that big bum having gold? Say we will figure out a way to bump him off."

But this is a time when you got to be ready for anything. I have got some old Cherokee Indian beads, or wampum. Suppose we go off the silver, suppose we go off the paper, well, look where I will be setting with my wampum.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2098 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 25. – Every paper just keeps saying how Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. MacDonald are "in accord," and how Mr. Herriot and Mr. Roosevelt are "in accord." Now that all sounds mighty chummy and docile. But knowing Europe like we ought to know 'em, there is just a little too much "in accord." There is one awful good time to watch those babies from over there and that is when they are "in accord." But I imagine we can trust Mr. Roosevelt, while this is his first poker game with Europe, he has played with Tammany, so he is not exactly what you would call an amateur. He has seen guys pull 'em out of their sleeve before. But he has got to watch that "in accord" stuff.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2099 MR. ROGERS APPROVES HEARTILY OF ONE OF THE 'NEW DEALERS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 26. – This labor woman Perkins looks like she is not only going to do something for labor, but is going to be a real contribution to women in politics. She has put common sense ahead of lip rouge and the petticoat.

See there is a newspaper convention in New York. (They are always holding a convention of some sort some place. Lord only knows when they ever have time to write or read anything.) Well, the rascals, regardless of politics, all were unanimous in saying there was a "better feeling."

Well, a better feeling is all you want. If you feel better you are not going to die.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2100 MR. ROGERS HAS FIGURED OUT WHAT WORRIES THE NATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 27. – Governments are having the same trouble now that individuals have been having for three years, that is, trying to find out the actual value of what they have.

You don't know the value of your land, your stocks, your house, or anything. Now England and America and France have met to find out what the dollar is worth, what the pound sterling is worth, what silver is worth.

Everything is jumping up and down like an international banker at a Senatorial investigation. Nations are like a lot of women with their babies. Each thinks that theirs is the best.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2101 WILL ROGERS FLYING EAST COMMENTS ON SPEED MANIA

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 28. – Now this aviation is getting somewhere. Traveling east to do a broadcast on a Democratic President on President's Day evening. Am on one of the new Boeing ships, two-motored (not three), ten-passenger. And it really has speed for a big ship, cruises 180.

You see all our advancement in speed has been made with small single-motored ships. But now they are all out to cut down the flying time at least a third.

And by the way, the old railroad could grab off many a new customer if they would knock a third off their schedules, which they could do.

There never was such a demand for speed, for less reason. There is not a one of us that couldn't walk where we are going and then get there earlier than we have any business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2102 WILL ROGERS GOT A BIG KICK OUT OF THE GRIDIRON DINNER

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 30. – Did you ever go to a dinner and have to stand up, and not even get any dinner?

Well, I did last night, at the Gridiron dinner to President Roosevelt.

It was sure worth it. Those Washington newspaper men are the cleverest ones we have. They have the cleverest skits and take-offs on our public men. This one was a great show.

It's a pity they don't arrange to do 'em before a regular audience, for Lord, those prominent men there miss many a gag. I know a regular audience would be twice as keen and appreciative.

I think it's because each man in Washington is so engrossed in his own sphere that he is not well up on all topics as the average reader. And these sketches cover everything. Ogden Mills and the President both made good speeches.

I think those things do a lot of good to help keep those old big boys' feet on the ground.

But say, I would stand on my head to see another one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2103 WILL ROGERS REPORTS FINDING EVERY ONE IN NEW YORK HAPPY

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 1. – Everybody is happy here in New York tonight. The market went up today. Spirits here just go up or down according to that day's market. They think the whole United States just depends on what pocket the little white ball rolled into on the Exchange roulette table that day.

But, our country has got so that each one of us have to live by a "racket" of some kind and none of us must be too critical of the other fellow's "racket."

When you figure it right down none of us are in a really essential busi-

ness but the farmer, and he raises so much that even his business is partly non-essential.

But we got to be tolerant, for these New Yorkers are likable rascals even when they are skinning you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2104 MR. ROGERS WILL SPEND TODAY IN THE QUEST OF KNOWLEDGE

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 2. – Well, let's see what scandal the evening papers have here that will bear repeating tomorrow.

The House of Representatives is going to limit debate on inflation to five hours tomorrow. I wish to goodness there was a way to limit individuals that try to explain it to you to five hours.

We thought technocracy was a tough bird to get the low-down on, but it's only a first reader compared to hearing a guy explain "inflation."

I am going down to Washington tomorrow and hear the Congressmen bite into it.

There is one thing about it. It's made every man's intelligence equal.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2105 MR. ROGERS IS UNABLE TO LEARN A GREAT DEAL IN THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3. – Seemed good to get in here today. See old friends.

Mr. Vice President turned over his office to me to hold conferences in. He is the same Garner he was even before he was Speaker. Had a long chat with Speaker Rainey. Saw Congress pass the inflation bill, the biggest bill ever to pass any Legislature in the history of the world.

Invited right into our new Treasurer's office, Mr. Woodin, while the Federal Reserve Board was in session. He says, "Maby you can give us a laugh; we can't get anybody to give us any money." They seemed cheerful, and they are the ones who has to dig it up.

Then over to Lew Douglas, the old Arizona cowpuncher, head of the budget, who says, "You are just in time. All I need to balance the books today is six billion."

What a tough job that guy's got, but he is able.

I had lunch with Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas and Senator Connally of Texas, and not a one of all these men knew what inflation was.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2106 MR. ROGERS FINALLY REVEALS HIS REAL MISSION AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4. – Foreign delegations coming in here to join Mr. Roosevelt's bread line. Italy's and Oklahoma's got in the same day.

Man named Jung sent by Dictator Mussolini to see what "Lady Bountiful" held in store for Italy.

Man named Rogers was sent by Dictator Alfalfa Bill Murray to pick up any loose crumbs that might fall locally.

Congress disgraced themselves something terrible today. There was three solid hours they didn't pass a single bill, not even an appropriation bill, then they realized how slow they were going and woke up and practically passed a little dinky thing appropriating only one hundred million for the insurance companies. Hardly worth monkeying with.

Going to hear the President lecture the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Was going to broadcast it but that was called off. Looks like one of those affairs for men only.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2107 WILL ROGERS NOTES SLOGANS 'GOT,' 'WE GOT' AND 'FORGOT'

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 5. – Big United States Chamber of Commerce dinner in Washington was fine. The humorous part of it was that all the big manufacturers and producers in there had been all their lives hollering "Keep the government out of business."

Well, my companion was Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, who held a mortgage on every full dress suit in the house. There is not a business that the government hasn't been asked to join. Nothing makes a man broad-minded like adversity.

Mr. Roosevelt told us the new international slogan was "got." Well, MacDonald agreed with him, says "we got." He didn't say how much. Then they searched for the word for "got" in French, and that was it, "forgot."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2108 MR. ROGERS OFFERS HIS ADVICE ON A MATTER OF SOME MOMENT

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 7. – Now our President has been going along mighty nice and our Congress, both Democratic and Republican, have been decent beyond all expectations.

They have given him every power from mayhem to manslaughter, but if he starts asking for the sole and exclusive right to deal with this debt thing he is going to ride his horse under the first limb he has hit.

These debts have become embedded into the people's minds like religion has and any time you come out on either side (just like arguing religion) you are going to lose and change nobody's opinion.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2109 MR. ROGERS ADDS TO THE PRAISE OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 8. – Mr. Roosevelt made us a mighty fine speech over the radio Sunday night.

He spoke our language, "not ballyhoo the nation to prosperity," "nation in a tailspin," "can't make a hit every time we come to bat."

And in addition to all this he has the best radio voice in America.

Course, he just read the minutes of the last meeting, but he did it so nice that we didn't hardly notice that he forgot to mention what might be in his mind for the future.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2110 WILL ROGERS FINDS A LOT OF CONVERTS IN THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9. – The Senate's not in session today, so the country got a break.

Everybody down here feeling mighty fine since the President's speech. Talked to a lot of what used to be old time Republicans. Why they are the most rabid Democrats we got now.

You know I don't believe there is a thing that this man Roosevelt couldn't put over if he was a mind to.

He is so strong with the people, and so convincing over the radio, that if

he ever got in a fight with Congress, all he would have to do is to take it to the people, via the air, and he would lick any of 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2111 'RUBE' ROGERS TAKES A PEEK AT THE GREAT CHICAGO FAIR

CHICAGO, Ill., May 10. – I've been looking at the great Chicago World's Fair which opens two weeks from Saturday. I am the first "rube" to visit it.

I know you will say, what's it all about and why don't they pay their teachers? Well, I am just like you about the teachers, but this fair is just an association and it's not the city itself doing it. I do think it would be a generous thing if it did make any money and the teachers hadn't been paid by then to cut them in on it.

This fair is a tremendous thing. It would take me a week to tell you about it. It's exactly what everybody needs. People have been sitting at home grouching at each other for three years.

Now, don't think we have outgrown the "fair" stage. In the days when we were a great nation we enjoyed 'em.

Now you can see the whole thing for fifty cents and the way this Roosevelt is going, by then we will have the fifty cents.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2112 MR. ROGERS FEELS THE THRILL OF SPRING ON HIS OLD RANGE

CHELSEA, Okla., May 11. – Oklahoma never looked prettier.

Haven't seen a tractor working all day. The country has gone sane and got back to horses. Farmers all look worse, but they feel better.

One of the very next things Mr. Roosevelt is going to do, so I was told in Washington on the best authority, was to appoint an oil "czar." No industry needs a warden worse.

Spring has come. Rockefeller and Brisbane are drifting north from Florida. These two fellers are a surer sign than the geese used to be.

Yours

Will Rogers.

2113 WILL ROGERS SENDS REPORT FROM THE OKLAHOMA FRONT

TULSA, Okla., May 12. – Well, here we are, flying out of Tulsa, the first town in America to become a city. This is one of the best and busiest airports in our country. Oklahoma wants to vote on the beer thing, but they have no money to pay for the election, so Missouri offers to pay for Oklahoma's election provided Oklahoma will guarantee to vote dry and let them have the sales privilege as they do now.

Corn is forty and fifty cents a bushel, but no farmer has any. He sold last fall and winter at fifteen cents. They thought Roosevelt was just another President.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2114 WILL ROGERS SEES A MORAL IN THE ROW OVER THE MURAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 14. – I am hereby entering this argument between young Rockefeller and the Mexican artist, for there is two things that a dumb guy knows as much about as a smart one, and that's art and inflation.

I string with Rockefeller. This artist was selling some art and sneaking in some propaganda. Rockefeller had ordered a plain ham sandwich, but the cook put some onions on it. Rockefeller says "I will pay you for it, but I won't eat the onions."

Now the above is said in no disparagement of the Mexican artist, for he is the best in the world, but you should never try to fool a Rockefeller in oils.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2115 WILL ROGERS PROPOSES SMITH FOR A NEW AND IMPORTANT JOB

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 15. – Is this a good tip, or ain't it?

No business in the United States is as cockeyed as the oil business (and many States depend on it for their prosperity) . If ever a business needed a dictator it is them. It would be the biggest job held by a single man outside the President.

It must not be an oil man, for he is already linked with one side or the other. It's got to be a man that the whole oil industry knew is on the level, fear-

less, fair, seeking nothing but justice to thousands that produce oil and millions that use it.

Well, if there is a man in America that will fill this position any better than Al Smith I defy you to think of him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2116 WILL ROGERS IS NOT SURPRISED AT THE RATTLING OF SABERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 16. – Well, lots of war news in the papers today. I knew it was coming when I saw that we had cut down on our army and navy.

If you want to know when a war is coming just watch the United States and see when they start cutting down on their defense. It's the surest barometer in the world.

The Democrats have one great failing (that I was in hopes they had lived down) and that is they just want to fix the affairs of the world.

Now it's big hearted and it's mighty generous, but it's just not possible for me (3,000 miles away) to tell you what caliber gun to have in your house. You know your neighbors better than I do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2117 MR. ROGERS MARVELS AT WAY THAT EVENTS ARE BEING TURNED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 17. – Say, this man Roosevelt not only makes Congress roll over and play dead but, by golly he made this tough guy Hitler promise to bring sticks out of the water. Is there no end to this man's cleverness?

Course there is one thing about Europe. You can never believe 'em the first time. They will agree to anything till it comes time to sign up.

This might be just the ideal time to stop a war, for nobody has anything to fight one with. Like disarmament, it's not done for humanitarian reasons, it's only done for economic reasons.

The whole thing seems too good to be true, but the whole world is changing, so maybe they are going to turn human.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2118 WILL ROGERS IS IN THE RACE FOR A LOAN FROM THE R. F. C.

SKY HARBOR, Tenn., May 18. – Dinner in Hollywood, breakfast in Fort Worth, lunch in Little Rock, dinner in Cincinnati and breakfast (as you read this) in Rooseveltville, D. C. (Depression Concluded).

I'm going as a delegation of one from the American Comedian's Association to get some aid from the Reconstruction Finance. No industry has been hit worse than professional humor. There is too much unconscious amateur talent.

We hope to pay off the R. F. C. (like the bankers and everybody else does) in laughs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2119 ROGERS EXTOLS ROOSEVELT'S HANDLING OF BONUS PARADE

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19. – Wish you could see the way this fellow Roosevelt handles bonus armies, feeds 'em, talks to 'em, does everything but march with 'em. They had the most orderly quiet parade today. This fellow is uncanny in knowing what to do and say under any given condition.

Carter Glass, who knows more about money than any man in America, talked in the Senate today on his new bank bill. It protects deposits and makes bankers responsible to each other. In other words he wants to set a banker to watch a banker, instead of leaving it to the depositor to try. He also stops banks from racketeering in trusts and holding companies. It really sounds too good to pass.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2120 WILL ROGERS SPENDS THE DAY SEEING THINGS IN THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21. – That fellow Hitler kinder prides himself on his oratory. Say, if he could have heard Rabbi Wise of New York at a great Jewish convention here today Hitler would have been speechless. Wise had everything.

Also saw beautiful ceremony by Gold Star Mothers at Unknown Soldier's Grave. This is the most beautiful city in the world.

Roosevelt is just about through with Congress, so you can look for 'em back home pretty soon. This is one time that a Senator can come home without

a police escort for protection. They will all be saying, "Well, I told Franklin if he would do this we would be out of it."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2121 MR. ROGERS THINKS THE BIG TEST FOR THE PRESIDENT IS AT HAND

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 22. – The phenomenal popularity of the Roosevelt administration now meets its severest test.

They are starting to decide where all this money they have been appropriating will come from.

Now if he can extract this money and still receive the plaudits, then there can be no doubt of his being a messiah.

For taxpayers cheer, not from the heart, but from the pocketbook.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2122 MR. ROGERS THINKS WE WILL GET ALL OF THESE PROPOSED TAXES

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 23. – Lew Douglas, the very efficient director of our family grouch bag (budget to you) proposed four different schemes of raising money.

Congress adopted the first one of the four yesterday and will go right along in rotation till they use all four of the plans, finally getting to the sales tax which is the best of the bunch.

When Japan gets all of China captured, then is when the laugh will be on Japan, for China will say, "You catch um China, now what you do with 'em now you got him? One timee Mongolian he takee China too, where he Mongolian now, ha, ha."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2123 MR. ROGERS IS AT THE RINGSIDE OF THE BIG BOUT IN THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24. – Back in here to see the "'Morgan Follies."

You know he has made himself a mighty pleasant and agreeable witness.

This "preferred list" that they read today, everybody that's not on it is knocking it. Some think the whole trial won't do much good, but any time one half learn how the other half live why it does us all good:

You see there is a lot of things these old boys have done that are within the law, but it's so near the edge that you couldn't slip a safety razor blade between their acts and a prosecution.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2124 MR. ROGERS EXPECTS MORGAN TO GET SOME NEW BUSINESS

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 25. – Just flew in from Washington, from the Morgan investigation.

I have always said I never met a man I didn't like. Well, I liked this Morgan. You would like him. You couldn't help it.

I am not speaking of his "racket." I am speaking of the man.

These Senators will be banking with him before this thing ends. When I met him I started to hand him what little I had, right there.

Now these Senators started out to prosecute him. I want to save him. I can see the makings in him of a regular guy. He has the money, he has the brains and above all he has the personality.

If he will devote (we will say just the afternoons) of his life to public service, or philanthropy of some sort, he will die happy and loved.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2125 WILL ROGERS NOW DISCOVERS IT WAS REALLY A 'SUCKER LIST'

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 26. – Funny thing about this so-called preferred list that the Morgan Company put out. All of 'em held the stock too long and it died on their hands, so it was really a "sucker list."

New York City collected a million dollars yesterday just for beer licenses alone. A State to remain dry nowadays not only has to have some will power, but it has to find some mysterious way of getting in some dough. Maby a State sales tax on everybody, will keep it off the beer drinkers.

Flying to Chicago tonight to see if this fair looks as big to me as the other

one did as a kid. At midnight when you are asleep there is eighty airplanes in the air in this country, forty of 'em carrying passengers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2126 MR. ROGERS GETS INTO THE FAIR AND GIVES IT HIS APPROVAL

CHICAGO, Ill., May 28. – Well, the big Chicago Fair opened on time.

It had to open on time to give everybody making those long speeches a chance to get 'em over before it closed. Even the preacher who was supposed to ask the blessing stuck long enough to continue it into the doxology.

But it was worth all the praying and talking for. Only thing they had thousands of policemen to block you off at every street to see that you didn't get into it. At that there was 40,000 got by the police and got in.

My old friend Brisbane couldn't get in till he used Walter Winchell's card. I sneaked in inside Amon Carter's silk hat. Me and twelve other mice.

If there is anywhere in the world you want to go in a crowd, get an old silk hat (the mangier the better). Policemen and ushers have more respect for it than a gold engraved card from President Roosevelt.

But it's a great fair, don't miss it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2127 MR. ROGERS, ON A FLYING VISIT, FINDS THE OLD HOME THIRSTY

CLAREMORE, Okla., May 29. – Took a train out of Chicago last night to catch a plane out of Kansas City this morning.

The train was late, "engine trouble and forced landing," so missed my plane. So flew down here and out of Fort Worth tonight for night flight to the Coast.

In Kansas City this morning, where the girl was kidnapped. If I live a thousand years I will never know what would keep any State from making that punishable by death.

Nobody here in Oklahoma. They are all driving to Missouri to get their beer. In that way the State retains its morals and its appetite, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2128 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 30. – There is nothing any more gratifying than to have been away and get back and get a hold of some home town paper. It's like meeting an old friend having a glass of three times two with him.

Knowing I had been to the Morgan investigation everybody asked me on the way out "What's it going to lead to and will it do any good?"

Yes, it's going to be very educational, not only the Morgan investigation but of all big business. It's going to show us just how "big business" got big.

It got big according to law. But not according to Hoyle.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2129 MR: ROGERS NOTES A HARD TASK ACCOMPLISHED BY ROOSEVELT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 31. – Mr. Roosevelt has been for six weeks trying to find a Republican. He wanted to put him on the Economic Conference and send him to London.

Well, he finally located one, Senator Jim Couzens of Detroit, and he only admitted to being one just to get the trip.

I tell you, it takes bribery to get a fellow to write Republican after his name nowadays.

Well, they are leaving with high hopes, and it would be wonderful if they could do something besides just seeing the King when he delivers his address.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2130 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1936

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 1. – "Farm prices have advanced 17 per cent in the last month."

Now, that's better news than a speech on "good relations" by Mussolini and Hitler combined.

Our new ambassador to England got so elated over the Prince of Wales introducing him that he turned over America to England to be used as they saw fit. It takes a strong man to remember what country he is representing when the wine and the flattery start flowing.

If the Republicans ever decide to enter another Presidential candidate they better hire this little Pecora to run for 'em. He is the best bet I see right now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2131 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS A WAY TO END THAT INQUIRY HAPPILY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 2. – Well, I am glad to see the midgets get a break. In all my experience around show business, they are a mighty fine little breed of folks.

We have had "bank relief," "big business relief," and now we get "midget relief."

Mr. Morgan acted mighty human. He just picked up that little midget and played with it as though it was the Federal Reserve or the United States Chamber of Commerce.

I'll tell you how Mr. Morgan can square this whole thing, and you will never hear another word against him. That's by simply putting everybody on the preferred list that wasn't on it already. I haven't heard a kick, only by those that were overlooked.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2132 WILL ROGERS WOULD END TAX EXEMPTIONS IN BONDS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 4. – Now we went off gold. That is you had a government bond, and it said they would pay you in gold, now they won't. Well you can alibi the situation, but that is repudiation. But they claim it was necessary, and we needed the money.

Now if they can do that in an emergency why can't they pass another one to do away with the exemption on all tax-exempt bonds? There would be more justice in that, for everybody bought 'em just to evade the tax. In other words, we knew we were buying a stolen car when we bought it. But that's why we bought it.

When you repudiate all tax-exempt bonds you only beat 'em out 3 or 4 per cent, but when you repudiated the gold it will take years to find out what you beat him out of.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2133 WILL ROGERS SEES CONGRESS TWO WEEKS TOO LONG ON JOB

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 5. – Things been just going along fine and it looked like we was going to have some real recovery with Mr. Roosevelt piloting. But I guess it's about over. I see where Congress is starting taking themselves serious again. That means he will have to go on the radio some night and put those gentlemen right back in their place. He made the mistake of keeping 'em there two weeks too long.

I see where the government ruled that beer couldn't be sold on an Indian reservation. They don't want to take 'em off whiskey too quick.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2134 WILL ROGERS URGES PECORA TO EXPLAIN OVER THE RADIO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 6. – Attorney Pecora is liable to have to do like Roosevelt, go on the radio and tell his troubles. That old radio is the greatest club ever invented for a quick appeal. It's worth fifty vetoes. Pecora can make those Senators say "uncle" for him if he tells it to the people.

This is a great country. You never know where our heroes will come from. This Mattern was a trap drummer in a jazz orchestra. That, I think, is the greatest reformation in history.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2135 MR. ROGERS LISTS FIRST LADY AS NEW HEROINE IN AVIATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 7. – Aviation developed another Lindbergh, Jimmie Mattern and Amelia Earhart last night when Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt finished a transcontinental flight. There is a real boost for aviation.

But here is what she really takes the medal for, out at every stop, day or night, standing for photographs by the hour, being interviewed, talking over radio, no sleep. And yet they say she never showed one sign of weariness or annoyance of any kind. No maid, no secretary, just the First Lady of the land on a paid ticket on a regular passenger plane.

If some of our female screen stars had made that trip they would have had

one plane for secretaries, one for maids, one for chefs and chauffers and a trailer for "business representatives" and "press agents."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2136 WILL ROGERS SEES WAR DEBTS BEING IGNORED ON ALL SIDES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 8. – All I know is just what I read in the papers. I see where they are not going to discuss the war debts on account of it being rather embarrassing to discuss 'em on the day they are due. They are just going to make out like nobody is paying any attention to 'em and Europe won't be.

They talked about how fast Roosevelt got things done. Congress is going to make a snail out of him. They are going to undo in ten days what it took him ten weeks to do. Excuse me, I got to listen to the fight.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2137 WILL ROGERS SEES CONGRESS AS THE 'UNWELCOME GUEST'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 9. – The Baers are going strong. "Bugs" Baer is the champion humorist, and "Max" the champion boxer. This fellow Schmeling, however, deserves a lot of credit. He has from the start here conducted himself both in and out of the ring in a mighty commendable way that has brought nothing but credit on his country.

Roosevelt is trying to get rid of Congress by tomorrow night. He has tried everything he knows. He has hinted, handed 'em their hat and almost insulted 'em. No more unwelcome guest has ever been invented than Congress. "One-Eyed" Connelly is a sweetheart in comparison.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2138 WILL ROGERS NOTES ONE ITEM OF NEWS THAT IS 'BAD NEWS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 11. – Well, there is bad news for the country this morning. There is no earthquake anywhere, no new war, no flood, no pestilence, no new inflation, no new budget that's not balanced, no new Morgan preferred list. It's not any of those terrible things you might think it is, it's

worse. It's worse than all of those combined. Aw, gee, I just hate to tell you. I know it will break your heart, but I am going to tell it if it kills us all. Congress didn't adjourn.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2139 WILL ROGERS WANTS TIME STABILIZED BY CONFERENCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 12. – The King spoke over the radio this morning. It was 5 o'clock out here. (I was just going to work.) Why don't this world's conference fix it so that whenever anybody does anything it will be the same hour all over.

You will say, "Silly, they can't do that." They can just as easy as they can agree on anything else. Different nations have different problems, just like different nations have the sun shine on 'em at different times. So when they fix how many guns each one is to have, how much foreign goods each one shall consume, and how much each one's money is worth, why at that same time fix it so it's 5 o'clock in the morning everywhere at once.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2140 ROGERS EXPLAINS RAISING OF DEBT ISSUE AT LONDON

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 13. – Even Prime Ministers don't get so "big" that they can overlook what they consider an old insult. When Ramsey McDonald was on the ocean coming over (apparently with all the advantages of a cheap money) why we went off the gold, and he liked to have jumped in the ocean.

Well that stuck in his craw, and when we are all ready to be welcomed to the conference (and it was understood before hand that debts were not to be mentioned), he said "Ha, ha, my revenge," and remarked as follows, "Debts are not to be mentioned here, and I am not going to mention 'em, outside of just casually hinting that they won't be paid. But outside of that I want you to know that I am not going to say a word about 'em."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2141 ROGERS SEES THE PRESIDENT SPARING CONGRESS A SHOCK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 14. – President has been breaking his neck to get Congress "off the Potomac" before Thursday (the day the debts were due.) He was afraid to have 'em there when the bad news arrived. He was afraid they would commit suicide.

See where some American Heiress gave as her reasons for marrying one of this mess of Mdivanis that he was "smart, cute, amusing, interesting, and hangs around all the time." Sounds almost like the recommendation of a good setter pup.

Everyone at London says "something must be done," and it looks like it will be us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2142 ROGERS DECIDES TO LEAVE DEBT ISSUE TO ROOSEVELT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 15. – Well, I had a tough time communicating with you all today. I first wrote a piece demanding the other 90 per cent of the debts. Then I got to thinking that maybe we better grab the 10 per cent before they changed their minds. So I just finally decided that Roosevelt would just have to handle it alone. I refuse to enter into it. A debt is just like a religious one—it's a mighty good thing to stay out of. Everybody's mind is made up already.

When that little New England Yankee, Calvin Coolidge said "they hired the money, didn't they?" he covered all the ground.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2143 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A NATION THAT PAID 100%

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 16. – Give a big hand to little Finland, the only one to pay all she was supposed to. So in picking up hitch hikers along the road, give preference to any one of Finnish descent. The slogan is, "Haul nothing but Finns all the way." Englishman a tenth of the way, but a Frenchman, a Pole, a Czechoslovakian, or a Belgian, let 'em take a bus.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2144 WILL ROGERS IS NOT CONVINCED THAT FATHER DESERVES A DAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 18. – So father had a day today did he? Where? But you figure it out and he didn't deserve any more a day than he got.

There is a lot of hooey about poor father being imposed on. Dear old father gets away with quite a bit of murder just because he is father. If he was some outsider and pulled the junk he does they would chuck him in the alley. There is nothing outside of an economist that's been any more overestimated than a father. He is a necessity and that about lets him out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2145 WILL ROGERS TELLS ONE WAY TO DISCOVER A REAL PRINCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 19. – There ain't but one way for these foreign Princes (or so-called titled birds) to prove it to Americans, and that is for one of 'em to marry a poor girl. Then we will know he is a Prince. For in all our storybook reading the prince always married the poor girl.

Mr. Roosevelt went out on what he hoped would be a quiet private cruise. All that followed him was a battleship, three Coast Guard cutters, three shiploads of newspaper men and two of camera men. Talk about a gossipy old woman wanting to see and hear everything. American newspapers make an amateur out of her for hanging on the back fence and peeping in the keyhole. If I was him I would make a parachute jump some time and see if I couldn't get a few seconds of privacy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2146 MR. ROGERS DISCOVERS WHY CONFERENCE MET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 20. – When the economic conference first met in London there was a great deal of doubt as to just what were its hopes and aims. Well, after ten days we are no longer in doubt. They had three reasons for meeting. The first was to cancel the debt to America. The second was to cancel the debt to America. And the third was to cancel the debt to America.

From then on they could take up any little loose odds and ends such as lowering American tariffs, stabilizing American money above the price of their own.

With these accomplished they could all go home and if things didn't pick up in their own countries, think up something else to blame America for, then meet and have another conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2147 ROGERS SEES HARVEST FOR NEEDY DEMOCRATS

BEVERLY HILlS, Cal., June 21. – Did you read this in the paper this morning, there are 800 people (get that eight hundred) at work in the Library of Congress. Didn't know there was anybody there but a watchman. Why, that's a librarian to each book. Well the Democrats have found that there is only 40 of these that are Democrats. The total salary in there is $773,300, so the Democrats figure there is about $750,000 of this is a total waste to the country, unless they can get Democrats in there to help read the books for the Congressmen.

The American dollar is down to 75 cents abroad. Be a good time to go over and buy some, for they are still worth $1.60 over here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2148 WILL ROGERS EXPOSES ONE OLD LINE OF BUNK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 22. – There is one line of bunk that this country falls for, and always has, "We are looking to America, for leadership during the conference, she has a great moral responsibility." And we like a big simp just eat it up. Our delegates swell out their chests and really believe that the world is just hanging by a thread and the American delegates control that thread.

Why they didn't discover us till 1492. And the world had 1492 wars, 1492 peace and economic conferences, all before we was ever heard of. England controls all the oceans, half the land, over half the world's international commerce. France is no babe in arms, Japan and Russia are of age, yet it's America they kid into thinking she is the whole cheese.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2149 ROGERS NOTES TWO ITEMS OF INTEREST IN THE NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 23. – Harvard decorated Al Smith. Glad to see 'em recognizing achievement instead of just vocabulary.

Champion flyers from all over the world are gathering in here. The Olympic Games of the air start here July first to fourth. You will see every known land plane record broken. This is the National Air Races, the one official meet of the year.

There is a German coming that can do more crazy things in the air than Hitler can on the ground. Then Mussolini is sending his crack flyers. Remember it's one international gathering that gets somewhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2150 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 25. – You talk about an earthquake hitting California. That was kindergarten stuff compared to the news that some nut sent over the cables that Sister Aimee has had a baby. It looked like a case of maternity by remote control. Science is so marvelous it is being confused with miracles, and it looked like birth control by electrical transcription. But now that the facts are all in, we find the visit to the hospital was to beautify the present generation, and not to perpetuate the future.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2151 ROGERS LIKES THE PLAN JOHNSON IS PROPOSING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 26. – Did you read this fellow Hugh Johnson's statement in today's papers? He is the dictator of this new "Recovery Act." It sounded awful good and it made sense. Instead of letting a big concern take all the money they make and build a bigger factory, why just give the workers a little more, the stockholders a little more and just keep the factory you have.

I have heard a lot of this fellow Johnson. Barney Baruch thinks he is one of our most able men. He must be on the right track, I see where some of the ''big industrialists'' are kicking on him already. Well, the President couldn't

have appointed a wet nurse for any more needy group of people than the "big ones."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2152 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES FLIERS AND PARACHUTES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 27. – Had lunch today at the studio with Udet, the greatest living German ace, with sixty-three planes to his credit, a marvelous stunt flyer, and Lieutenant Falconi, Mussolini's crack acrobatic ace flyer, a young fellow just 25. Both speak English. A couple of fine young fellows. On Saturday we see these babies do their stuff, along with all our crack boys.

During the war we wouldn't let our boys have parachutes for somebody "decided they wasn't safe." The latter part of the war Germany had chutes, and Udet had had his only eleven days when his plane was shot down. Had there been no chute there would have been no Udet today.

It makes you sick when you think of the boys we might have saved. But they was afraid maybe one of the chutes wouldn't open.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2153 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS WHY REPUBLICANS LOST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 28. – California went so wet Tuesday that they arrested a guy today for bathing in water instead of native wine. West Virginia, which by geography, breeding, dialect and stills, should be Southern, but politically has never been anything, well it reached for a cocktail instead of a coke.

It's not a question of sentiment any more. It's just a question of "where can I get ahold of a ballot, and where is a box to put it in?"

No wonder the Republicans appeared so dumb in there. Anybody that couldn't judge public opinion any better than they did on this question, it's little wonder they are unemployed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2154 MILLIONS MADE IN WHEAT INTEREST WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 29. – That Economic Conference ought to be starting now over in London. The American delegation arrived there Wednesday.

There has been millions and millions of dollars made out of wheat in the last month, but not a cent made by anybody that ever raised any, or anybody that ever really owned any. No wonder the people in so many States voted for legal betting on horse racing. The State does get a per cent of that.

Those who demanded their pound of flesh finally received their satisfaction. "Fatty" Arbuckle accommodated 'em by dying, and from a broken heart. He brought much happiness to many, and never knowingly wronged a soul. The Lord will pass on his innocence or guilt now, and not the reformers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2155 ROGERS SEES THE DOLLAR FLUCTUATE LIKE A WIFE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 30. – With all the rest of us using silver, copper, buttons, pins, checkers, wampum and watermelons for money. France can't see any advantage in using real money, so they are liable to dive off the gold standard any day now.

Europe is disgusted with America because she won't say exactly what her dollar is worth. we say our dollar is like a wife, they are worth whatever they are worth to you. They may go to ten cents abroad but they are still worth a dollar to us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2156 MR. ROGERS GETS THRILL AT AIR RACES ON COAST

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 2. – Did you ever see real air races by the world's greatest fliers? They are breakfasting in New York and flying in here for lunch.

Mussolini has a flier here who can stay upside down longer than the American delegation in London.

There is the cutest little German war ace who cuts out his engine and does everything in the air with a dead engine, loops, spins, rolls, climbs, and

then lands, all this with no more power than Congress had the last session.

Our army, navy and marine exhibition was real thrills, My wife whispered "When I see that it makes me feel that all of our tax money hasn't been wasted."

Aviation is just started.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2157 WILL ROGERS SUGGEST PERMANENT DELEGATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 3. – This London conference. I read everything I can find about it, but I can't make sense out of what they are driving at. Each nation has its own plan and the minute it's turned down by the others, why you got another anarchist on your hands. Some nation suggested they adjourn but the others won't do it, for it wasn't originally their proposal.

If they do adjourn till January we ought to just leave our troops over there. It would be cheaper than bringing 'em home and then sending 'em back. Why not have a permanent commission, appointed by the year and they just go from one to another of the conferences.

Get men that love to travel and don't take international affairs too serious. Just go for the trip and the laughs. I'll consider heading that delegation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2158 WILL ROGERS REMARKS THAT IT IS OUR DOLLAR

PRESCOTT, Ariz., July 4. – Well, here we are in Prescott, Ariz., the real Western town a mile high and a 100 miles wide. I would rather have Arizona's record as a State than New York with her numbers, Massachusetts with her intellect, or California with her modesty. Arizona prolongs the life of the afflicted as well as makes perpetual the lives of the well.

By the way I see in The Arizona Republic that the London Conference was knocked cuckoo when Roosevelt told them it was our dollar and we could arrange the price of it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2159 MR. ROGERS HAS AN IDEA HOW CONFERENCES END

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 5. – Now Europe is saying that they didn't get so sore at what Mr. Roosevelt said as they did the way he said it. You see diplomats have a thing they call diplomatic language. It's just lots of words, and when they are all added up, they don't mean anything. Well, on account of the President having something to say, and wanting to say it, there is no diplomatic language for that. A diplomat has a hundred ways of saying nothing, but no way of saying something, because he has never had anything to say. That's why they call 'em diplomats.

I have always said that a conference was held for one reason only, to give everybody a chance to get sore at everybody else. Sometimes it takes two or three conferences to scare up a war, but generally one will do it. I'll bet there was never a war between two nations that had never conferred first.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2160 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES THE FRENCH SITUATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 6. – The morning papers said the London conference blew up, the afternoon ones say it's blown back in again. They ought to put that thing on the stock market and let people make bets on what it will do next.

Well, the boys got to see the King, and that was about all the trip ever was for anyhow.

The whole thing don't seem to be worrying Roosevelt. He has gained eight pounds since it started. I'll bet France has perspired away twenty-five pounds per dipolmat in the same time.

They are going to yank her off that gold, just as she yanked England and America off. One wolf can't be in pack and have a bone all to himself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2161 MR. ROGERS FINDS WE WIN AT GOLF, NOT AT PARLEYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 7. – I always did feel that Jimmy Mattern would come through.

This fellow Crawford beat Vines playing tennis in Australia, so why the surprise?

We won the golf championship of England, and run second in the economic conference. (It's on again today.)

John D. Rockefeller is 94 years old. He set the rich a great example by giving away hundred of millions. The other just as well have done it, they lost it anyhow.

Harvard, Yale and Cornell are rowing out here tomorrow. That's the furthest they ever rowed away from home. If they lose they are going to make 'em row back through the canal.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2162 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS A SWITCH IN DIET

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 9. – I thought wheat tax wasn't to be applied only in case wheat prices were below the cost of production. You better switch to eating corn bread. It's better anyhow.

Mr. Hull issued a statement at the conference. I believe what makes Switzerland a great, independent, prosperous and highly educated little country is that I have never read where they "issued a statement."

Fifteen hundred Americans who have been living in Paris for years have decided to come home on account of the price of our money. There is a bunch of folks will be an awful big help to us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2163 MR. ROGERS DISCOVERS A PARLEY TO EMULATE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 10. – It is certainly gratifying to read about one conference that got somewhere.

The Navajo Indians held a conference and decided that they could get along without the services of about twenty-five white officeholders that had been appointed to help look after them. The Indians said they were doing it to save the white man money. Who said the Indian didn't have any humor.

The London conference votes today to see if they meet tomorrow. If they meet tomorrow it will be to find a reason to split up, to keep from meeting the next day.

Then we send white people to take care of the Navajos.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2164 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

VEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 11. – Frank Phillips, of oil fame was out the other day, said he was going to Washington. The oil men were going to draw up a code of ethics. Everybody present had to laugh. If he had said the gangsters of America were drawing up a code of ethics, it wouldn't have sounded near as impossible.

Mary McCormic, the opera singer was at the studio yesterday. She was just "washing up" one of those gold rush M'divani brothers. He had asked her if she couldn't use him any longer, could she kindly recommend him to some wealthy American girl, so Mary and I are going to dig him up one, and we will work on a commission basis.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2165 MR. ROGERS IS WATCHING OKLAHOMA AND LONDON

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 12. – I see by the papers where my old Governor friend, Bill Murray of Oklahoma, called out the National Guard to keep the folks from voting for beer. Now he will have to call out the United States Army to keep the folks from celebrating the voting of beer.

The London conference has decided to hold on for two more weeks in order for the hotels to kinder play even on the thing and give the American delegation a little golf against the Prince of Wales.

There is nothing as sad, forlorn and forgotten in the world as a delegation returning from a conference. We have forgot now who we sent over.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2166 MR. ROGERS THINKS THINGS HAVE GONE FAR ENOUGH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 13. – This fellow Roosevelt can close the banks, he can tell industry how much to pay and how many hours to work, he can hold back the sun, he can evaporate the water, but when he demands that a postmaster has to be able to read, that's carrying dictatorship too far.

When he takes the postmasters out of politics he is monkeying with the very fundamentals of American political parties. How is the army going to fight if they don't get any of the loot?

I tell you this suggestion of his is bordering on treason. The idea of a postmaster being able to read. It looks like an undemocratic move to favor the college man. I tell you he will ruin the Democratic party. We mustn't let him get away with it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2167 MR. ROGERS FINDS NOTHING IMPORTANT A MONTH LATER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 14. – Do you remember some of the statements before the London Conference started? The world was to stop revolving, air was to lose its oxygen if the conference failed. Herriot of France said: "America and France look with a like purpose on economic problems. The conference must succeed." Cordell Hull really waxed dramatic. "The Failure of the conference will mean the failure of statesmanship, selfishness must be banished from all minds." Well, the thing has flopped and we are getting along better than ever. It just shows that nothing is important a month later.

The funny part about it is that all those statesmen really thought they were going to "make history." Well, history makes itself and the statesmen just drag along.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2168 MR. ROGERS KEEPS TABS ON THE BUSY FLIERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 16. – It's a good thing those Italians landed in seaplanes. If they had landed on the ground they wouldn't have had room to land for Italians.

Well, they have great cause to rejoice. you know where the idea come from don't you? Teddy Roosevelt, when he sent the fleet around the world. There was a lot of Mussolini in that old boy.

I will bet you that this Wiley Post makes it around the world and breaks his own record. I would have liked to have been in there with Post instead of the robot. And I could have if I had known as much as it does.

Well the unemployed will be coming in pretty soon from the London conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2169 MR. ROGERS IS WORKING ON CODES AND CALVES

SANTA MONICA Cal., July 17. – Will Hayes was out to see me yesterday. Between working on a movie "code" and roping calves (Bill doing fine on the calves) we had a hard day.

Jack Dempsey getting married in Navada today. There is an idea for Nevada. if they could build up their marriage industry like their divorces, what would be the matter with guaranteeing everybody a wire, or husband, after six weeks' residence?

Much interested in Wiley Post's trip from Koenigsberg, Germany, to Moscow. Eight years ago I made it with a Russian pilot. He kept pulling the blinds down so I couldn't see anything. I didn't care, I was asleep anyhow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2170 MR. ROGERS SEES NEED FOR A BIT OF CAUTION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 18. – Mr. Roosevelt, most of your plans are working.

Recovery is slow but is fairly sure in most lines. But one gang beat the barrier. It recovered entirely and is now re-recovering on its late recovery.

I don't think I need remind you what "industry" this is. I think a signal sign saying "slow" on a street called Wall (placed there by you personally in order to let 500 essential industries catch up to them) would be appreciated by all other traffic headed for recovery.

It wouldn't be so bad, but these are the same traffic violators who got too far ahead and gummed up our last parade.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2171 MR. ROGERS DEVOTES HIS DAY TO GUESSING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 19. – I guess Dempsey's got a cheerful little earful. I guess Balbo (the only young man that ever looked well in whiskers) is flying somewhere.

I guess the photographers to the London conference are breaking up all the plates they exposed there.

I guess Alabama and Arkansaw voted to show their natives that there

was bourbon as well as corn, that all whiskey was not white.

I guess our great little Oklahoma flier is ahead of his record.

I guess California (as usual to be the biggest) passed the highest sales tax rate of the whole forty-eight.

I say I guess all these things for they are not in any of the papers out here. Nothing can get in a paper here when sister Aimee is in, so we are all practically isolated from the world for the next couple of weeks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2172 MR. ROGERS WOULD LET DRINKERS FEED THE POOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 20. – The nearest thing we have to a "non-kick tax," so far, has been the gasoline tax, because they knew the money was going for roads.

Now that repeal is assured, they better get in early and have it understood what the revenue will go to.

What would be that matter with using every cent just for charity and unemployed relief. And make the tax very high, even as high as 50 per cent. If it was a 50 per cent tax, and it went to charity, you couldn't drink alone. Some poor family would be drinking with you.

Five cents a glass beer would cost you a fime. You get the beer, somebody gets a loaf of bread. Anybody give a big champagne party and spend hundreds of dollars, not even a Communist could kick on it for the needy get half of it.

Even at double the price it wouldn't be as high as the country has been paying. Nobody could kick on a person drinking if he gave an equal amount to somebody that was hungry.

That would come nearer being a painless tax than any I know of.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2173 MR. ROGERS ANALYZES TENNESSEE DRY VOTE

SALINAS, Cal., July 21. – Say, I got kinder mixed up on my per cent in the paper this morning. I said liquor tax should be 50 per cent. Well, I am going to have to raise you another 50. I meant 100 per cent. You don't mind that little raise do you?

Say, those old moonshiners in Tennessee come pretty near protecting their industry in yesterday's election didn't they?

What did I tell you about that little one-eyed Oklahoma boy. He is a hawk, ain't he? He holds the doubles and singles championship now. If he ever decided to make up a foursome to go round I will take out a ticket with him.

This is Salinas' big day, the king of California rodeos. Here is where you see the old California boys with the long rawhide riatas.

Beautiful flight here by the Seaboard Air Line, and saw all the beautiful ranches.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2174 ROGERS SEES TREE CROP FOR REPUBLICANS TO CUT

TRUCKEE, Cal., July 23. – Well last night at midnight we met all the Governors at the line. Fired a nineteen-gun salute (Governors' salute used to be 17, but Mrs. Roosevelt on account of being a Governor himself raised 'em 2 guns). Took quite awhile because we only had one cannon, we were able to wake everybody up but Governor Parks of Missouri.

Today they all planted a tree at Lake Tahoe so we at least got 'em working for the first time since they been in office. It's the first reforestation camp for Governors.

It will just about be the Democrats' luck to plant trees all over the country and about the time they are big enough to harvest the Republicans will be back in. Or is that too early?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2175 MR. ROGERS IS BUSY HERDING GOVERNORS

OAKLAND, Cal., July 24. – Well, I am still herding Governors. Got to go by air to keep up with some of 'em. I'm in Roscoe Turner's Lockheed headed for Oakland, where I will file this.

With Roscoe is Fred Balzar, the flying Governor of Nevada, and Governor Greene of Rhode Island, who has just flown all around Central America.

Governor White of Ohio and family flew from Columbus yesterday. Governor Miller of Wyoming flew from Cheyenne.

This herding Governors ain't near as bad as I thought it would be. Just

give 'em plenty to eat and let 'em speak and they don't give you any bother.

Governor Greene of Rhode Island and Governor Cross of Connecticut are awful highly educated and speak different from these western and southern Governors. So my job is really an interpreter for Greene and Cross.

I am carrying a proxy from Bill Murray and Ma Ferguson both, so I got a lot of voting strength in the convention.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2176 MR. ROGERS IS STILL BUSY WITH THOSE GOVERNORS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 25. – Coming from Frisco to Los Angeles with Roscoe Turner is no more of a trip than going from the observation car to the diner.

I found a lot of good grass, feed and water, and I turned my Governors out for a few days to give their feet and voices a rest. I rushed down here to try and settle the movie strike before they get here as all of 'em want to see the "gals" working.

Here is the best one I have seen yet. A Hollywood film extra, suing her husband for divorce, claimed it on the grounds that "her hunsband accused her of being the cause of all the depression."

That will certainly be welcome news to Mr. Hoover to know there is somebody blamed for all the world's depression besides him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2177 MR. ROGERS WILL FORGIVE POST FOR MOST ANYTHING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 26. – Wiley Post said "I have an offer on the stage, and I hope no one wil criticise me if I take it." Say, after what that little guy went through with, nobody would criticise him even if he turned banker or took a seat on the stock exchange.

By the way, Mr. Roosevelt has cut the stock market down to three hours a day. They say they did it themselves. Yeah? He just told 'em "now you be good boys. I will give you three hours a day to work on these suckers, and the other twenty-one hours they are under the protection of the fish and game laws."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2178 MR. ROGERS'S OPINION OF THE LONDON AFFAIR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 27. – Well, the London conference closed today.

It just disbanded today, but it ended the day it started.

You will hear a lot of 'em say that it didn't accomplish anything, but it did. They stayed in session till every nation got thoroughly disgusted with each other.

There is no place in the world like a conference to find out the shortcomings of each other.

Now every delegation goes home and tells tales on the others. Of course we leave as the principal villian. We were supposed to bring the pie that they were to cut. When we didn't bring it the banquet was a total loss.

Where is the next conference? We just love to confer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2179 WILL ROGERS UPHOLDS NEW KIDNAPPING CODE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 28. – Everybody and every industry is getting new codes but this code that the state of Missouri has adopted for kidnapping seems to be the most popular one adopted during this code era.

Well, the Governors are down with us today, looking over the studios, and such. It's one conference that broke up in good humor, and an exchange of ideas no doubt helped each to assist 'em how to run their own State. Mighty pleasant and fine bunch of fellows, tried to sell 'em a lot, but there wasn't a sucker in the bunch.

They are getting out of the State just in time, 'cause Sister Aimee is coming in, and when she comes even Roosevelt has to take to the back pages.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2180 WILL ROGERS SUBMITS A CHILD-RAISING CODE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 30. – Roger Babson who savvies a lot about things before they happen, says people are going back to the old-fashioned investments, that they are starting in to raise children, figuring on the

children raising them in their older years. It was becoming a kind of lost art.

Babson figures that if we will just deprive ourselves and furnish the children gas now, that they will do the same for us in our old days.

That's about all there is to supporting anybody nowadays. You never hear, "Who will board me, who will room me?" It's always, "Who will furnish the gas?"

If we could get the State to furnish the gas instead of the school and the teacher we could really put on a child-raising campaign.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2181 MR. ROGERS OF OKLAHOMA NEARS A CALL TO ARMS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 31. – War Lord Bill Murray has called us Oklahomans to arms again.

Most States use their National Guard for parading purposes, but Bill will call his out just like you ring for ice water.

There is a river between Oklahoma and Texas. Bill owns half of it and Ma Ferguson owns half. If they want to build a bridge let 'em build to the middle and turn around and go back. If they want a dam, let 'em dam their half and let our half alone.

So I guess the next time you hear of me I will be standing in water up to my ankles, right in the middle of Red River, with an old squirrel rifle aimed at that giant octopus Texas, and if Bill says shoot I will shoot.

We will show 'em they can't monkey with our half of the river.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2182 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY THAT SALE OF BONDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – Yesterday before breakfast the United States Treasury offered $850,000,000 worth of bonds and before the ham and eggs were reached they were all sold.

That means sold and paid for, and salted away, not part paid for and the rest on margins till you sold 'em over the ticker to somebody else.

If industry could interest some permanent buyers, like Roosevelt can in his business, then they could truly call themselves industrialists.

As it is now, they are just manufacturing dice for Wall Street to shoot craps with. Nobody is buying a pair to keep.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2183 MR. ROGERS, CALIFORNIAN, OFFERS HIS SYMPATHY

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 2. – If it's as hot back East as the California, papers say it is, there is no use me writing you. I should just send flowers to the funerals.

(Excuse me while I put some wood on this fireplace here in the room. Looks like we will never have any Summer.)

This is fiesta week in Santa Barbara. The most colorful event in California. The home of yellow horses and silver saddles.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2184 MR. ROGERS REPORTS RIFT IN THE CALIFORNIA LUTE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 3. – California is pawing the ground over a proposed State income tax. The kicks would carry more weight if we could get somebody to kick that didn't have to pay it.

Some of our patriotic citizens have offered to leave the State if it passes and the State may take 'em up on it.

So, if you see a drove of Rolls-Royces, Lincolns and Cadillacs going East through your town, feed 'em and take care of 'em. They are awful nice folks. They ain't got a thing in the world the matter with 'em only they are millionaires.

You can't legitimately kick on taxes when the money has been made; it's taxes on farms, ranches and business property that has lost money for years. Those folks have the holler coming.

Now excuse me while I hide before some of my good friends shoot me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2185 MR. ROGERS COMMENTS ON THE WALL ST. NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 4. – Say, that old boy with one shot of teargas on the New York Exchange did more than Roosevelt. He closed it.

It must have been quite a novelty to see the brokers crying instead of the customers.

I been looking since yesterday into this income-tax payment. Now, I can't find a single group to shoulder that tax either. There just don't seem to be any volunteer taxpayers.

I see now what makes a Congressman so unpopular. He just will not fix it so that tax falls on nobody.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2186 MR. ROGERS APPLAUDS THE 'NO STRIKES' MOVE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 6. – Every week or so another fine plan comes from the administration.

This last one of "no strikes during these times and it's to be settled fairly by the government," is one of the best yet.

Unions are fine things, for they are in every line of business. Bankers have their association for mutual benefit. Governors have theirs. All big industries are bottled together in some way. But a strike should be the very last means for it is like war. It always falls on those who had nothing to do with calling it.

So viva this last move.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2187 MR. ROGERS GETS BACK TO THE DAY'S NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 7. – Cordell Hull, a mighty able man, arrived and told Roosevelt what the London conference had done. That took the first five minutes. Then he told Roosevelt what could have been done if the nations had really wanted to do something. That took hours.

Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Moley are trying to discourage the kidnappers. When Missouri hangs that one that they sentenced, it's going to be terrible discouragement to one of 'em.

This Oklahoma boy Johnson that is running this NRA, you better not monkey with him. He is hard-boiled and is liable to make you do what you are supposed to do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2188 MR. ROGERS SEES IN CUBA ANOTHER LESSON FOR US

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 8. – It takes a long time to find out how wrong you are sometimes.

In 1898 we was all in beaded perspiration trying to fix it so Cuba would have liberty and all the accompanying benefits. Now Cuba is having one of the best civil wars that's been produced in years. They got rid of the Spaniards, now they can have a real fight.

Around 1917 we also decided that the world ought to have a mess of democracy, so we went a long ways from home to fix it up for 'em. Well, you can kinder get a rough idea of how we fixed it.

So the moral of the whole thing seems to be stay home, build a big army and navy. They can't come here to lick us, we are not going there to lick them, so how you going to have a war?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2189 MR. ROGERS ISSUES A WARNING ON CUBA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 9. – Now look out Democratic administration; you are about to revert to the old Republican type. You are telling some Latin American country who can be President and who can't.

There is no doubt that Cuba is run "cockeyed," but what country ain't?

Now, we get our sugar from Cuba, and anything we do in Cuba is going to be misunderstood.

So about the best thing we can do in Cuba is to let Cuba take care of Cuba.

I don't care how little your country is, you got a right to run it like you want to.

When the big nations quit meddling then the world will have peace.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2190 MR. ROGERS IS CRITICAL OF OUR POLICY IN CUBA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 10. – Everybody knows Mr. Roosevelt don't want any armed trouble with Cuba or anybody else, but when you start telling somebody what they "must do," why you got to back it up with something. You can't tell the bully to quit picking on the boy unless you are prepared to do something to him in case he don't quit picking on him.

The trouble is we never did set Cuba plum free. We kept a clause in the contract where we were to remain the guardian.

Take the sugar out of Cuba and the sugar out of the Philippines and our altruistic feelings would kinder cool off.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2191 MR. ROGERS, IN A FIGHT, CRAVES REAL BACKING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 11. – All I know is just what I read in the papers.

I see where United States Congressman Hamilton Fish, whose father made a mighty fine record with the Rough Riders in Cuba, has offered our President the support of the entire Republican party in case of invasion of Cuba. That's great.

Hamilton Fish is a mighty fine patriotic citizen, but I would sure hate to go into Cuba (or even the littlest country on earth) with nothing behind me but the Republican party.

Suppose they shot 'em both, where would you be?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2192 MR. ROGERS TELLS WHAT IS BACK OF THE NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 13. – Balbo finished a great trip and Mussolini and all Italy kissed him feverently on both cheeks. Now we know why he was growing that beard.

If you see a strange man hiding in the bushes around your place, it's more than apt to be an ex-President of Cuba.

I see by the papers that during this kidnapping epidemic a well-known

machine gun company has patriotically agreed to not sell any to gangsters till they have used up the ones they have.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2193 MR. ROGERS SEES OPENING FOR A NEW ENTERPRISE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 14. – Course I could talk about "our warships going to Cuba," "our foreign trade picking up," "sixteen nations bought more," "President of France knocked down by a bicycle." That's not as bad as me the night I landed in Yokohama, Japan, and got run over by a rickshaw. But the real bit of news was some ingenious Swiss from Switzerland who wanted to smuggle some Swiss watches into Spain. So this old "yodeler" drove a bunch of geese afoot from Switzerland clear across France to Spain and he had the watches tied under the geese's wings.

Think what a fellow could bring into this country if he had himself a good bunch of trained whales.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2194 MR. ROGERS TAKES ONE OF THOSE LITTLE JAUNTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 15. – Well, I was just sitting around here late this afternoon and happened to have a day off tomorrow (Wednesday) and the West is playing the East polo in Chicago tomorrow.

I think of leaving here late this evening, flying to Chicago, see the game and get back Wednesday night.

Over Boulder Dam about 9 tonight, Salt Lake at midnight, see the sun rise in Cheyenne, breakfast in Omaha, lunch in Chicago, all on a passenger line.

And by the way the old airplane came in pretty handy getting the ex-Presidents out of Cuba. There is nothing that will drive you to flying quicker than to have somebody after you.

If this NRA works out (and it certainly looks like it will) it will just show you, you don't have to have war to make folks patriotic.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2195 MR. ROGERS IS BOUND UP IN POLO AT THE MOMENT

LAKE FOREST, Ill., Aug. 16. – Well, the old Western polo boys got licked today. It now stands one game each and the finals Sunday.

It was anybody's game for a long time, then our old cowpuncher Rube Williams got hurt. We got to try and get Eric Pedley, a crack player from the Coast, to come back here.

Well, all you hear back here is codes, "How do you think NRA is going?" and it's wonderful the way every one seems to enter into it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2196 MR. ROGERS, IN CAPITAL, SEES WHEELS GO ROUND

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17. – Well, I flew in here this afternoon from Chicago. Come to the old fountain of rumors to watch the hired boys work under perspiration.

The town has got "coditis." Every time you come to Washington somebody is headlined. All the interest is centered here. Last time I was here they were featuring J. P. Morgan, once the R. F. C., but this time all briefcases can be followed and they lead to the Hoover building (the Department of Commerce Building, covering the lower end of the District of Columbia and the entire northeastern part of Virginia).

Well, this old Oklahoma Johnson is in there and he is papa in Washington now. You bring your code to him. He uncodes it, recodes you another one, you sign it, get you a bluebird and go back in business again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2197 ROGERS BARS POLITICIANS FROM COMEDIANS' CODE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 18. – I been working day and night since almost yesterday with this fellow Johnson on a code for comedians. He claims that Senators and Congressmen come under our code. I claim theirs is a separate union, that they are professionals and in a class by themselves and that us amateur comedians should not be classed with 'em.

I hate to defy this NRA, but l am going to carry my fight to the country, because, according to his code, it would give work to more Senators and Con-

gressmen, and I claim that's the only thing we don't want any more of. So it looks like I am really the first one to lock horns with this tough guy Johnson. But I believe I got the people with me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2198 MR. ROGERS FINDS PACE IN CAPITAL TOO SWIFT

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 20. – My friend Johnson, the code man, was going too fast for me so I left him. His code for himself and staff is 35 hours, not a week, but a day. If he ever goes to sleep he won't wake up till Xmas.

Here is the best one happened in Washington. All the big oil men of course were there and that of course meant a big poker game. Any time two oil men meet they don't open a filling station; they open a poker game. Then an oil man never travels without his big lawyer. Then in another room the lawyers have a crap game.

In the poker game for the first time it was all cash on the table, no checks. They didn't trust each other. That's their new code.

The lawyers used their same old code, of cash. They had never trusted each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Now for the big polo game to watch the West take the East like Huey Long took Louisiana.

2199 MR. ROGERS GLOATS A BIT OVER THE POLO RESULT

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 21. – Well, the "hill billies" beat the "dudes" and took the polo championship of the world right out of the drawing rooms and into the bunk house.

She won't go East in years, for the West always thought you had to have a birth certificate to play it. Now every cowpuncher is herding in the heifers with a corn-plaster saddle and even the "hay-heavers" have changed a pitchfork into a polo mallet.

Twenty thousand Chicagoans witnessed Sunday's social massacre. Nineteen thousand of 'em had never seen a horse, much less a polo game.

So from now on west of the Mississippi "Old Dobbin" plows in the field only till 4 o'clock, when he will be washed, scrubbed and his teeth polished and he goes out on the lawn to cavort in what used to be known as strictly a social recreation.

Poor old society, they got nothing exclusive left. The movie folks outmarried and outdivorced 'em, the common folks took their cocktails, "near" society took to bridge. Now polo has gone to the buckwheat belt, so poor old society hasn't even been left a code.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2200 MR. ROGERS DISCUSSES A FEW FARM PROBLEMS

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 22. – I'm going to drop this off here at Hoover Dam.

Hope they don't irrigate more land so they can raise more things that they can't sell and have to plow up more rows, kill more pigs to keep 'em from becoming hogs.

Looks like this whole hog-destroying scheme of Mr. Wallace's is a direct slap against my old friend and companion "Blue Boy."

What Wallace is trying to do is to teach the farmer corn acreage control and the hogs birth control, and one is just as hard to make understand it as the other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2201 MR. ROGERS TAKES A POLL ON THIS NRA BUSINESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 23. - As I look at this NRA after having a long chat with the President about it, and Hugh Johnson, the chief executioner, Secretary of Labor Miss Perkins, Senators, well informed Washington writers, airplane pilots, taxi drivers, bell hops, steel men, oil men and one lone optimistic bootlegger (who still believed this country would soon see the error of its ways and return him back his stolen profession).

Now as I say I have asked all about it. (For once in my life I kept still and let them do the talking.)

Now, the doubt about the scheme is in proportion to the extra money each particular party would be asked to put in the scheme, and even each dis-

agreer hoped that it would work, but would prefer having it work without affecting him.

Still many a big man was for it heart and soul.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2202 MR. ROGERS HAS A MAN HE WOULD LIKE TO PLACE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 24. – As usual, Al Smith made the best speech made on the NRA, the most sensible and clear reasoning in support of it.

I hope in all this readjustment that some real important place can be found where we can utilize that fellow's good common sense.

And talking about what people said, this McCormick of Chicago, who has just returned from Germany, editor of the great Chicago Tribune (no, I don't write for it) says very astonishingly, but no doubt truthfully:

"Along with the youth of Germany in this war spirit is the women. When bigger wars are made, women will make 'em, as always."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2203 MR. ROGERS IS ABSORBED IN HIS HOME TOWN NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 25. – California has a murder trial going on out here now (some professor is supposed to have killed his wife,) so you all know when your hometown papers can scare up a good murder trial, why, that's just like striking pay dirt, so l don't know what Hugh Johnson is doing with the auto code, how Secretary Wallace of Agriculture is making out trying to keep pigs from growing up, what Cordell Hull is doing toward making international conferences useful as well as decorative, what Secretary of Labor Miss Perkins is doing to see that everything in the N.R.A. is not unionized, or is unionized, or whatever they decide to do with it. As I say, we got a murder trial, and we don't know a thing in the world that is happening outside of that, so pardon my ignorance.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2204 MR. ROGERS GUESSED RIGHT ON THE TEXAS ELECTION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 27. – Helen Wills Moody, congratulations.

I don't believe the Armistice got as much publicity. And poor Texas, they would be unfortunate enough to have their prohibition election on the same day Helen was losing her championship.

So it will be Tuesday or Wednesday before we hear what happened down there. Voted like they drink, I guess, just for a change.

President Roosevelt yesterday made a speech to his rich Dutchess County neighbors, none of whom voted for him (smart bunch of lads?).

I would like to see the "code" he makes out for them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2205 MR. ROGERS ON THE EXIT OF A 'BRAIN TRUSTER'

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 28. – I believe that Mr. Moley, chief of the "brain trusters," getting out is about the starting of the end of college professors in government.

A professor gets all of his out of a book, but the politician, as bad as he is, does have an understanding of human nature and the mob.

So we just as well become reconciled to the fact that the old politician is with us, "even unto death."

Theories are great, they sound great, but the minute you are asked to prove one in actual life, why the thing blows up.

So professors back to the classroom, idealists back to the drawing room, Communists back to the soap box (and use some of it), but old Congressman "Hokum" and old Senator "Hooey" are still the Mussolinis of our country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2206 MR. ROGERS SUGGESTS A NEW KIND OF 'WEEK'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 29. – So Germany has barred Schumann-Heink. Say, if my own wife barred Schumann-Heink from anything I would be with Schumann. A grand liberal-minded soul.

Some fellow on Long Island, N. Y., in a dress suit pounced on my old

friend Huey Long. Huey didn't recognize him in the disguise. Dress suits are used only in Louisiana to encase dead politicians.

By the way, did anybody ever see a United States Senator in his home State after the night he is elected? I have met 'em all over the world when Congress was not in session, but never saw one at home. They are always making speeches about "my fine people back home," but they never want to see em.

So I hereby start a movement to create another week. Like apple week, prune week, it's "meet your own Senator week" and make him come home no matter what happens to him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2207 MR. ROGERS HAS NEW IDEA FOR LONG ISLAND PARTIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 30. – See picture in the papers of an old boy eating fifty-four ears of corn as an appetizer, and a woman 71 years old stored away forty-five.

Since we give 'em the vote there just is no end to women's cleverness. Men just can't hardly beat 'em at anything.

If Secretary of Agriculture Wallace will get busy and promote a lot of these corn-eating contests (there is no reason why it can't be made as popular as bridge; it has much more to recommend it).

Well, with a lot of these contests they won't have to be plowing up every third row of corn.

Long Island better have this kind of parties, then they can't throw anything at the Senators but the cobs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2208 MR. ROGERS SEES AN IDEA OF HIS FLOP WITH A THUD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 31. – Well, like a lot of my big ideas, they don't seem to work out. There must be a bit of college professor in me somewhere.

You remember a couple of days ago I wanted to have the home folks meet their Senator. Now that sounded practical but you would be surprised at the amount of resentment that has come to my roll-top desk. Why, my idea was as "wet" as the State of Washington.

They all claim they don't want to see their Senator. That's why they elected him, was to get rid of him. If they had wanted him at home they would have kept him at home.

So there goes another big Rogers idea in the ash can.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2209 WILL ROGERS IS PUZZLED OVER ALL THIS INFLATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. l. – We got a little shot of inflation coming along now in a few weeks, and a lot of us dumb ones are trying to find out just what it is, just where it attacks you, and how.

All you can learn about it is "money will be cheaper." Cheaper than what? If a dollar is worth only 10 cents how are you going to get your clutches on it any easier than now. Unless they give it away, I can't see where its going to be any big help to everybody.

Now I am only asking these questions, I don't want 'em answered.

Had a chat yesterday with Mr. Raskob, a wealthy man that was a Democrat before it was fashionable, in fact he was ostracized from the other rich for years. He is in favor of inflation (rather unique for a millionaire). Well even he had a little trouble explaining what it was so I certainly don't want to have to listen to any of you amateurs in the money business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2210 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A BIT OF ADVICE TO THE NRA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 3. Now like any good cause, it's naturally going to have a little gossip and whisperings about it.

So, you Democrats that are handing out the jobs in Washington on all this National Recovery program don't discriminate against the old Republican. This is a national thing and I doubt if any country, regardless of politics, ever in peace time entered into a thing any more wholeheartedly.

Somebody good naturedly started the definition of NRA, "no Republicans allowed." You want to keep that a joke.

This thing is on a much higher plane than handing out the old postoffices.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2211 MR. ROGERS IS IN SEARCH OF A TIRELESS HOLIDAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 4. – Every holiday ought to be named "Labor Day." If we could ever get vacations down to where you wasn't any more tired on the day one was over than on our regular work day it would be wonderful.

The President caught Vincent Astor not watching him close and sneaked off his yacht and went on a whaler. From what I can hear about yachting the tough part is getting somebody to ride with you. One rough day and you lose half your crew and all your guests.

By the way, a good stiff sales tax on hamburgers today would have paid our national debt. Give an American a one-piece bathing suit, a hamburger and five gallons of gas and they are just as tickled as a movie star with a new divorce.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2212 MR. ROGERS IS NOT UPSET BY THE FORD IMPASSE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 5. – See some of the papers are kinder excited over "what will Henry Ford do?"

Well, that's the least thing we got to worry about nowadays. He will do better by labor than anybody else. So that's good enough.

There is only one drawback to this "buying in September." Women with charge accounts and sending stuff on approval, they will do a lot of September buying, but Lord help October when they start to returning the clothes because they didn't look good at the party.

They say there is a hurricane down in Texas and Florida. Think I saw a little squib about it in some California paper.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2213 MR. ROGERS REMAINS COOL DESPITE THE CUBAN NEWS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 6. – Even experts don't know what the weather will do. Even millionaires don't know what Wall Street will do.

There is millions of things that nobody knows anything about in advance, but the dumbest guy in the world knows that the minute a Latin American coun-

try has a revolution that it is just the opening game of a series of 'em.

You know we got the wrong impression of a revolution. They was raised on 'em down there. They love 'em. It's their only relaxation. Sure people get killed sometimes. If it's a first-class Grade A revolution, they may lose about as many as we lose over our weekends by trying to pass somebody on a turn.

There is one thing about a Latin American country. No matter who is running it, they are always run the same.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2214 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 7. – Most of us had the impression that the late big war was started all at once by Germany deciding it would be a good time to go through Belgium. Well do you know this fellow that died yesterday, the Englishman, Viscount Grey, who at that time was Britain's Foreign Secretary? Well, according to all official records that have been published they had had dozens of conferences and communications among all these nations for weeks (also read Col. House's books.) So according to all the dope, this fellow Grey had quite a time arranging the war. It looked for a while like he wasn't going to be able to put it on. Now I see where Lloyd George's book says the same thing. It's awful hard to get into a war without a diplomat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2215 ROGERS SEES A PARADE OF PRESIDENTS IN CUBA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 8. – Must seem like the old Rep-ublican days to the marines to be loading on a boat and be going to somebody else's country to help 'em run it.

I see where some time today they are supposed to pick out Cuba's next week's President.

Our Secretary of the Navy has gone abroad to review the American fleet. Cuba don't care so much for a new President as they do just to see how quick the last one can leave town.

If these last few Presidents Cuba throws out have got as big a family as Machado had, Cuba will wake up some morning with no population.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2216 MR. ROGERS SYMPATHIZES WITH THE LITTLE NATION

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 10. – Well, I guess I am all wet as usual, but a headline in all the papers like this don't particularly add to my patriotism:

"Cuba picks new president as battleship Mississippi steams into port."

Any more than the following one would: "United States of America having internal trouble and his Majesty King George has dispatched his dreadnoughts to stand by in New York harbor to protect British investments in America and to see that the right man is elected."

But that couldn't happen for they are both big nations, and would mean war. But when one nation is big and one is little, why the little nation's port is just like a public regatta. Everybody can come in that's got a boat.

The whole thing as I see it all over the world today is that the little nations has got no business being little.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2217 MR. ROGERS HAS NEW IDEA OF WHAT NRA REALLY IS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 11. – I was talking to Oscar Lawler yesterday, California's most capable and common sense lawyer.

He says that the NRA is nothing but a code of fair ethics of people doing business with each other, and thinks it was rather a slam against a nation that we have to be forced by government control and patriotic persuasion to do what's right.

I never had thought of it in that light, but that's all it is.

It looks like they are trying to get a little more conscience on the market and a little less preferred stock.

It's just decency by government control.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2218 MR. ROGERS AGAIN OFFERS SOME ADVICE ON CUBA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 12. – Did you see in the paper this afternoon where Cuba is liable to have another change of government?

Well, the other day I told you (or was you listening?) that revolutions

run in packs, like hounds or bananas. One revolution is just like one cocktail. It gets you organized to get ready for the next.

Now they are just having more fun down there than they have had in years, if old "Mother Superior" America wasn't trying to horn in on all of it.

It's their country. It's their sugar. Take the sugar out of Cuba and we would no more be interested in their troubles than we would a revolution among the Zulus.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2219 MR. ROGERS RECOMMENDS A NEW ANTI-CRIME MOVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 13. – Say Los Angeles come through with something yesterday that looks like one of the best measures to help offset this crime racket.

It looks like every time a man commits a crime and is caught his prison record reads like he had been a tourist inmate of every prison worth attending. There hasn't been an amateur crook caught in years.

Well, Los Angeles makes every visiting ex-criminal register. Course you will say, "Yes, but he won't register." Well that's the catch. If he don't he is liable to six months' imprisonment for not complying with the law.

Certain state paroled ones are exempt to save injustice to ones who are doing right. But it's mainly to catch the visiting gentleman.

It might be worth you other towns looking into.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2220 MR. ROGERS BARES SECRET OF 'COCKEYED OIL WELLS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 14. – Say, they are having a time out here in California in the courts over something I bet a lot of you didn't know anything about.

They drill an oil well down straight for quite a little ways, then they got a gadget that turns it off to one side and they head it out towards where they know some oil is.

Mr. Roosevelt owns what's in the ocean, but these old boys are diving down, turning to the left and robbing the poor Democrats.

It's a great thing for these States that have no oil. All you do is drill a few

"cockeyed" wells near the line and go over and get it from "Ma" Ferguson or "Alfalfa Bill" Murray.

By the way, where do you get one of those tools?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2221 MR. ROGERS PHILOSOPHIZES ON BIG AND LITTLE THINGS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 15. – Cuba, you better hurry and get a dictator, a President, a keeper, or something. For one more week is all you got to stay on the front page. When the Giants have won two games, Washington two, and the Notre Dame back field starts percolating. Cuba just as well be Tasmania as far as the papers are concerned.

And that's what makes us a great nation. We take the little things serious, and the big ones as a joke.

Many, many people out of work, some even in actual want, yet carrying on in confidence, and in hope. When the little fellow, that is actually in want, can have faith in his government, by golly the big ones should certainly carry on, for they have never missed a meal so far.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2222 MR. ROGERS CONFESSES TO FAILURE AS CRUSADER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 17. – Looks like the days of these "sob sisters" moaning around over everyone on trial is over. Juries have started in giving the deceased or injured party a break.

Looks like my single-handed crusade to keep us out of Cuba hasn't been very successful. Now we got to go in to protect Americans who would have needed no protection had we had no diplomacy or battleships to get us in wrong in the first place.

We are just getting ready to trade lives for sugar. It would be better if we all learned to drink it black.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2223 MR. ROGERS IS CONVINCED THE OIL MEN ARE HARD UP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 18. – Hope the oil business gets straightened out for it is tough.

Just today in a movie I was making I had a scene where I met an Indian. During our conversation I found out that he was an Osage. That's the rich tribe that lives by us down in Oklahoma. Why when oil was going good, an Osage wouldn't have even spoken to a poor Cherokee. They used Rolls Royces for trailers.

See now where the French are about to go off the gold. If we get as much enjoyment out of them going off as they did us, we ought to feel great all winter.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2224 MR. ROGERS CONFESSES TO A LOT OF GUESSING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 19. – "Mr. Hoover meets reporter, but won't discuss national topics."

The rest of us discuss 'em morning, night and noon and I don't suppose there ever was a time when everybody knew as little about what they were talking about as they do today.

Actual knowledge of the future was never lower but hope was never higher.

Confidence will beat predictions any time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2225 MR. ROGERS GOES HIGHBROW ON THE INFLATION QUESTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 20. – To inflate or not to inflate, that is the Democratic question. Whether it's nobler in the minds to suffer the slings and arrows of southern politicians or to take up inflation against a sea of economists, and by opposing, end them.

To expand, to inflate, to inflate perchance to dream. Aye there's the rub.

For in that sleep of inflation, what dreams may come, puzzle the will

and make us doubtful whether to bear those ills we have or fly to others we know not of.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2226 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 21. – Put a tax on the New York Stock Exchange, so they say they are going to move to New Jersey. There is no industry that could move easier. All they have to do is change their telephone number, pick up the blackboard and tell the loafers where to meet tomorrow. But those old Jersey politicians are not far behind the Tammany one. The minute they see what an easy "racket" it is they will be there with the tax too. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a man could move his farm or house when the tax comes?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2227 ROGERS CALLS THE ROLL ON REGIMENT OF INITIALS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 22. – The President just created the F. E. R. A. (Federal Emergency Relief Association) and the A. A. A. (Agricultural Adjustment Administration) and the P. W. A. (Public Works Administration), so the F. E. R. A., and the A. A. A. and the P. W. A. are to work in conjunction with the N. R. A. with the financial help of the R.F.C., who will pay the C. O. D.s of the C. C. C. (Citizens Conservation Camps) and take in return for all money loaned out to all these initials, I. O. U.s.

Never was a country in the throes of more capital letters than the old U. S. A. But we still haven't sent out the S. O. S.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2228 MR. ROGERS SEES STRIKES VERY UNPOPULAR TODAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Sept. 24. – "The Iowa Farmers Holiday Association will strike if the President don't guarantee passage of the Frazier Mortgage Refinancing Bill." How in the world can Mr. Roosevelt guarantee what Congress will do? There is not even a fortune teller would dare predict. They will meet and from then on we just got to put our trust in the Lord.

I am not trying to advise the "holiday farmers," for I don't know what a

holiday farmer is, but it's a tough time for any one group to start making demands, for I think you will find this fellow feels he owes allegiance to the eater as well as the raiser. The farmer deserves a profit, but the guy that's not eating deserves a meal more. The stockholder deserves his dividend, but the unemployed deserves his job more.

I can think of nothing more unpopular than a strike, a strike of anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2229 MR. ROGERS THINKS MCKEE MAY NOW KNOW BETTER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 25. – This President of Cuba has been in now two weeks. One more week and he will be retired by the Cuban Constitution for "long service to his country." He hasn't got many votes with him but he has some of the best marksmen in Cuba. We have messed around now till we don't know whether to go in or have our folks come out.

Talk of opening seven thousand closed banks. That will put over a half-million vice presidents back on the payroll.

This fellow McKee that was Mayor of N. Y. and was discharged for efficiency, I see they are going to give him another chance. Maybe he will know enough to just be a N. Y. Mayor the next time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2230 MR. ROGERS SEES RAILROADS NOW FINALLY WAKING UP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 26. – Roscoe Turner crossed the country in ten hours. That's bringing towns too close together. Railroads are finally waking up. They are building a new train now that wasn't modeled in the Nineties.

But we have to take the bad news with the good. Ring Lardner died. You can always get better planes, better trains, but we can't get another Ring Lardner. What a privilege to have known him since those good old days when he wrote sketches for Mr. Ziegfeld's Follies.

In years to come, when libraries put just books in one wing and literature in the other, you are mighty liable to find Lardner's writings right in with the literature.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2231 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS CARE IN BROADCASTING

BEVERLY HILLS Cal., Sept. 27. – While some of these radio commissions are telling how many kilowatts and how many detours stations can have, why don't they limit them to how many rumors they can broadcast without any single iota of facts.

I am getting tired of being used as the object of some catastrophe, and I suppose lots of others have the same thing happen to 'em all over the country. Let 'em lose some lawsuits, and they will start investigating before they start broadcasting.

Well, I see where the New York Stock Exchange bluffed Tammany out of the tax. They are going to put it on the street car and subway travelers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2232 ROGERS SEES TAXPAYER TURNING ON POLITICIAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 28. – With a white rat rising up and knocking the ears down on six rattlesnakes, it may be the turning of a new era. A taxpayer is liable to become aroused and bump off about half the political payroll. Then when kidnappers admit where 75,000 bucks are buried, and it was really there and had been for several months, why that shows we have somebody in the country that can live off their income and not have to dig up their principal.

But when it costs the government $66,000 to hire a steamship company to carry one pound of picture postcards across the water, when it would be cheaper to cable at government expense.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2233 ROGERS SUGGESTS WAR OF KENTUCKY COLONELS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 29. – There is so many boni-fide Colonels of Kentucky that they have formed an association and have been split up into zones. Irvin Cobb (who can't return to Paducah) has been commander in chief of the Colonels east of the Mississippi River. And I have been appointed to direct all Kentucky Colonels west of the river.

A war of extermination of Kentucky Colonels may be just what the country needs, so nothing would please me better than to meet Irv, and his fat, gouty, worn out Negro-dialect old Colonels, with my bunch of young, agile, alert boys that reside on the progressive side of the river.

Our men are Colonels through achievement and not just through appetite.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2234 WILL ROGERS EXTOLS MEN WHO PIONEER IN THE AIR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 1. – Roscoe Turner who just broke the West-East record, already holding the East-West was just out. Men like Turner, Hawkes, Doolittle, Post, Mattern and others promote the money, risk their lives then do things that today are considered a stunt, but tomorrow are an everyday affair.

We used to think the Japanese couldn't fly but I saw a weekly where it looked like there was millions doing it. Lindbergh says Russia has a plane for every beard, so we got to speed up. Railroads, airlines, kidnapping jury convictions and everything. Whatever is going to happen to us let it happen quick, and get it over with.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2235 ROGERS PRAISES ROOSEVELT FOR HIS ADDRESS TO LEGION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 2. – You know the thing you got to admire about Roosevelt when he is in some argument with somebody he goes right before 'em personally and lays his reason right before 'em.

Politicians said it would be suicide to cut any pensions. Politicians said he shouldn't go to the American Legion convention. He did both.

Sending an emissary or a message has ruined many a big man. Everybody likes to hear it straight from the boss, even if you are going to get fired, and the Legion loved him for it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2236 MR. ROGERS GETS AN IDEA FOR RADIO IMPROVEMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 3. – These announcers of the World Series in both the radio systems did a great job.

I got a radio in my stable. Well, they made it seem so real that half a dozen times I started into a box stall to buy a hot dog and a bottle of beer.

I like the way they announced where the batter come from, his home town, his weight, age, batting average and who he had been keeping company with.

And that's what should be done with radio singers.

"This crooner is from Adenoid, N.J. He sings left handed, weighs 118 pounds without his tonsils, he sang 335 songs last year, with nothing to remember 'em by but his manuscript. He was first with Claremore, Okla., in the O. K. League. Divorced three times, and is looking for a break."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2237 MR. ROGERS CASTS AN EYE OVER THE LATEST NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 4. – Mr. Roosevelt's reforestation program will pay for itself if they do nothing but teach young men what to do in a forest fire. Our catastrophe out here will be a lesson to politicians as to who to put in charge of men.

I had known Young Bill Stribling, the prize fighter, and his family for years. Gee, he was a fine young man, a credit to any profession.

The savior of Austria, a little fellow standing three feet six on stilts, was shot, but fortunately no damage, and a nation was saved by physique.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2238 MR. ROGERS SENDS ALONG A PICTURE FANCY WEAVES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 5. – For days I have heard on the radio these baseball announcers say, "I will now give you the picture of the World's Series. Washington versus New York at Washington. New York at bat. Ninth inning."

Well, they got me doing it. I will now give you the picture. It's the U. S.

versus depression. The score is three to two in favor of depression. It's the last half of the ninth inning. U. S. at bat. Two men are out and the bases are loaded.

Unemployment is on third, NRA is on second, Farm Relief on first and Roosevelt at bat. He has already had two hits during the game.

There is three balls and two strikes on the batter. Depression's team has gathered around its pitcher. The batter is all confident. He rubs his hands in dirt, he smiles; here it comes. Bang!

It's a hit. It's a hit. Unemployment crosses the plate. NRA comes home with the winning run.

Boy, oh boy! What a game!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2239 MR. ROGERS HAILS LEGION FOR SANE CHICAGO STAND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 6. – Just been reading over the resolutions that were passed in Chicago by the American Legion this week. They were as level-headed and broad-minded as ever passed by any organization, and here was an astonishing thing, they come out unanimous for a sound dollar.

Now that showed they wasn't taking the easy way out. And there was a body of men representing the cross section of our country if ever one did. You would be surprised at the amount of people that don't care how much anything else jumps up and down every day, but they want to know what that old dollar is worth asleep or awake.

But enough of this. For the one way to detect a feeble-minded man is to get one arguing on economics.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2240 MR. ROGERS GETS A LAUGH OUT OF A GOOD-WILL TRIP

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 8. – When you really figure it out, there is no individual that is as funny as a nation (any nation; not just these).

An Argentine President visited Brazil (the first time in generations). He went there in an Argentine battleship, was met by Brazilian cruisers and seventy-five fighting planes (now all this mind you is on a good-will trip).

Imagine individuals doing that. I go to visit you and take along a Winchester and belt full of cartridges. You meet me at your gate with your best pol-

ished machine gun and two Colt's .45s.

But at the banquet that night there is wonderful speeches of good-will. Then next morning both of 'em start building more guns.

Viva diplomacy, nobody is fooled, nobody is hurt. Viva hooey.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2241 MR. ROGERS PUTS BRITAIN ON THE PREFERRED LIST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 9. – The British are over here now talking to us about debts. That's one thing you got to say for them, they were the first to pay us anything, and even if they are not going to pay us any more, they at least come over and talk it over with us.

And, if ever a different settlement is made they certainly deserve the first break.

We dislike their tea, we kid their poor English dialect and we think they are snobbish, but by golly, we know that their honor all over the world is recognized.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2242 MR. ROGERS TURNS TO SPORTS IN A DIGEST OF THE NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 10. – Poor Mr. Roosevelt. He no more than gets one national thing straightened out than along comes something else. Just getting the codes out of the way when along comes Kansas and almost beats Notre Dame. Now he has to drop everything till he gets Notre Dame straightened out.

Manager Terry of the Giants was sentenced to five years in New York. Looks like Cronin was really the winner. He was only sentenced to three years in Washington. He is young yet and will be when he gets out.

Say, did you know our popular Governor Jimmy Rolph, who has worn boots all his life is not well? Some crazy doctor made him put on shoes.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2243 MR. ROGERS WAS SIGHTED SOME FORGOTTEN MEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 11. – Various groups have arisen to sorter gnaw at the old Democratic party's heels.

Now I don't want to cause undue worry at a time like this, but I do want to call your attention to another cloud in the sky. Since autumn weather has set in and the leaves have begin to fall you can see quite a few Republicans that have been hiding in the trees, a few more than last year.

On the banks of the Wabash the other day Jim Watson climbed right out on a sycamore limb in plain view (brazenly mind you) and started chirping. I discovered Ambassador Edge out here yesterday traveling under his own name, for the first time in a year.

All this is not a good omen and I think the uprising should be put down immediately. You know how anxious ignorant people are about joining some fad.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2244 MR. ROGERS IS OF OPINION COLUMBUS WAS ALL RIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 12. – We are celebrating Columbus Day here, and he never even saw California, (Chamber of Commerce fell down again).

Old "Eric the Red" from Garboland already had a home in America where he spent his summers, but this Columbus was quite a fellow. He is the only man then, or since, who ever had a Queen pawning jewels. Columbus was an Italian, but he made Spain pay his fare over.

The other night up to Charley Chaplin's house I met Emil Ludwig, the world's greatest biographer, who has written more things about big men than Walter Winchell has about little ones.

Well, Ludwig tells me that Napoleon was an Italian, too, that was just operating under the auspices of France. Lafayette saved the U. S. Pershing and some Englishmen saved France. I can't find where any local boy ever made good at home.

I got to get with this Ludwig and go into history deeper when Chaplin ain't clowning around.

Yours in search of facts,

Will Rogers.

2245 MR. ROGERS TELLS LABOR HOW TO SERVE THE NATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 13. – It must be terribly discouraging to Mr. Roosevelt after eight months of hard work to try to get people a job to have 'em strike the minute they get it.

It looks like if all these dissatisfied groups instead of striking would keep on working and lay their complaints before the government with the proviso that if it's settled in their favor they get the extra back pay.

Labor has seen enough of Roosevelt to know he is in sympathy with 'em, and that in a government arbitration they will get a square deal.

Help your company to start making some money, and when they do Roosevelt will see that you get a fair part of it. If American labor would work while their case is being arbitrated, instead of striking, they would have the gratitude of our President and the sympathy of everybody.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2246 MR. ROGERS SHEDS A TEAR FOR THE TROUBLED LEAGUE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 15. – So Germany left the League. Well, we can't criticize. We never even went in.

The poor old League never had a chance, for it had no power. It tried to keep everybody good by having 'em sign a pledge (but there was nothing they could do to you if you broke the pledge).

They didn't need guns to make the League a real success. An economic boycott against any nation by all the others would have done the trick. Let the world quit trading with Japan and China will have Manchuria back by breakfast time.

Nations will give up their lives (even cheer about it). They will give up their money in order to give up their lives, but to ask one to give up their trade to prevent a war, well, that has never been done.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2247 MR. ROGERS NOTES A GAIN IN THE CONFERENCE GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 16. – The best omen of international goodwill is that conferences are getting shorter. Now if they will do away with 'em

entirely there will be no war.

The biggest one ever held was at Versailles after the war, and all the others held since then was to fix something that was done wrong at that one.

The biggest disarmament conference was at Washington in 1922, and all the other disarmament ones have been held to try and fix what was done wrong at that one.

So the ideal thing is, don't hold the original conference, then you won't have to hold any more to fix anything.

The same bunch of delegates go to all of 'em anyhow, so just put 'em on a government pension, let 'em put on their high hats, take movies of 'em and let 'em play like they was at a conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2248 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A TIP ON HOW TO KEEP POSTED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 17. – In order to see what little information I can pick up during these "loco" days, I talk and ask questions of every one I meet.

Yesterday I ran onto a fellow who had hitch-hiked his way out here from New York. Rather dignified looking old bird but kinder down at the heels. He give me about the most information I have had.

He hopes they won't inflate. In fact, he hopes they announce they will soon go back on gold, then everybody will know what their money is worth. Had optimistic helpes of our future. Thought too many people, both large and small, looked too much to the government to fix their troubles, and do nothing themselves. He wasn't sore at the world, and had a good word for everybody.

As I let him out of my car to catch a ride with some one else, I asked his name. Said his name was Baruch, Bernard Baruch.

So pick up all old men you meet, some of 'em mightly smart.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2249 MR. ROGERS ISN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE NATION'S FATE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 18. – Nothing really disastrous to this country can ever happen, for right in the middle of serious troubles will come up some fool thing.

"The world is about to go to war." "Farm mortgages are selling for fifty cents a bushel." "The American dollar is bouncing like a rubber check."

But in the midst of all this Washington is excited and about to declare a speical session of Congress over Baby Leroy's and Jackie Cooper's salaries.

If the government starts regulating everbody's salaries, you are going to have this country clogged up with dollar a year men again.

Thousands pay voluntarily to see Baby Leroy, but before they can get the Senate gallery full (free of admission) they have to advertise that two Senators will probably kill each other.

That's what make us a great country. The little things are serious and the big ones are not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2250 ROGERS BOBS UP AGAIN AT A DEMOCRATIC SHINDIG

FORT WORTH, Tex., Oct. 19. – Vice President Garner, Postmaster General Farley, all the Democrats in Washington that amount to anything. Governor Ferguson and everybody was in Fort Worth at the opening of racing today and to attend Amon Carter's dinner.

Twenty or thirty thousand people at a beautiful race track in a State where the horse was responsible for making it what it is, a lovely sight.

Texas is full of Democrats, full of resources and full of confidence.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2251 SAN ANTONIO AIR FIELDS IMPRESS WILL ROGERS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 20. – Flew in her this morning with Vice Presidnet Garner and Mr. Farley. There is something that you ought to come all the way to San Antonio to see, that's Randolph Flying Field, the fiest flying field in the world and the prettiest laid out thing in America. Then there's Kelly Field. Our salvation in the next war comes out of this unique little city.

Flying on down to Garner's home at Uvalde, where for thirty years be represented them in Congress, and the prairie dogs all voted for him.

Where other Vice Presidents have done nothing but make speeches, Garner just fishes. If all politicians fished instead of speaking publicly we would be at peace with the world.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2252 MR. ROGERS IN A FLYING BED TAKES LONG-DISTANCE NAP

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 22. – Left Fort Worth, Texas, last night at 9; in Los Angeles at 7:30 A.M., regular American Airways passenger line.

The co-pilot made our seats down into a regular bed and all the passengers slept through the landings and the taking on the gas at El Paso, Douglas, Tucson and Phoenix.

Been on a tour with this fellow Farley for three days. Thousands turned out to see him everywhere. Lots of 'em looking for a postoffice. When he finished talking to 'em they all felt satisfied even if they hadn't received as much as a postcard.

Quite a President maker that lad. Presidents become great, but they have to be made Presidents first.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2253 MR. ROGERS PUTS A FINGER ON CAUSE OF FARM REVOLT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 23. – Farmers are having a tough time but they had no idea that they were so bad off till they joined an organization and had some paid leaders tell 'em how poor they were.

If ever an idustry was having a field day, it's the industry of paid leaders in every line, who are explaining to their followers "what the government owes them."

I haven't seen a copy of the Constitution in years (I guess they are out of print), but I don't remember in there anything about what is was to do if you raised too much, or if you manufactured too much, or if you went in debt too much, or if you drove your automobile too much, or if you bathed in one of your bathrooms too much.

In fact, if I remember right we owed more to the Constitution than it did to us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2254 WILL ROGERS DIAGNOSES THE CONDITION OF WALL ST.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 24. – Mr. Roosevelt is the only man who can raise the stock market without putting up any money.

The market not only operates on O. P. M. (other people's money) but O. P. R. (other people's rumors).

A war in Europe would mean nothing to the stock market (provided it actually happened) but let a rumor get out that Mr. Ford was building a six-door sedan or that the present government was going to recognize Tammany Hall, or that Bernard Baruch was growing a beard—any of these rumors and wheat would jump 10 points, American Can 8, American T. and T. 9.

So the only thing can break the stock market is a fact.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2255 WILL ROGERS PREPARES TO MARKET SOME GOLD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 25. – Jesse Jones of Texas starts in buying gold for the government today, so get your old wedding rings reeady. It's going to be a great thing for a lot of these Hollywood females. They got buckets full of 'em. If gold gets to forty dollars and ounce, I got some old teeth fillings that will go.

I would love to see the loot that Jesse gathers in. There will be many a one of these old hunting gold watch cases. Gold-headed canes is another commodity that will be resurrected.

If we had just thought of all this five years ago, when every paper headlined the daily millions and millions that was going out. We have some great ideas, but most of 'em come too late to do us any good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2256 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE WEST IS TAX-HARRIED, ALSO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 26. – All the Western States held a convention here is Los Angeles the other day on taxation to see what the running of the various States was costing 'em.

Well, they found it was costing 'em so much that they are talking now about letting Mexico have them back.

It's taken since, I believe it was 1812, for us to realize Mexico won that war.

But, like all conventions, it did nothing but hold a business meeting and pass some resoulutions, then hold a banquet and the waiters passed some cocktails.

Then they all went home and got ready to vote for the same politicians that put the last tax raise on 'em.

But a good time was had by all.

Please pass the gravy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2257 ROGERS'S INTEREST IN PRICE OF GOLD ONLY ACADEMIC

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 27. – Papers every day in big headlines tell what gold sells for. Just as well tell what radium sells for. Who has any of either?

Nevada has a great law. When they vote on a bond issue, or any money to be spent, they have two ballots. One is for property owners and one is for non-property owners, and to pass, it has to be a majority of both.

Nevada will take your wife away from you with representation, but they won't let anybody who pays no taxes take your property away from you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2258 MR. ROGERS FINDS NRA HAS A TASK ON GRIDIRON

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 29. – What's the RFC farm relief and sportsmanship going to do about this?

Oregon has a football team, and Washington has one, that has played all year with the same eleven men and beaten or tied everything on the Coast.

The rules say everybody that has a uniform is eligible; that in case a player has a phone call he can excuse himself for a few minutes and come back again. Then if he has a luncheon engagement can take time out for that, even if he sees on old friend in the stands, can send in a substitute while he chats with him. Then of course in case of slight fatigue, he can come out and sleep a bit.

But I don't want to criticize. They may be operating under the NRA. They are giving shorter hours and more work to more men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2259 MR. ROGERS DOESN'T GET ALL THIS GOLD STUFF

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 30. – Going to buy gold on the world market now. What we been buying has been just "home talent" gold.

They claim the more you buy and the more you pay, the cheaper your dollar will get. Well, you will have no trouble on foreign support in this scheme. It will be no hardship for them to charge you even fifty dollars an ounce.

Now here is what us dumb ones don't get: When we had practically half the world's gold our dollar was still higher than a flagpole sitter.

But this is no place for the ignorant, for there are two people you can't argue with. One is a professor, for he has specs, and the other is an economist, for he has a title.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2260 MR. ROGERS OFFERS ADVICE TO A COUPLE OF KINGS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 31. – News today says "United States and England agree on gold control." But it didn't say nothing about France, who has all the gold. It's always good to take it up with the teacher before a couple of students decide when school will be out.

King Bor-us of Bulgaria and King Carol of Rumania met yesterday to decide ways to improve relations between the two countries. It was suggested Carol take Bor-us's sister to wife.

Nations have got a funny sense fo humor, ain't they? English royalty waited 'till they had all married Germans, then they went to war with 'em. Germans all married Russians, then fought.

Bor-us, you better pan that sister off to some local guy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2261 WILL ROGERS, FARMER, IS A LITTLE MYSTIFIED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 1. – Up in Dingville, Iowa, named for the great cartoonist Ding and sometimes called Des Moines, the farmers and the Governors are in convention.

It don't take a convention to tell that the farmers are in a bad plight.

The speeches were all made by farm leaders. Now what is a farm leader? I was raised on a farm. We had farm hands, farm hired girls, farm horses, farm mortgages (not many) but I never saw a farm that raised farm leaders.

This leader thing is a type of growth that has sprung up since everybody started joining organizations, not only in farming but in everything.

In the old days if you was smart enough to be in a business, you was smart enough to tend to your own business without listening to a leader make a speech.

Yours for less leaders and less followers of leaders.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2262 MR. ROGERS IS WATCHING OUR GOLD EXPERIMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 2. – Well, I see today my old friend from Buffalo Bayou, Texas, Jesse Jones, went right out in the wide open market and announced to the cockeyed world (including ourselves) that we wanted to buy gold.

Price was no object; the folks we bought it from was no object, Eskimos, Russians, Hindus, Zulus, bootleggers or anything.

The only thing we hadn't thought about, we got to give gold to get gold. Jesse couldn't start out with some of our paper money and buy a thimble full of gold between now and the big argument.

What do I mean, the big argument? Why, when Congress meets.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2263 ROGERS FINDS ONE THING PERMANENT IN OUR LIVES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 3. – We are awful glad those two strong-minded men, Ford and Johnson, arbitrated and made up. Your RFC can buy the gold crown off King George's head, your dollar can go to a dime, your Repub-

lican can come dragging, cut and bleeding, back to his old party; you can take the rouge from the female lips, the cigarettes from the raised hands, the hot dog from the tourists's greasy paw, but when you start jerking the Fords out from under the traveling public, you are monkeying with the very fundamentals of American life.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2264 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY WHITE HOUSE 'YEAHS?'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 5. – Say you don't rush this Roosevelt into everything that is pulled on him.

Saturday was refusal day with him (he must have collected a bad stamp). To the farmers' resolution from their convention telling him what to do, he just said "yeah?" Swope had a plan, and he just said "yeah?" England's debt commission goes home with nothing but "yeah?" Wall Street said the dollar must be stabilized. He just said, "yeah?" They even told him the big bad wolf, Congress, was coming in eight weeks, and he just said "yeah?"

It looked like the "yeah" had it. It takes a lot of "yeahs" to keep you from being a "yes" man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2265 MR. ROGERS DOFFS HIS HAT TO THE OLD BROWN DERBY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 6. – As you read this it will be election day. Six States are repealing prohibition and New York City is repealing its Mayor.

It's taken Al Smith twelve years of his life (and a defeat for nomination, a defeat for the Presidency) and just about every other type of bad break that a man that is in the right could get so when you newspapers write your editorials tomorrow (Wednesday) telling how it all come about, kindly remember there was something under the brown derby besides a New York dialect.

And P. S.: There is quite a few other things that this same gentleman has been ahead of his time on. Smith's obituary should read "He thought too fast for the mob."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2266 MR. ROGERS INTERPRETS THE SITUATION IN ITALY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 7. – Every time some country gets to thinking it has a dictator why along comes the old master dictator of all and shows 'em really how to dictate.

They applauded too loud for Mr. Balbo on his arrival in Italy and Mussolini couldn't help but hear it, so now Mussolini is head of the aviation himself.

Next year at Chicago's second Century of Progress why Italy will send a hundred planes and Mussolini will grow a beard and ride in the front plane.

Gold went up 17 cents yesterday but they can't get anything to go up with it. Trouble with us is we can't get anything to go up without the government buying it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2267 MR. ROGERS MOVED TO SONG BY THE NEW YORK ELECTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 8. – Tammanee, Tammanee, big chief got to get out of his tepee to make room for the Italian LaGuardee. Tammanee, Tammanee, swampum, swampum, voters got no wampum, out goes Tammanee.

I have known this little LaGuardia for years. He is not only quite an Italian but he is quite an American. He used to be considered a radical, but a radical of those days is a long-haired, hard-shelled die-hard in these times.

See where North Carolina went dry just through devilment, and not through preference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2268 MR. ROGERS SEES PROGRESS IN TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 9. – This country is coming back.

The best indication was old Kentucky. She disposed of sixteen at Tuesday's elections. That's a mighty good showing on what's called an off election year, and when you consider that they needn't have voted at all, for prohibition had already been repealed by thirty-six States.

Old Kentucky has a law which gives the doctors the benefit of the doubt. They won't count votes or bodies till the next day.

Clubs were wielded and heads were disorganized in New York, too. This is all a good omen. It shows we are getting out of our effeminate period of voting where you do nothing but vote.

Led by the spirit of old Kentucky we are returning to American principles. All but the Carolinas.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2269 MR. ROGERS FAILS TO FIND ANY CHEAP DOLLARS HERE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 10. – Well, we got a lot of excitement out here in Los Angeles. Five United States Senators arrived here to investigate and the fan dancer from the Chicago fair arrived to be investigated. It looks like a worth-while session.

The dollar was lower yesterday in Europe than it has ever been before. What a tough break for the Americans that go to see Europe and have never been further away from home in their own country than the garage.

The dollar may have been cheap in London, but there certainly wasn't any laying around for nothing in our country. And after all, it is a home talent commodity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2270 MR. ROGERS WOULD GUARD THE EDUCATED INVESTOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 12. – Just been talking today out here to all the Senators investigating these stock swindles and overcapitalizations. There has been millions and hundreds of millions lost.

There ought to be some form of guardianship for people that buy all this junk. Get Chambers of Commerce, clubs, priests and preachers. Don't get school teachers for they say they are the biggest suckers.

Educations won't do it for they say that only 5 per cent of these sales are made to people who can't read or write. It's the ones we have educated up till they are just smart enough to fall for everything that comes along.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2271 MR. ROGERS NOTES SLUMP IN STANDING OF SILK HATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 13. – Germany had an election to see if they approved leaving the League of Nations. There was one fellow voted against it, but they are on the track of him.

Poor old League. Always felt on account of her having no policemen nobody was going to pay much attention to it.

We just seem to be living in an era when good ideas don't get over. Everybody is out to protect themselves in the clinch. They are not depending on the referee helping 'em out much.

Look at little Switzerland. Always gone along minding their own business, now they got them going out buying a gun.

The world has just lost faith in a bunch of guys with silk hats.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2272 WILL ROGERS HAILS NEWS OF A GAIN IN A LONG WAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 14. – An international authority on the subject claims that they are in sight of a remedy for tuberculosis.

Well, if that's true that beats all the price of gold, all the disarmament, even the stopping of wars. For you bring war on yourself, but tuberculosis is brought unto you.

It looks like the day is finally arriving when medical scientists will receive the glory that we used to bestow entirely on our big financiers, industrialists and statesmen (hic).

Well, anyhow, the world is certainly praying for this fellow to be right.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2273 MR. ROGERS TAKES A STAND ON NEW EUROPEAN DISPUTE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 15. – Those two friendly gentlemen are at it again.

Germany voted confidence in their man. France had no election billed, but they got up in the middle of the night to vote confidence in theirs.

Germany wants to talk it over. France says not without the League being present.

Germany says she will arm. France says she shouldn't; that they will keep the peace for her.

Now for once in our lives, if we just let those two old tomcats whose tails are tied over the fence alone and try to cure the scratches we got from the last time we tried to untie 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2274 MR. ROGERS HEARS RUMOR OF NEW LINE-UP SHIFT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 16. – Well, in one of the papers I read today, it had an awful lot of information, if true.

It said Al Smith, No. 99, was to go to the Senate, replacing Dr. Copeland, No. 86. Copeland to go to France as Ambassador, replacing Jesse Straus, No. 63. Postmaster Farley, No. 77, to go in as next Democratic Governor of New York, replacing Lehman, No. 66. Raskob, No. 55, to replace as U. S. Treasurer, Mr. Woodin, No. 44.

Even if this is just a rumor it makes good reading, and if it's a fact it makes Democratic history. It means the shock troops are going in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2275 WILL ROGERS LOOKS INTO SENATE INVESTIGATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 17. – The Senate went out investigating, some went East, some went West and some went over the cuckoo's nest. New Orleans, the home of the Sazerack cocktail, and the best food in America but they won't stand investigation. My good friend Senator Connally of Texas was among 'em, and the committee have been making their entrances into the court room by sliding down the flag pole and retiring through a trap door.

The Washington bunch with Pecora (the last word in digging up devilment on the evil doer) and the California committee, who were looking into receiverships, and fake stock sales schemes (which are one and the same) they found out Californians will buy anything in the way of stock if its phoney enough.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2276 MR. ROGERS REPORTS SLUMP IN A CALIFORNIA INDUSTRY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 19. – Been so warm and nice out here that it's knocked a lot of people out of work. Leaves Californians with nothing to do. They can't lie about the weather.

Germany has got everybody all excited now. It sure seems good to have all the ills of the world blamed on somebody besides us.

This country is gradually getting democratic, at that. See where J. P. Morgan had tea for the first time in the White House. Of course he took his own tea, but it was nice of him to drop into the old farm hut at that. I tell you big men are changing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2277 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY TWO NAMES IN NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 20. – Well the name of the new Russian Ambassador appeared in the papers today and it just about took up all the paper. It's Alexanderovich Antonovich Trovanovsky. That's an alphabetic rhapsody in vowels and consonants.

But they don't put much over on Mr. Roosevelt. He sent 'em a guy named Bullitt. That was just a kind of subtle hint.

Mr. Roosevelt was rather undecided exactly what to do on the stabilization of the dollar till the U. S. Chamber of Commerce come out and told him what to do. Then he knew exactly what to do, do what the chamber said not to do.

Mr. Roosevelt knows he is right now, before he was in doubt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2278 WILL ROGERS IS CHEERED BY A TALK WITH BARUCH

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 21. – After reading Mr. Barney Baruch's non-inflation article in a little Philadelphia periodical run by Benjamin Franklin and Horace Lorimer, I was talking last night on the phone to Mr. Baruch in New York and here is a very interesting thing he said:

"This fellow down in Washington is not going to be stampeded by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, or any the rest of us non-inflationists or by the in-

flationists, either. He listens to all of us and then, regardless of professors, pedagogues, economists or financiers, he makes up his mind himself, and he is going mighty easy and I think will handle this money situation in a way that is beneficial to the majority, if not to a small minority."

That sounded mighty hopeful coming from a man like Baruch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2279 WILL ROGERS MARVELS AT ZEAL OF SCIENTISTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 22. – These breeds of scientists they risk their lives, receive no money, all to find out something.

But they are awful queer to us dumb ones. They fly over the Poles when there is no pole. They go eleven miles straight up to see something, when there is nothing to see but air.

Now air is a mighty fine thing (when not oozing from a public speaker), but to take your life in your hands to go eleven miles up just to see it, when there is nothing more uninteresting to look at than air!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2280 MR. ROGERS FINDS SLUMP IN INCENTIVE TO DO RIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 23. – The Cubans sent a big delegation to Montevideo, South America, to attend a peace conference. That leaves 'em kinder short handed in their war at home till these get back.

There certainly is not much incentive for anything to be done right nowadays. A U. S. stamp printer made a mistake on one little batch of 24-cent air mail stamps (had it turned crosswise) and they brought $12,000. If he had had it plum upside down it would have brought $100,000.

We get another illustration of an "expert." This fellow Sprague that left the Treasury in such a huff has been all this time finding out Mr. Roosevelt had already inflated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2281 WILL ROGERS REMEMBERS RECENT SERVICE TO BANKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 24. – Big headlines in today's papers say that the big bankers, to show Roosevelt his financial scheme don't suit them, they are unloading government bonds and securities by the bushel. He won't play their way so they are going to sell their ball and bat and get out.

I can't just recall, but as well as I remember, wasn't they the fellows that the government was helping so much not long ago? They ought to pray every night, "God bless mama and papa, and all my family, and interests, and Roosevelt."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. - I want to apologize to the President for putting interest ahead of him, but interest has been helping 'em out longer than he has.

2282 MR. ROGERS GETS A THRILL AS WORTHY FOES CLASH

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 26. – Just when it looked like Al was going to have his gold argument go by default, why up comes an old country boy from out of the wheat shocks of Idaho and he takes up what I suppose would be known as the negative side of the dispute. He says "If your gold is so hot, how did we get in the shape we are in?"

Well, it's going to require a little thought to answer that one.

The gentleman I am about to introduce you to needs no introduction. It's William E. Borah, and if a man searched the United States over he couldn't find a more worthy foe to enter into combat with.

Al, I know you didn't mean to, but you choosed a tough baby.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2283 MR. ROGERS PICKS A TEAM FOR ROSE BOWL GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 27. – All the Californians I met are going around proud today.

Had a visit from young Senator La Follette, for whom I have great admiration. Any man smart enough to know that both political parties are wrong deserves careful consideration. He is thought mighty well of by all those elderly Senators.

He thinks (and no doubt correct) that the NRA should have been backed up by a revokable license, and not by just singing a pledge. He don't think that we have reached the moral stage where a parade and a promise will make people do the right thing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. - Send the Army out here for the New Year's football game. If it was left to a vote of everybody, ten to one would vote for them over any other school.

Stanford vs. the U. S. Army.

2284 WILL ROGERS UNWORRIED BY MONEY CONTROVERSY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 28. – You can watch it from telling jokes about it. Every once in so often America "goes serious," gets all excited and mad at each other.

One of these times is just before election, anything that's said the other side takes offense. Yet all our last Presidents have been elected by millions, showing that all that heat and perspiration was wasted. Then after election is over, you can call the other side a yellow dog, and they just laugh, for they have their sense of humor back.

Now, we are going into another one of those serious tail spins over this money racket. And it's just like the election. Nothing you can do, nothing you can say, will change a person's opinion. It will all work itself out, without any personal lather from any of us. And in a few months we will regain our humor and balance.

It's just a serious spree that we have ever so often to get it out of our system.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2285 MR. ROGERS FEELS HIS WAY OVER GOLD BATTLEFIELD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 29. – Today would be an awful good day to not get in bad with either side on this gold. What I mean by that is not to mention it at all.

I have always heard the old expression, "Where there is a lot of smoke there must be fire." Well, I don't believe that holds good, for there is certainly

a terrible lot of gold arguments where there is not an ounce of gold.

Now the above don't offend either side does it? Or does it offend both sides?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2286 WILL ROGERS REPORTS ON HIS TURKEY DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 30. – Didn't want to get too enthusiastic about Thanksgiving till I saw how it turned out.

My old friend W. S. (Bill) Hart showed up at my igloo with a "gobbler" that he had shot with two guns. Now if you bring everything, I defy anybody to give you a nicer party than I will.

Homer Croy, the writer of "They Had to See Paris," as hungry as an author can be. Mrs. Florenz Ziegfeld, looking exactly twenty-five years old, and not reducing.

Then an outlaw dropped in, but he was only the Crown Prince's son and the Kaiser's grandson, Prince Ferdinand. While he got no white meat as in his early childhood, he seemed mighty cheerful and a fine young chap and was satisfied with the wings. None of us had any gold, so we were in a receptive mood.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2287 ROGERS FINDS SOLO ROLE IN GOLD VERY DIFFICULT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 1. – This staying on gold is a tough job, unless everybody is on it. If you are on gold, and the rest of the boys are not, why you change your money into theirs, then demand it in gold.

Now France is on the gold and are cuckoo. She reads every morning how many millions in gold was shipped out the day before (just like we used to do before we went off gold) and it's gradually driving them "nuts."

So it looks like everybody has either got to be on it, or off of it. You can't play solo.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2288 WILL ROGERS MOURNS LOSS OF A REAL FRIEND

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 3. – I can't get my mind on what's in the papers today.

Maby the "better element" are going to lynch my good old friend Governor Rolph for speaking from his heart instead of from diplomacy.

Maby another old friend, Ethel Barrymore, is hanging from a limb for telling about 90 per cent of the truth about modern society.

Maby the world is in mortal turmoil, but I just can't get interested in it today for our pet dog was killed by a truck.

So, darn everything. O. O. Mclntyre will know how we feel.

I love a dog, he does nothing for political reasons.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2289 MR. ROGERS SEES REPEAL FREEING THE FILIPINOS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 4. – Talked to the Philippine delegation going through here on their way to Washington. Missed seeing Manual Quezon, their very able leader.

They will be a unique delegation in Washington and one that I believe the President will welcome for they are asking for liberty and not money. A thing like that is unheard of.

Why can't we set the Philippines free now? We kept 'em for years just on account of their sugar. When they take you off liquor, you crave sugar and sweets. Well, today we got back on a liquor diet, so they can take us off sugar.

That automatically sets the Philippines free.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2290 MR. ROGERS SEES START OF THE REAL EXPERIMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 5. – Talk about the "noble experiment." "The noble experiment" is just starting. Every State is in doubt as to how their liquor will be handled.

Say, it's not how the State will handle its liquor, it's how the folks will handle theirs.

States are going to have scandal over the sale of it, and politicians will fight over the taxes of it. But anyhow, the first week will be the hardest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2291 MR. ROGERS IS GRATIFIED BY OUR SELF-CONTROL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 6. – Well sir, from what I can read and hear today folks stood the shock of getting a drink (without giving their name) in mighty good shape.

Course the ones that are clear "out" we won't hear of for days. But it looked like everything went off better than expected.

You see the whole problem is getting people from bad drinks back onto good drinks. You take a good bucking horse rider. He would rather ride a bad horse than a nice gentle one.

So it's going to take time to get 'em to having a sociable drink without watching the door.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2292 MR. ROGERS AWARDS PALM FOR RADIO SPEECH MAKING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 7. – Guess you all heard Mr. Roosevelt on the radio Wednesday night.

These old big boys can all get up before their little audiences and yell for stabilization, amortization, gold standard or platinum finish. The President can come to the microphone with that convincing manner of his and the rest of 'em might just as well wash up their little speeches and go home.

Say, I guess there must be another conference on somewhere. I see where the United States is accused of connivery by noon and the conference only opened at 11 A.M.

What would a conference be without the "goat"?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2293 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES VITAL FOOTBALL CRISES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 8. – United States Cabinet members can change, but when Notre Dame changes coaches you are getting into real news. Anderson just run into bad breaks. I bet he will go somewhere else and turn out a great team, and Elmer Layden will come there and do great, for he won't be following Rockne.

There just didn't happen to be anybody living that could follow Rockne.

And while we are on football and off the gold, this Columbia College that's coming here New Year's, being New Yorkers they never was away from home so naturally they are not known out here, but we have heard of Nicholas Murray Butler, so we want 'em to bring "Nicholas" with 'em. We will hear a good speech even if the game is bad.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2294 WILL ROGERS SIMPLIFIES THE STATUS OF THE DOLLAR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 10. – Many a thing in our Sunday papers today that showed a great picking up of things, and it was not ballyhoo and not all government paid works either.

This thing of "we can't go ahead till we know exactly what our dollar is worth" is hooey.

Your bankers and your financiers marry with no gold clause. The preacher just guarantees you she is a wife. How long you can keep her and what she is worth to you is all up to you.

Roosevelt, like the preacher, says "here is a dollar, it can always be used for a dollar."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2295 MR. ROGERS HAS A PLAN OF RELIEF FOR DRINKERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 11. – From the prices they are charging for drinks all over the country I guess there never was as much temperance as now.

Unless the government makes the drinkers some kind of a loan, they just can't carry on.

Let the government do like they do in other Federal projects, match you dollar for dollar, or in this case drink for drink. You buy one, the government buys the next. (Better let the government buy the first one.)

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2296 MR. ROGERS TAKES NOTICE OF SOME SMART HOMBRES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 12. – The best writer on the Pacific Coast, Harry Carr, making a world tour and seeing all of the governments in action, says England is over the hump first and going great.

Now that's the country that was held up to us as a horrible example because they were giving aid to unemployed. We adopted it two years later than we should.

England lowered the price of their money just about to what ours is and it must have helped them.

Pretty smart "hombres," those Englishmen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2297 MR. ROGERS NOTES A LULL IN THE GOLD ARGUMENTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 13. – Say, these gold dollar arguments are dying down. Used to pick up a paper and all you could see was what Mr. "Got His" had to say about money, but no you don't hear a peep.

Everybody seems to be trying to get ahold of any kind. This would be an awful good time to pass off some Confederate money.

They are holding a big peace conference in South America, just a drive and two niblick shots away from the war. Every time there is a big conference they always have a war to go with it.

I was in Geneva a couple of years ago at a conference when Japanese recruiting officers come in and drafted their delegation to go help take Manchuria.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2298 MR. ROGERS FINDS IT HARD TO DIG UP A WISECRACK

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 14. – Roscoe Turner and I just breezed in here – 2 hours, 400 miles – to do a little stage acting at a benefit.

Roscoe's jokes better be good, for with the Democrats doing all that can be done and the Republicans keeping still, why it don't leave me much to work on. So my little riddles are not so hot.

France handed us their yearly laugh. We told 'em it was debtpaying time, and they just said "yeah?" They have even borrowed our English language.

Say, with Jesse Jones offering $35 an ounce for new gold, every man, woman or child that could get a burro and a pick have gone to the hills. This country has gone "nugget minded."

And if they do what they ought to do and make silver a money instead of just a thing to shoot craps with, why this whole West will boom and we will have the king coming over with a pick and shovel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2299 MR. ROGERS PHILOSOPHIZES ON BANKERS AND STEERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 15. – Well, I see where the boss says things are going along as well as Roosevelt expected and that he is not going to stabilize the dollar.

Now that will do just as much good as if he had said that he would, maby more. For a funny thing about the big men and financiers, after they have realized and got it set in their head that they are not going to have their own way, why like an old steer, they sulk a little bit and then join the herd.

Everybody likes to make a dollar his way, but if he finds he is not allowed to make it his way, why he is not going to overlook the chance of making it your way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2300 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS A NEW FEDERAL CHARITY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 17. – You sure got to give it to this administration for trying to do something for the down and out.

Over in Phoenix, Ariz., the other day I run onto something that I had not read about, but I understand there is quite a few in Southwestern States. It's called a government transient camp.

I went out to see 'em. There was about 700 men and boys (lots of 'em very young) and they kept 'em there and fed 'em and gave 'em clothes. They received no money, good food, good cots and blankets. All had to work. Lot of 'em were making wooden toys for the children in Phoenix for Christmas.

A taxpayer can't kick on his money being spent if it's on food.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2301 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 18. – I see where Jesse Jones and his R.F.C. (Redistribution Finance Corporation) are not satisfied with the way the banks are just sitting counting their money. So to make the banks ashamed of themselves the R.F.C. is going to make loans to industries. The banks will about be so humiliated that they will be the first ones to borrow all that Jesse has. Jesse, you been a banker yourself, you ought to know you can't shame a banker, especially a big one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2302 MR. ROGERS PASSES ALONG ENGLAND'S OPINION OF US

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 19. – Just had a long talk with a mighty well-informed man, Mr. Hutchinson, the Fox Film Company's man in London.

He said the English just stocked up on our securities during all these low prices. There is a real weather vane. There is nothing with his feet on the ground (and as much of 'em) as an old conservative Englishman. He sees further than our rich men. That's why they are coming out of their mess ahead of us.

Another thing, too, the fellow sitting off looking at you can tell better how you are doing and what your prospects are than you can yourself.

Hutchinson says England looks on us as a bad boy who has been out on a toot but will sober up, change some of his ways and be a better boy for it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2303 MR. ROGERS POINTS OUT SOME REAL DICTATING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 20. – That Mussolini is a "darb."

Yesterday he interviewed ninety-two mothers with a gross total of 1,288 children, which divides out to about fourteen head per each. While our great slogan for the perpetuation of civilization was "a car in every garage," Mussolini's was "a baby in every arm, and more if you can carry 'em."

He knows no nation ever become great on garages. You can't win a war in a Ford sedan, or repel an invasion in a Chevrolet coupe.

These other dictators think they are doing some "dictating" when they announce a budget quota. But when you start laying out a maternity quota for the women then you are really in the dictating business.

That makes these other dictators look like amateurs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2304 WILL ROGERS TELLS HOW TO GET A DRINK OUT WEST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 21. – California had a new ruling this morning on the sale of liquor in hotels.

The latest one is you buy it in the lobby of the hotel at the news stand, then take it in the dining room and drink it.

"Give me a quart of gin, the Morning Times, a pint of French Vermouth, an American Mercury, some Angastora bitters, a Physical Culture magazine and a box of Baer's aspirin."

See where they captured an American spy in France. He must have been working on his own, for we already know all we want to know about 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2305 WILL ROGERS SAYS BRYAN WAS 37 YEARS TOO EARLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 22. – There is really not much new under the sun. Thirty-seven years ago a long-haired young man came riding a day coach out of the West and said something about, "You can't crucify us on a cross of gold. We want the wreath on our brow to be studded with about sixteen silver ducats to one gold dubloon." In the meantime silver was used as the sole

medium of exchange by over three quarters of the earth's population. With us it was a money, but never official, it just had a slot machine value. So lying under Arlington's hallowed soil tonight must be a satisfied smile. For it's something to be thirty-seven years ahead of your government.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2306 WILL ROGERS SEES A GAIN IN CHEER THIS CHRISTMAS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 24. – Well, there is lots more good cheer this Christmas than last (or the last three) and it's not all out of bottles either. It's in the heart, in the confidence and in the renewed hope of everybody.

Course there is an awful lot of folks that are not working. But they have never been the ones that's complained. Fear has never come from the fellow with no job or no food. He has stood it wonderful. I doubt if a parallel will be found where millions hung on with such continued hope and patience as in this country.

But I believe even the most down and out while he might not see a turkey Xmas Day, he can see one in the future.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2307 WILL ROGERS IS MOVED BY THE FRENCH DISASTER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 25. – Between looking at our Xmas necktie and new sox, it don't give us men much chance to read the Xmas day papers.

There is something about a terrible accident or calamity that draws even nations close together. Now France, we cuss 'em (for looking out for France better than we look for ourselves), but when we read of this terrible train wreck, all debts are forgotten, all overcharges to us when we were tourists there are bygones.

We just think of 'em as folks like us, who have about the same problems to face, wooden coaches on railroads.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – This P. S. is put in here to save all R. R. presidents from sending good natured or indignant wires. We know that you are all doing away with the wooden ones as fast as you can. How's that, Mr. Stotesbury?

2308 MR. ROGERS CITES A CASE OF JAPAN'S SUPERIORITY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 26. – I got my berries mixed up this morning. I mentioned Stotesbury, when I meant Atterbury. Now I don't know which one to apologize to.

They say Japan imitates us in everything, but they certainly didn't get this idea from us.

"In appointing an Ambassador to the U. S. at this important time, with the 1936 crisis ahead, such consideration as dignity, past career and sentiment must be discarded and a man of ability appointed."

Then they wonder why that country is going ahead.

They appointed a fellow named Saito, who hadn't contributed a cent to the last campaign.

That's political treason.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2309 WILL ROGERS REVIEWS THE OPERA FIRST NIGHTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 27. – This is a day and time when everybody gives opinions on something they know nothing about. So today I discuss opera, grand opera.

The Chicago Opera House opened for the first time in two years. It was never a success because it was constructed wrong. It was built so everybody could see the stage, but nobody could see each other. So now it's been remodeled so you can't see the stage but can see the price mark on every dress in the house. And it's doing fine.

New York opened its season with an American opera for the first time in history. American music has always been considered by the opera goers as fit for nothing but the ear. It never looked good through a lorgnette from a box.

That's about all the opera news that's fit to print.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2310 MR. ROGERS IS SATISFIED WITH THE LATEST PARLEY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 28. – The big Pan-American Confer-ence in Uruguay adjourned. While it did nothing it did it so well that they all left

friends, which is more than any conference in years has accomplished.

You can't hope to gain ground at a conference. You only try to remedy the damage done at the last one.

Our Mr. Cordell Hull must have done a very creditable job for us for I see he is able to visit Argentine, Chile, Peru and other countries under his own name.

Generally our delegates arrive at a conference with a band and leave incognito.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. You may have to look that incognito up. I did.

2311 ROGERS SAYS ROOSEVELT MAKES FRIENDS BY RADIO

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 29. – Roosevelt is the most consistently good radio man there is. Just when you would think there is nothing of importance to be said that hadn't been said, he comes on Thursday night and gained over a 100,000,000 new friends outside of the U. S. and perhaps that many here, by announcing that the U. S. was not going to mess around in any South or Central American country with a gun. It was his best speech of all.

He should have gone a little further and said, "We not only won't interfere, but we won't have any battleships peeping in the window while you are having your party."

While we didn't land troops in Cuba, we we're close enough that they all could have waded ashore.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2312 WILL ROGERS GIVES '33 BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 31. – A few hours from the time I am penning you these lines the old year will be going out and it looks like she is going out without a single mourner.

And at that it hasn't been a bad old year (as years have been going lately); in fact in years to come when all these professors switch from economists to his-

torians, they are liable to label 1933 as the historical year, the year of the big switch, from worse to better.

So, so long '33, panics come every twenty years, so we will be seeing you in '53.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS — 1934

2313 WILL ROGERS FINDS OUT CALIFORNIA HAS RIVERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 1. – Everybody comes to California. They see a lot of great wide rocky sandy creek and river beds with not a hot water bottle full of water in 'em, and they are a big joke. They wonder what they are for.

Well, yesterday they showed what they were there for. Us old settlers (that have been here five or ten years) never saw anything like it. We are so tickled to see rain out here that we put on a big parade in honor of it.

I am writing this before I go to the big game today. I am about half mad because Nicholas Murray Butler didn't come out here with his team. Somebody ought to have told him it was a Republican convention. That's his principal relaxation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2314 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS DEFEAT OF STANFORD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 2. – The big Columbia-Stanford football game. Mr. Hoover was there, looked fine and got a big reception. He was the main old grad from Stanford. I was the main old grad from Columbia. I took a correspondence course from there one time in tenor singing.

Just the make of the skin that covers the ball beat Stanford. If, instead of pig skin, the ball has been covered with porcupine hide (with quills on) maybe Stanford could have held onto it.

But the game was in keeping with everything else that happened in sports, government and economics the past year. The experts were wrong again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2315 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON DOINGS AT THE CAPITOL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 3. – Roosevelt handled that Congress this morning just like a mother would a fretting baby.

But when any other mother would have told it to hush and be a good baby and not cry, he didn't tell 'em a single thing to do. Just slipped 'em all a piece of candy (the little black Republican babies along with the white ones) and he left 'em feeling that mother had confidence in 'em. And they were all just tickled to death, rolling on the floor with their toes in their mouth and goo-gooing at each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2316 MR. ROGERS SEES HURDLE FOR SOME BUSINESS MEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 4. – Mr. Roosevelt proposed in his speech that the NRA and a lot of these other government-regulated business ethics would be made permanent.

Well, that was a terrible blow to some business men. They had figured they would only be required to be honest by the government till the emergency was over.

The papers today tell of a little country in the Pyrenees Mountains that has six army officers and only six plain soldiers.

Well, that strikes us as being mighty comical. Yet we got 120,000,000 people and 60,000,000 hold government jobs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2317 ROGERS SEES COMPLIMENT IN THE 10 BILLION BUDGET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 5. – This country runs to the figure ten. There has been many who has had to say, "Mr., can you spare a dime?" but President Roosevelt is the first man in the history of the world who looked a nation right in the face and said, "Mister, can you spare ten billion dollars?"

Well, Congress and the American people considered it such a compliment to be asked for that much that they really liked it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2318 WILL ROGERS IS GLAD WE ARE NOT AMBITIOUS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 7. – Poor old France and Japan are about in the same fix.

France don't know whether it would be better to jump on Germany and lick 'em now while they can or "will I set here and wait till they are ready to pounce on me?"

Japan is on the same spot. They feel they can lick Russia now. Or, will she wait till Russia is able to come pounce on them?

This thing of living in an ambitious nation is not what it's cracked up to be. We are certainly glad Mr. Roosevelt announced that we had about all the country we wanted. In fact, he suggested that if we could get a decent offer he would let some of it go.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2319 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 8. – Among the society notes of Rochester, Minn., I see where Dr. Cary Grayson of Washington, D. C., arrived at Mayo's roadhouse. Admiral Grayson was President Wilson's private physician. Scare him Charley, but don't hurt him, for he is the best liked man in Washington, the best storyteller, raises good horses and is personal physician to Senator Carter Glass' fighting roosters. President Wilson used his sense of humor when he made Doc an admiral. Doc had never been on any water bigger than Culpepper Creek, and he forded it horseback on a possum hunt. You Mayo boys get Doc to tell you about when he and Jesse Jones of the R.F.C. got into Buckingham Palace with President Wilson and Jesse took off his shoes in the reception hall and was warming his feet by the king's fireside.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2320 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A REPLY TO A REPUBLICAN VOLLEY

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 9. – The Republican National Committee come out strongly yesterday against Roosevelt's economic policy.

Just two days before the deficit of the Republican National Committee had been published. It was the biggest on record.

California's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that if male students of a State university took all the advantages of free education, that a little military

training would not be asking too much of them.

If you are going to let out conscientious objectors, nobody would take anything but football, swimming, theatricals and saxophone playing (all of which the States provide).

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2321 MR. ROGERS FINDS THRILL IN AN OLD-TIME SPORT

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 10. – Did you ever drive one of these "sulkys" in a trotting horse race? Well, they got old David Harum sitting straddle of a horse's tail out here on the Riverside track, and if you think that hasn't got it on all auto driving you are wrong.

I am getting just about old enough and crabbed enough to take up the Grand Circuit. So look out Goshen and Lexington, young Pop Geers is coming East.

We have our radios, autos, golf, bridge and a million contraptions, but all of it don't pay for the thrill missed in stepping out in the red wheel buggy and high stepper.

You could be a pretty poor type of lover, but the horse made up for it. That's how a lot of us was able to go out of our class and get the wives we did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2322 MR. ROGERS SEEKS LIGHT ON FINLAND'S EYE-OPENER

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Jan. 11. – The Senate passed a bill yesterday that we only buy drinks from those who pay us.

That had everybody rushing to the statistics this morning to see how Scotland stood.

I don't know what Finland's national drink is, but we better be getting used to it, for they are the only ones that have really paid in full. Whatever it is, you can certainly run on it. I guess it's a "Nurmi punch."

Well, I bet this scheme goes just like all the rest have. They have tried everything in the world to bring France to time. France is a nation that don't shame easy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2323 ROGERS KNOWS ONE TAIL THAT DOESN'T WAG THE DOG

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 12. – Yesterday's immortal lines that I penned to you is today null and void. I told you the Senate was to buy no liquor from nations that wouldn't pay. Well, that was what they had passed, but it seemed to have been their own idea. When the President saw it, he give 'em an eraser and says you boys go back and rub that out.

So hereafter any news that I bring you in regard to what the Senate has done, why, it's subject to cancellation. This is one session of Congress where the tail is not wagging the dog.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2324 MR. ROGERS LOOKS BACK TO THE OLD WET DAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 14. – Trouble with us is we had the tax on liquor at the wrong time. We should have had it on from 1919 to 1933, when people were drinking.

A prospector in the heart of Death Valley is not as lonesome looking as a salesman in a liquor store.

That Japanese Admiral that declared war on America got a lot of publicity but no war. In fact all the writers and predictors haven't been able to produce a war as readily as they promised.

Every nation thinks they are getting ready for it quicker than the other, and if they each know that the other is ready there will be none.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2325 MR. ROGERS IS CONVERTED TO GAME NEW TO WEST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 15. – I never thought the time would come when I thought I would be able to advise colleges how to run their business, but in California Sunday we saw our first real professional football played, and 25,000 come away raving about it. Especially the rules under which they play, where you can pass from anywhere, any time.

Now as football is not only the backbone but the gravy of college existence, you fellows better open up your game, for this pro game was just made for an audience. No penalty every minute to keep an audience sore, nobody get-

ting hurt every play, referees not in the way of the players.

Colleges have developed the yelling, but the pros have developed the game. Now you colleges wake up. I don't want to see you have to close up your doors.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2326 MR. ROGERS IS TOO BUSY TO TALK OF THE DOLLAR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 16. – Papers are all excited today over the dollar being sixty cents.

Well, it's been sixty cents for months, but we just love to have something new to get excited over.

Worst thing about the whole mess is we are going to have to listen to all the same old arguments all over again.

It's a good argument for us dumb ones to stay out of. So, sic 'em, Tige, may the loudest man win.

I am going to get onto some news. Did you know that Greta Garbo is prowling around in the Arizona desert under the name of Jones, with some "furriner" going by the name of Brown?

I got to get that settled before I can take up this gold business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2327 MR. ROGERS IS ASTOUNDED AT NEWS FROM VERMONT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 17. – I want to stay off any reference to this sixty-cent dollar until I have seen one.

So I started searching the paper mighty thoroughly, and what do you think I found away down in one corner like one of those denials that a paper is sometimes forced to make? It stated, "Republican elected to Congress in Vermont."

That's a mighty serious rumor, in case it proves to be true, and I have no doubt that Congress will be asked to pass a law preventing it happening again.

Course the thing come up so sudden like, they didn't think there was one in million miles.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2328 MR. ROGERS IS SATISFIED WITH THE NEW DOLLAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 18. – I am still trying to stay off writing about the sixty-cent dollar. It looks like the argument is pretty well taken care of without any expert aid from me. We got France scared, so the experience has already paid for itself.

Cuba kinder nosed in on the front page again today, with a new President, but it's getting so that's not news. So about two more Presidents and they will be back with the want ads news.

Tammany Hall had the biggest quake it's had in years. A Mr. Flynn, a very able man and friend of our President who heretofore only had one district, has taken over the whole thing. Tammany deaths, however, are always temporary.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2329 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON DULL BUDGET OF NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 19. – Plenty of headlines today, but not much news. "Congress votes on the sixty-cent dollar Saturday." Wonder if they will have one in there as an exhibit. "Government undecided about what they can do with Japanese taking pictures of fortification." Make 'em agree to send us some of the pictures if they turn out O.K. "Cuba hails new president." Hails him with what? "The man that found the 726-carat diamond in Africa, received $350,000 for it and wants to buy a farm and silk hat." Well, I can understand a man perhaps being eccentric enough to want to own a silk hat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2330 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS EYE ON THE 60-CENT DOLLAR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 21. – Well, the sixty-cent dollar passed the House by nine to one.

Where did that one come from? Can it be the President's power is waning?

The Senate will talk against it, but vote for it.

This leaves Mr. Roosevelt in sole charge of the money. It's the first time the banker has lost control of it since interest was invented.

Japan hasn't got much humor. They say we don't recognize Manchukuo. We do recognize it; we recognize it as a part of Japan.

I tell you there is matrimonial hope for any man. I see where a radio announcer got married. Good luck, Graham.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2331 MR. ROGERS APPROVES OF THE NEW DIPLOMACY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 22. – Our able and amiable Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, returned from a conference and entered through the front door. Our delegates generally climb over the back fence in the dead of night when they get back.

If this administration never did another thing, the new deal toward all our neighbors to the south has gained us many friends, and the best friend any one can have is their neighbors.

Give the Philippines their freedom and take that godfather clause out of our Cuban treaty, and first thing you know we would be called "brother" and not "big brother."

Yours,

Will (Bing) Rogers.

2332 MR. ROGERS IS CHEERED BY THE JAPANESE NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 23. – Good deal of Japanese news last day or so.

One day our eyes are turned to Europe (to see if the boys have any token payment.) The next day it's Japan that draws our attention. We are going to have a crooked neck from trying to look both ways at once.

That old hostile baby over in Japan that was Secretary of War, why he has resigned, and their Foreign Minister Koki Hirota, why he seems to be about half peaceable.

He seems to kinder favor licking Russia first, then take care of us later. But this boy that resigned, he was for a doubleheader the same day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2333 MR. ROGERS GETS WORD THAT KANSAS IS SATISFIED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 24. – As a rule folks don't like war headlines, but here was one that was in the papers that hit the spot, "Roosevelt Declares War on Civil Works Grafters."

We recognized the new President in Cuba. I hope he stays in long enough to get acquainted with.

Just had a nice visit from Senator Henry Allen of Kansas. He said Kansas was feeling fine. Now, when Kansas ain't kicking things have got to be running about perfect.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2334 MR. ROGERS'S HOMELAND STILL HAS BOOTLEGGERS

CLAREMORE, Okla., Jan. 25. – The old homing pigeon flew back to its nest today. Crossed Arizona, New Mexico and Texas last night. Slept all the way. Fort Worth for breakfast.

Amon Carter meets all planes and sells tickets for the Big Roosevelt ball Tuesday night. I bet Fort Worth raises more money for that splendid cause than any city five times its size.

Bill Murray has taken good care of the old State since I been gone.

In California we had forgotten there was such a thing left as a bootlegger, but back in these States, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas, they are thicker than CWA workers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2335 ROGERS FLIES TO CAPITAL TO ATTEND THE BIG SHOW

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 26. – As I got to the field in Tulsa this morning "Jypsy" Smith, the great English evangelist, came out to the airport, and we had a fine chat. He talks to 10,000 people a night there, a very earnest, fine man, who advertises no particular route to salvation. I asked him, in saving Oklahoma for the Lord, to save Alfalfa Bill Murray, him and Jim Ferguson of Texas, for there ain't any more like those two, and I just kinder like 'em.

Missouri, Indiana and Ohio all passed under us in order. Three great old States, whose statesmen have made history. Will make Washington by lighted

airways by 11 o'clock tonight. Then tomorrow to the big show and see the actors, maby see 'em vote on the most momentous question outside of war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2336 MR. ROGERS FINDS SENATE 'FINE BUNCH OF FELLOWS'

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 28. – Well, visited the Senate Saturday and renewed many pleasant acquaintances.

They are a fine bunch of fellows when you take into consideration the amount of things the people lay onto 'em. They rant at each other in there, then come out and are good friends.

Had the pleasure of sitting by Mrs. Alice Longworth in the Senate gallery when the gold bill was passed. Alice, due to the Roosevelt tradition, took it right on the chin and smiled.

She sincerely believes that no President ever carried the faith of as many people as this distant relative.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2337 MR. ROGERS IS IN THE THICK OF THINGS AT THE CAPITOL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29. – The Senate layed off today on account of Huey Long going to speak tomorrow. They give 'em a day off to get rested up.

Huey give me a dose of my own medicine. I generally talk everybody to death, but he got a hold of me and rehearsed his speech on me. He was trying it out on the dog. I can remember it myself in case anything happens to him.

Since the big money stabilization bill passed Saturday everybody here is in fine cheer and great optimism.

The Senators all practicing dancing for the big ball. Our President is going to have a wonderful birthday, but many a lady's feet is going to suffer for their loyalty.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2338 MR. ROGERS ENLIGHTENS A 'LADY CONGRESSMAN'

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30. – The Vice President and Mrs. Garner's party to the President was one of the finest and most enjoyed affairs you ever saw. They were marvelous hosts and the President did enjoy himself. Mr. Roosevelt couldn't get over Mr. Garner staying up till 12 o'clock.

Been visiting and listening to speeches in both ends of the Capitol all day. Debating on the big navy bill in the House.

Was talking to a lady Congressman and she said to me, "Why do all those men say that a big navy will bring peace?"

I told her, well, even if it don't bring peace it will come in mighty handy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2339 WILL ROGERS CONSIDERS MILLS'S SPEECH ILL-TIMED

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 31. – Everything is based on psychology and I believe that Ogden Mills, as clever and as able as he is, picked a bad day to explain to the country that they were prostrate under a tax which they couldn't possibly be able to pay.

Why in 6,000 cities people had on that very day to lay aside Ogden's speech in order to dress in silks and plush and enter expensive limousines to get to the ball.

No, Ogden, there was too many silk hats showed up that night to make a tax collector be misled by the cry of poverty. That speech just didn't harmonize with ermine and champagne.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2340 MR. ROGERS CAN'T TAKE IT; HURRIES TO CALIFORNIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1. – Say the snow is knee deep tonight and still a-falling. California, here I come.

The aeroplanes are awful fine, but the old trains come in mighty handy and they are getting their rates down now where lots of folks are riding on the trains.

In the Senate this afternoon was the St. Lawrence River Canal Bill. It will be the first Presidential measure that may meet defeat. It will be mighty close.

Was in the Vice President's office when he was visited by the Russian Ambassador, he and his wife. He seemed an awful nice fellow. I asked him about war with Japan. He said it had been delayed indefinitely on account of bad weather.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2341 ROGERS SAYS CRIMINALS GET TOO MUCH PUBLICITY

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2. – Watched Congress open in Washington around noon today, then I realized I couldn't do anything about it. So I left. Into Chicago at four thirty, Salt Lake by midnight, and Los Angeles for breakfast. That's rambling. Got a lot of blind flying by radio beams on account of the snow. I don't know what the ground hog saw, but we didn't even see the ground all day.

Have read all the papers in all the cities along the route, and all have had the same front page, big pictures of Sankey and Dillinger (generally both). We don't give our criminals much punishment, but we sure give 'em plenty of publicity.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2342 MR. ROGERS GIVES ADVICE TO THE MONEY EXPERTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 4. – Now that the principal thing to gamble in is money you watch the Chinamen entering into your brokerage offices.

No people in the world can gamble on money exchange like a Chinaman. The quickest figurers in their heads of anybody. That money market in Shanghai makes the New York stock market look like a wake. And not a pencil in the house.

I here and now suggest to Mr. Morgenthau, our Treasurer, don't monkey with the Princeton or Harvard professor when he starts out with that two billion to stabilize with. Can all those professors and get a Chinaman.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2343 MR. ROGERS IS RESIGNED TO A LOT OF TAXATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 5. – Well, all I know is what I see by the papers and I see where the manufacturers' sales tax comes up in Congress this week. They been needing that for a long time and I imagine it will pass.

But it's not going to do what a lot of 'em want it to, replace the income tax. And there is no reason why it should. You are going to need sales taxes, both Federal and State, income tax and a lot of other kinds.

It's a great country but you can't live in it for nothing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2344 MR. ROGERS JOINS ARMY OF GOVERNMENT WORKERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 6. – You know a couple of days ago I said that what our treasurer Mr. Morganthau needed when he went out with this two billion to gamble with these money exchange jips was not a pack of professors but a Chinaman.

Well this morning I got a mighty nice wire from Mr. Morganthau and he agreed with me and appointed me a committee of one to dig up the Chinaman.

So I am in the market now for a keen-minded Chinaman, kind of a cross between Confuscious, Alexander Hamilton and Barney Baruch.

So if you see me dashing into laundries and chop suey joints you will know I am working for the government.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2345 MR. ROGERS SEES BANKERS CAUGHT IN A CROSS-FIRE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 7. – Say did you read what Jesse Jones, head of the Reconstruction Finance, told the New York Bankers' Convention?

Jesse told 'em, "You boys will either start in loaning business and industry some money to operate on or the government will do it."

Course the bankers just got four years of good cussing by everybody for loaning too much money. Well, they got some awful nice buildings. So when a banker fails, he fails in splendor, so that's something.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2346 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES RIOTS HERE AND ABROAD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 8. – All we read in the papers today out here is riots in Paris and taxicab riots in New York.

We know what they are fighting over in New York. They are fighting over a nickel, but nobody (even in France) knows exactly what they are fighting over.

France has got more different political parties than any nation on earth. There is over thirty different parties represented in the House of Deputies. Now in a fight on the street there is not that many different kind of badges to wear.

Well it's good to see France sore at somebody besides us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2347 WILL ROGERS SAYS FRANCE GOT JUST THE RIGHT ADVICE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 9. – In England statistics show that over 50 per cent of criminals commit suicide before being caught, knowing what will happen to 'em when they are captured. Can you imagine ours doing that? Look at the publicity they would miss. But are our courts and judges changing, for didn't this Sankey commit suicide in jail? Maybe this is liable to start a fad.

Monday France wanted communism. Tuesday they wanted a king. Wednesday an old man told 'em to go home and have a good drink of wine, take a nap and forget it. Just about what will satisfy any mob.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2348 MR. ROGERS IS UNHAPPY OVER THE AIR MAIL AFFAIR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 11. – What's all the hundreds of airplane pilots and the thousands of people who make an honest living in the airplane business going to do? It's like finding a crooked railroad president, then stopping all the trains.

You are going to lose some fine boys in these army flyers who are marvelously trained in their line but not in night cross-country flying, in rain and snow.

I trust an air line, for I know that that pilot has flown that course hundreds of times. He knows it in the dark. Neither could the mail pilots do the army

flyer's stunts and his close-formation flying.

I do wish they would prosecute the crook but not make a great growing industry (where 99 per cent are hard working and honest) suffer.

I hope they don't stop every industry where they find crookedness at the top.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2349 WILL ROGERS VISUALIZES LINCOLN IN THESE DAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 12. – Papers today say, "What would Lincoln do today?"

Well, in the first place, he wouldn't chop any wood. He would trade his axe in on a Ford. Being a Republican he would vote the Democratic ticket. Being in sympathy for the underdog he would be classed as a radical progressive. Having a sense of humor he would be called eccentric.

And it's Alice's birthday, too. Alice Longworth has for the last thirty years, and I hope thirty more, had a reserved seat at the biggest show on earth.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. - In this aeroplane mess I don't own one cent of stock. I don't own one cent of stock in anything. (I have some lots in Beverly Hills I would like to talk to you about.) I love to fly. I pay my way and do it. Now there must have been some monkey business higher up, or Mr. Roosevelt wouldn't do what he has. And I would like to sit on the jury and help convict 'em, for they have brought injury to a great industry.

2350 MR. ROGERS SEES NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THINGS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 13. – Funny thing just when I was reading about our great ship the Leviathan being tied up and rotting, why who drops in to my igloo to see me but my old friend Captain Hartley who was the skipper of that ship during all its great years.

He says that the excuse is that it is too big to operate, yet England and France both are building ones bigger. Then Germany is waiting to see what they do then she will build one still bigger. But ours is laid up because it's too big.

Well, anyhow what is there to worry over? Greta Garbo is not married, so cheer up, everything is fine again.

What does it matter who carries the mail? There hasn't been an important letter written in years.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2351 MR. ROGERS HOPES WE DO OUR FIGHTING AT HOME

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 14. – Austria? Say isn't that down there about in shooting distance of where the other war broke out?

England has told Germany to "lay off." Now what if Germany don't "choose" to lay off?

The boys are looking around now, kinder choosing up sides again. Russia would like to look down that way. But she can't take her eyes off Japan long enough. Mussolini is waiting for the best offer. France has got every propeller a spinning.

Now is one of the best times in the world for us to fight among ourselves. It will at least keep us out of some bigger devilment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2352 WILL ROGERS PROPOSES A POLICY OF ISOLATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 15. – Lotsa headlines today.

"Mus-solini's Troops Camped on the Austrian Border." "Hitler Says Nothing," which means that he is too busy moving troops. "England Lends Moral Support." Yes, and two battleships. "France Backs Austrian Government" and sends a few hundred planes over to deliver the message. "Japan almost on verge of prostration in fear Russia won't get into this European war."

Mr. Franklin D., shut your front door to all foreign ambassadors running to you with news. Just send 'em these words:

"Boys, it's your cats that's fighting, you pull 'em apart."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2353 WILL ROGERS ANALYZES CONTENTS OF AIR MAIL

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Feb. 16. – All this argument over who will carry the mail, and if you tore a sack open here is what you would find:

Twenty per cent would be chain letters. “Mail this to ten others, it will bring you good luck.” And we spend a half billion a year on education.

Forty percent will be asking somebody for an autograph, as I said before we spend a half billion on education.

Ten per cent will be Congressional records (and there is not a house that can’t pick up their own kindling).

Ten per cent is pamphlets of somebody’s scheme of how to solve something.

Ten per cent is bills which won’t be paid, so they just as well not send ’em.

Ten per cent is newspapers being sent to a place where there is a better paper printed.

And that’s what a boy risks his life with over the mountains every night.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2354 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON BELGIUM’S TRAGEDY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 18. – Well, wasn’t that too bad about the King of Belgium. I think he had always appealed to us as a fine human man with great love and concern for his people.

Well, England has great love for their King George, too. And Italy, too. Mussolini runs everything, but their little King stands mighty high with ’em and Mussolini is smart enough to just handle it right.

Say did you hear that little fellow Dollfus talking on the radio from away over in Austria? He must be a pretty keen little “hombre.”

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2355 WILL ROGERS FINDS FLYING IN THE WEST TOUGH, TOO

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 19. – Glad they didn’t start the army fliers out on this route till morning, for it’s a tough night.

Been talking to army pilots all the way across today, and, gee, they are just kids. I preached and pled with ’em if it got tough to turn around and go back, or set her down in an emergency field. Don’t try to show how brave you are. Show how sensible you are. There is not a letter being written that’s one-tenth as valuable as one of you kids’ lives.

But they are just so keen to make good, well it kinder scares you. Mr. Roosevelt, I believe it would do great good if you would warn 'em that you don't expect the service the level-headed old experienced regulars delivered.

Col. Arnold, an old friend of mine, in charge of all of 'em in the West, told me in Salt Lake today that he had been preaching that to 'em.

I know you will like the way the regular mail pilots take it, (and most of them are ex-sore heads) they are men of fine judgment.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2356 WILL ROGERS IS WAFTED INTO TOWN ON THE GALE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 20. – After flying all night, got in here at 8 o'clock this morning right in the wildest of what even California would call unusual weather. The plane stuck in the snow after it landed.

An army flier came breezing in, in an open cockpit, who had made the same run from Cleveland, these being the only two planes to land in Newark all day.

So give a big hand to Lieutenant Wackwitz of the U. S. Army, not forgetting (just because he is used to doing such things after years of service) Mr. Maurice Mars, pilot of the United passenger plane I was on.

It was so cold today that for one hour this morning they didn't roll the dice on the New York Stock Exchange. When those crap shooters hands can't roll 'em it's cold.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2357 MR. ROGERS FINDS SNOW AND LOBBYISTS IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21. – Flew in this afternoon to see what the boys who live by the aid of the ballot box are doing. Busy as usual passing appropriation bills like hot biscuits at a country farm house.

Saw the Senate vote full pay back to government employees, so the old government is not so tough to work for at that. Many another fellow would like to be able to get what he used to.

Went into the air mail investigation. Mr. Black had been asking Mr. Brown questions since early Monday morning. That's about the longest any man has ever had to think up answers, but they was both doing it so friendly and

nice you would think they room together.

Snowed here, but you can't see the ground for the lobbyists.

Nighttime is when you find out the news, so I will know more by tomorrow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2358 MR. ROGERS RECALLS CHASE OF SANDINO BY PLANE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22. – Reading today of Sandino's death in Nicaragua.

There is one thing that he and I always agreed on and that was that American armed forces had no right down there. As to whether he was a George Washington or a Jesse James, that's for his own people to judge.

And while the nation's mind at the present seems to be on aviation, I want to tell you that some of the greatest flying ever done by army, navy or commercial was done by the marine aviators in their flights through those mountains after this same Sandino.

I spent a week with the marines in temporary camp, arriving just three days after the Managua earthquake, and I flew with them over the Sandino country, dropping supplies to marine camps hundreds of miles up in the mountains.

I am glad we didn't find him that week.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2359 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS INVESTIGATIONS ON SUGAR

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 23. – Just flew up from Washington late this evening. Senate or the House neither one was operating today. Shows you what giving 'em a raise does.

But they was awful busy investigatin'. Run into my old friends Pat Harrison and Bob La Follette and they was investigating sugar. We have more arguments over sugar than we do over all the things combined that sugar goes on, or in. Pat was kinder protecting Mississippi. They got a kind of kaffir corn that renders out a thing they think is sorter sweet.

In another room they was investigating Wall Street. That was a real sugar investigation. Corporations loaned 20 billions to Wall Street in '29, so Mr. Roosevelt didn't invent the word billion.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2360 WILL ROGERS REPORTS ON THE DOINGS HERE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 25. – Say, these New York weather fellows deliver the goods. They advertised in all the papers yesterday that they had another storm in rehearsal, that they would be ready to produce one that would be a bigger production than the last one, and by gosh I believe it looks tonight like the boys are going to make good.

Clark Gable is back here appearing on the stage and I am here trying to help keep the women off him.

The big brokers of Wall Street are all moving down to Washington, for all their big clients are on the stand there all the time. They are putting tickers in the investigating rooms now.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2361 WILL ROGERS GOES SOFT AND CAN'T STAND SNOW

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 26. – Hurry up planes and start leaving here. I can't walk in these snowshoes. Been run over by two sleighs today. Taxicabs are being pulled by dog teams and the weather man says there will be a blizzard tonight.

And to add to the gloom of this city is the death of John McGraw. New York owes much to him. He was responsible for bringing more people to New York to see his Giants in World Series and league games than any man New York ever had. Typified the spirit of his day and time and was a sweet character and a fine friend.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2362 MR. ROGERS VISITS CAPITAL AND DIGS UP SOME NEWS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27. – Flew in here today. You got to fly back here to get over the tops of these snow drifts. And brother, you got to have altitude.

My friend General Johnson opened up his complaint division of the NRA today. House was sold out before it opened.

And I saw something today with my own eyes that you wouldn't believe could happen. The Senate voted not to take the raise in salary. Thank Senator Borah for that, I say YOU thank him. I doubt if many of the Senators will thank him. But they did it, so give 'em a hand. The return of the 15 per cent in salary is only to apply up to six thousand dollar salaries.

I tell you a lot of folks got these Senators wrong. They are a fine bunch.

That fellow they sent to jail just got out yesterday.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2363 MR. ROGERS RECONSIDERS AND IS BACK IN OUR MIDST

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 28. – Landing in Newark from Washington today, the pilot put us in the back end of the plane, so it would keep her tail down when the wheels hit the deep snow.

Give you an idea how many thousand men clearing the streets in New York, they have misplaced 51 thousand and can't find 'em.

Seven below zero in Washington this morning and snow a foot deep. Lobbyists standing frozen to death outside of Congressmen's homes. A lobbyist has nothing to keep him warm but his brief case.

The hotels of Washington should erect a monument to General Hugh Johnson. They been coming on pilgrimages by the thousands since last July to make a code, change a code or cuss a code. Washington, D. C. (Dam Code).

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2364 WILL ROGERS IS IN FAVOR OF LEAVING PANAMA FLAT

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 1. – The first person to really question us on the worth of our 59-cent dollar is Panama.

We are supposed to pay 'em 250 thousand a year for killing all their mosquitoes and putting an irrigation ditch from one ocean to the other through their property. They say we are to pay in gold. Be a good joke on 'em if we just picked up our canal and come home.

Japan coronated the new emperor of Manchuria. They would have had the coronation earlier, but they didn't have any car to haul him to the festivities in.

Washington got liquor today. Must have been a big novelty, about like a baby being continued on milk.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2365 WILL ROGERS FINDS ARMY DOING WELL ON AIR MAIL

OMAHA, Neb., March 2. – The army is handling the mail very sensibly now. I left New York at 2 a.m., arrived Chicago at 6 a.m. Weather in and around Chicago was bad. They held us there until noon. No mail in or out. You see both army and commercial are very careful.

Talked to General Westover, in charge of all army fliers, and Colonel Hickam of Chicago area. They said they were taking no chances. (Some banker may lose a day's interest on his checks, but that's the worst can happen.)

And what about the fliers, and the old buck privates, some of which draw only 21 dollars a month, and have been moved away off up here from their posts? They want some money. They are eating and sleeping on credit and living off the generosity of the towns they are in.

So hurry up and get busy, Congress, and straighten the whole thing out. All of you say you want to. Well, then do it.

Salt Lake at midnight, Beverly for breakfast.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2366 WILL ROGERS IS AMUSED BY NEWS FROM HSINGKING

SANTA MONICA, Cal. March 4. – Funniest thing I ever read about a coronation was that one over in Manchuria. It seems that they would have had it sooner but Japan had to wait till they could get an armoured carriage to haul him there. That shows what you call being Emperor by popular demand.

Did you know that we got 10 dry states, 11 part dry, and the other 27 can have anything they want, the same as these 21 do?

Chile is selling nitrates. Europe is fertilizing again.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2367 MR. ROGERS FAILS TO READ HIS PAPER AND IS SORRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 5. – Missed President Roosevelt's speech this morning. (It was at 8 o'clock here.)

Yes, I was up in time, but here is the joke on me. I hadn't read it in the papers. Now I will have to read it.

But there is a great difference between him talking, and then you just reading it. He is the king of the air. Course he has the advantage of the rest of us. He don't come on the air till he has something to say and the rest of us, we have to come on when we have nothing to say.

Not changing the subject too soon, but I feel kinder sorry for that woman Sheriff in Indiana. She thought she was surrounded by me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2368 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 6. – Statistics is about the porrest form of reading that we hate to listen to but I believe these that President Roosevelt used ought to be drummed into our heads.

"Ninety per cent of our people live on salary or wages, ten per cent on profits alone. People in this country whose income is less than two thousand a year buy more than two thirds of all the goods sold."

His talk come at a mighty opportune time, for lost of folks had figured, "Ah, well, the NRA has died out, why have to abide by it."

This will put new life in it and incidentally throw a scare into some of the boys.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2369 MR. ROGERS HAS SOLUTION OF THE WALL ST. PROBLEM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 7. – See where they caught two of the guards that got out of the jail with Dillinger.

They had him surrounded in Chicago but he robbed a bank in South Dakota that day, so they was right on his trail. Just three States behind.

They can't seem to agree on the Wall Street Control Bill (Fletcher-Rayburn bill). What they ought to do with Wall Street is like with the farmers, say, "How much gambling did you do last year?"

"Your Honor, I bet a hundred thousand dollars."

"Well, this year we want you to cut it down to sevety-five thousand and we will pay you thirty thousand for not betting the other twenty-five."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2370 MR. ROGERS IS INTERESTED IN MAIL PILOTS AND A TURK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 8. – Lots of news today.

Mr. Roosevelt gives a very clear statement of what they are doing to straighten out the air mail. And, you remember days ago I wrote you that the army men (especially the privates whose army salary is very small) who had to leave their home barracks and pay for food, rooms and everything, that the government hasn't given 'em any extra money. Well, it's still like it was then, only they are more broke than they was then.

An old boy whose picture appears before me, Zara Agha, don't mean anything, does it? Well, ladies, you better wake up, for Zara is on the loose looking for his 14th wife. Zara is 160 years old and a Turk. Zara is coming to Hollywood.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2371 MR. ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A FINE AIR MAIL FLIER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 9. – It's hard for me to keep these Notre Dame names clear in my mind, but just from memory I believe this army flier killed, named Wienecke, is the same lad I wrote you about three weeks ago that flew into Newark in the blizzard with the mail. He was a fine flier.

The more we read about that jail-breaking the funnier it gets. (That is if we didn't know that there was going to be a lot of people killed as a result of it.) Now we find one of the guards was 84 years old. All they have to do now to make the whole thing perfect is to find that Baby Leroy was the turnkey.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2372 MR. ROGERS AGAIN GIVES HIS VIEWS ON THE AIR MAIL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 11. – Everybody cheers the President's air mail move. It was a big thing to do. His next popular move would be to say to his legal department, "We said there was fraud. There was fraud. We'll get busy and try somebody and, if guilty, convict 'em. That's all today, gentlemen."

Most criticism of the army flier is going to be very unjust. He is taught to fight in the air. When he fails at that, then criticize him. He didn't hire out as a postman. In fact, in modern warfare, they don't correspond with each other.

Our air mail pilots are the best in the world. That's why we have two departments in Washington, one for war and one for mail. Both very efficient, but not at each other's jobs.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Eddie Rickenbacker did mighty well for us in the last war, and he had never delivered a letter in his life.

2373 WILL ROGERS NOTES STEP FORWARD BY RAILROADS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 12. – Well, just as the air mail stopped that famous new streamlined train pulled into our village. It looks like more than an ad. It looks like a fact.

Railroads are waking up now. They are speeding up and giving great service, and getting their rates down, finally competing with the bus and truck now instead of just cussing 'em.

Trouble with American transportation is that you can get somewhere quicker than you can think of a reason for going there.

What we need now is a new excuse to go somewhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2374 MR. ROGERS SAYS WE ALL WILL TRY ANYTHING ONCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 13. – Sure the army said they could fly the mails, be a fine army that would say, "No sir, Mr. President, we can't fly 'em."

If my movie company says "We are producing Shakespeare, how about it?" Yes sir. I can't do it like the Barrymores, but I will give it an awful tussle. The Romeo part may ground loop me, but I will take old Hamlet over the mountains on the darkest night.

And tomorrow if the President calls in the navy and says, "Can you relieve the farmer?" an admiral will say, "Yes sir, the ships will be ready at 12 o'clock to take him off the farm."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2375 MR. ROGERS GETS AROUND A BIT IN HIS NEWS VIEWS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 14. – A Russian plane had a forced landing while flying over that new independent country of Manchukuo and when they landed they were captured by Japanese. Guess the Japanese had a forced landing there just ahead of 'em?

Little Dolfuss (Austria's demitasse Premier), Premier Gumbo of Hungary and Mussolini of Italy (the sire of all the dictators) are holding a conference in Rome to see who should start the war, and why, but before the conference got well under way, little Dolfuss had sold Mussolini 12 million bushels of wheat.

That's the only practical thing I ever heard come out of an internatinal conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2376 MR. ROGERS UNDERSTANDS THE ST. LAWRENCE DEFEAT

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 15. – I was just thinking, if it really is religion with these nudist colonies they sure must turn atheists in the Winter time.

Well, the St. Lawrence Canal which Canada and U. S. were to build together was defeated in the Senate. I always thought that sounded like a pretty good thing. There is nobody we would rather be partners with in something

than Canada. In fact both political parties thought it was so good that it's in both platforms (which of course don't mean anything.)

Every Senator voted against it if it didn't run by his house. The whole South was against it. But wait till they want to deepen the Mississippi, then these other babies will get back at 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2377 ROGERS DOUBTS WE WANT INSULL BACK VERY MUCH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 16. – Mr. Insull was trying to get out of Greece on boat, and Greece caught him with their navy. Well, I don't know whether we really want the old fellow as bad as we let on. I can't imagine any punishment worse than not being able to return to your own country, no matter what the country is.

Monday the House of Representatives votes on the silver question. I wonder what effect it would have made on present-day affairs if Bryan had had his in '96. I reckon we would have been just as broke. You can't legislate intelligence and common sense into people. We was riding for the fall. Would have gotten it anyhow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2378 WILL ROGERS IS TIRING OF THE AIR MAIL FUSS

SANTA MONICA, Cal, March 18. – This air mail thing—wish they would get them all kinder calmed down over it.

Everybody is so heated up over it till they can't see the other fellow's side, or any other side, but theirs.

No use talking about what the government shouldn't have done. It's done done. No use saying "the government can't do this, and they can't do that." Say, you would be surprised at the things the government can do.

The army may not be the one to carry the mails. I don't think so, but I am not going to go to blows with anybody over it. After all, it's the government's mail and the government's army. They can do what they want to with it.

This thing is not going to be settled according to any one man's wishes, so they'd just as well cool off and start compromising now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2379 MR. ROGERS IS INCLINED TOWARD A 60-YEAR PLAN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 19. – Talk about Russia with her Five-Year Plan. Mussolini just saw their five and raised 'em fifty-five. Italy is now with a sixty-year plan.

Smart guy, that Mussolini. He laid out a plan where if it proved at the end that it wouldn't work, they couldn't find him.

Here are a few things even we could do with a sixty-year plan. Everybody could get their code signed up; Louisiana could catch up with Huey Long; get the air mail straightened out; get the bonus settled; vote on remonetizing silver, and send a delegation to the disarmament conference.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2380 WILL ROGERS SETS FORTH SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 20. – Just like to show you what our cousins are doing in the way of toting the mail.

"London, March 16. The British postoffice showed a profit at the end of this fiscal year of seventy million dollars. Last year $57,000,000 postoffice profits were applied to the reduction of taxes."

We lost 150 million a year. Who's looney now?

They also run the telephone and telegraph, so when you say, "a government can't run a business," you mean our government can't run it.

So don't forget to always put that word "our" in there.

Jim, this is no reflection on you and your P. O. gang. It's on our lawmakers who won't charge for a letter, paper or crate of eggs what it costs to carry it, be it by plane, boat train or mule, and charge accordingly.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2381 MR. ROGERS IS FOR ARGUING BUT WOULD KEEP WORKING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 21. – Well the country woke up mighty relieved this morning when they found the President had been able to stall off those strikes.

Don't it look like in case of a wage dipute it would be compulsory that you keep on working, but you send say two men, the owners two men and the government two. Now if they were months settling this and labor won, their increase in pay would ge back to the time when the first protest was made or if it was a shortening of hours and labor won, they would also be paid for back hours.

Looks like nobody would be hurt much and the labor leaders and the owners could cuss each other in a room, the same as they do now in the newspapers, yet nobody would have to be idle listening to 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2382 MR. ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO AN OLD WESTERN FRIEND

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 22. – Well, there ain't many Republicans left and the good ones of them are dying off.

Lost a good one, and a fine friend, yesterday, Fred Balzar, cowpuncher, railroader and miner, a real two-fisted Governor of the most independent State in our Union, Nevada.

He drove out to see me when down here a few weeks ago and brought me a quirt. I knew it was his last trip, and he did too, but he never flinched.

You would love Nevada. It's the West without dressing up to look the part. A herd of cows and a hole in the ground made it a unique State, and a long riata and a pick keep it a unique State.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2383 WILL ROGERS DICOVERS A NEW TRAFFIC PROBLEM

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 23. – Those old Wall Street boys are putting up an awful fight to keep the government from putting a cop on their corner.

You don't hear as much of Senator Bill Borah as you used to. With all the new-fangled things they have for breakfast nowadays, you don't hear much of ham and eggs as you used to either, but it's still might good eating.

Mr. Borah says, "When you cut down your wheat production 43,000,000 acres, where are the farmers and people that farmed those 43,000,000 acres going?" Then it's proposed to send 2,000,000 from the crowded cities to the

country. How are these two going to pass going and coming?

Those professors in the Agriculture Deparmtment are going to have a tough time answering that traffic problem.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2384 MR. ROGERS SEES NO CAUSE FOR ANY ONE FIGHTING NOW

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 25. – Been reading all the Sunday articles by world known writers and they all talk war.

Well, if there is any excuse for anybody fighting at this time, it's beyond me. The consensus of opinion is that, "so and so has to fight so and so sooner or later." Well I believe if I had to fight a man "sooner or later" I would fight him later, and later the better.

The only legitimate reason I can see why Germany and France must fight is they haven't fought in sixteen years, and the only reason I can see why us and Japan has to fight is because we haven't fought before.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2385 MR. ROGERS IS GRATIFIED BY THE TURN OF AFFAIRS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 26. – Say, that stopping that strike was the best bit of luck that's happened to us in a long time, for it looks like the basis of stopping all of them if the participants will all be as liberal as these were.

There was one new thing they brought out in the agreement that seemed pretty fair. That was that no matter what union, or group, or if none at all, that in any settlement you was to have representation in proportion to the number of workers in your group.

That's been one of the big troubles before. Supposed leaders who didn't represent anybody were in there talking for 'em.

So it looks like the President has earned his vacation, even if he is going on Astor's yacht.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2386 WILL ROGERS ROUNDS UP HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 27. – Mr. Wrigley, the chewing wax man, did a thing today that will eventually become universal. He set aside a sum of money for unemployment insurance. He put by a million dollars.

On April first steel will raise wages 10 per cent. No April fool's joke out of that.

Funniest thing in this controversy over a bill to regulate Wall Street. Wall Street now wants to write their own bill. They are pleading guilty, but want to privilege of pronouncing their own sentence.

Wonder who the brain truster was that wanted us to go to Moscow?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2387 MR. ROGERS SAYS CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE GONE FISHING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., March 28. – Well, Congress thought they knew more about how to run the country than the President so the President decided to go fishing. The trouble is the wrong one went fishing.

Say, if they bring each one of the brain trusters up to ask 'em questions, and them being all college men, those Congressmen that ask 'em the questions will have to do it through an interpreter.

We will see now how those Florida fish bite for a Democrat. Mr. Hoover went down there one time and they wouldn't come to the polls at all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2388 MR. ROGERS FINDS NEWS OF REAL IMPORTANCE

PASADENA, Cal., March 29. – They say the air mail will be flying commercially soon.

They say Congress votes on greenbacks for bonus money soon.

They say Dilllinger is headed West (but I bet you not to Tucson, Ariz.).

They say the President is going to appoint a warden for Wall Street.

All these don't mean a thing in the papers today. But when Rabbit Maranville breaks a leg right at the opening of the season that constitutes America's greatest crisis.

The office seeker and the humorists naturally look to Washington for news, but the youth of America look to Rabbit and Babe.

And, if anybody reading this has to ask who Rabbit is then you should be made to show your citizenship papers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2389 ROGERS TELLS OF HEROISM OF TWO BOYS IN THE WEST

PASADENA, Cal., March 30. – Here is something I think will bear repeating. Two kid brothers, one 14, the other 12, were hiking in the mountains out here. The young kid bit by a rattlesnake. The 14-year-old one cut the wound all up with a knife and they took turns sucking the posioned blood out. The younger one finally fainted, the other carried him up the mountain two miles on his back and he has saved him.

We are not so bad off. These kids are Daniel Boones and Davey Crocketts in any age.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2390 WILL ROGERS SUGGESTS A HAVEN FOR OUR FLEET

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 1. – Not much news the last couple of days from Astor's fishing smack. Pretty nice of England to let our President fish in their ocean.

Speaking of oceans, our grand fleet of 110 ships have to leave this coast this week. Japan says they have been in their ocean long enough. We are about the only nation that has a fleet but no ocean to put it on.

The thing we ought to do is dig a canal right smack dab across the United States from East to West. Then, when there is objections from the proprietors of the Atlantic and Pacific, we could cruise in our own waters, something we can't do now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2391 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A NOTED HORSEWOMAN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 2. – You can't pass a park without seeing a statue of some old codger on a horse. It must be to his bravery, you can tell it's not to his horsemanship.

Women are twice as brave as men, yet they never seem to have reached the statue stage. But one is due now.

Horesemanship through the history of all nations has been considered one of the highest of accomplishments. Well, courage, horsemanship, sportsmanship, and great paternal love was all embodied in one frail little white-haired woman, 67 years old. Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, godmother, mother and patron saint of American polo, and lover of a horse.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2392 WILL ROGERS PREDICTS DULL DAYS FOR ROOSEVELT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 3. – See where the President is prolonging his fishing trip. Going to stay away from Congress till they get about a dozen bills, then come back and veto 'em all at once.

It's going to be pretty tame for him when he gets back. He has been used to fishing for real game fish like the broadbill and the swordfish, then he will come home and have to bait his hook with some little postoffice worms and fish for mudcat Congressmen and eel Senators.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2993 MR. ROGERS INCLUDES A BIT OF SARCASM IN HIS NOTES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 4. – Well, they had a big moving picture opening in Hollywood last night. Dillinger was there. I suppose he was. He is everywhere else where anything of importance takes place.

Looks like the only way we ever going to catch him is to wait till he hires a yacht and starts through Turkey.

If I was Insull I wouldn't mind coming back here and facing an investigation, if nothing more happens than at all the other investigations that start out so sensationally and peter out so quietly.

Investigations are held just for photographers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2394 MR. ROGERS RUNS ACROSS A SCOUT FOR OLD ELI

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 5. – Out to the studio here where we are working night and day on a picture came Dr. Professor Angell of Yale. I had always thought that a fellow from Santa Barbara named Harkness was the angel of Yale.

This was an awful nice fellow, and a very pleasant charming wife. He wanted me to help him on a couple of things. Wants to get Yale made a CCC camp and have education put on the basic industry list. He is looking for five men for the line and three back-field men. He is on his way to Honolulu where he has heard of a quarterback.

Yale is doing all she can to get back among the 400 of football teams. He is doing all he can to get Yale graduates to take up some other work than "brain-trusting." He thinks it's a business that won't last.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2395 WILL ROGERS TELLS HOW TO MAKE TAXES POPULAR

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 6. – Can't bring Insull back yet. I see by the papers today where he hasn't finished his memoirs.

New York Stock Exchange is having their own investigation. They are investigating fourteen different stocks that have been acting so funny that Wall Street itself didn't know what they were doing. In other words you can fool the public, but you mustn't fool the members of the lodge.

The high income tax come pretty near passing Thursday in the Senate. Only lacked about six votes. So it won't be long now. Well, there is millions and millions that are not making it, that would be glad to give up 99 per cent if you would let 'em earn a hundred thousand or more.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2396 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES PRESIDENTS AND FISHING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 8. – We haven't heard of our President now in days. We haven't heard of Dillinger in days. You don't reckon he could be on there with 'em?

I will say one thing about a Democratic President fishing. Maybe he hasn't caught anything, but we won't have to look at pictures in the papers of him dragging some poor little trained perch in. The Republicans would get a cameraman before they did their bait.

One summer here one poor little fish got so he would get his picture taken, then take the hook out of his own month and go back and wait for the President the next day with a new photographer.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2397 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A PLAN FOR ANCHORING OUR FLEET

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 9. – The whole American fleet left the Pacific today. It had to in order to be away around on the Atlantic side by the time war broke out in Japan and Russia.

Eastern seacoast Congressmen demand the sailors spend some wages in their towns. Western ones want to same. The government ought to let each town (East and West) figure out how much the navy spends there, then let the government pay it.

But let it be done with the understanding that politicians and chambers of commerce have no hold on the fleet and that it can be placed wherever it's needed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2398 MR. ROGERS IS WITNESS TO A DISPLAY OF FAITH

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 10. – In these days of everybody waiting to see how much they can get out of some government appropriation, it's gratifying to find a big man who is willing to spend a terrific wad of his own money.

I just saw the laying of the cornerstone of a new Los Angeles Times Building. I don't suppose Mr. Chandler absolutely had to build a new building,

and if he had been like lots of our wealthy he would have said, "Well, I will just wait and see how things turn out."

He evidently don't believe that in a year's time we will all be calling each other "comrade."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2399 MR. ROGERS GETS A REPORT OF IMPORT ON BUSINESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 11. – We got the moving picture theatre owners out here on a big convention. They all report business much better all over. Now what better barometer can you get than them?

Their convention informed the producers that about everything in the way of sex had been produced, and that the audience didn't care to see it over again. They suggested that for a change they thought the audience would like to see just an old fashioned movie.

And they also want to eliminate the sensational and suggestive advertising used for pictures. You can't make a picture as bad as the ads lead you to believe it is.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2400 'HONEST TAXPAYER' CALLS FOR A REAL INVESTIGATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 12. – Well, Mr. Roosevelt gets back tomorrow and suppose his fishing trip will be followed by an investigation, for the Democrats claim he caught some fish and the Republicans are equally insistent that he didn't.

It's like all the investigations. It's absolutely necessary. It's going to have a big bearing on the future of this country.

If there is men in this country that claim they caught a fish when they didn't catch one, it should be known by the people of this country (no matter how high up the investigation has to reach).

So appoint your committee, three Democrats and two Republicans, so we can have a fair investigation and see if this country is going Russian and catching fish for caviar purposes.

Honest Taxpayer

2401 ROGERS SEES NO EXODUS DESPITE THE HIGH TAXES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 13. – I don't know what the Pre-sident caught, but that Senate just by howling "yea," caught five hundred million (that will bear a second reading, 500,000,000) extra out of a gentleman called "Old Man Taxpayer."

They were just about to put on their hats to go home when they happened to think of the last 116 million. The way they got it now when you get all through with your taxes, you add an extra 10 per cent. That's the "cover charge."

But they can't do all these things they are doing without paying for 'em. As high priced as it is to live in, I don't see anybody leaving the country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2402 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 15. – On this Sabbath day with a newspaper hid behind my song book, I saw where the Republic of Ireland was about to do away with their Senate. Now ordinarily that looks like a popular move in any country. But this being Sunday, and having a generous feeling toward all mankind (no matter how unfortunate his position) let's ask our Redeemer to not let us act too hastily in following Ireland's example. Thou Almighty, who seeist all things, must know that as disciples there is not a Saint Peter in the Senate, and as for prophets, there is not a Moses in a carload. They seeist not, but neither do the ones who sent 'em there see, so let's be charitable. But oh Gracious One, if Ireland should be right, help us to see the light immediately.

Amen,

Will.

2403 MR. ROGERS TAKES NOTICE OF A NEW BONUS MARCH

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 16. – Woman died at Savannah, Ga., age 123.

She had smoked a pipe for 112 years, while cigarette smokers figure they are passing out daily at the ripe old age of 30 and 40.

I think it's the fatigue from tapping 'em on the cigarette case that wears 'em down so early.

Saw a picture of the Congressmen in their march to meet the President at the depot in Washington.

It was a bonus march, for today they asked him for one and a half billion more to be spent by the government in their respective districts, especially the ones where they come up for re-election this Fall.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2404 MR. ROGERS GETS A THRILL AS THE BATS CRACK AGAIN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 17. – With the baseball season opened and Washington headed for another pennant, boy, Congress better be good from now on!

Baseball is in for a great year. It's our national game and will always be our national game. We become a great nation under baseball and commenced to flop the minute we started to take up a lot of other poor substitutes.

Golf is played for conversational purposes. Polo is played by us lazy ones, because the horse does all the work and we love to just go for the ride.

But you have to play baseball for itself alone, for there is no clubhouse to talk it over in after the game.

From an old first baseman of the Oolagah (Okla.) Giants.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2405 MR. ROGERS SEES A LESSON IN THAT WIRT DINNER

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 18. – The famous "Wirt Dinner" proved one thing. That is, these highbrows can't remember what happened at their dinners any more than us dumb ones can remember what happens at ours.

What difference does it make what was said at a dinner anyhow? If it's a real dinner and everybody is going good, there won't be anything sensible said anyhow.

You know there is two places where what a person says should not be held against 'em in a court of law. One is at a dinner and the other on the witness stand of a Washington investigation. Both affairs are purely social and should be covered only by the society editor.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2406 WILL ROGERS ANSWERS THE LEXINGTON PATRIOTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 19. – In opposite columns appear these two different items:

"Lexington, Mass., citizens march to Washington as in revolutionary days to protest the government having anything to do with business."

"Washington, D. C., Secretary Perkins reports 2,750,000 employed in past year, employment in March was 80 per cent of what it was during peak of 1923-25 average. Weekly payrolls increased $70,000,000 in twelve months, since last March."

So it looks like the boys from Lexington will find quite a few along the line of March to Washington that will be too busy to join 'em. I imagine it would be awful hard to ruin a country by paying wages.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2407 ROGERS ASKS A QUESTION ABOUT THAT WIRT AFFAIR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 20. – See where all the brain trusters are saying the whole Wirt affair was a joke on him. In other words they framed up to make a joke out of him. Now are we right sure that they ain't making a joke out of the taxpayer too?

Japan last week announced they had taken over the supervision of China in person, and that American, British, French, or German would kindly take notice. But see by today's papers they claim they were a little too ambitious, and that other nations can go into China, but will have to have all passports "visa," (or is that "viza?") by Tokyo.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2408 MR. ROGERS GIVES ADVICE TO CLASSES AT HARVARD

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 22. – Well, we just got over "Be Kind to Animals Week." So, now you can start again writing to your Congressman.

Saturday President Roosevelt had at the White House his graduating class of Harvard, 1904. There was over 300 of 'em, and all Republicans. I think he was just quietly rubbing it in on 'em, for the press couldn't name a one of 'em that anybody had ever heard of.

I think F. D., with his usual sense of humor, was just in a subtle way impressing on the boys, "If there hadn't been a Democrat in the class, youse guys would never have got to even see the inside of the White House."

It only illustrates that every Harvard class should have one Democrat to rescue it from oblivion.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2409 ROGERS THINKS DILLINGER WILL GET SHOT SOME DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 23. – Well they had Dillinger surrounded and was all ready to shoot him when he come out. But another bunch of folks come out ahead, so they just shot them instead.

Dillinger is going to accidentally get with some innocent bystanders some time. Then he will get shot.

Here is the usual daily A. P. dispatch from Indiana:

"Michigan City, Ind., April 23. - Four prisoners, three serving life terms, escaped from the prison today."

An Indiana sentence from a judge reads: "You are sentenced to prison as long as it's made comfortable for you and you desire to remain. In checking out, kindly let the warden know, so he will know how many will be there for supper.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2410 MR. ROGERS IS PUZZLED BY THE DILLINGER CASE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 24. – Headline in papers today said, "Dillinger hunters ordered to shoot to kill."

Would be interesting to know what their instructions had been up to now. They keep catching his women though, but he always is able to keep at least two women ahead of 'em.

Speaking about capturing renegades, I see President Roosevelt has captured Congress again. They escaped there for a few weeks, but he whittled him a wooden gun while in Florida and he has 'em right back marching in lock step again.

All but one, and Mrs. Roosevelt is taking care of him personally.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2411 WILL ROGERS ADMIRES MR. TUGWELL'S 'DOGMAS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 25. – Most of the news in today's papers concern Dillinger and Tugwell.

Mr. Tugwell is just one of the nicest and most pleasant fellows you ever met in your life. All of those brain trust fellows are.

But don't let 'em start explaining something to you. They get you down with theorys and then stomp on you with phrases. You start to raise up and they will hit you in the face with a thing called "dogma."

Mr. Tugwell knocked a pretty smart bunch over lately with a pair of "dogmas" called "modernized process" and "experimental aproach."

Einstein couldn't have had 'em as mentally goofy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2412 MR. ROGERS CITES ASSET JAPAN DOESN'T POSSESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 26. – Japan. You got to admire 'em. They are so ambitious, and they just got everything that all the other nations have but a sense of humor.

Their papers took great satisfaction and glee and screamed it in headlines, "The American Fleet Can't Get Through Panama Canal in 24 Hours." They never figured that the size of the fleet might have something to do with it.

Twenty-nine new ships have been authorized, so when the fleet comes back through there, and it can't get through in a day and a half, that will be a scream to Japan.

The Republicans coming out pretty strong now against the administration. Looks like if the Democrats don't get Dillinger, they may lose this Fall's election.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2413 ROGERS PUTS IN A BOOST FOR HIS CALIFORNIA WINE

FRESNO, Cal., April 27. – This is Fresno, Calif., a beautiful little city of 80,000. You might ask, "Well, what about it? What's that to us?" Well, you go

home tonight and have a nice glass of native wine with your meal. Fresno gives it to you.

Grapes grow here like lobbyists in Washington. Forty wineries here and a Rotary convention. All forty-one are going strong, night and day.

The Bulwinkle Congressional committee, investigator of the famous Wirt dinner (where nothing but applesauce was served), exonerated everybody connected with it including the cook, but advised the doctor the next time he dined out to take a dictaphone with him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. No news from Dillinger today, so the papers are all halfsize.

2414 MR. ROGERS RECALLS A DAY WHEN NE TALKED TOO LONG

GILROY, Cal., April 29. – Mrs. Rogers and I driving along from Fresno to San Francisco seeing all the ranches run in at Willie Tevis ranch (the champion endurance rider) and there at a barbecue was the Sultan of Jahore the biggest game hunter of all the Indian royal pack and tremendously popular over there and a regular guy.

Well, I got to tell you how I talked myself out of seeing his place and stable and horses. He is just out of Singapore. I had come in on a boat from Hong Kong and was going to take the plane the next morning for London so was going to drive to his estate that afternoon.

But, I talked at the Rotary Club luncheon, and did I talk? I must have blathered for hours, bored the whole of Singapore and missed the Palace of Jahore.

That's one case in history where a long-winded speaker suffered in the long run more than his listeners.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2415 MR. ROGERS REDISCOVERS A CITY THAT IS A CITY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 30. – Well, San Francisco.

I bet that San Francisco was a city from the very first time it had a dozen settlers.

Cities are like gentlemen, they are born, not made. You are either a city, or you are not. Size has nothing to do with it. New York is "yokel" but San Francisco is "city" at heart.

Boats coming from the East Coast through the canal are crowded with people that didn't know that a boat went anywhere but Europe. The old Bret Hart and Mark Twain gold mining districts are opening up again. Men are trading in their golf clubs for a pick and shovel and burro.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2416 MR. ROGERS IS PREPARED FOR A POSSIBLE SURPRISE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 1. – I see by the papers today that there is some talk of Russia paying (and that's on a debt this Russian Government didn't contract). They owe $700,000,000 and we may get $200,000,000.

Be a good joke on everybody if the Communists turned out to be the only ones you could trust.

The Philippines are voting on whether they want freedom or not. They were in favor of it till they sent a commission over here and saw what it was. Now they are in doubt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2417 MR. ROGERS MAKES PUBLIC A LITTLE INSIDE STUFF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 2. – See where the U. S. Chamber of Commerce are gathered in Washington again. It's the caviar of big business.

Last time they met I happened to be in Washington and was the guest of Jesse Jones (head of the Reconstruction Finance) at their dinner.

Now the whole constitution, bylaws and secret ritual of that Orchid Club is to "keep the government out of business."

Well, that's all right, for every organization must have a purpose, but here was the joke:

They introduced all the big financiers—the head of this, that and the other. As each stood up Jesse would write on the back of the menu card just what he had loaned him from the R. F. C. (got that menu card yet).

Yet, they said "keep the government out of business."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2418 MR. ROGERS ARISES TO ASK SILAS JUST ONE QUESTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 3. – Headline in papers today says, "Silas Says We Are Drifting."

I had to do a little research work to find out who Silas was and see if he had any idea where we were drifting.

I found out he is an attorney from Chicago and was delivering a speech in Washington before the United States Chamber of Commerce. Silas had the whole thing in brief-case form, excepting the destination.

It was like some big Federal officer arising at a banquet and saying "Dillinger is drifting," and you couldn't very well dispute him unless you happen to ask him "Where?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2419 MR. ROGERS NOTICES A RAY OF HOPE FOR THE WEARY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 4. – At the U. S. Chamber of Commerce meeting last time Mr. Roosevelt appeared (in person) and delivered a lovely talk. This time he just sent the boys a note and told 'em to quit hollering "Wolf" and go to work.

"Private business can and must take up the slack. The people will be impatient of those who complain."

So the chamber looked at each other, scratched their heads and went back to "passing resolutions."

But the President did hand 'em out one bright hope. He said Congress was about through.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2420 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT SHY OF UNCLE SAM'S ADVISERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 6. – From all I can read in the papers dated from some foreign capital, the ambition of their lives seems to be to get us and Japan into a war.

Now, if any nation on earth can give any excuse why we should fight Japan any more than they should, they ought to get a prize for thinking of it.

Naturally, everybody feels sorry for China, but there seems to be a concerted plan among the others to get us to feel so much sorrier for 'em than they do that we will do all the fighting for 'em.

Besides, we couldn't go to war with 'em now, for we just sent our fleet around on the East Coast in case we would have trouble with Portugal or Spain.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2421 MR. ROGERS VOTES TO LET THE OTHER FELLOW WORRY

SALINAS, Cal., May 7. – This is Salinas, the home of the Wild West Rodeo. It takes place in July. They let everybody in free that comes horseback, and they come by the hundreds. The horse, all over the country, is not coming back. He is back.

Fred Stone and I spent all day Sunday, went four or five hundred miles, just driving through these old California ranches that were land grants from Spain and seeing the old missions.

Good horses, fat cattle, plenty to eat and plenty of mortgages but, lord, every branch of businesses have them.

There is a change coming over the country anyhow. People have just got to get more used to debt. Let's all let the fellow we owe do the worrying and the U. S. will be the happiest land on earth.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2422 MR. ROGERS IS IN A TOWN WHERE THE DOLLAR CLINKS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 8. – The big news in the papers this week is Insull and silver. Before he went away it would have been Insull and gold.

They say it would be "inflation" to make silver a money. Well, maby, it would be, but it wouldn't be exactly like taking a perfect stranger into the family. You would be surprised at the things it will buy now.

This is a silver town. Everything under $5 is all silver. That's how they can tell a "dude," they will ask for dollar bills.

Arguing the money question sounds learned, but it's never made anybody any money yet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2423 MR. ROGERS NOTES REVIVAL OF TWO POLITICAL PARTIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 9. – In California's primary race for Governor there is the largest entry of different parties that ever went to the post—Democrats, Progressive, Socialists, Prohibition, Liberty, Torys and Republicans. These last two are revivals of old-time parties that have been out of existence for years.

On our darkest days there is a ray of hope somewhere in the papers. "A gigolo committed suicide." It may be the starting of a fad.

Twenty-five scheming, designing American mothers pulled every political rope possible to get their daughters to see the King this week in London. He asked to have a look at Sophie Tucker.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2424 MR. ROGERS SEES A WAY OUT OF THIS DEBT JAM

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 10. – See where President Roosevelt figures on having a free hand in the foreign debt settlement thing personally. That's fine.

Congress sent 'em a bill for the full amount, the Senate threatened to sue 'em, the American taxpayers tried to shame 'em into paying, so let's turn it over to Mr. Roosevelt and give him a commission on what he can get.

Either that, or have the J. P. Morgan Company foreclose on all of 'em. They are more afraid of him than they are of us.

The thing has dragged along so far now, that it looks like we will have to loan some of 'em some money in order to get 'em to even agree to cancel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2425 ROGERS FINDS 'ELEMENTS' MAKES SUCKER OF EXPERT

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 11. – These old boys with a pair of specs and a tablet and pencil can sit and figure out how much wheat, corn and oats can be raised each year in order to sell each bushel of it at a profit. Then along comes a guy called "Elements." This bird "Elements" never went to college, he

has never been called an "expert" and he has been laying pretty low for quite awhile, but when this guy "Elements" breaks out he can make a sucker out of more experts than anybody.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2426 MR. ROGERS JOINS RANKS OF DISGRUNTLED FATHERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 13. – Mothers had their day today but they will be back where they belong tomorrow. Don't want to spoil 'em. If you brag on 'em too much they will get as swellheaded as father and children.

Senate passed the bill to regulate Wall Street. The government is going to put traffic lights on it. It's always been a hit and run street.

The red light tells you you better stop and wait before buying, the green light tells you that you are a sucker anyhow and you might just as well go ahead. The yellow light means, put up no more margins, let 'em sell you out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2427 MR. ROGERS WOULD REVIVE THE OLD POLICE METHODS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 14. – "The government is arranging a war chest of three million to hire and equip more men in the crime drive; 200 speedy armoured cars, submachine guns, bullet-proof vests and tear gas."

Two hundred armoured cars can't very secretly drive up to your place of hiding without being detected in advance.

In days when they caught these fellows, it was by one Pinkerton detective following them, or one Texas Ranger, or one Northwest Mounted Police.

I bet we got a lot of good man hunters in our various forces, if they were allowed to work without carrying an orchestra with 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2428 WILL ROGERS OFFERS A TIP ON CATCHING 'BAD MEN'

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 15. – I don't want to brag, but we got mighty good policemen in Los Angeles. They have caught many a bad one.

It looks like every time you get one of these notorious ones now you get about two women to each man. Looks like about all the police would have to do is arrest every man that has more than one woman along.

Times do change. The old-time outlaw never mixed his women and business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2429 MR. ROGERS SEES PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT ON CRIME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 16. – Looking over the beautiful San Francisco Bay here from a hotel window you can almost see San Quentin prison and three gentlemen kidnappers checking in for life on a crime committed not a week ago.

That leaves the State with a pretty good record. Out of two kidnappings, two down and three out. That must be heartbreaking to these "shyster" lawyers to not get a chance to defend this class of client.

But, I suppose, these fellows will be up before the parole board at its first meeting.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2430 MR. ROGERS GOES NATIVE AND FEELS MUCH BETTER

HOLLISTER, Cal., May 17. – Sure had a good time today. Been out to a calf branding at the "Quien Sabe" ranch. Forty thousand acres and one of the prettiest in California.

Didn't mind all the men beating me roping, but when a girl did it looks like golf will be coming on me pretty soon.

This is a real old cowtown, but prunes and Easterners are getting a hold in here and they are both hard to eradicate.

There is not a better day in the world to be spent than with a lot of wise old cowmen around—barbecued beef, black coffee and good free holy beans.

Cattlemen have lost more in the last few years than anybody and say less about it. When you ever have any doubt as to what might happen in these U. S., go to the country and talk with them and you will come back reassured.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2431 ROGERS SAYS KIDNAPPERS FIND "RACKET" UNPOPULAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 18. – Well the kidnappers checked in at the hostelry across the bay and if you think kidnapping is popular, the other inmates all snubbed 'em and wouldn't even give em a tumble.

New flying boat makes a record, carrying 11,000 pounds flew at 22,000 feet altitude, built for South American trade. Now all we got to do is get some trade.

Congress been laying awful low lately, so we better look out, you can't house five or six hundred men in tight together, and the heat coming on, without having some catastrophe being caused by it. Roosevelt knows that, and would personally pay their way home, if he could get 'em out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2432 MR. ROGERS SOLVES SLUMP IN CHURCH ATTENDANCE

SALINAS, Cal., May 20. – I read statistics every once in awhile and it shows maby how church attendance is sorter falling off on Sunday mornings.

But it's not lack of religious inclination. It's just that you can't beat Sunday morning to get the old car out and ramble.

A preacher can have the best sermon in the world, but he just has to deliver it to folks without any gas. I bet you we live to see the time when they will just hold services on rainy days and days when they are fixing the roads, and they will pack 'em in.

Folks are just as good as they ever were and they mean well, but no minister can move 'em like a second-hand car.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2433 MR. ROGERS OFFERS ADVICE ON THE NRA SQUABBLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 21. – The big argument now is between Mr. Darrow and Gen. Hugh Johnson. Now there is a couple of tough babies to run together.

Here is a thing that's in Johnson's favor. The report is 322 multigraphed pages. Now there can be an awful lot of things wrong with a thing, but 322

pages is kinder rubbing it in. It would almost have to be Dillinger to have that many things wrong with it.

Poor old NRA! If we all had spent as much time observing it as we have arguing over it, it would have worked, right or wrong. There is great good in it and evidently great ills in it.

Now if both sides are not broadminded enough to see and admit it, then let the argument continue, but charge admission for it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2434 MR. ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A SENATE WARRIOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 22. – Senator Norris wanted to abolish the Electoral College.

This is a bad time to try and do away with anything connected with "college." He will have to wait till the low-brows get in.

Well, he is not a man to get discouraged. He was years trying to get them to abolish the lame-duck session. When you get down to common sense and level headedness and answerable to nobody but his own conscience, you just about got the definition of that quiet, fighting, old Senator.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2435 MR. ROGERS SEES A MOTIVE FOR SOME NRA CRITICISM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 23. – Not long ago ex-Ambassador to Germany, Jimmie Gerard said there was fifty men running the country. Now they say they have let forty-nine of 'em go.

So, naturally, we have those forty-nine ex-country runners all on our hands, and dissatisfied. You can't let people out, no matter for what good reason and have them go away bragging on you.

I don't suppose there is any business with as many unemployed as the "advising" business. What gets these big fellows' goat is, Roosevelt listens to 'em all, but they can't tell whether he is paying any attention or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2436 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS IDEAS ON HANDLING OF STRIKES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 24. – The government is trying to fix silver, gold, Wall Street, tariffs, how much to plant and a thousand other problems yet the greatest and most urgent need in our land now is the settlement of strikes.

It's so far above the needs of other legislation that there is no comparison. Can't the government make arbitration compulsory? Everybody knows that there is wrongs—everybody knows there are strikes with just cause and some that are not. But with the labor union, one man, the man that hires him, one man, and the government, one man.

It looks like the side that wouldn't agree to that there is something wrong with. Let everybody stay on the job during arbitration. If they get the raise of wages, it starts back from the day the complaint was made. If that was fixed all these other things wouldn't need fixing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2437 ROGERS URGES EVERYBODY TO BUY A VETERAN POPPY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 25. – If you haven't bought a poppy this morning as you read this, go right now and do so. The soldier boys in the hospitals make 'em and it's for a great charity.

The further we get in years away from the war, the less we think of it, but that's not these fellows' fault. They never thought so much of it even at the time.

A mother can come nearer saying the right, and most impressive thing, under any circumstance than all your great writers. The mother of the outlaw Parker girl, killed in Louisiana said, "She won't be buried with 'him,' he took her from me in life, but I will take her from him in death, she is mine from now on."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2438 MR. ROGERS HAILS ZEPHYR AND PRAYS FOR FLIERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 27. – Well, there is two Frenchmen trying to fly direct from France to California. Let's hope and pray they make it. New York is liable to find itself off the U. S. Franco Highway.

And, that train that went from Denver to Chicago at 78 miles an hour, that's the biggest news that we have had in transportation in years.

If railroads had woke up before, they wouldn't be so far behind today. Faster time than this was made thirty years ago by a train, but nothing was ever done about it.

They have done nothing since then but sell stock instead of speed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2439 MR. ROGERS'S HEART GOES OUT TO A CABINET MEMBER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 28. – Secretary of Agriculture Wallace is out our way here. He has got a tough job. It's by far the toughest job in the Cabinet.

Sec. of the Navy only has to deal with an admiral, Sec. of the Army with the generals, Postmaster General with the politicians, but when you deal with the farmer you are dealing with a man who is a dealer himself.

So if I was Wallace I would say, "Boys, you all are just too good farmers. You just raise too much. If you just wouldn't be so expert for a few years. It don't do any good to plow under every third row if you are going to raise more on the other two than you did on the three. Your efficiency is driving you to the poor house. So please don't be such good farmers."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2440 MR. ROGERS IN HIS TRAVELS SEES SOME SAD SIGHTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 29. – Walking Monday afternoon through one of the most famous of the historical California missions, San Juan Capistrano, half way to San Diego, and who should I find in meditation before a wonderful old picture depicting the joy of the harvest and the merrymaking at the sale of the crops?

It was Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Tears were in his eyes, and he kept murmuring lowly, as he turned to the altar, "Oh, what have I done, Father, that I couldn't have been Secretary of Agriculture in days like those?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2441 MR. ROGERS HAS PROGRAM OF HOME WORK FOR ARMY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 30. – President Roosevelt is giving Cuba a new treaty. The "godfather" clause is taken out. All their revolutions are to be strictly "home talent."

More news down that way. Porto Rica is to be "wet-nursed" by the Interior Department instead of the army. The Philippines are rehearsing for peace. It won't be long now till our army will all be visiting America at one time.

That's the dope. Get 'em all home, add to their number, add to their training, then just sit tight with a great feeling of security and just read about foreign wars.

That's the best thing in the world to do with them.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2442 WILL ROGERS COMFORTS A BROKEN-HEARTED FRIEND

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 31. – Our Governor "Jimmy" Rolph is very, very ill.

Writers who rose in such glee to denounce him for doing nothing but speaking from his heart and not from political tact, they broke his heart. Now let them, before commenting further, speak of some of the fine human qualities he possessed. Few men ever in public life will leave more real friends.

Our country's structure is built on "let the law take its course," but there has been more the matter with our laws, our courts and our justice than there has with Jimmy Rolph.

Editorial writers were against you, Jimmy, for they have to write for their public, but, gosh, it must do your old heart good to know how many mothers were for you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2443 ROGERS READY TO DISPLAY 'COWLICK' TO EVERYBODY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June l. – Among all the big news and headlines of today's news there was a little item that sure gave me great encouragement. It said that some great professor of the Smithsonian Institution had discovered that a person with a "cowlick" was human, and not like the person who had

none, as they descended from the ape; as no ape ever had a cowlick.

So now instead of having M.D. and Ph.D. after your name (and all those things to publicly advertise your supposed knowledge) why we just take off our hat and show you the old "cowlick," and say, "There, you apes, take a look at a human."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2444 MR. ROGERS FINDS SECRET OF A DICTATOR'S SUCCESS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 3. – That Mussolini, who is the "sire" of the present dictator epidemic, knows just what to do to drive those other nations "nutty." He knows his sycology (that's not spelled right but it sounds right).

He asked his soldiers Saturday, "Are you ready to fight?" And, he did it so loud that the adjoining nations could hear.

Now, that is how he has kept out of a war all this time (when everybody predicted he would have one every week).

But, here is something that he did tell his people that will bear repeating all over the world, "We must accept hard times, we must get used to hard times."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2445 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND AND EDUCATOR

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 4. – A sad wire this morning from Vice President O'Hara tells me of the death of a good friend, Father O'Donnell of the great Notre Dame University. What a fine, plain, human man.

What Rockne did with 'em when they got those football suits on, this man did with 'em while they was off the field, and turned out many "All Americans" in the game of life.

Some good news in the papers, however. It rained in the Middle West. Farmers are learning that the relief they get from the sky beats what they get from Washington.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2446 WILL ROGERS IS PLEASED THE DIPLOMATS NOW KNOW

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 5. – Well, America was finally notified "diplomatically" that England wouldn't pay the debt.

That's what practically all the people in both nations knew all the time, but even though a diplomat is the last person to find anything out, I knew the news would finally leak out to 'em.

The news hit us like the news that Babe Ruth bats left-handed.

But was we downhearted? No, sir. On that very day Congress voted seven billions. So our own credit is all right.

From now on we will do all our borrowing and loaning on the home grounds.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2447 WILL ROGERS APPROVES OF NEW G. O. P. LEADER

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 6. – Glad to see the Republican party honor Henry Fletcher, ex-Ambassador to Italy. He is a very able man.

They made him chairman of the Republican National Committee. Course, you got to use a little humor when you say it's an honor to hand a man the Republican party to run at this time. It's sorter like giving you an empty gun to protect yourself.

Henry will do 'em as good a job as anybody could, if he confines 'em to constructive criticism. Mr. Roosevelt has a unique position in the feelings of the people. They will let you throw a brick at him, but it's got to be loaded with something besides political mud.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2448 WILL ROGERS PROTESTS THE BUCK-PASSING TREND

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 7. – Both sides in the steel business seem anxious to strike. Well, if they would only strike just each other it wouldn't be so bad.

Don't it look like there ought to be some civilized way of finding out what the employee and employer owed to each other?

The latest papers say that "It's up to the President now." Is there anything difficult under the sun that's not put up to that man? He will eventually be asked to decide if the five little babies born in Canada must go to the World's Fair in Chicago or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2449 WILL ROGERS FINDS THIS INDEED AGE OF MIRACLES

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 8. – This is the age of "new deals" and miracles, at that. The Secretary of the Treasury informed all the Treasury Department people to keep out of politics. There wouldn't be any such luck as to have that spread to all departments.

Few good-health notes in today's press, the five girl babies are gaining weight, and Max Baer was reported out of danger.

If that Wheeler-Howard Indian bill don't pass there is no justice. I think we got a real Indian agent in this man Collier. The Indian has just lost 100 years in his civilization, and Collier is trying to get him back. However, I still think the old rich Indian's wife deserved her share. But I don't think that was Collier's department.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2450 WILL ROGERS IS PREPARED TO MAKE BEST OF THINGS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 10. – Well, no good news along the steel strike front. Both unions are standing tight, the Amalgamated Iron, Steel and Tin Workers Union against the Iron and Steel Institute. Both unions were organized for the members' protection against the other.

It does look like there is some fair men in this country both sides would be willing to leave it to.

Well, if it comes to the worst, we can do like some old famous queen in Paris when she said, "Let 'em eat cake." We can build it out of wood instead of steel. Dillinger did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2451 MR. ROGERS JOINS IN FUSS OVER NRA LABOR CLAUSE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 11. – When the National Recovery Act (NRA) was drawn up there was one clause in there in regard to "collective bargaining" and it was known at the time that the thing could mean just about anything that anybody wanted it to.

Now, they never will get through with all these strikes till they send that clause to a Supreme Court that has a Webster dictionary and let them hold a final clinic and announce just what the thing means, in case it does mean anything.

It's always better to brand a calf plain the first time. You just can't brand him so he will belong to both outfits.

Yours,

Will Rogers

2452 WILL ROGERS REJOICES AS 'DIRT' FARMER WINS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 12. – Well, the latest papers record the fact that Mr. Tugwell went through O. K. They tried him for being a "menace" and he come clear.

I am glad of that. It's a mighty hard thing to tell nowadays whether an idea is revolutionary, or downright conservative.

Tugwell proved that he had at one time been a "dirt" farmer. I think that's what got him clemency with the jury.

A soldier returning from a popular war don't carry as much sympathy as a "dirt" farmer, or for that matter even a prairie land farmer where there ain't no dirt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2453 WILL ROGERS WELCOMES ALL THE DEBT TALK AGAIN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 13. – The debt thing bobbed up again today. The news never gets so dull that somebody can't bob up with a new proposal.

We can always revive talk of it and interest in it, but we just can't seem to revive payment of it. In fact, a great many of the ideas we have loaned 'em they haven't even paid back.

Well, it's good to get it all stirred up before the new Congressional elections. The following sounds awful good on the platform:

"Did the man you last sent to Washington make Europe pay? No, no. Well, elect me and I will make them pay."

So it will always be a good argument.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2454 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS EAR TO THE GROUND JUST NOW

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 14. – Well, there ain't much news till we get the dictaphone records of what Mussolini and Hitler really talked about. They may have never said a word about France but you will never make France believe it.

They was supposed to travel and meet on neutral ground. They met on neutral ground, but it was Mussolini's.

To get even with 'em now, we will have President Roosevelt meet Mr. Plutarco Calles of Mexico and show those Europeans a couple of boys that really run their countries.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2455 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT THE OBVIOUS THING TO DO

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 15. – Now that the prizefight is out of the road, the American people can settle back down to the trivial things of life.

The steel strike looks better than it has in weeks, looks like a mighty fair proposal that Mr. William Green, president of the whole American Federation of Labor, made, whereby the President is to appoint three disinterested men. Now if the steel men will agree to that, why it looks like they would finish it. Funny how long it takes people to see what to do, when there ain't but one thing to do.

If Mr. Roosevelt can just get that strike fixed, and get those Congressmen out from under those government-paid-for electric fans by July 1st, he will be sitting pretty.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2456 MR. ROGERS FINDS WE TOO ARE PRONE TO 'SAVE FACE'

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 17. – See where one strike is ended. Nobody won anything, but you always word the agreement in such a way that it looks like both sides gained something.

China (by far the smartest nation in the world) has a word that I don't know how in the world we live without it. It's called "face," "saving face."

We have it just as much as China does, and call it by a hundred other things. But it all gets back to the same thing, "face."

"How can I do nothing and still make it look like I done something?"

Congress would have adjourned Saturday night and the country would have arose Monday morning in the happiest and most optimistic mood, but each Congressman tried to get his pet bill through, so he could go home and "save face."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2457 MR. ROGERS IS ANNOYED BY THE PACE OF THE NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 18. – I just give up reading murders. You no more than get a few details of one murder than the afternoon paper brings you news of another.

The best read man in the country couldn't tell you who killed who last week.

The papers ought to list 'em by numbers.

"Murder Case No. 211" went to court this morning in order to make way for Case 212.

Case 211 is of the A Class (that is where the wife kills husband). Case 212 is of the B Class (husband kills wife). Killings of the C Class include all promiscuous other killings not embraced in A or B Class.

Yours for brevity,

Will Rogers.

2458 WILL ROGERS GETS THE AID OF COBB ON HIS DAILY JOKE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 19. – We was all setting around on the moving picture "set" this afternoon. Irvin Cobb was entertaining us 100 per cent as usual.

I says, "Irvin, I got to write my daily mess; what's something komical in the day's news?"

"Well, Will, you couldn't get anything much funnier than England and France wanting us to use our influence with Germany to get them to pay France and England.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they tried to show we was on the note, and they will be suing us."

When we read our papers today and found Congress had adjourned it reminded you of Armistice Day. They say ticker tape in New York was a foot thick.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2459 MR. ROGERS FEARS A SLUMP IN BANK ROBBING INDUSTRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 20. – You can't beat Oklahoma for originality.

Guess you read about the outlaws with a big truck (with a winch attachment on it) backed up to the bank to kidnap the safe. Everybody in town came down to see the show.

Due to the outlaws having done no physical work in so long they wasn't stout enough to load it. But they notified the bank that they will be back right away and that the bank is to have a smaller safe.

The future of bank robberies is to arrange some way to charge admission. So many people seeing robberies free is what's killing the business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2460 MR. ROGERS RISES TO ASK 'WHAT PRICE A DEGREE?'

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 21. – Yale give President Roosevelt a degree. But they made him make a speech for it. Degrees are getting higher priced. That's the most anybody has given for one in years.

The President kinder held up for his brain trust. He said he would take brains any time in preference to politics. He just as good as admitted you could-

n't get both in the same body.

He paid a very high compliment to Congress, and he should. They had just adjourned the day before.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2461 ROGERS THINKS BARUCH KNOWS A THING OR TWO

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 22. – What's this I read in the papers today about Barney Baruch quitting Wall Street and starting writing?

That's what I call leaving a business when you are at the top. He knew more about it (and everything else) than anybody. But just think of the novelty of a man being in the writing game that knows what he is talking about.

Say, we are holding the American Olympic games here today. Every great runner and jumper are here. Nearly every State has sent one or more great athletes, yet in the big games that's held in Washington every year not a single State seems to be able to send a statesman.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2462 MR. ROGERS SAYS IT'S EASY TO GET MONEY FOR A WAR

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 24. – Lots of news today about that South American war.

I was down there almost two years ago and they were going strong then. Now, how can they fight that long without getting all their war material from other nations?

That's why there will always be war. You got every nation that's not in it boosting for it, for everybody makes money out of a war but the nations fighting.

We used to think war couldn't last long because one or both sides had no money. Why, there is no industry under the sun you can get credit as quick for as you can war.

This war down there has been on credit since twenty-four hours after it started.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2463 MR. ROGERS SEES PROMISE OF REAL NEWS IN EUROPE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 25. – The pictures of Hitler and Mussolini are pouring in on us from the press now and every one of 'em keep looking more like they are going to bite each other.

Sure glad to see where William Allen White had received the high award for Americanism. He is a mighty clear thinking man. That Kansas has more real newspaper men than all the rest of the States combined.

Mr. Roosevelt attended a meeting of Tammany Hall leaders. First time Tammany Hall's name has come up in months. I kinder thought they had given up their franchise.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2464 MR. ROGERS FEELS SORRY FOR WEARY CONGRESSMEN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 26. – Congressmen are coming dragging in from Washington. Some of 'em look like they had hitchhiked.

Now their real work starts. That is trying to get elected this fall. I tell you it's no easy life when you consider that battle to get back there.

I just don't know what they are going to promise the voters this fall. This is a tough time to think up something new. About a man's only chance is to just say, "Well, boys, I don't know what I will do. I will just have to wait till I get there and see what Mr. Roosevelt wants. He knows more about it than me."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2465 MR. ROGERS IS ALL READY TO TUNE IN THE PRESIDENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 27. – Well tomorrow night (or I mean tonight as you read this) Mr. Roosevelt is going to talk to the country.

I doubt if ever in the history of any country, at any time, was the talks of one man so earnestly listened to.

The best example we have that he actually feels that we are headed out of the brush is that he is going on this trip to Honolulu. Firemen don't stop for a nap in the middle of a fire.

If he feels like it's coming out all right, why the rest ought not to worry, for he has more invested in it than any man in it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2466 WILL ROGERS MOURNS A REALLY GREAT FLIER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 28. – And they lay to rest Jimmy Wedell, died as a soldier in the discharge of his duty, for he was teaching somebody else how to fly.

When you realize aviation is the greatest advancement in our times and America is spending the most money on it, yet our whole government, whole army, whole navy, had to wait to see how fast they could fly till Jimmy Wedell (through his own personality and personal honesty got financial backing from generous and public-spirited Mr. Williams) would make the plane.

Who knows but what aviation might not be permanently set back 100 miles an hour through the loss of this fellow, with the knowledge that was buried with him. Such men should be grabbed up at once and put into our government service.

He had one thing that was in keeping with all great aviators and that was his modesty.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2467 ROGERS FINDS ROOSEVELT PLEASED MOST EVERYBODY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 29. – Headline says, "13 Bankers in Detroit Indicted." You would think Detroit was a bigger town than that.

The early afternoon edition that I got out here on the movie "set" says dear Marie Dressler is fighting yet. We are all just afraid to get the next paper. Those that don't offer a prayer for her, well, they just ain't human, that's all.

Mr. Roosevelt's speech seemed to satisfy all but those that had made up their minds in advance that they wouldn't like it, no matter what he said.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2468 MR. ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT THE WORLD'S EVENTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July l. – Well, the President leaves on his cruise aboard what must be Jesse Jones's boat, for it's called the Houston.

I expect that guy Hitler would like to be on a boat headed somewhere about now. Germany has some sort of a custom where they allow you to commit suicide in case you have been found to be against the government. Over here we just let you go on making speeches, and it amounts to about the same thing in the end.

Well, they finally got that Astor wedding over with. There ain't nothing that will do more to add comedy relief to our reading of strikes, wars, revolutions and world uncertainty than to read about a society wedding.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2469 MR. ROGERS THINKS IL DUCE GAVE HITLER SOME ADVICE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., July 2. – Hitler must have got his information about Germany from Mussolini. He didn't seem to know much about what was going on till he went down to see the old "daddy" of all the dictators.

Trouble with this killing a guy to get rid of him, there never was a fellow killed that didn't leave some friends.

Well, they will have to get their trouble in Germany over with pretty soon for it's just breaking France's heart? In fact, I expect they are feeling so bad they are offering ammunition and free burial to both sides.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2470 MR. ROGERS THINKS G. O. P. STILL LACKS JUDGMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 3. – There is something about a Republican politician, they are smart but they just don't know much.

Now Henry Fletcher, their national chairman is smart and a durn nice fellow, but here he comes out with the Republican keynote speech for the coming election, and there is not a man, woman or child in the United States that has listened to, or read, one thing in the papers, in three days about Germany.

The eyes of the world are on Germany and Henry is trying to get somebody to take a backward glance at the Republican party.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2471 WILL ROGERS NOW EXPECTS EXCITEMENT IN THE FALL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 4. – They say it takes a big man to admit he is wrong. Well, here is where I become a giant.

I said yesterday that the Republicans made their campaign speech when the whole U. S. was tuned in on Germany, or Amos and Andy, and that nobody heard it.

But, by golly, I was wrong. From some of the criticism I read of it from the Democrats they must have all been listening. I had no idea they were even paying any attention to the Republicans.

Get these Democrats on the defense and they are not so hot. A Democrat is a better fault finder than he is an explainer so there is liable to be some excitement at this fall's election yet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2472 MR. ROGERS IS IN DOUBT AS TO BORAH'S OBJECTIVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 5. – Senator Borah, I think, is a mighty able and self-thinking statesman (you notice I said statesman). A statesman is a man that can do what the politician would like to do but can't, because he is afraid of not being elected.

Well, Senator Borah, who has spent the past winter with the Democrats, is leaving their bed and board, and has given instructions that he won't be responsible for any bills they incur.

Now from the way his tracks led when he left their campfire it looked like he might be headed for the Republican chuck wagon again. Or he may just camp on a hill where he can roll rocks down on both of 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2473 ROGERS FINDS ROOSEVELT HAS RESORTED TO A 'BLAB'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 6. – All I know is just what little I see in the papers. See today where Mr. Roosevelt is putting a "blab" (you know what a blab is? It's a thing you put over a calf's mouth to keep it from eating between meals) well, he is putting a "blab" on these socalled "officials" who are making speeches around the country trying to tell what the New Deal has in mind.

He has informed 'em, "you go ahead and deal and shut up about it. A dealer is not supposed to entertain along with his dealing."

So the next time you hear a fellow speaking for the White House, you just holler, "Yeah?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2474 WILL ROGERS COMMENTS ON HERR HITLER'S VACATION

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 8. – See by the papers that Hitler took a vacation. Most people doing the same thing would have took one too. The judge would have said, "Now you take a nice rest for about sixty days, and some morning at daylight the warden will call you, and from then on you can rest again."

Mr. Cordell Hull paid a mighty nice compliment to little Finland today, and incidentally did all he could to make the others feel ashamed, but Mr. Hull you are just wasting your breath. Those boys have been insulted by experts and it never fazed 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2475 WILL ROGERS THINKS HESS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 9. – Every day we get new surprises from Europe. Sunday some fellow from Germany named Hess, who said he was speaking for Hitler, told France there wasn't any use of them fighting, and that they would like to make up, it all sounded so friendly that you started peeping under the bottom to see what was hid.

Mr. Roosevelt visited our Virgin Islands. He seems to have got away pretty good. Two or three years ago I flew into those islands just a couple of

weeks after Mr. Hoover had been there, and those Virginis were sure sore. But Mr. Roosevelt promised 'em a distillery.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2476 WILL ROGERS TO WITNESS BRANDING OF 5,000 CALVES

MULESHOE, Texas, July 10. – Flew all night just to get over here to the Mashed-O outfit to the calf branding at Ewing Halsell's, an old boyhood friend. They are branding 5,000 calves, but the whole cattle country is mighty dry. The government is doing what they can to help 'em out, but even a Democrat can't make it rain. But they are going to bring that up at the next Congress.

There is no finer and more satisfying business in the world than the cow business when you get half a chance, but when the elements are agin' you, you are just like a candidate that runs second.

This is a part of the famous XIT ranch that was the biggest in the world. An English syndicate got it for building "Ma" and "Jim" a State capitol in Austin.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2477 WILL ROGERS REVIEWS THE HOME TOWN SCENE

CLAREMORE, Okla., July 11. – I never get through the thrill of coming back home, seeing kin folks and old friends. Nature has been rough with the ranchmen and farmers here. The drought wilted the corn just as it was starting to "roastin' ear."

I asked about the wheat and oats, and some other Republican scourge had fallen on them. No grass for the cattle, but they did have an awful nice radish crop.

I never saw redder radishes. All I know is just what I read in The Claremore Progress. See where Speaker Rainey of the House of Representatives has been kinder beating the political bushes around here. Wish I had been home, he is a mighty lovely old gentleman. It's awful hot to be campaigning. I would let the Republicans do all the talking. You lose more votes this weather than you gain.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2478 ROGERS SEES GREAT WORK IN REPAIRING OF HOMES

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12. – Just had a fine long visit (and incidentally a good lunch) with the kindliest, friendliest and most able of our diplomats in a long time, Secretary of State Cordell Hull. We talked much of South America, where he made many friends at that conference, and that's the country where we can use some friends, too. That's our alley, for our "drummers" down there.

They are finally starting something that should have been started a year ago, and that's this house building and repairing.

The local bank, or local organization loans the money, up to $2,000. The government don't spend anything. It only guarantees 20 per cent of it in case of loss. And these loans are made almost entirely on a man's name alone.

Well, just the idea of a man being trusted again is going to make the whole thing 100 per cent honest. It's the best of all the plans and Jimmy Moffett and a fine organization is working it.

Washington was never prettier, not a Senator or Congressman here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2479 WILL ROGERS FINDS MAINE WAS BUILT TO BE ENJOYED

LAKEWOOD, SKOWHEGAN, Me., July 13. – Did you ever see a place that looks like it was built just to enjoy? Well, this whole State of Maine looks that way. If it's not a beautiful lake, it's a beautiful tree, or a pretty green hay meadow, and beautiful old-time houses with barns built right in with the kitchens.

Vacationers and everything have improved 30 per cent over last year. Roads have been fixed up with Federal money. Newspaper advertising has increased over 50 per cent. All these things have been done, yet the editorials say that the New Deal is a failure.

It's a funny world. You feed a dog and he bites you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2480 ROGERS THINKS ROOSEVELT ONLY CAN SETTLE STRIKE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 15. – It would be pretty tough to ask Mr. Roosevelt to give up his well-earned vacation and come to San Francisco and stop this strike. But it looks like he is the only man can do it. The trouble is that both sides have negotiated so much that they are sick and tired looking at each other. It would be a great thing for him to do.

That's the tough part about our affairs, everybody seems to be willing to trust the President, but it just don't seem like there is anybody he can send that they will trust. I never saw a man that had to do as many things himself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2481 MR. ROGERS PHILOSOPHIZES ON THE SPEED OF TRAVEL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 16. – You know we are just finding out in lots of ways that we are not as "big" as we used to be. I had breakfast away up in Boston Saturday morning, and Beverly Hills for breakfast Sunday morning. All that would delay us would be waiting for the postoffices to bring the mail out. Farley is out here I am going to speak to him about that. I missed the line that runs real sleepers. But then every one will have to come to it, or they will be like a railroad that runs nothing but day coaches.

And incidentally railroads since they made rates within reason are enjoying a big boom.

America is never in a better humor or feeling better than when moving. So all this traveling (even if it's walking) is a mighty good omen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2482 WILL ROGERS FINDS NOTHING HAPPPENS IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 17. – Well, for little fresh air away from Hollywood, made a little two-hour flight up to Frisco last night. Lovely historic old place, but it seems nothing ever happens there. Never saw it as quiet. About the only news is that Max Baer, who lives near here, announces that he won't fight this fall. That set the old town kinder agog.

I see among the hotel arrivals is Gen. Hugh Johnson, who is passing through going to Los Angeles. He is lectioneering for the NRA. I want to see

"Bobbie" before she gets out of town.

Some talk of President Roosevelt pulling in here for fuel, but I see where he has gone to Honolulu instead. Nothing ever happens in this town. Oh, yes, the National Guard is using the old town as a Summer camp, instead of Monterey. That brings in a little extra money. The Chamber of Commerce landed them to kinder stir up a little interest in the place. The Governor spoke on the radio last night on "civic pride." Certainly a quiet, restful old city, but nothing ever happens there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2483 WILL ROGERS REVEALS HIS VIEWS ON STRIKES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 18. – Back from the strike. There is no doubt the "Reds" run away with the fair, conservative leaders in the union. The thing was not, as some try to make you believe, 100 per cent one-sided. They had some just kicks, and plenty of fair-minded people of San Francisco were in sympathy with 'em. They lost lots of that by calling the general strike. When you interfere with everybody's business, you can't get away with it.

Now, here is something that you don't read about, but there is a lot of 'em, and for lack of a name we might call 'em "Greens." That is, their whole system becomes green when the very idea of a union, or a strike, or anything pertaining to the betterment of labor is mentioned. He is the one that tells who should be took out and shot, if he makes any move to better his condition. So we got radicals on both sides, "Reds" on one and "Greens" on the other. Both of 'em ought to be run out, and leave it to men that know and feel that there is such a thing as a fair union and a fair employer.

The whole thing will prove beneficial, for it will prove that no general strike can win. People might be with you, but when it begins costing 'em their food and their convenience, they are going to quit you. Sometimes we think we don't know what kind of government we got, but it's always bigger than any group of people.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2484 WILL ROGERS FINDS PLENTY OF COMMON SENSE LEFT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 19. – In 1926 I was in England during their world-famous general strike. And brother it was general, not a paper printed, not

a train, not a bus, not a wheel turned. Well, I never got through telling of the composure of these level headed people.

Well, I went to San Francisco, and I tell you we are not so "nutty" under stress as you might think. It was quiet as the British. The only thing went haywire was the headlines in the out-of-Frisco papers. I hope we never live to see the day when a thing is as bad as some of our newspapers make it.

There is lots of sense in this country yet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2485 WILL ROGERS IS AMUSED BY STRIKING BARTENDERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 20. – One of the funniest angles to the strike in San Francisco: bartenders had been out of work for fourteen years, just been back in for six months, then called out again.

I was working yesterday and missed all the lunches they gave my friend Jim Farley. Everybody in the State but Baby LeRoy is running for Governor, so Jim endorsed LeRoy. He arrived at 4 o'clock in the morning, an unearthly hour, but in spite of that there was over 200 men there, every one a postmaster.

It's a mighty poor town that Jim hasn't got one staunch friend in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2486 WILL ROGERS FINDS PLENTY OF ALIBIS IN SAN FRANCISCO

S. S. MALOLO, SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 22. – Just steaming out of beautiful San Francisco Bay. Putting a bridge across it. They will build a bridge to Honolulu if the government don't run out of credit.

Could wire later in the afternoon but better get this off while I am able. As a sailor, I am as big a success as a "red" trying to run a strike.

Drove to San Francisco and stayed all night. You have seen towns full of many things, but did you ever see one full of "alibis"? Everybody on both sides of the strike had nothing to do with starting it, and every one of 'em was responsible for stopping it. Everybody has a sore back from taking bows. Nobody seems to be responsible for starting this strike.

I just know it was that darn Dillinger again. That fellow should be deported. Ship ahoy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2487 ROGERS SAYS DILLINGER WOULD NOT TAKE ADVICE

ABOARD S. S. MALOLO, July 23. – Radio operator woke me, middle of night, telling me they got Dillinger. Like to be home. Guess it's like Armistice Day.

Well, the moral is, he just wouldn't take advice. The better element warned him to stay away from those movies, they would be a bad influence on him. Cable me at once (your expense) what picture it was got him. Hope it was mine.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2488 MR. ROGERS LOOKS FORWARD TO THE RACE TO AUSTRALIA

ABOARD S. S. MALOLO, July 24. – The big thing you hear about on the Pacific side of the world is the great exposition at Melbourne, Australia, in October. It's the tourists' next great round-up. It's where that greatest of all air races is to end. Fifty-thousand dollar prize from London to Melbourne, 12,000 miles. We have over a dozen of our crack fliers and over half the ships in it will be American made. Wish the army and navy would put a boy apiece in there. Wiley Post hopes to make it in fifty hours, keeping the championship in Oklahoma. I would sho' love to be with Wiley. I could be his navigator. I have flown that very same route, 10,000 of the 12,000 from Singapore to London on the Dutch line. Hope to see lots of aviation of this trip.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2489 MR. ROGERS FINALLY HEEDS THOSE WEATHER REPORTS

ABOARD S. S. MALOLO, July 25. – I used to dident pay much attention to reports of the heat all over the East and Middle West. Just naturally figured that it was the California papers using prevaricating license, but our ship radio newspaper every day says it's terrible, and naturally you got to believe them. They got no lots to sell.

Mr. Roosevelt is out here somewhere on Japan's ocean fishing. Awful long way to come to fish. I think he come away out here so he couldent hear the Republicans roar, and to get away from any new scheme that his own gang might cook up.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2490 WILL ROGERS SAYS AUSTRIA NEEDS DIFFERENT NEIGHBORS

ABOARD S. S. MALOLO, July 26. – Poor old Austria! If ever a nation needed to move out and settle among different neighbors it's her. They divided her up so much after the last war till there was nothing left but this little game fighting cock Dolfuss; now they got him. There was a fellow that looked like he was doing a heroic job of trying to hold the few strands together of what had been a great nation. Now it's a fresh piece of meat to be thrown to the neighboring wolves.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2491 WILL ROGERS IN HONOLULU, FINDS ROOSEVELT THERE

HONOLULU, Hawaii, July 27. – Well, we blew in here this morning on the first leg of our long hop, and imagine who we run into. You wouldn't guess in a year. You remember the President we lost just after Congress adjourned, the one that was so tickled that he disappeared? Well, he is out here at some Japanese islands in the middle of the Pacific.

Just looks fine. Same great smile that he used to use on those Congressmen and make 'em bring stocks out of the water for him.

These folks want their sugar quota raised. But he just smiles at 'em. He is the world's only man that can turn you down and you go out liking him. The whole of Honolulu is doing the hula, or riding a surf board, for him today.

If he don't raise their quota, I will go over his head and take it up with Gen. Hugh Johnson, and get it done for 'em. For we can't let the Garden of Eden be dissatisfied.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2492 ROGERS FINDS GREAT RANCH ON ONE OF HAWAII ISLANDS

WAIMEA, Hawaii, July 29. – This is written out here on the world's famous Parker Ranch. There are marvelous cattle ranches on these islands, and these native cowboys are plenty salty with those rawhide riatas. Thirty thousand head of high grade Herefords on this Parker Ranch. Over half a million acres. They have the best horses I ever saw on any ranch anywhere, nothing under seven-eighths thoroughbred, over 600 here just in the saddle-horse string.

You fly to these various islands in an amphibian plane on a well-managed and equipped line. They are all connected by wireless telephone. This is phoned to the Honolulu Islands.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2493 ROGERS SAYS ROOSEVELT DEEPLY IMPRESSED HAWAII

WAIMEA, Hawaii, July 30. – Well, they got rid of all the big Democrats now and the islands can settle down to steady gossip. They can't hardly figure Mr. Roosevelt's visit out. They can't tell if he come to see them or come to get some fish or come to impress somebody (I am not naming anybody, mind you) that he still would stand for no monkey business in the Pacific. Anyhow, whatever he come for it was a big success; that is, if it wasn't for fish. The fish didn't bite, but everybody else did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2494 ROGERS CALLS GOOD ROADS THE TEST OF A POLITICIAN

KULAMAUI, Hawaii, July 31., – Did you ever hear of the Hawaiian Islands? Well, if you didn't, you have heard of Baldwins.

Flew into an island here that is just chuck full of Baldwins. Frank Baldwin has the biggest sugar plantation and the most up-to-date and best run. A water pumping system that is big as San Francisco. Then they got a big cattle ranch. All riders and ropers and polo players.

These visitors that never get away from the Whykiki Beach when they

come out here miss a lot. This island must have the best politicians. For they got the best roads. Over home a Congressman is never any better than his roads, and sometimes worse.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2495 WILL ROGERS FINDS HAWAII DOES THINGS IN A BIG WAY

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Aug. 1. – Back into the real city of Honolulu after a wonderful few days, "too few," on the big cattle ranches of the islands. These islands look little on the map, but they sure do things big.

Nowhere on the mainland (that's what they call the joint where we live), nowhere is there such signs of doing well as there is here. You don't have to be warlike to get a real kick out of our greatest army post, Schofield Barracks, and the navy at Pearl Harbor. If war was declared with some Pacific nation we would lose the Philippines before lunch, but if we lost these it would be our own fault.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2496 WILL ROGERS SAYS IT TAKES A RADICAL TO LIVE JUST NOW

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Aug. 2. – With Dollfuss the conservative gone and that fine level-headed old patriot von Hindenburg gone, it looks like it takes a radical to live.

England saying that her borders reached to the Rhine was good news to these islands, for that means that ours at least reach our own possessions.

The army and navy ought to be flying this hop all the time. It's like carrying the mail. We ask 'em to do something right now and then blame 'em because they have had no practice. If we ever had to fly here we would have to ask 'em to postpone the emergency till we learned it.

So don't blame the boys. They will have to wait now till commercial lines do it first.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2497 WILL ROGERS HEADS AGAIN INTO THE BROAD PACIFIC

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Aug. 3. – Well, we are heading today for the broad Pacific. It has been a wonderful week here, but it would take months to see it all. They do lots of playing here, but these old missionary families do lots of work too. One good thing about 'em they put all their money right back in the islands.

Attorney General Cummings got in yesterday. He is Roosevelt's lawyer, and I guess come out to straighten out some devilment his boss got in while here.

Huey Long is getting more publicity out here in the papers than Hitler. If I am seasick tomorrow you won't hear from me.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2498 MR. ROGERS NEARS NOTHING OF WAR OUT IN THE PACIFIC

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF CANADA, Aug. 5. – Fine boat. Fine trip. Interesting people from the four corners of the earth, going and coming.

Everybody feeling optimistic and telling of how their country is recovering. No war talk. That's all in the editorials at home.

Lots of Japanese and Chinese on board. Arrive in Yokohama next Saturday morning. Miss Floyd Gibbons on this trip. We had a great time coming out before.

Did the President ever get home? I think he had a great trip. He was feeling fine.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2499 WILL ROGERS IS PUZZLED BY THAT MISSING DAY

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF CANADA, Aug. 6. – Get this calendar mess:

Yesterday was Sunday. We had services on here and I sent a daily wire. Now last night they informed us, "Tomorrow morning when you get up it won't be Monday, it will be Tuesday."

Now what I want to know is, did I miss Tuesday's papers or is this one

going in Tuesday or is it Wednesday? In fact I am not right sure about the month. Some man in a uniform could come up and announce, "We are skipping August," and I would believe him.

I bet the Republicans wish they could have skipped a year ago the 4th of last November.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2500 MR. ROGERS IS FINDING LIFE ON THE HIGH SEAS DULL

ABOARD S. S. EMPRESS OF CANADA, Aug. 7. – We been on here just long enough for everybody to find out everybody else's business.

Brazil's new Ambassador to Japan just coming from Denmark says Ruth Bryan is doing fine.

Filipinos on here going home. Englishmen on here don't like it because we are giving Philippines freedom. It sets a bad example. It puts freedom into other folks' heads.

No news of Hitler's speech, not even any of Huey Long. Certainly a dull day.

I am going down and play fan tan with the Chinamen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2501 MR. ROGERS IS BECALMED AS REGARDS SPOT NEWS

ABOARD EMPRESS OF CANADA, Aug. 9. – I have lost all idea of days or time on here, but this ought to reach you for breakfast Saturday. That's the morning we reach Yokohama, and then to Tokyo, only twenty miles away.

The old Pacific has sure been behaving fine this trip. All our radio news on boat tells of the continued drought and hot weather at home.

I believe if they didn't scrub brass and paint on a ship they would run it with about one man.

Ought to have some news for you from Japan. There is never a dull moment in that country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2502 MR. ROGERS TAKES CHARGE OF FAR EAST SITUATION

TOKYO, Aug. 12. – Had dinner and long chat with Roosevelt in Honolulu and he gave me practically same advice that Calvin Coolidge gave Dwight Morrow on Mexico.

The President told me, "Will, don't jump on Japan. Just keep them from jumping on us."

Arrived Saturday, everything peaceful and fine. They want a bigger navy and I think I will let 'em have it, for they are going to build it any way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2503 MR. ROGERS HAS NEW TASK TO DO FOR US IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Aug. 13. – Japanese Naval Committee announced today it was going ahead with ship building. If allowed at the next conference they will have them. If not allowed they will have them, too. You can't beat logic like that.

Japanese American swimming meet here. Our backstroke boy won one swimming on stomach, but lost in tonight's races. I am coaching them all to turn over on back.

Sure hot here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2504 MR. ROGERS REPORTS GAINS IN HIS TOKYO CAMPAIGN

TOKYO, Aug. 14. – Got my American swimmers turned over on their backs last night and they broke a world's record and won three out of six final events.

We are coming back in swimming at the Olympic Games. In 1932 the Japanese could just throw a pair of trunks in the water and beat us.

Awful hot here. Plenty mosquitoes and American tourists.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2505 MR. ROGERS FINDS TOKYO ALSO IS BASEBALL CRAZY

TOKYO, Aug. 15. – I thought during my long lifetime I had been awakened just at daylight by every known thing, but right under the Imperial Hotel window exactly at daylight five separate baseball games start. That goes on all day.

Harvard arrives tomorrow to play the Japanese colleges but about all they will win will be in English pronunciation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2506 ROGERS SEES BEGINNING OF THE END FOR JAPAN

TOKYO, Aug. 16. – Well, Japan won't have her world supremacy in business long.

I saw a lot of golf courses being put in. That's the beginning of a nation's commercial decline.

When we traded a spade for a putter that's the way we started in the red.

What you guys doing with silver over there? You got these folks about nuts, and I expect you got yourself the same way.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2507 MR. ROGERS FINDS A LULL IN AFFAIRS IN MANCHUKUO

MUKDEN, Manchukuo, Aug. 17. – I'd heard how nobody seemed to be able to recognize Manchukuo, and there's been such a lot of trouble about it, but I recognized it the minute I got into the hotel here.

It's not near as exciting as you might think.

There's lots of news, but it don't seem to be originating around here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2508 ROGERS SEES WEEK'S PEACE ASSURED IN MANCHUKUO

HSINKING, Manchukuo, Aug. 19. – This country is so mad at Russia that they've broke off the diplomatic relations that never existed.

That makes the Soviets and Manchukuo such strangers that they can't even fight each other unless they can get Louisiana and Bolivia to act as seconds, so it looks like we're going to have peace over here all week long.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2509 MR. ROGERS HAS NEW JOB FOR LOUISIANA KINGFISH

HARBIN, Manchuria, Aug. 20. – I see by the papers that Huey Long decided in favor of Paraguay and got a fort named after him down there.

I guess these folks heard about a big island near New York named for Long where there was a battle not long ago.

If Huey will intervene over here right quick I think I can get a country and two miles of railroad named after him.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2510 MR. ROGERS HAILS 'BENITO' AS A FIRST-RATE TEACHER

HSINKING, Manchukuo, Aug. 21. – No more monkeyshines in Austria. The Austrian Chancellor has been visiting Mussolini and learning a lot.

This fellow Benito is running a free school for dictators. They all come to him to learn how to put it over.

You don't have to worry about dictators in America until Rex Tugwell passes his entrance exams at Mussolini's academy.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2511 MR. ROGERS FINDS RECRUIT FOR OUR BRAIN TRUSTERS

IRKUTSK, Aug. 22. – Pine trees, low mountains, beautiful valleys today. Distances are far here and names have to be long to reach the next town—Petrovskyisavod and Verhneudinsk.

A mess of nationalities on this train, English, German, Russian, Swiss, Check, American Indians, Japanese, and, the smartest of all is a Chinese, a noted authority on Far Eastern affairs.

Nothing in the world's smarter than one Chinaman and nothing dumber than two.

Mr. Roosevelt told me to scout him some new brain material. I am signing this bird up.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2512 WILL ROGERS, IN SIBERIA, FINDS AN AMERICAN WORD

CHITA, Siberia, Aug. 23. – Been waiting to reach a town that American readers could pronounce. Chita, that's an old American word.

Came up through Korea, then the length and breadth of Manchuria. Was two days on the Chinese Eastern Railway. That's the one Japan is trying to buy, but take this tip: Russia won't sell. She is just kidding them.

Tell you some time about all the military preparations on both sides. I said some time I would tell you.

This is the heart of Eastern Siberia. All a beautiful prairie, not a tree, not a fence, just grass up to your stirrups. Tomorrow we pass around beautiful Lake Baikal.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2513 WILL ROGERS IMPRESSED BY SIBERIAN METHODS

NOVOSIBIRSK, Aug. 24. – These folks got an entirely different alphabet and it's only in a few towns where there is telegraph operators that can send messages in English. We are still in Siberia. If you think it's not big, we been for days and haven't made a dent in it. Wish I had Wiley Post here. This is his old round-the-world trail. Beautiful country.

They are just harvesting the wheat; women doing the harvesting and the men are at the depot. You know these folks got some good ideas at that.

Say, you know all these big beautiful rivers we cross run to the Arctic Ocean. Nine o'clock at night and the sun's shining.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2514 WILL ROGERS IS PUZZLED BY NEW MANCHUKUO LAW

IRKUTSK, Siberia, Aug. 26. – They just passed a law in Manchukuo that you mustn't mention the Emperor's name, but you got to call him His Majesty.

It's just like if they should pass a law in Kansas that you'd get your head cut off if you ever mentioned Bill White by name, but you'd have to call him "His Honor" instead.

I reckon that's one way to beat the depression, but you got to be born east of Claremore to understand it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2515 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY RESOURCES OF SOVIET

MOSCOW, Aug. 27. – From the Far East to Europe in seven and a half days, from Harbin, Manchuria. If you wanted to make no stop you can come from Tokyo in ten days.

It's a great trip, only way to go round the world; fine train, great diner, food enough for Primo Carnera and select enough for Dolly Gans.

Meals all start with a soupbowl full of caviar. Unfortunately I don't like the stuff, but it's still on the gold standard in society.

Never saw as many big rivers and all full of floating logs, and not an inch of land the whole way that couldn't be cultivated.

These birds have got nature with 'em anyhow.

Now for the city sights.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2516 MR. ROGERS FINDS A CITY THAT REALLY IS BOOMING

MOSCOW, Aug. 28. – Talk about a town on a boom, this is it. I never saw as many buildings going up in my life.

You have heard of equality of sex in Russia. That's not so. The women are doing the work. They are digging a subway.

Have talked all day today with Maurice Hindus, Walter Duranty and Louis Fisher. Here are three men that know their Russia from A to Bolsheviki. I am so full of facts and statistics that I feel like a brain truster.

By the way, I got my little Chinese professor with me yet. They can fool me but they can't fool him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2517 MR. ROGERS FINDS A LAND WHERE AUTHORS PROSPER

MOSCOW, Aug. 29. – Ambassador Bullitt just flew in a good old army plane from Odessa down on the Black Sea.

What a live bird this Bullitt is, and a tremendous favorite here. He did a smart thing. He picked George Hanson, our crack Consul General from Harbin, to come here and assist him.

The Soviet writers are holding a convention here. They are the richest people in the U. S. S. R. Maxim Gorky's royalties last year was 7,000,000 roubles.

I am trying to learn to write in Russian.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2518 MR. ROGERS GOES TO RACES IN MOSCOW, SEES PLENTY

MOSCOW, Aug. 30. – These Russians sure believe in mass production. Just come from the race meet and they had thirty-six races. They run the Soviet Derby today.

All the horses belong to the government but are raised and entered by different parts of the army and the collective farms.

Half of the races are running and half trotting. When the trotters come out old David Harum wanted to come down and take over the ribbons.

Tomorrow I am trying out Russia's commercial aviation, flying down through the Ukraine and Caucasus to the Black Sea.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2519 WILL ROGERS RUNS ACROSS AN OLD-TIMER IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, Aug. 31. – I met a guy today that could remember back to the time when there was a Czar in Russia, Trotzky was pressing pants in New York, Upton Sinclair was away uptown, Texas steers had long horns and governments paid their debts.

Flying south through Soviet Russia, and the oil wells smell like regular capitalistic oil.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2520 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS THE SOVIET HAS WINGS

ODESSA, Sept. 2. – Say, these old Russians can really fly.

We had about a 65 to 70 foot ceiling today and they stuck right under it.

That's what the Japanese are more afraid of than any other thing, is that these guys will outfly 'em.

Commercial aviation is not so hot but military is, and it looks like they got 'em by the thousands.

Who hasn't pictured Odessa on the Black Sea? Russia and Turkey have been fighting over this for a thousand years.

Do you remember it in the Russian picture Potemkin? That long row of steps from the ocean to the hill? Well, they are right into this hotel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2521 WILL ROGERS QUITS RUSSIA FULL OF MIXED IDEAS

LENINGRAD, Sept. 3. – Well, we are finally on the track of Finland. Found a pilot who is going to leave here with us in the morning and take us by way of Estonia and land us in Helsingfjord. That's the place I been looking for for a month.

Just like these folks to move their capital from a beautiful city like this to Moscow. Saw the opening of the great opera in Moscow Saturday night. New drama last night there, and tonight the ballet in the real home of the Russian ballet.

Saw Leningrad's old Stock Exchange today. Would hate to tell you what it is now. Boys, you better behave!

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2522 WILL ROGERS, IN FINLAND, GIVES IT AN A1 RATING

HELSINKI, Sept. 4. – This is Finland, integrity's last stand. They told our Minister, Mr. Albright, "You loaned us the money when we needed it and we are going to pay you back." Them's mighty scarce words.

I tell you, they got just about the most stable government right now of any of them.

It's a beautiful little city and clean. When these Finns aren't running a twenty-five-mile race they are scrubbing on something.

Haven't seen Nurmi yet. He is out a couple of hundred miles but is going to run down and see me tomorrow morning.

Yeh boy, don't miss Finland.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2523 WILL ROGERS CONTINUES TO RAVE OVER FINLAND

HELSINKI, Sept. 5. – I just saw the finest Capitol, or House of Parliament, in the world. Brand new. They vote by electric buttons. I got to get home to tell you about it.

Not just because they paid their debt, but these Finns are a knockout. Did you know they are the seventh biggest country in all Europe?

And eat? Brother, you haven't had a meal till you have one in Finland.

Viva Finland.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2524 WILL ROGERS NOW SINGS THE PRAISES OF SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 6. – These Swedes are so hospitable they don't give you time to write or hardly even to read the papers.

They're the healthiest looking people you ever saw and they haven't been in a war for so long that they haven't got any word in their language for repudiation.

The King don't have much time to practice with a sword, but he swings a right smart tennis racket.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2525 WILL ROGERS FLIES OVER THE FJORDS OF NORWAY

OSLO, Sept. 7. – You've heard of Norway's beautiful fjords, high-walled canyons of water that run back for miles into the land. I took a small seaplane and flew over them for hours. Landed on their lakes and chased herds of reindeer through the snow in the plane.

Minnesota can well be proud of its Fatherland. It's wonderful and substantial. Skol.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2526 WILL ROGERS NOW GIVES THE DANES A BIG HAND

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 9. – Great flight down from Norway.

These Danes took nothing but a pig and cow and common sense enough to stay out of war for fifty years. Today they, along with Sweden, Norway and Finland, are an example to the world of how to live neighborly and tend to your own business.

There's lots to be learned from these Scandinavians.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2527 MR. ROGERS GETS IDEAS IN LONDON'S HYDE PARK

LONDON, Sept. 10. – These Englishmen are about the smartest white folks there is. It's one place where fascism, communism, Hitlerism or nudism will never get anywhere.

They have a park here. Hyde Park, that's just built for folks that are agin something.

Yesterday I saw it at its best. The biggest crowd in its history. The Black Shirts were holding one meeting and the Communists, 200 yards away, holding another, and all London in between laughin' at both sides.

Everybody went home satisfied for they had all had their say, for after all nobody wants his cause near as bad as he wants to talk about his cause, and England has solved the talking problem.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2528 MR. ROGERS REPORTS BRIEFLY ON A EUROPEAN HOT SPOT

VIENNA, Sept. 11. – This is Vienna, Europe's hot box.

If a war starts, this is supposed to be the place that it starts. It's a beautiful city.

Going to the opera tonight and I will last about one act and then start hunting a vaudeville show.

Flying on to Bucharest tomorrow. Got to see Queen Marie's country.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2529 MR. ROGERS GETS A SHOCK ON HIS TOUR OF EUROPE

BUCHAREST, Sept. 12. – Say, this Rumania is a real place. This is a beautiful city of 800,000. The King is in the mountains and Queen Marie is at the seashore.

This is a corn country, the only civilized country in Europe that knows what a roasting ear is. They raise lots of hogs and everybody can talk English.

Here is some political scandal. Saw Senator Joe Robinson at the opera in Vienna last night. Democrats are going bushwa.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2530 MR. ROGERS FINDS A JOB AS KING FOR THE KINGFISH

BUDAPEST, Sept. 13. – I am going to keep flying up and down this Danube River till I find a place where it's blue.

This is the star city of all Europe. Hungary is a kingdom, but got no king. They are looking for one.

I believe the old Kingfish will fit 'em. I can fix it for you, Huey.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2531 MR. ROGERS FINDS PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT IN EUROPE

LONDON, Sept. 14. – Budapest for breakfast and London for dinner. I have reached in my pocket for my passport in so many different countries today that I am all in. Crossed Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Austria, France, Belgium and England.

Poland upset Europe at the League of Nations more yesterday than anything that's happened over here. You never lack for excitement. There is twenty countries over here in a bunch all thinking of some trick to pull on the others. They do love each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2532 WILL ROGERS IS BEFOGGED BY THE YACHT RACE NEWS

LONDON, Sept. 16. – Will you please tell me what happened at the so-called yacht race Saturday?

I never saw as many conflicting statements as in the local papers today. Some say the race was in doubt to the last minute. Some say that cruisers, or Roosevelt, or somebody got in the way of the English boat.

They say our crew is professional and that theirs just work for the love of the sea air and that ours is not built right below decks.

Send all particulars to the League of Nations and let's get this thing straightened out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2533 MR. ROGERS FINDS LONDON YACHT RACING CONSCIOUS

LONDON, Sept. 17. – London is awaiting the news of the second day's yacht race.

They take yacht racing serious over here. It seems by today's papers that any bad sportsmanship was shown by the writers and not by the owners.

They are talking about holding an ammunition selling investigation over here. Ammunition is about the only export now. Wars ought to be awful equal for they all use the same guns and ammunition.

Best show in London is a colored show from Harlem.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2534 WILL ROGERS, IN SCOTLAND, IS MOVED TO A 'HOOT MON!'

EDINBOROUGH, Sept. 18. – I been coming over since 1906 when I first worked on the stage in London, and do you know I had never been to Scotland before, and I want to apologize for being so dumb. It sho is pretty.

Saw all Glasgow, Lock Lomond and the big boat that Queen Mary launches next week. Yes they are up here in this country with us, too.

Edinborough, which we are doing now, kinder high-hats Glasgow. There is quite a mess of class to Edinborough.

Hoot mon,
Will Rogers.

2535 WILL ROGERS FINDS SCOTS LIBERAL AND HOSPITABLE

EDINBURGH, Sept. 19. – You get these Scotchmen wrong. Why they are the most liberal and hospitable people you ever saw.

Course I have to carry an interpreter to tell me what they say, but they are awful friendly.

Grouse is Scotland's principal export. You got to rent a castle. Then rent some drivers to drive the grouse by the castle.

The grouse have been shot at so much they know just about who can hit 'em and who can't.

It's a racket, and the grouse and the Scotchmen work together and the Americans and the Englishmen pay the bill.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2536 MR. ROGERS IS HEADING FOR THE HOME CORRAL

LONDON, Sept. 20. – On the track of a bed on a boat so headed home.

Besides these English are making life miserable for us poor Americans since we can't even win a race where wind is involved, a thing we were pre-eminent in. Can't make 'em believe we been wanting to lose that cup for forty years.

What's this about my Western boys losing a polo game? I got to get home and start brain trusting 'em. Hold 'em, cowboys.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2537 ROGERS FINDS EUROPE QUIET; SURE SIGN OF WAR, HE SAYS

ABOARD S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, Sept. 21. – I tell you you can't beat England for her justice. Brought some English papers on board and it tells of a man who killed his nagging wife and the judge give him a year, but apologized for it. Said he was compelled to do it under the law.

Europe's awful quiet now. Don't hear much war talk so I guess that means one will break out. That's when they have 'em when there ain't any reason.

Sure hate to miss that polo game tomorrow, Saturday. In Russia, if they send you out on a mission and you don't perform it, you better not come back. So if you birds lose this game don't come home letting a lot of dudes beat you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2538 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT PAINED BY JITTERY BUSINESS MEN

S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, via Chatham, Sept. 23. – You know the American business man or traveler from home is a queer duck. All over Europe and a couple of days ago on the boat, they was saying:

"I tell you I am afraid of things at home. It don't look good to me."

Well, for the last couple of days the market has picked up and today's news said the strikers went back to work.

Now they are running around the boat grinning like a possum.

Imagine people who's whole idea of our country is gained from what it does every day in a stock market.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2539 MR. ROGERS PUTS IN A BID FOR SOME RFC MONEY

ABOARD S. S. ILE DE FRANCE, Sept. 24. – Now out here somewhere is where they ought to have one of those floating aeroplane stations so they could drop you off and pick up a day.

If Jesse Jones is still loaning out money on self-liquidating projects, here is one that would be worthy and plenty liquid.

Say, where is your referee in this yacht racing? Can't he see the fouls, if there is any?

I got to go up there and see what kind of racket that is anyhow.

Wish that foghorn would shut up. I can't hear the typewriter.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2540 MR. ROGERS DOCKS IN TIME TO SEE HIS POLOISTS LOSE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 25. – Well the old boat docked in time to rush to see the East-West polo game, and it was a real game.

And hats off to the Eastern kids, for they are a fine bunch of young fellows. They played a great game and deserved to win.

Fourteen to thirteen, you can't get it much closer than that. Our team did mighty nobly, and this fine thing about it there was no protests and no hard feeling.

Our boys have just got to go home and dig up a couple of more goals by next year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2541 MR. ROGERS FINDS THINGS AT HOME MIGHTY LIVELY

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Sept. 26. – Boy, it's great to get back into a country where something happens. Talk about Japan, Russia and Europe, why even a society reporter could cover their news. With us something is cracking every minute.

Hugh Johnson's retirement? Why that's like Hitler stepping out.

Hugh has never put any men to death, but he has certainly scared some of our biggest industrialists half to death. He has cussed 'em all, collectively and individually.

You told many big guys the truth that had never been told it before. Good luck to you Hugh.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. - And best to Bobby.

2542 MR. ROGERS IN WASHINGTON FINDS GREAT GOINGS-ON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27. – Flew in here this afternoon and what greets my eye? Washington's Monument has a scaffold built up around it. I said to Jesse Jones, "Jesse, don't tell me the New Deal is rebuilding George's monument."

Lobby of the hotel full of badges and found out it's the police chiefs from everywhere, getting their code. They was afraid to come and get it under Johnson.

The President is picking five men to replace Johnson and run the NRA. I think that's what these police chiefs are all doing here. They are going to help him arrest the men that he appoints, for nobody would like a job like that voluntarily.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2543 ROGERS THINKS JOHNSON WILL GO TO PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28. – Just been helping work on a new NRA board. Mr. Richberg is the head of it, replacing "Bobby."

Three executives and two college professors take Hugh Johnson's place, in addition to an "exec" committee composed of the Cabinet and the President himself.

It looked for a while like they was going to have to call in the marines to replace Johnson.

Everybody wonders what Johnson will do next? I think he will be sent to the Philippines to replace the Governor General, the army and the navy, and on days off supervise the Hawaiian Islands.

Yours for accurate tips,

Will Rogers.

2544 MR. ROGERS IS QUITE UPSET OVER THIS 'LIBERTY' STUFF

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 30. – The greatest aid that I know of that any man could give the world today would be a correct definition of "liberty."

Everybody is running around in a circle announcing that somebody's pinched their "liberty."

Now what one class's "liberty" might be another class's "poison." Course I guess absolute "liberty" couldn't mean anything but that anybody can do anything they want to, any time they want to.

Well any half wit can tell that that wouldn't work. So, the question arises "how much liberty can I get and get away with it?"

Well you can get no more than you give. That's my definition, but you got perfect "liberty" to work out your own, so get in.

And let's get this "liberty" business settled.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2545 MR. ROGERS DROPS SEARCH FOR WISDOM TO SEE DIZZY

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 1. – This morning The New York Times kidded me about my wanting to know the definition of "liberty."

Well, read the very last paragraph of Mr. Roosevelt's radio speech last night. It says:

"I am not for a return to that definition of liberty under which for many years a free people were regimented into the service of the privileged. I prefer that broader definition of liberty under which we are moving forward to greater freedom."

So Mr. Times Man, I am not the only one that thinks the definition of liberty is kinder flexible. So if you don't know, ask your Congressman.

I am leaving here right now to see Mr. Henry Ford and a gentleman named Dean who is to be in Detroit, too.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2546 MR. ROGERS FINDS DETROIT PLUM DIZZY AND DAFFY

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 2. – A German town on Hitler day couldn't be any nuttier than Detroit. There is only two sane, quiet, well-mannered people in the whole city today and they are visitors from Oklahoma, Jerome and Paul Dean. Why they are the most likeable boys you ever saw. Jealousy and not facts nicknamed them "Dizzy" and "Daffy."

Been out with Mr. Henry Ford today. He give $100,000 for the broadcasting privilege, so he is dizzier than the Deans spending money like that when other rich men are buying Canadian and English bonds.

He must be just plum dizzy, for he believes the country is improving and that if he had to vote tomorrow he would vote for Roosevelt. That he had never heard of a person that offered a single constructive plan of what they would do.

His endorsement is not only verbal, for he is spending millions and millions on new plants. Queer duck, this fellow.

I attribute his success to selling motor cars exclusively and not selling stock. He don't dread inflation and he don't fear it if it comes. In fact he don't seem to fear anything.

What a relief to meet the richest man in the world and him not worried. Well I will take that back. I think these two Dean boys have got him worried.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2547 MR. ROGERS FILES A REPORT ON AN OKLAHOMA WONDER

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 3. – Mr. Jerome Dean of Holdenville, Okla., who Alfalfa Bill Murray sent here to quell this riot, did so today. And he had to do it with his head instead of his arm, for he was tired from his season's work. When you can beat Mickey Cochrane's great team with your head alone, you ain't dizzy.

Tomorrow is test of higher education. We get High School Boy Rowe

against Grammar School Boy Paul Dean. And it will be a test of whether you should go to high school or go to work. It's going to be a real game, with the score 3 to 2 or 2 to l, in anybody's favor.

I sit by Mr. Henry Ford and he paid $100,000 and he said it was two great teams and that he had had his money's worth. So certainly nobody else has a squawk.

But tomorrow you will see a baseball game.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2548 MR. ROGERS RAVES A BIT OVER THAT SECOND GAME

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 4. – I told you what the score would be today, 3 to 2, and that it would be a great game. Anybody's game.

Frankie Frisch crossed me up by pitching Bill Hallahan instead of Grammar School Paul Dean. "Student" Rowe of Smackover, Arkansaw, pitched. And brother, did he smack 'em over. He certainly earned his diploma. He ain't Schoolboy any longer. He goes right into the brain trust.

The St. Louis batters didn't know any more about what he was doing than do some of them in Washington. Yes, sir, he goes into brain trust. He comes from my wife's home State.

Everybody played ball today and that kid pitched a great game. And don't forget Bill Hallahan. He was very, very hot too. A muffed ball in the center field, a questionable hit over third base, and toughest of all a little pop-fly dropped on the first-base line. The breaks were just against Bill.

But it would have been a national calamity for the kid from Smackover to have lost. I bet I am the only one's been to that town.

Well, I hear that plane whistling for the crossing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2549 MR. ROGERS CONFESSES ALL AND DOESN'T TRY TO ALIBI

FT. WORTH, Texas, Oct. 7. – Last Saturday I was absent from these parts in this paper. Teacher, I can't tell a lie. I wasent sick, or away from a telegraph station.

Friday afternoon after watching Paul Dean almost shut out Detroit, rush to the hotel, write my piece, and predict that Detroit was still plenty tough.

Then start rushing off to my old home in Okla, and forget to file my telegram. It never happened before. So I can only plead old age.

But here is what really hurt. The world moved along Saturday (even better) than any other day lately. I tell you it's surprising how many of us it can get along without. I dont want to appear rude, but I actually believe it could get along great without all of us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – That world series is getting really hot. I got to go get the finish of it.

2550 WILL ROGERS NOW LOOKS FOR A NINE-GAME SERIES

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 8. – It was a great game, good to win and tough to lose.

Detroit has been watching "Dizzy" when it should have been "Daffy." "Daffy" has walked in unobserved and packed off two arms full of bacon. "Highschoolboy" Rowe was mighty good, but old McGuffey's Third Reader Paul Dean was a little better. It just shows you got to leave school earlier and take up your profession.

Mickey Cochrane was a real hero. He got crippled, but went right on and blocked 'em off that plate when they come with spikes blazing in his face.

Mr. Ford wanted to bet me $40, but there ought to be a law against folks betting that can't afford it.

Now about tomorrow. That's going to be a real game. Ball players say that Bill Hallahan pitched one of the finest games in this whole mess.

Then there is a chance of Dizzy coming back. He wants to get the Dean name back to "Dizzy" and "Daffy" instead of going through the Winter with it "Daffy" and "Dizzy." Then for Detroit it looks like "Gen." Crowder, who looked good in his game.

I look for the series to go nine games, with a couple of ties in there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2551 MR. ROGERS MAKES HIS OFFICIAL REPORT ON THE WORLD SERIES FINALE AND THE RIOT

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 9. – We had a ball game, we had a riot, we had Judge Landis hold court right on the field. And we had "Dizzy" Dean. Any-

where "Dizzy" is there is something happening, either for or against.

The courtroom scene didnt last long because neither ball player had time to call their lawyers, quick. I believe I am the only fellow who talked with both boys in their dressing rooms directly after the game.

Medwick, whom I already knew, is a fine boy. And he felt very sorry, said it was just in the excitement of the game and he did it before he realized what he was doing, and that he had no hard feelings at all toward Owen.

Owen was mighty nice about it and said there was no attempt at a fight or argument, and that he thought that Medwick had done what he did in the excitement, it was the crowd that wanted to fight not the ballplayers.

The Tigers put up a fine fight and darn it I did feel sorry for 'em in their dressing room. Nobody slapping 'em on the back, in fact nobody in there but them.

Game Mickey Cochrane sitting there just removing bandage after bandage from almost all over himself. Real he men, in a he mans game, with almost tears in their eyes but not squawking. They just said "Old 'Diz' had everything." I can applaud a winner as loud as anybody, but somehow a loser appeals to me.

Over in the St. Louis dressing room it was a madhouse. "Dizzy" had on one of those Indian helmets, and a stuffed rubber tiger by the tail. He says, "Will, the championship remains in Oklahoma." "Pepper" Martin and all the others just plain "nutty."

It's been a great series. I used to know all the old-time players and it was like a reunion for me. "Dizzy" aint dizzy, and "Daffy" aint daffy. They're plenty smart and fine boys.

My old friend, Joe E. Brown, didn't wound anybody by a handshake. If he did he must have hit 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2552 MR. ROGERS, HOME AT LAST, REVIEWS A DIZZY SERIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 10. – See a ball game in Detroit, and home for early breakfast. Felt plum lost this afternoon without the Deans to watch.

Every sport is looking for outstanding players with "color." Well, old "Diz" is a "rainbow." "Rainbow" Deans, for Brother Paul while quiet and timid is a great team-mate for "Dizzy." And ball players say there is darn little difference in their pitching. They both got the old, long, free-arm Walter Johnson swing.

By the way I saw Walter up there, looks great, and Tris Speaker, the one

man that has never been approached in his playing of center field. And "Rabbit," saw Rabbit, he looks great and says he will be in there next year.

With the Deans success and these little soda fountain colleges beating the big ones in football it looks like a country boys year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2553 MR. ROGERS GLAD TO HEAR OF NEW POLITICAL BLOOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 11. – Say the Republicans have turned the coming election into a real "youth's movement."

Just signed up for the coming sorority hop is those ex-White House coeds, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. William Howard Taft, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Mrs. Herbert Hoover. And nothing is any more gratifying to America than to welcome back into the fold all those gracious and sturdy American women.

Funny thing about that White House. It wears down the most hardy of our men folks, but the women seem to thrive on it.

By the way, this is Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt's birthday. I wish I knew where she was today, I would send her a message of good wishes as I am very fond of her.

So here is a kind of blanket good wish to all of 'em, and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Sure you should all keep up your political affiliations and public interests. Don't retire. We want you to keep on living.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2554 WILL ROGERS FOUND CROATS LIKE OUR LIBERTY LEAGUERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 12. – In my late world pilgrimage in search of a definite platform for the Republican party, I hit about a half dozen of those Balkan nations, and Yugoslavia, where this murdered king come from, was one of 'em. I learned quite a little bit about him and his country.

He was the only king over there that really did his own "dictating." Generally those kings just do a little "kinging" and let somebody else do the "rough stuff." He was a Serbian, but there's another band of people in this country called the Croats. Well the Croats are sorter like the "liberty leaguers" are here. They say they are down-trodden. But the one thing their whole country is united in, is that they hate Italy.

Well a Croat killed the King, and it was in France. But the whole country is united in saying that Mussolini furnished the ammunition. Well why not blame poor old Mussolini? Didn't Roosevelt bring on the drought?

Yours for European news that's fit to print,

Will Rogers.

2555 MR. ROGERS GIVES HIS IDEA OF AFFAIRS IN EUROPE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 14. – There is not going to be any war in Europe now, for nobody knows just who they would fight. Nations are not signed up.

In the big war before, they already had their sides picked, and the war was booked long before it come off, but since that war, nations have kinder wanted to do like a lot of our moving picture stars do. They won't sign exclusively with one company. They take a chance on what we call "free lancing," that is, waiting for the best offer.

So that's what most European nations are doing. They are going to wait till war starts, then "free lance." Sit and wait for the best.

That's what France had this King come over there for, they were trying to get an option on his services. France had Poland signed up, but there was a cancellation clause, so now Poland is "free lancing."

Yours for all the European news that's fit to print,

Will Rogers.

2556 MR. ROGERS FINDS RELIGION AND POLITICS MIXED A BIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 15. – This is Monday and I have been sitting here reading sermons delivered yesterday. On Sundays politics is transferred from the platform to the rostrum.

In October on election years it's awful hard for a sinner in search of spiritual advice to drop into a church and receive any of it, but instead he can hear an awful pretty theological talk on "The NRA," "Fundamental Principles" and "Elect Brother Jones, he will lead us out of this mire of misery."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2557 WILL ROGERS SEES MORAL FOR US IN HUNGARY STRIKE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 16. – Saw a mighty pleasing Associated Press dispatch from Washington in the papers this morning, saying Fred Stone was a sensation in a straight dramatic play.

Those self-entombed miners in Hungary had to starve practically to death to get a raise from $2 a week to $3.50 a week. An impartial board in San Francisco gave the longshoremen 95 cents an hour with $1.40 per hour overtime.

So you see these old boys that get up and tell you what the rest of the world is doing, well, that's just about what they are doing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2558 MR. ROGERS IS ENJOYING POLITICS IN CALIFORNIA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 17. – In most places it's awful hard to get folks to go and register to vote, but out here in Los Angeles where we do everything "big" why each qualified voter is allowed to register himself and ten dead friends. If he hasn't got ten dead friends, why he is allowed to pick out ten live ones, just so they don't live in this State.

The Republicans are kicking on this arrangement, as they claim that system of registration gives the Democrats the best of it, as very few Republicans have ten friends.

You ought to come out here some time. We do have the most fun.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2559 WILL ROGERS POINTS OUT 'BLESSINGS' OF PAROLES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 18. – There must not be such a thing in this country as what you would call an "amateur crook." Every person that is caught in some terrible crime you find where he has been "paroled, pardoned and pampered" by every jail or insane asylum in the country. Some of these criminals' records and the places they have been freed from, it sounds like the tour of a "one-night stand theatrical troupe."

It must be awfully monotonous belonging to one of these State pardon boards. There is days and days when they just have to sit around waiting for new criminals to be caught so they can pardon 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2560 WILL ROGERS INSPECTS JOB GOING ON AT HOOVER DAM

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Oct. 19. – The madame and I just been visiting "Hoover Dam." That's not a typographical error, it's Hoover Dam, there must be some justice left among us.

Well you should see it under construction, it will be finished in less than a year, two and one-half years ahead of time. They have done a great job. If they decide to plow under every third dam they are going to have a tough time with this one.

Found the best way I ever went to Arizona, by a cable and bucket. The dam grows a foot high a day, that sounds like Oklahoma weeds.

One old boy got fired from down in there the other day, and as he walked out he got on a high peek and declared, "I hope she leaks."

That sounds like a rich Republican's wish to the New Deal. They "hope it leaks."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2561 MR. ROGERS IS ALL ASTIR OVER THE BIG AIR RACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 21. – This race to Australia, I can just picture it. If I wasn't making a movie I would be stowed away in there.

Rome, Athens, Baghdad, Jask, Karachi, Allahabad, Calcutta, Allostar, Singapore! I stayed all night in every one of those in 1932, including Cairo, flying with these same Holland Dutch that are in this race. Took us eleven days from Singapore to London. Some improvement, eh?

Am pulling for Roscoe Turner, but those Dutch in an American Douglas, knowing the route, it's their regular line, they know it like Sinclair knows his voters.

I wish we had old "One-Eye, No-Sleep" Wiley Post in there flying solo, or Frank Hawkes, or Jimmy Doolittle, or "Ex-Navy" Williams.

Yes, and an old-time flyer by the name of, I think it's Lindbergh or something like that. I would like to see that old timer pin his whiskers back out of the propeller and be in this heat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S.: Speaking of aviators, there is one coming breezing in here from Australia any day now that's a little more than a green hand at the controls.

2562 MR. ROGERS IS OUT STRONG FOR REAL PREPAREDNESS

SONORA, Cal., Oct. 22. – Walked into a barber shop in this beautiful and historical little mountain town. I heard the radio going and somebody raising Old Ned with somebody. I says:

"Who's that talking? Merriam against Sinclair or Sinclair against Merriam, or Haight against the field?"

They says:

"Why no. That's the President giving some folks fits for being against military preparedness."

I says:

"Amen."

Sic 'em Franklin. Pour it on 'em. If they want to show what "not having a gun" will do for you, they can point out China and India.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2563 WILL ROGERS HANDS PALM TO THE FLYING BRITONS

SONORA, Cal., Oct. 23. – By golly you got to hand it to those flying Englishmen, they run express, and cut out all the local stops.

They must have been in great physical shape for it. That's where Wiley Post would have shined; he never sleeps till he gets back to Oklahoma.

And they must have had a real plane. Flying a two motored plane on one motor is what they all advertise but few do.

I picked the Dutch in our Douglas, but they seem to be laying back wait-

ing for something to happen to the Englishmen. It did; they won.

Turner and Pangborn did a great job. Third in that race was some accomplishment.

Watch my good friend Brisbane. He will have Japan flying into California for lunch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2564 WILL ROGERS GIVES A HAND To 'STRATHASCOPE' FLIERS

SONORA, Cal., Oct. 24. – "Strathascope fliers land safely in tree top."

Mighty glad, for they are awful pleasant, nice folks. During the late "Dizzy" Dean carnival in Detroit, Mr. Henry Ford introduced me to these Picards, and I crawled in that thing (but, brother, she was anchored to old Mother Earth). They are just about as game as anybody that went to Australia.

Tonight Mr. Roosevelt is to speak to the bankers. That shows a mighty broad-minded spirit on his part, for there has been times that we all thought he never would speak to 'em again. I hope he treats em with mercy, and don't shoot for the poor devils are licked.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2565 MR. ROGERS REPORTS TODAY FROM A HISTORIC SPOT

ANGELS CAMP, Cal., Oct. 25. – This is in Angels Camp, that original home of Mark Twain's high leaping frog.

Every old gold town that you have read about in Twain's or Bret Harte's stories is right around in this country. The adventure and romance of half a continent is in these very hills. Good roads, good hotels and great people and history to burn.

So come in and see 'em mining gold on these original grounds and with descendants of the original casts.

P. S. – Read President's speech the bankers are still in the doghouse.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2566 MR. ROGERS SAYS IT'S TIME RAILROADS SHOWED SPEED

SONORA, Cal., Oct. 26. – That was a great record run that Averill Harriman's train made, and it will be a great boost for all railroading. You know, it's astonishing, but the record that he broke held for 30 years. With all our speed for the last 20 you wonder where the folks that manage railroads were. It wasn't the RR workers' fault, there was never a more efficient worker than they have been, but this will just wake 'em up and it will mean a lot to the whole country to see the RR doing well.

The bankers finally made up with Mr. Roosevelt when they give up hope of him making up with them. Thay thanked him for coming over and doing an act for 'em at their banquet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2567 MR. ROGERS HAS A PROPOSAL FOR THE ROSE BOWL GAME

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 28. – Football was the headliner over the late news.

Huey Long joined Louisiana and annexed Tennessee.

Yale and Harvard can get the rich socialites, but they just can't seem to get a good line.

It looks like the Army and Navy both got good teams, and I hereby make this as a motion—a Congressional motion—that if they both breeze through, and even after playing each other (and if it's a good close game), that both teams be brought out to the Rose Bowl.

It would be a new and great thing to see two football teams meet twice in a season and see what happened, (baseball teams play each other twenty-two games each season).

It would be a shame to bring one team out and not the other.

Do I hear a seconder?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2568 MR. ROGERS'S GREAT HEART IS MOVED TO PITY AGAIN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 29. – Well sir there was an awful heart rendering little item of news in the papers this morning. It's just as well you

maybe didn't see it.

The New York Stock Exchange lost $287,986 last year, according to their own press sheet. They state that it's the first time in history that they have ever published their winnings or losings.

Well, in fact, they haven't printed any of their winnings yet.

But, it's encouraging to the bread line to have such a prominent new member join 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2569 MR. ROGERS GIVES A HAND TO THE AUSTRALIAN FLIERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 30. – In case you might have overlooked it, there is a fellow flying this Pacific Ocean with Kingsford-Smith and his name is Taylor, Captain Taylor. All he does is pick out these little specks in the Pacific Ocean that they are to land at, so he is not exactly what you would call excess baggage.

This is a great flight. This Smith is a real aviator, and there is glory enough for both of 'em. They would have looked pretty good in that Australian race.

This is a single-motored American plane. Gosh, I hope they make it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2570 WILL ROGERS TAKES NOTE OF ELECTION PSYCHOLOGY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 31. – Well with election coming on all over the country about next Tuesday, folks only got five more days to tell other folks what to do.

Ain't it funny, we can see our friends or neighbors go out, make bad investments, do fool things, but we never say a word. We let him risk his life and his money without any advice. But his vote? We got to tell him about that, for he is kinder ignorant and narrow-minded and don't see things our way. So we advise him.

Well, hurry up and tell him, for he ain't going to pay any attention to you anyhow. But it's a great satisfaction to think you are advising him anyhow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2571 MR. ROGERS NOTES REVIVAL OF THE OLD CHICAGO SPIRIT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 1. – Say, did you read about 300,000 grown folks in Chicago going Halloween? They tore down a fair that it took 'em two years and Sally Rand to erect. Women grabbed $200 potted plants under their coats and ducked with 'em. Be a good joke on 'em if they forget to water em.

Didn't say how Mr. Henry Ford's wonderful exhibit fared. Hope they didn't put a lot of those in their pockets and duck with 'em.

It's just the old kittenish Chicago spirit. They just love pranks, shooting each other or something, then too modern plumbing has about done away with Halloween fun anyhow.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2572 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 2. – Just had a long chat with Mr. O'Connor, Comptroller of the Currency, who is a mighty big man in the Roosevelt administration, he is out here to vote? "Yeah" and try and do a couple of other little odd chores for the boys back at the big county seat.

Funniest gag in the paper today was that woman Mrs. Frooks, or maybe it's Miss. Well the she Democrats were having a dinner, and there is nothing, (not even bad food) can ruin a Democratic dinner like some Republican sneaking in. Well they finally told her that if she would be still that later on she could ask some questions, and the meeting busted right in her face and there was nobody to ask 'em of, but the waiters cleaning up. That will break Miss Frooks from horning into these sorority dinners.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2573 MR. ROGERS SAYS THE FLIERS DID CALIFORNIA A FAVOR

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 4. – The radio (God bless it) just tells us that Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith finished his wonderful flight, and it is one of the outstanding ones of history.

Great piloting, perfect navigation, and America gets in on it, too, for he had a real plane.

And he got here at the right time. It takes people's minds in California

off this election. They were getting entirely too serious. They think this election is making history, when as a matter of fact it's only marking time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. - I am pretty sore today. Am looking for the ones that reminded me that 55 years ago today at Oolagah, Indian Territory, on Nov. 4, 1879, a boy baby was born. Well anyhow played a game of polo and roped calves all day, so there is life in the old nag yet.

2574 MR. ROGERS REPORTS A CASE OF PRE-ELECTION JITTERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 5. – This last night before election California puts you in mind of the young husband waiting at the maternity ward for news of the first born. They are walking up and down, lighting one cigarette after another, and looking anxiously toward the voting booth.

Brisbane has bought some land and is moving all us movie folks to Florida. I am trying to get our company to drop off in Oklahoma. I got some cheap stuff there that would look awful pretty with a studio and Janette Gaynor and Warner Baxter on it.

Claremore, Okla., would read awful pretty on all these marriage and divorce notices.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2575 MR. ROGERS'S EARLY VIEW OF THE ELECTION RESULTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Nov. 6. – It's kinder early in the evening out here, and not much news yet. I would rather have a man counting for me at the polls than I would voting for me.

History has proven that there is nothing in the world as alike as two candidates. They look different till they get in, and then they all act the same.

I am anxious to see how they classify these newly elected. Some are Republicans, but New Dealers; some are Democrats, but not New Dealers; some are Democrats, just to use the label; some are Republicans, just to try and keep an old custom alive.

This next Congress is sure going to be a pack of mongrels.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2576 WILL ROGERS IS CONVINCED 'HONEYMOON' ISN'T OVER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 7. – The Republicans have had a saying for some time, "The Roosevelt honeymoon is over."

They were might poor judges of a love-sick couple. Why he and the people have got a real love match, and it looks like it would run for at least six years.

If there is one thing the Republican party has got to learn it is that you can t get votes by just denouncing. You got to offer some plan of your own. They only had one platform, "Elect us, and maybe we can think of something to do after we get in, but up to now we haven't thought of it, but give us a chance, we may."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2577 MR. ROGERS SETS EXAMPLE TO EXULTANT DEMOCRATS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 8. – You know as all these late precincts keep coming in (where they can't count very fast) the Democratic lead keeps piling up.

It's just kinder kicking a fellow when he is down. In the heat of the moment they have kicked out some awful good Republicans. And then, too, too big a victory ain't so good. We need quite a few in there just as detectives or watchdogs.

Then too you want to remember that an awful lot of these Democratic votes this time were really at heart Republicans, and they can revert back to type mighty quick.

So don't rub it in boys, for there ain't any finer folks living than a Republican that votes the Democratic ticket.

Yours for tolerance,

Will Rogers.

2578 YOU CAN'T BEAT SOMETHING WITH NOTHING, ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 9. – The day after election I said the Republicans lost because they had nothing to offer but criticism. No plan. Denounce, but don't suggest.

Now comes along Mr. Brisbane and says the same, Mr. Borah, young

Bob La Follette and Hiram Johnston.

Now I don't want any better approval than that. It's nothing but the old saying, "You can't beat something with nothing."

We had a man in California that polled eight hundred thousand votes not because that many thought he was right, but simply because he at least had a plan.

I imagine Roosevelt is wrong, but there ain't nobody just smart enough to tell where he is wrong.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2579 MR. ROGERS AND THE COAST GREET RETURNING FLEET

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 11. – We got our navy back this week. It's been off on some kind of a world tour, making a kind of a good-will tour of various places. I think they got as far away from home as New York and Philadelphia.

They were mighty glad to get back, I tell you. You can travel all you want to in all these curious old places, but there is nothing like steaming into the old home port.

We are mighty proud of our navy. Some nearsighted folks kick on the cost, but by golly, it's worth the price to see 30,000 men spotlessly clean, and a "cocky" walk that you don't find on any other animal but a peacock.

There is only one whisker, and that on popular Admiral Reeves. He looks more like Robert E. Lee every day. God bless him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2580 MR. ROGERS BASKS PROUDLY IN A BRAND-NEW SPOTLIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 12. – Well you actors and politicians can have all the race horses and cigars and perfume named after you, but I got some clippings from down in South Carolina that was mighty gratifying to me.

Will Rogers, an old pot hound, was voted the best hunting dog in the State, and he took another prize for the finest looking dog.

So my regards to the champion of South Carolina.

There ain't nothing better than to ride up on a little hill at night and stop and hear 'em running. You don't need to see 'em, you know who is ahead, who's

running second and third, and just how close they are to old man fox.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2581 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A BIT OF ADVICE TO HUEY LONG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 13. – Well, let's see what we got in today's papers that will hold up till tomorrow.

Huey Long (Huey will stand up) is trying to make Senators out of football players. He better be trying to make something out of Senators. I don't blame that boy for not wanting to be demoted.

Awful lot of predictions in the papers every day as to what is the outlook for political success in 1936. The ins, and the outs, too, better concentrate on what's going to happen next month or next week. No country in the world was ever further away from 1936 than we are.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2582 WILL ROGERS ACCLAIMS PAUL REVERES DE LUXE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 14. – Well we was just feeling fine and we thought we had listened to our last campaign speech out here for two more years, when who come in here on a barnstorming tour but John J. Raskob, Irénée du Pont and Edward F. Hutton. Three hundred million dollars worth of talent.

They got a plan called (no not Epic) theirs is called Liberty League. They feel that under the New Deal that the United States Constitution is the forgotten man.

So they are doing a modern Paul Revere and are going down the valleys in three private railway cars arousing the people.

"Block that kick! Block that kick! The Democrats are kicking our Constitution around."

They are all three mighty fine, estimable men and if they happen to play your town get all the big wigs out. They are darn nice fellows and got the best show on the road this season.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2583 MR. ROGERS, IT APPEARS, IS LOOKING FOR AN OUT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 15. – This is rather a personal affair but I feel that there is enough besides me interested in it that we would like to have an answer publicly.

Does this Huey Long debt cancellation apply to a man that moves in from another State? If it does the Sinclair movement into California will be made to look like a lone hitch-hiker compared to the pilgrimage going into the old State of Louisiana.

Don't let the Bank of America of Beverly Hills know anything about this, but I am thoroughly interested. Wire collect, Huey (and that means that I am desperate).

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2584 MR. ROGERS HAS PROPOSAL FOR THE ROSE BOWL SHOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 16. – Huey Long hung one on me. He stopped me. He asked me for a thousand dollars for his legal opinion. He could have stopped me for fifty just as easy. But I am sending him my note for a thousand for, according to his own law of Longiana, he can't collect it anyhow.

Minnesota, from what we can all hear, is the best team east of any mountains, and if professional jealousy among their own conference don't stop 'em, they should be in the Rose Bowl New Year's. But if they don't, I am pulling for Huey's kindergarten. Stanford will play 'em, and we will have Sinclair debate Huey between halves and Sister Aimee and myself will referee the debate.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2585 WILL ROGERS GETS A KICK OUT OF A LIVESTOCK SHOW

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 18. – With all the "haywire" ideas we have, ever once in awhile we hit on a good one like old age pensions (which is sure to come at the next Congress).

Well I was down to the Los Angeles livestock show and I saw these hundreds of farmer boys that had fattened and cared for a calf, or pig, or sheep themselves. It's a thing called the 4-H Club. Somebody was inspired when they founded that. It's all over the country.

By golly they are a great bunch of kids, and don't they have some fine stock. Look how young and he is starting in his business.

We got the most thorough training in every line of business in this country but statesmanship and that you just decide overnight yourself, "I am a statesman."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2586 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT'S TALK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 19. – The President made one of his best speeches in Tupelo, Miss., Sunday. He told that the people could make their own electric energy cheaper than they were getting it. And say, by Monday morning he had the companies talking "new rates."

They all say the government can't do anything toward running any business, but they break their necks to see that it don't try.

They never will find out who that Vanderbilt child belongs to till both sides go plum broke.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2587 MR. ROGERS GETS BEHIND A NEW PAGEANT IDEA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 20. – Well sir, here is something I would like to see all your cities and towns do.

The L. A. Bar Association put on a pageant called "The Making of the Constitution." (They say it was originated in Kansas City). Well it's a great thing. It shows Benjamin Franklin, Washington, Madison, Hamilton, and all those old "rope wigs" fighting during the making of our Constitution. Young as well as the old will profit by it, and really enjoy it.

Write and get your information from the L. A. Bar Association.

You can put it on for some good charity, or free admission.

I am not press agent for any bar association. I just saw it and thought it was great, and it's a great thing to do at this time. It's not expensive to put on, just the renting of the costumes is all.

Do this, and you will thank me some day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2588 MR. ROGERS IS ALL READY TO BAT FOR GEN. BUTLER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 21. – If Smedley Butler don't take that job of marching down Pennsylvania at the head of Wall Street's fighting brigade, I would like to get my application in. I got the gray horse. It won't be such a novelty as people think. It's not the first time that Wall Street has had the country.

Well, sir, you can find dead folks in automobiles and in brush piles here at home and the news don't last but a day, but find 'em off on an island somewhere and they get about a week's run in the papers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2589 MR. ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A NOTED HORSEMAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 22. – "Mexico, Mo. – Tom Bass, well-known Negro horseman, aged 75, died here today."

Don't mean much to you, does it? You have all seen society folks perform on a beautiful three or five gaited saddle horse, and said, "My, what skill and patience they must have had to train that animal."

Well, all they did was ride him in. All this Negro, Tom Bass, did was to train him. For over fifty years America's premier trainer. He trained thousands that others were applauded on. A remarkable man, a remarkable character.

Many Negroes have been great horsemen. Every big ranch has its traditional stories of what its famous Negro rider used to do. Negro Add of the L. F. D. ranch was perhaps the most famous.

If old St. Peter is as wise as we give him credit for being, Tom, he will let you go in horseback and give those folks up there a great show, and you get the blue ribbon yourself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2590 WILL ROGERS FINDS REASON AT LAST FOR ANOTHER WAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 23. – It's been hard for nations to start another war because they didn't have any particular reason or alignment. But now it looks like the next war will be between the nations that were invited to the big English wedding and those that were not.

The funny part about it is, the whole mess of 'em are all kin folks, and nobody can fall out and get as sore at each other as kin folks. That Queen Marie strain seems to have run a more direct line and stayed in the ermine than any strain in Europe.

Well, the whole thing makes good reading and that's about all society things are for.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2591 MR. ROGERS TIRES OF NEWS OF APPEALS TO PRESIDENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 25. – Just sitting here reading in all parts of the papers where "so-and-so appealed to the President."

Is there nothing that anybody in our country can do themselves any more? If a strike is on, if strike is even threatened, away goes the "appeal to the President." The American Chamber of Commerce sends about three appeals a week, "Can you guarantee our members so and so?"

We have a hard time finding good stories in the movies. I suppose we ought to "appeal to the President." And the movie companies ought to appeal to him for a guarantee as to what conditions will be by the time the picture is out.

If you must appeal to somebody, appeal to the Supreme Court. That's all they are paid for.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2592 MR. ROGERS FEELS SORRY STILL FOR HIS G. O. P. PALS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 26. – Well sir guess who showed up out here yesterday. It wasn't a soul but my good old friend Pat Hurley, Secretary of War. He seemed awful pleased that I remembered him.

You know there is one thing about these Republicans, if you are just the least bit nice to 'em, or show 'em the least little courtesy, why they are awful appreciative. They know they didn't do right, but they are repentive now, and I just haven't got the heart to speak to 'em.

Pat told me what their big mistake was in the last campaigns.

"Will, we went on the theory, that Barnum was wrong, and that one wasn't born every minute. But now we see our mistake."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2593 MR. ROGERS RECALLS 'GAG' THAT WASN'T FAR WRONG

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 27. – I wrote a little "gag" the other day about "appealing to the President for a guarantee," and I bet a lot of you thought it was just to be writing.

Well, get this headlines in the papers today. C. L. Bardo, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, asks the President the following:

"Business must have more definite ideas as to the direction in which the government is headed."

I can just see Mr. Roosevelt rushing in with a guarantee reading about as follows: "Nobody guaranteed me anything when I took over this job, no man gambles more than a President of the U. S., so you will pardon me if I am not able to guarantee business that it won t lose."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2594 MR. ROGERS THINKS PEOPLE ARE LESS THANKFUL NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 28. – Thanksgiving Day.

In the days of its founders they were willing to give thanks for mighty little (for mighty little was all they expected). But now neither government or nature can give enough but what we think it's too little.

Those old boys in the Fall of the year, if they could gather in a few pumpkins, potatoes and some corn for the winter, they was in a thanking mood.

But if we can't gather in a new Buick, a new radio, a tuxedo and some government relief, why we feel like the world is agin us.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2595 MR. ROGERS SCANS THE LIST OF THOSE AT THE WEDDING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 29. – Reading the list of guests at big wedding in London, Grand Duke Dimitri of Russia, Grand Duchess Xenia of Russia, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia. Moscow will get a kick out of that.

There was a big bunch of German ex-nobility. It was really a prewar gathering.

It was a very gracious thing of King George of England to dig up all these old "has beens" and let 'em live over again past glories, even if it was just for a day.

Not a Stalin, a Hitler, or a Mussolini to mar the proceedings.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2596 ROGERS SEES INFLATION AS STILL A LIVELY TOPIC

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 30. – When you don't know what to write, or talk about, you can always resort to two subjects, weddings and inflation. I once heard Lady Astor say "only two things get the House of Lords excited, a tax on liquor and a tax on landed estates, then the old Lords really come to life."

Well, about the only time you can get our "big houses of finance" interested is to start talking about cutting that dollar up into little ones. The big fellows say, "Mr. Roosevelt, we think you mean well, but your ideas are wrong and we are not going to play with you."

He can say, "I am sorry, gentlemen. Love to have you with me. In fact, I think you are still playing with me. It's a game called heavy, heavy, hangs over your head, and it's not an axe. It's just a printing press which stops all government interest, don't slam the door as you go out."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2597 MR. ROGERS SEES A BIG JOB FOR 'COACH' ROOSEVELT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 2. – With football about ending, we have no major sport going now till January 3 when Congress holds its opening game.

There'll be a lot of interest in Congress this season, for they are giving away more free tickets than ever before. Coach Roosevelt has been South for three weeks training with some of his star players. His problem is to make his

team realize they haven't got it too easy, then to keep from getting dissention on the team. They all feel they are "all American" and each one will want to pack the ball every time.

Coaching prima donnas is no cinch.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2598 MR. ROGERS TAKES UP NEWS OF IRELAND AND OKLAHOMA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 3. – Ireland rioted in the movie theatres when they showed pictures of the wedding of the Duke and Marina. When that Ireland don't like anything, they don't even like the picture of it. Well, they missed seeing a mighty pretty couple.

Our own Wiley Post went up to break the altitude record. He drifted from Bartlesville, Okla., to Muskogee. Went square dab over Claremore. He was up ten miles, just high enough to clear the buildings.

In case any of you happen to be keeping statistics on it, Japan issued another ultimatum to the world today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2599 MR. ROGERS IN HIS RESUME GOES QUITE COLLEGIATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 4. – In a legal game, two California college students versus U. S. Supreme Court, U. S. Supreme Court wins. Score, court, 9; students, 0. College boys get awful smart nowadays, but that old Supreme Court has still got quite a bit on the ball.

Speaking of colleges, I feel real sorry for Huey Long. I believe his team was as good as Tulane (if not better), but they didn't kick goal after touchdown.

The first bill to be passed by the next sovereign State of Louisiana's Legislature will read as follows: "In accordance with, and in defense of State rights, any football kicked through goal after touchdown is null and void, unless done so by University of Louisiana."

It's the one bill that he overlooked last fall, so he has nobody to blame but himself for not being in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2600 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THE TRANSPACIFIC FLIGHTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 5. – Having lunch in the studio cafe Tuesday with Sir Kingsford-Smith, the great Australian aviator. He was called to the phone. He come back and said, "They have missed the Hawaiian Islands and are down. That's too bad."

Then he told how important navigation was, especially over the ocean. He paid great tribute to the American that took him to Australia and the Australian that brought him over this time.

Gatty is a great navigator; Lindbergh and Post are a couple of the best pilot-navigators.

Thousands can fly, but few can find a speck in the ocean. You got to be on intimate terms with astronomy. Never mind the carburetors or the feed line or the R. P. M. It's old man sun, moon and stars that you want to be on speaking terms with.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2601 MR. ROGERS IS PESSIMISTIC ON THE MUNITIONS INQUIRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 6. – The investigation season opened earlier than usual this season.

The Ammunition Investigating Committee had an awful exciting session yesterday. That committee has got a job for life. The ammunition concerns sell it faster than the committee can investigate it.

No nation will buy anything to eat or anything to wear from you, but if you got a gun they will buy it and more than likely shoot it back at you.

Looks to me like if every nation made their own ammunition it would relieve their unemployment.

Well, there ain't no use arguing about it. Nothing is going to be stopped anywhere that there is any money in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2602 WILL ROGERS SEES DANGER IN THE NEWS FROM EUROPE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 7. – Certainly news in the papers today.

"Russian firing squad executes 200."

"Thousands of Hungarians driven from Yugoslavia."

"Norman H. Davis gives warning to Japan that ship ratio will not be changed."

Now there is three separate events, each enough to start its own war, but time will tell which one of the three proved the most costly. Two of these are dealing with their own internal affairs, and I just sorter hate to see us dictate beyond our own borders.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2603 MR. ROGERS TAKES NOTICE OF NOTRE DAME'S UPSWING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 9. – Notre Dame popped in here and started heaving 55-yard passes and 60-yard kicks. Wait till the Irish Free State hear they have a guy named Shakespeare playing with those Irish.

Notre Dame lost their great coach and their great president, but Father O'Hara and Elmer Layden are worthy successors. One more year and they will be right at the top again. A great school and a great spirit.

The war news today mostly concerns Italy and France. That's one thing about European arguments. The trouble is never between the two nations most concerned. It's always among those who want to make it their business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2604 MR. ROGERS TRIES TO ADVISE ONE OF OUR BIG BANKERS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 10. – One of New York's very very leading bankers was visiting our studio (and incidentally his studio) and he accused me of being an inflationist.

I told him I wasn't an inflationist, that to be honest with him I didn't know anything about it, but that the thing that I felt was that if industrialists and business men didn't start investing and helping the President, and not keep hollering for a guarantee of the value of their money, they would force the President to do the very thing that they kept hollering and asking him not to do.

This fellow had an economist with him. Pretty near everybody's got one, either that or a police dog, and the more wealthy have got both.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2605 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 11. – The biggest news in the papers today was furnished by the Japanese Ambassador. It was pretty strong medicine. He just said that if England and America made Japan mad enough they would go and take all of North China; in other words, if Max Baer the world's champion does anything to me, I am going to jump onto little Shirley Temple and give her a good spanking.

Well, if America is just even half smart diplomatically, they will laugh the whole thing off and stall things along till Russia is ready, and just say "Sic em Tige, he is your meat."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2606 MR. ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A GREAT OLD COWMAN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 12. – A fine old friend and one of the last of the great cowmen died in Fort Forth, Texas, W. T. Waggoner.

One of two biggest ranches in the United States. It had oil all over it, and it made him sore every time they found a new well, for he said it was always on the best grass land and just spoiled it for that many cattle. He would rather lose a dollar on a cow than make a thousand on an oil well. He loved good horses and had the best in Texas.

There will never be any class of people in our country that can replace the old western cowman for common sense, shrewdness, humor and fine citizenship.

The Three D lost a real boss.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2607 MR. ROGERS IS CONVINCED CONFERENCES ARE FUTILE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 13. – Another disarmament conference wending its way home labeled "no fish."

In London in 1930 we had 100 writers and fifty on the delegation from here. We are getting a little wiser. Roosevelt hired a fellow named Davis (Norman Davis) and he just pays him so much a conference and gives him the contract to attend all there is.

They all go home sore at each other now, that's one thing that confer-

ences always succeed at, each nation finding out just how "ornery" the others are.

I bet you that history don't record any two nations ever having war with each other unless they had had a conference first.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2608 MR. ROGERS SEES AVIATION CHANGING MAP OF WORLD

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 14. – Monday is aviation day. Thirty-one years ago Monday the Wrights made their famous flight at Kitty Hawk. It was a box kite put together with barrel staves and putty. He sat on a stool out in front of the thing, hoping that it wouldn't get excited and run over him. He didn't get very high, but he started something that will change many a map in this world.

Aviation is sorter like the old .45 pistols, which made little men as dangerous as big men. It's a sort of equalizer. You could give little Switzerland enough airplanes and she would worry the old Ned out of the big ones. There is no end to how many we ought to have. Buy about fifty thousand.

And take the profits out of war, and you won't have any war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2609 WILL ROGERS RUNS ACROSS AN HONEST DIVORCE PLEA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 16. – One of the most honest divorce reasons I ever heard was given the other day by some fellow, "She suits me fine, but I just can't afford her."

I guess Florida is destroyed by the cold beyond any hope of ever coming back, from what I read in the papers out here.

I see where somebody has started a movement to "unrecognize" Russia. We didn't sell 'em as much as we thought we would. I imagine their recognizing us hasn't turned out so hot for them either.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2610 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES THE 'PLAN TO END PLANS'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 17. – The other night over the radio for the Salvation Army, I was blathering away about a short piece I had read in the paper that very night telling of a plan to give everybody work.

Well, friends been kidding me since then, "Will, where is your plan you was telling about?"

Well today it broke out. It was gotten up by the National Resources board. It plans to spend 105,000,000,000 (now all those naughts belong on there, that 105 is billions) and it's called a "plan to end all planning."

That will knock these old rich boys in the creek that have been hollering about a debt of a mere 28 billion.

That is a plan to do away with all small figures.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2611 MR. ROGERS FINDS SAVIORS OF THE NATION SLOWING UP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 18. – Read all the papers through today and I can't find a new plan to save the country. Kind of slack season before Xmas, I guess. The boys ain't thinking as pert as they usually are.

That Yugoslavia, they just seem to want to fight anyhow. Be a good joke on them if nobody prevented 'em.

We had heard of all kinds of likely wars between nations, but this one that Mussolini dug up is a new one. Italy versus Ethiopia. That's going a long way for an enemy.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2612 MR. ROGERS IS OUT ALREADY WITH FIRST '35 FORECAST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 19. – It seems by today's papers that Dillinger's escape gun wasn't exactly all wood. It was loaded with $11,000.

The city of Los Angeles was doing away with some mules to use motors. They auctioned 'em off. They brought big prices. Now let 'em drive one of the motor cars around the corner and back and see what they can sell it for.

The old span of mules won't get you to town as often as the car, but they

will get you there as often as you ought to go and you can drive them back empty.

Everybody is predicting something for '35. I predict it will be a great mule year.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2613 MR. ROGERS LOOKS FORWARD TO THE BATTLE OF JAN. 3

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 20. – See where the doctors say "President Roosevelt is in great physical shape and ready to face Congress on Jan. 3."

Well, that being the case from one training camp, I would like to report from the other training camp, I have examined Congress and they are in great shape physically. (I said physically.) Mentally the boys are befuddled, but they are in the "pink." (That's what the fellows with the dough are afraid of there is too many of 'em in the "pink.")

Remember the date and tune in on the biggest show on earth, bar none.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2614 ROGERS SEES MANY PLANS BUT HOPE FOR ONLY ONE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 21. – You know I told you Wednesday that it seemed kinder like an off day, nobody had turned in a plan. Well they made up for it Thursday; 90 leading industrialists met at Sulphur Springs and drafted a new plan of recovery. One thing, about these recovery plans, the same man can draw one up every week and no two of 'em will be alike.

Trouble with these plans is, the plan is generally to assist the planner's own business. Anyhow there is no use to get excited about any of 'em, for the one that Mr. Roosevelt uses will be the one that he dropped in the hat himself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2615 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE WAR AT HOME AND AFAR ALIKE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 23. – For international wars this lovely Sunday morning we have Russia and Japan. For civil war we have Donald Rich-

berg versus Hugh Johnson.

Both wars are rather similar in that there is really a third party mixed up in 'em. Russia's and Japan's argument is over Manchuria and Richberg's and Johnson's is over what The Saturday Evening Post can say.

Richberg says if Johnson tells the truth about him he has to prove it and Johnson says that he can lie about him and still prove it.

There ain't nothing that breaks up homes, country and nations like somebody publishing their memoirs.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2616 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 24. – If rumor is any good at all it looks like England will have their best Christmas present in years. Between Ireland annoying the life out of 'em (I think more for pure devilment than anything else,) and the Prince not marrying, and Lloyd George's memoirs, they have had a pretty uneasy life. I imagine he has met a lot of girls that looked good enough to 'em, but in the language of royal ritual, they were "mongrels." When you have to take one that is sired in the purple, it kinder cuts your field of operation down, but this Swedish Princess looks mighty lovely, and they are a great people, all those Scandinavians. So we will all cheer with England.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2617 MR. ROGERS REPORTS SIGNS OF PROSPERITY OUT WEST

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 25. – Beautiful afternoon, marvelous race track, magnificent, stanch and sleepy old mountains in the background (sounds like Graham speaking). It is all of that, and some of the coyotes that I was persuaded to make a small wager on are as stanch and sleepy as the mountains.

Actors and actresses are thick here today, but they'd just as well be bankers as far as being noticed. Female screen stars are just some more women. Madam and Senor Horse is king. Hollywood just as well be Skiatook, Oklahoma. The currycomb has replaced the lip rouge. Even Garbo would have to ride Twenty Grand to get a look in.

It's the old oat-eaters' day. And the suckers. And it's proof positive that

there is plenty of money to feed and clothe everybody.

It's only a rumor that everybody has been taxed to death.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2618 MR. ROGERS OFFERS A FORM FOR A NEW YEAR FORECAST

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 26. – Well, Christmas is all over and they say there was more buying and more money spent than any time in four years.

Now comes New Year's and along with it comes New Year's predictions of our leading men. This year they will read as follows, all of 'em:

"I am an optimist, and always have been, but we must be assured of no inflation and a fair return on our investment. If the government will just lay off us everything will be fine."

Now watch New Year's and see how far this misses it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2619 MR. ROGERS CITES HIS IDEA OF A NICE, STEADY JOB

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 27. – Talk about a steady job during these hard times, get this one.

President Roosevelt sent a letter yesterday to the Federal Trade Commission asking them for a report. They been investigating six years. He told 'em:

"I don't want to hurry you boys, but I thought maybe you had a few preliminary notes made that you could hand me. Of course I expect nothing thorough at this early date, just any little casual information that you might have picked up accidentally during your mere six years of holding the office."

They have just about been introduced to each other by now.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2620 WILL ROGERS WOULD PLEAD GUILTY FOR INVESTIGATIONS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 28. – The only trouble about this suggesting that somebody or something ought to be investigated is that they are liable to

suggest that you ought to be investigated. And from the record of all our previous investigations it just looks like nobody can emerge with their nose entirely clean.

I don't care who you are, you just can't reach middle life without having done and said a whole lot of foolish things.

If I saw an investigating committee headed my way, I would just plead guilty and throw myself on the mercy of the court.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2621 MR. ROGERS SEES PROGRESS IN THE WAR ON CRIME

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 30. – Here is about the best crime prevention news I have seen:

"The California Bar Association is to rid its ranks of any attorney found to have connection with the underworld."

The first thing they do now if they are taking up crime as a profession (even before they buy the gun) is to engage their lawyer. He works on a percentage. He acts as their advance agent, too, he picks out the banks they are to rob. Bar associations invented the word "ethics," then forgot about it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2622 WILL ROGERS WAITS TO SEE WHAT NEW YEAR WILL BRING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 31. – Well, the old year will be passing out in a few hours, and I don't know personally of a thing that I can do about it. I guess there will be a lot of people will take it up with the government, as they look to them to do everything else.

I have received in pamphlet and small book forms several plans to prolong the old year. They all say if they can just get their plans adopted that it will do the work. Of course the question arises as to whether it has been a year that the brain trusters want to prolong. I have no doubt they have schemes to do it, so we will have to just wait till tomorrow to see if they have done it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

DAILY TELEGRAMS — 1935

2623 MR. ROGERS WAS TOO BUSY YESTERDAY TO WORK MUCH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 1. – Well, it looks like none of the schemes worked, and we are going right on ahead just letting the new year come.

I am on my way out to the football game. I imagine it will be in the papers anyhow about who won. I will be too busy blathering with the players after the game to do much reporting.

It's real Chamber of Commerce weather, and I look for those old Arkansaw boys (that are playing under the name of Alabama) and those Pennsylvania ones playing under the nom de plume of Stanford to put up a great game.

Anxious to hear about the team that Huey Long imported to beat Tulane.

Yours from the shady side of the bleachers,

Will Rogers.

2624 MR. ROGERS HAS SOME TIPS FOR COACHES OF FOOTBALL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 2. – Just last Sunday I wrote an article about the pro football becoming so popular because they did something besides just run up into the line and butt their heads together all afternoon.

Audiences like clever passing and lots of scoring, not 0 to 0, or 6 to 7. Open up your rules and let a man pass from anywhere behind the line.

Well, Alabama must a been able to read for they just said it's easier to throw this thing over there than it is to carry it over and, as a consequence, 85,000 people went nutty.

So the quicker you coaches start imitating the pros the quicker you will start filling your stadiums again.

I don't blame Stanford for not getting in the way of those passes. Why, those things would kill you if they hit you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2625 MR. ROGERS DEFINES AGAIN THE ROOSEVELT NEW DEAL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 3. – You hear people say, "what is this new deal, anyhow?"

Well, there was a headline today that explains it.

"Wall Street Anxiously Awaits the President's Message."

Well, in the "old deal" it was the President that was anxiously waiting till Wall Street sent him the message to read.

If Arizona, Texas or Arkansas hear something whizzing over your heads, it won't be a plane. It's Dixie Howell passing some autographed footballs back to friends in Tuscaloosa.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2626 ROGERS HEARD REPUBLICANS APPLAUDING THE PRESIDENT

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 4. – When I wasn't making faces at a movie camera this morning I was hustling out to hear the President's message in the car on the radio. I don't blame him for bringing his message up in person, it would have been a shame to have to turn that over to some reading clerk. They read good, but they're not like that baby.

It wouldn't ever do any good to try to impeach Roosevelt. All he would have to do would be to go on the radio and the whole thing would die out.

When he hit those "holding companies" he must have hit a popular note for I could hear even a few scattering Republican hands. He dug up three new initials for a new unemployment work program.

"Big business" had its ear to the ground, but all they got in it was dust.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2627 MR. ROGERS NOTES A LULL ON THE NEWS FRONTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 6. – Well, there is not much news today. It's what might be called a watchful waiting Sunday.

Congress met last week, but they really didn't have time to do any damage. But tomorrow the taxpayers will start suffering.

The Hauptmann case is at the waiting stage.

Japan ought to come through with another ultimatum by Monday or Tuesday.

The President is to send another message to Congress Monday. It's really not a message. It's a working schedule.

So that leaves us today to meditation and worship.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2628 MR. ROGERS IS SURPRISED ANY ONE WANTS A KING

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 7. – See where Mussolini and Foreign Minister Laval have decided to let Austria have a king.

You know I didn't know this till I was in Vienna last Fall, but Austria really wants a king. Can you imagine that?

The nearest we can come to understanding that is an American girl wanting a man for a title.

It's a musical city, cafes and a lot of bright-colored uniforms and a king and some waltzes is about all they want.

So France and Italy are going to give 'em Archduke Otto. You would wonder what they have to do with it. Well, that's Europe for you. Austria and Hungary's business is everybody's business. These Hapsburgs have gummed up about all of Europe.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2629 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS THIRST FOR BIG NEWS ASSUAGED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 8. – I told you there would be some news popping Monday. Well, it exceeded all expectations.

President Roosevelt made the biggest touch in history. "Brothers, can you spare eight and one-half billion?"

Betty Gow wins the decision over Hauptmann's lawyer. She broke him of getting sarcastic.

Hugh Johnson after deviling the life out of big business finally joined 'em.

Then, to top off the day, the Supreme Court went Republican and said: "There is nothing you can do about the oil business by law."

So it was a great day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2630 MR. ROGERS IS CHEERFUL IN FACE OF RISING DEBT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 9. – Last week it was "How did you like the President's message?" This week it's "How did you like his figures?"

I never thought we would live to see a Democrat that would put down that many figures and get 'em right. Well, it goes for relief, and there is nobody can legitimately kick on that.

By the end of next year, '36, our per capita debt will be $270 each. (Course, if you think that's too high, you gota perfect right to die and beat it.)

Well, England, the country we point out as being the most prosperous at this time, theirs is exactly double that. Why, we are just amateurs at being taxed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2631 MR. ROGERS MAKES A BOW TO THE AUTO INDUSTRY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 10. – Dispatch in paper today, "Ford employs ten thousand more men, highest since the peak of '29." And the auto show here and in New York was booming.

Now, how does it come that the auto industry don't just sit still and holler, "We could recover if the government would just lay off us a while."

No industry is restricted and taxed more than autos, so the government certainly ain't "laying off them."

Say, I see where the Supreme Court is about to put the gold back in the dollar. I didn't know it had been out of there till I went to Europe. (Where I didn't have any business anyhow.)

Anyhow, we are living during an exciting week.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2632 ROGERS SEES REVOLUTION IN PRIZE-FIGHTING GAME

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 11. – You talk about the Supreme Court not signing the "New Deal's" mortgages. That ain't nothing. If you want to see an industry that's been absolutely ruined, it's the prize fight racket. Why, this champion Max Baer has thrown a skunk right in their living room. Why, just think of a champion that wants to do nothing but fight and don't want to wait a couple of years for one big purse? Such a thing is, unheard of. Why, he even wanted to fight two men in one night. Why, the promoters like to dropped dead.

So it looks like Maxie has just revolutionized the prize fight game by introducing fighting.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2633 MR. ROGERS EXPECTS NEWS FROM CONGRESS PRESENTLY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Jan. 13. – Congress ought to really get into the main show next week. This past week was just the overture. They will get settled down this coming week to "steady taxing."

All the "lobbies" are gathered in there to see that the tax is put on somebody else's business, but not on theirs.

Congress got all their committees made up last week and they are composed of two Democrats to each one Republican, so what a pleasant year that poor fellow will be in for.

Course, there is an awful lot of different breeds of Democrats. I bet you before the session is over President Roosevelt will trade you two or three Democrats for one Republican.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2634 MR. ROGERS CALLS FOR VOTE ON WHAT TO DO WITH U. S.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 14. – It would be interesting if they would allow every country to do like they did yesterday with this Saar – vote on whether they wanted to go back with who they come from or go with somebody else, or go with the League of Nations, or go it alone? Australia, India, Canada, Philippines, Manchuria and Louisiana.

In fact, I make this in the nature of a motion. I think you would see a lot of changes. In fact, I think you would see our own country given back to the Indians.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2635 MR. ROGERS FINDS SECRET OF NOTRE DAME SUCCESS

NOTRE DAME, Ind., Jan. 15. – Well, here we are in the famous Notre Dame. You know why these kids can play football? No cars, no roadsters here. When you're driving to town in all these other colleges, here you are either studying or catching forward passes. There is a great spirit that makes this such an institution.

Say, I am so tickled about Jimmy Doolittle cracking the passenger plane record. You know, there is more flyers (real flyers) that will tell you that Jimmy is the greatest all-around flyer there is. Wiley Post told me so last week.

Wiley is getting ready to come across pretty soon, at 35,000 feet, using an oxygen suit. He will make it in about seven hours.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2636 MR. ROGERS GETS A SHOCK ON REACHING WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16. – Say, I flew in here away in the middle of last night with a female co-pilot. She is the only one in existence on a regular organized line, from Cleveland to Washington, and she was O. K.

Well, I get in here and what do you think I find this Senate arguing over? The World Court!

Now, I don't want to split the party, but the World Court is the deadest thing in this country outside of prohibition.

It's all right to fix the world, but you better get your own smokehouse full of meat first.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2637 MR. ROGERS FINDS SENATE GROPING IN DARK AGAIN

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 17. – Well, I just this minute come out of Washington.

The Senate opened at twelve o'clock. Huey grabbed 'em by the ears at 12:05 and shook 'em till four o'clock. Well, when he turned 'em loose they was ready to go home and behave themselves. They was talking on the World Court.

I don't know what the World Court has got to do with pulling us through the rest of this Winter. It's the Supreme Court we are interested in right now, not the World Court.

But, that is just about like the Senate to make that mistake in the names and be arguing over the wrong court.

Philadelphia is booming.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2638 WILL ROGERS FINDS INDIANA IS COMING THROUGH 'GREAT'

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 18. – It had been bad flying weather and I had to be in Indianapolis for a hospital benefit tonight. It seemed like good old times to be back on a train, fine train, fine service! The railroads are recovering. Then an accident at one of those grade crossings which really seemed to be the fault of no one.

In giving people work, that eliminating of grade crossings looks like it would be a great thing, for the worker and for the lives saved.

Old Indiana, the home of politics, is coming through great. They are getting by without any new taxation. Any news from the Supreme Court?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2639 MR. ROGERS ARRIVES HERE WITH NEWS OF CAPITAL

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 20. – Left Washington this afternoon.

There is two Texans down there that have certainly made good. One is Jack Garner, who is Vice President and don't care whether you know it or not. After over thirty years of sound common sense he knows more about the running of this government than any man outside of President Roosevelt. Ask any old time Congressman or Senator what they think of Garner.

And this fellow Jesse Jones, head of the Reconstruction Finance. I like to hear the big bankers cuss him, for he can loan more money and collect more of it back than they can.

You don't leave all your assets behind when you go to Jones. You leave all your assets with Jones. Outside the income tax (brother, they are efficient), the R. F. C. is the most business-like run thing in Washington.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2640 MR. ROGERS QUITS THE CITY; IT'S TOO FAST FOR HIM

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 21. – Headed west. New York is too fast for me.

The evening press relates that the Supreme Court give in a decision on Mooney, not on the gold clause. Well, they forget Mooney has been in for about twenty years and the gold has only been out for one year.

So don't get impatient. You can't go rushing those fine old gentlemen. They are liable to turn you in a decision any year.

Whatever the decision is, it will break these Democrats from sucking eggs without first finding out the condition of the egg.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2641 MR. ROGERS IS IN A LAND THAT IS RICH IN ROMANCE

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 22. – It looked early this morning in Cincinnati in all that snow like I wasn't going to be able to make a worthy benefit here tonight, but the American Airways was all ready to make it, weather or no weather, and we took off. But it cleared up by St. Louis and we had a fine trip in here.

This is historic old Austin, the capital. When you want to read of excitement read the history of Texas. It's just mangy with romance. Here is Jack Garner's first stepping-stone, and, by the way, did you notice that President Roosevelt endorsed him Monday morning, the same morning I had a little oration on him.

When you are thinking with Roosevelt you are thinking in pretty fast company.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2642 MR. ROGERS RAVES A BIT OVER WONDERS OF TEXAS

CLARENDON, Texas, Jan. 23 – Texas is having a big centennial next year and while you are sorter planning your vacation ahead, you want to come to our biggest State.

You ought to read a list of what this State produces, and her modern and up-to-date cities, and size and distances.

Plenty of ranches here as big as Germany or France. Horse pastures as big as England. Your Belgiums and Switzerlands would get lost in some farmer's cotton patch in Texas. And oil? They are the only State that can serve you oil hot or cold.

Sam Houston, the most colorful man in all American history, made this his arena.

Yes, sir, brother, this is a State.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2643 MR. ROGERS FINDS THE WEST UNINTERESTED IN EUROPE

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 24. – Well, all I know is just what I read in the Amarillo, Texas, Daily News.

Cattlemen are feeling better than in years. No rain, but the Senate will get to that as soon as they get us all set in the World Court. That will just about be the breaking of this depression. Yes, sir.

Wish they could get out and talk to the people. Think they would learn something rather surprising about how little interested they are in Europe. If it was put to a vote of the people, you would think that it was some Republican running for something.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2644 WILL ROGERS GLAD CONGRESS WON'T SPEND THAT MONEY

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 25. – Glad Congress give Mr. Roosevelt permission to spend that four billion, eight hundred million himself. Just imagine if they had decided they would spend it themselves.

That would be an awful lot of money if you was paying it, but when you are just borrowing it, it ain't so much.

Everybody in Washington seems to be apologizing to each other. In Washington they just generally figure that one hatred offsets the other and they are both even.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2645 MR. ROGERS HAILS FETES ON PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Jan. 27. – Only a couple of days now till the President's birthday.

This year some one has conceived a fine idea to keep the fine cause going and also allow every community to be able to do something for its very own in the home town. Seventy per cent of all funds raised stays right among the ones that raised it.

There is so much gayety, so much dancing and fun going on that it's a fine tribute to try and raise all they can to help this marvelous case. Any illness is terrible, but there is something about this particular affliction that makes you just a little more sympathetic.

To do all in his power to help the victims of infantile paralysis is one Roosevelt policy where there can't possibly be a dissenting vote.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2646 MR. ROGERS A-WING AGAIN AND VISITS BATTLEFIELD

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 28. – Say, have you slept in one of these aeroplane sleepers? Left Los Angeles last night at 7:30 for Fort Worth (Texas), Phoenix, El Paso, Tucson. Why, they just land and get gas and you sleep right through it.

Passing over here this afternoon headed for New York and Washington, and I just couldn't pass up this beautiful and historic old capitol city. Mussolini has his Rome, Stalin his Moscow, but Huey has his Baton Rouge, and it's the prettiest of all. I landed on the very air field where the famous tear-gas war was fought last week.

Huey has a beautiful new capitol building here that is just six inches lower than Al Smith's Empire Building.

The National Guard have the town "well in hand."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2647 MR. ROGERS IS IN THE THICK OF THE LOUISIANA HUBBUB

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 29. – Well, sir, I had a unique experience today. I was literally run out of a town through too much kindness. I just had to leave Baton Rouge. These Louisiana people are the most friendly and hospitable you ever saw.

Of course, there is two sides down here (but that has nothing to do with their hospitality). There is what I would call the "Longs" and the "Shorts" (There is no mediums). Now they are trying to make "Shorts" out of the "Longs" and Huey is trying to make "Longs" out of not only the State "Shorts" but all the United States "Shorts."

I visited their Capitol today, the finest in the world outside Finland. They have buttons on the desks and they vote by electricity. It's a marvelous way to vote, but Huey runs the switchboard, so it don't matter much which button the boys press, all the answers come out yes.

But they are great folks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2648 MR. ROGERS IS HERE AGAIN WITH NEWS OF THE SENATE

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 30. – New Orleans got the finest airport I ever saw. Built on made land from the lake. Just what Chicago or any water town could do.

Flew in a little two-cylinder plane from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. Top speed of seventy. Flew up to Washington last night.

I had no idea in the world but what the World Court would pass. Lots of Senators feel better about it. They was voting through promise and not by conviction for it. Senator Joe Robinson made an outstanding fight for it and he didn't have much whole-hearted help, either.

Well, today they were all settled down to see if they couldn't do something for America.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2649 MR. ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT THE CITY'S STREETS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 31. – Now, listen, this Mayor La Guardia is a good friend of mine but he has just moved his snow from one side of the street

to the other. He didn't seem to want to take it far from its old home.

Headline in the financial page says, "This week's clearings rise to five billion, one hundred million."

So the Roosevelt Administration people are not the only ones that are talking in billions.

We had been led to believe that there was no "billions" only in a government "deficit," but there is just as much money as there ever was. Nobody eat any during the depression. It's just planted deeper in the rat hole, that's all.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2650 ROGERS LEARNS WHY WORK IS BETTER THAN THE 'DOLE'

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. l. – Say, my friend the Mayor wasn't to blame about the snow. He couldn't get the labor. They were all on relief.

Now moving snow in New York City used to be the one big job that they laid for. But no more. Now that's what's going to turn some of the sympathy of relief away. When the impression gets around that people are being fed who won't work, you will have an about face on this relief situation.

Nobody can kick on honest deserving relief, and nobody can be blamed for kicking on relieving somebody when they won't work. The governments and towns have got to find some way of telling them apart. Maybe fingerprinting would do it, or one of those "lie detectors."

Anyhow all this shows where public works beats the straight "dole."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2651 MR. ROGERS SEES NO REASON TO FEAR RED MENACE NOW

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 3. – Good deal of Russian news. They say our debt negotiations fell. One of the principal reasons these debt deals fall down is we won't loan 'em enough money to pay us with.

Then I see where Russia is taking to dress suits. They are broadcasting to their people where they can and must buy a ready-made tuxedo.

That's their finish. The world don't have to worry about them being a menace any longer. Nothing makes people more alike than putting a dress suit on 'em.

When I was there last Summer they was going to the opera with no top shirt, just an undershirt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2652 MR. ROGERS's MEDITATIONS AS HE FLIES WESTWARD

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 4. – Heading west at 200 miles an hour on a great aeroplane and Mr. Douglas right across the isle from me. Two little children on here come clear from Boston, playing up and down the isle all afternoon. Then we get the plane sleeper at 9.

Washington is still agog over the gold decision. It would be a great thing if they would decide unanimously, 9 to 0. The country have so much confidence in that learned body. Folks look on this as a point of law with no politics, or no emergency cutting any figure.

It shouldn't be so complicated that they can't all see it alike, but law is complications and complications are law. If everything was just plain there wouldn't be any lawyers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2653 WILL ROGERS GETS A SLANT AT THINGS FROM OUT WEST

SELIGMAN, Ariz., Feb. 5. – Yesterday afternoon I was flying out of New York and Washington with every principal newspaper to read, all the high-grade editorials and all the news from Washington.

This evening as I have to send my message I am at a little railroad division point and real cowtown out in Arizona, no paper, no editorials.

But just to talk to these old boys beats all your New York dailies, all your learned editorials. They want no part of Europe, they think our markets are at home, they want to see our country pay its way. That is, they want to see Congress every time it votes an appropriation to vote what is to be taxed to raise the money, and interest rates are so high that the banks can't lend, for nobody can make more than that:

Gosh, I wish some of you folks would talk to somebody besides who is just in your own little claque.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2654 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 6. – Guess who I found when I got to the Coast this morning, Max Baer and Roger Babson. A couple of my favorites. Max likes to fight (a rare combination in a modern prize fighter,) and Babson is a predictor (and a good one) and he likes to predict. He is the only man that can meet a chamber of commerce face to face and out predict 'em. While in the East I had a two hour talk with Frank Kent. He said I wouldent listen to him, but I did, and I learned a lot that Frank knows and Lippmann knows, too. I missed Mr. Brisbane, a fact of which I was sorry. Met Mr. Martin the editor of "Time" magazine. Saw the very first showing of March of Time on the screen. It interferes with nothing, but supplies much that we should know.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2655 WILL ROGERS TELLS HOW RUSSIA ERRED ON DEBTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 7. – I see where the government is all excited because the debt negotiations with Russia fell through. They are bringing home a lot of our representatives from there.

Where the Russians made their mistake was in even talking about paying the debt. If they had never said anything about it, and never had any idea of paying it, why they would have the same standing as all the others.

There is a lot to be said for, and against the recognition of Russia, but I never talked to a well informed man in the Far East who didn't tell me that it absolutely prevented a Russian-Japanese war.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2656 WILL ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S BOY SCOUTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 8. – Well sir, I pick up my papers and find that today is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts. Course I will be a day late with my congratulations, but it is such a wonderful thing that you can compliment it every day and then not be giving it half credit.

Baden Powell, an Englishman, conceived and carried out the idea. What a monument to a man that is.

This year I think their international convention is held in Washington,

D. C., and you will see the pick of the kids of the world assembled there. It's the only purely democratic thing I know of, no accident of birth, no pull, no nothing but just merit and manhood.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2657 WILL ROGERS IS SKEPTICAL OF THE 'DEAD MEN' TALES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 10. – These old boys that's claimed they been dead and then come back to life, they seem to be getting all the play in the papers.

The fellow in England claimed he got to heaven and that it was great, and he is sorry they revived him. Well, it's not much trouble to get dead again. A little street crossing without being alert will do the job.

Then we got an old boy out here in Hollywood that claimed he was dead for twenty-two minutes, and he says he was glad to get back alive again. Sounds like a Chamber of Commerce ad for Hollywood to me. Course coming from where he does he might have got in the wrong place. That's very probable.

Anyhow they're both maybe lying, but it helps kill the time till the Supreme Court acts.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2658 MR. ROGERS MAKES GUESSES ON 2 IMPENDING VERDICTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 11. – Still arguing in the Senate committee over whether in trying to relieve the unemployed, the Roosevelt way, which is to pay 'em so much (I think it's fifty dollars a month) until they can get other employment, or the Senate way is to have Mr. Roosevelt match anybody else's offer that will hire you.

For instance, if you was unemployed, and they give you a job making speeches for some cause or another, they would have to pay you a Senator's salary. Some of 'em kinder look for the gold decision to be handed in tomorrow (Tuesday). Whenever they do, I predict a six-to-three decision in favor of upholding what has been done. A Hauptmann hung jury, but why it should be the good Lord only knows.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2659 MR. ROGERS GIVES VIEWS ON THE HAUPTMANN CASE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 12. – Just reading Prosecutor Wilentz's speech and it was greater than Reilly's.

By the way Wilentz wired me that no prosecution attorney had talked over the radio about the case.

It's in the jurors' hands now and not ours, so all our getting messed up in anger and arguments won't do us any good. I wonder if the jurors' minds were made up early like all the rest of ours were.

I have had a hunch somehow that it would be a hung jury. If it is, I wonder if they couldn't just sneak off in a back room somewhere with a judge, a jury and a few witnesses, and then do it like the Supreme Court handles theirs, don't let us know anything till the decision.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2660 MR. ROGERS IS SET RIGHT ON THE RELIEF-JOB ISSUE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 13. – I wrote a little gag from New York the other day about them not being able to get any snow shovelers on account of everybody on relief. Well I got a lot of letters explaining it. They say that if you are on relief and accept any work (even a day or so) that it knocks you off the relief rolls and you can't get back on. So all I know is just what I read in the letters.

We been unlucky with our dirigibles, but what makes it look so bad is we only have one at a time and when we lose that, it makes us look 100 per cent inefficient. Maybe if we didn't have but one aeroplane at a time we might lose that, too. They did a good job of landing it, and the navy of rescuing the men.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2661 MR. ROGERS IS AN ADMIRER OF THE NEBRASKA PLAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 14. – Comptroller of the Currency O'Connor is visiting his home out here. He is very enthusiastic about the Nebraska plan and says other States are watching it.

They did away with the State Senate and House, too, and formed a smaller single body, and also cut down the amount of counties in the State. The

whole thing cuts down expenses tremendously.

It's a marvelous idea but tough to get through, for look at those jobs lost. Some States, Georgia and Texas (if I remember right), their Constitution gives every ten signers to an application a county of their own.

Yours for the Nebraska plan,

Will Rogers.

2662 MR. ROGERS ASKS A PRAYER FOR A GREAT AIR VENTURE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 15. – Wiley Post is leaving here any morning now on the most hazardous flight yet, the most beneficial to aviation of any since Lindbergh's. He is pioneering a new world, flying a long course at 35,000 feet. Never attempted before. Eight hours on oxygen is new. He drops his landing gear on leaving. He has to come in on (pardon the expression, but it's all he has to land on) his "belly." His propeller spins lower down than the bottom of his plane. He has to stop it and get it exactly crossways before landing or it will hit first and turn him a somersault.

It's a real scientific flight. If it works everybody will fly up there. It's an old-style ship, five years old. He has flown it around the world twice.

So a prayer, or at least a good wish, for Wiley.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2663 MR. ROGERS GROWS SERIOUS OVER TOWNSEND'S PLAN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 17. – See by today's papers Mr. Townsend appeared before the Senate committee and they had a lot of fun and laughter at his plan. Well they can have some fun with the amount, but they can't have much fun with the idea of paying a pension.

You see it's not just some idealistic crank or Bolsheviki idea. All the rest of the world are doing it but us. We thought we had a better idea, we called it a "poor farm" and everybody that could afford it, or had any political influence, put their old relatives there.

Now Townsend may have to take only 25 or 15 per cent of his original idea, but the Senators are not going to laugh themselves out of paying an old age pension.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2664 MR. ROGERS SENDS S O S FOR A COUNTRY MOTOR

SELIGMAN, Ariz., Feb. 18. – This is an open letter to Henry Ford. It goes to him first and if he don't pay any attention to it, why, then it goes to General Motors or any worth-while automobile manufacturer.

What this country needs is a high-centered automobile. You would be surprised at the amount of the U. S. that has not got a boulevard by their door. They making cars so low that you can't run over a fellow without hurting him and if you want to drive out of towns anywhere you got to use a span of mules.

Come on, Mr. Ford, do something for the country folks.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2665 MR. ROGERS SAW WARNING IN THE DECISION ON GOLD

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19. – Papers full of gold decision. Folks couldn't be more excited if they had any gold.

Quite a few of the editorials have shown what the court ought to have done. We are always saying let the law take its course, but what we mean is, "Let the law take our course."

I have told a lot of alleged little jokes about the court splitting 5 to 4 on everything including the weather, so I have been vindicated in this decision. But, regardless of that, I think they are a mighty trusty pillar for our country to lean on.

But I do think there was just a slight warning in that decision to the Democrats to not try any more monkey business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2666 ROGERS FINDS AN INDUSTRY THAT IS NOT ASKING RELIEF

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 20. – What would you say was the biggest and most prosperous convention held in Chicago?

It's not autos, steel or bankers. The only industry that has never asked for governments relief.

Frank Behring, manager of the big Sherman Hotel, says it's the only convention that paid their room rent since '29.

It's the slot machine convention, manufacturers and operators. Those games where you put in a nickel, pull a lever and play marbles with yourself. It's replaced golf, bridge, kelly pool and the N. Y. Stock Exchange for exercise and gambling.

Your next Ambassadors and Senators are coming right from this business, for they got the political campaign dough.

They are showing 'em here that have lunch wagon attachments, where you can play twenty-four hours a day.

We will win the next war in a walk if they let us shoot marbles at 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2667 MR. ROGERS GIVES DETAILS, INTIMATE, OF AN AIR TRIP

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 21. – Well I was trying to snooze on the ship coming into Albuquerque this morning early and what keeps me awake but some big guy snoring.

I look and if it's not Wally Beery. He had climbed on somewhere during the night. He is a good pilot himself and generally flies his own plane. He wasn't so good to look at laying there snoring, but he is by far the most popular person, man or woman, on the screen. Behind us was Jockey Meade flying from Florida to ride in the big race.

We just now flew over the track and we can look down and see 'em racing. Writing this just as we landed.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2668 MR. ROGERS GIVES REASON FOR CLASH ON RELIEF BILL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 22. – Was out at daylight to see Wiley Post take off. Was in the camera plane and we flew along with him for about thirty miles. We left him at 8,000 feet right over the mountains. He soon after had to land. He brought her down on her stomach. That guy don't need wheels.

Lots of Washington news. The Senate overruled the President and say that the government must pay you as much for unemployed work as the regular wages of that business. How they come to disagree on it was, the President

was thinking where the money was coming from and that little detail never entered the Senate's head.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2669 MR. ROGERS SEES EVIDENCE OF RECOVERY OUT WEST

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 24. – Well they had the big horse race out here Saturday. For the most money any race ever paid, and an Irish horse won it. He was seven years old. He had been a steeplechase horse and he was Saturday. He jumped over 20 American horses.

There was eight hundred thousand dollars bet at that track on the eight races. The stores of Los Angeles put on a dollar sale and they played to more money than the races did, and Iowa had a picnic the same day out here and they had more people than the races and the dollar sale combined.

With all these going on in one town, I wouldn't worry too much about the country going Bolsheviki.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2670 WILL ROGERS HAS A PLAN THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 25. – Papers say 60,000 Filipinos want to go home. Well you can't blame a person for being homesick, and fare is cheaper than relief.

Why wouldn't that be a good move for the government to make, send anybody home that wants to go, or any American citizen that craves a change. (They say citizenship here now is not so hot.)

So while everybody is introducing a bill, or a plan, the Rogers plan read as follows:

"Party of the first part (the U. S. A.) will ship anybody, anywhere, if they won't come back."

So come on folks rally around the Rogers plan.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2671 MR. ROGERS INTRODUCES THE GREATEST ECONOMIST

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 26. – Was down last night with Charlie Chaplin listening to our friend Will Durant, the philosopher, debate on world economics.

Charlie has made a study of that. He is the greatest economist in the world. Every nation has lost its export trade. Yet stop and think of it, Chaplin manufactures the only article in the world that hasn't depreciated. The world is his market the same as before the depression, but he has never let the supply equal the demand. While all the world's big industrialists were greedy, Charlie never went in for mass production.

Seems odd that a comedian can do what governments are not smart enough to do.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2672 MR. ROGERS IS NOT FOOLED BY MUSSOLINI'S REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 27. – I get a kick out of Mussolini. Now today he says that he has so many million and is ready for the world.

Now he ain't talking to the world at all. He is talking to that little king down there in Abyssinia, the stepchild to Cleopatra, and he is talking to keep his own folks steamed up. He don't want war. His record shows that he don't. And it's because he is ready for it, he hasn't had any.

I think he is too smart to go in there and even conquer this Aba-dab-ba country. He would lose a lot of friends if he pounces on that country, and besides Mussolini likes to do these things just to devil the life out of France. He has kidded France seriously more than any man alive.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2673 MR. ROGERS HAS ANSWER TO A PUZZLING QUESTION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 28. – Quite a few of our writers are wondering why J. P. Morgan is selling his paintings. He is getting more for them than he give. That might be a small possible clew.

Headline in paper says he is "letting his miniatures go." Then I guess he is letting that midget go. Did you ever see pictures in the paper where a fellow

had left his wife for another woman that the wife he left wasn't better looking than the new one.

All you read about Washington is how are they going to spend that four billions. There hasn't been even one suggestion as to where it was to come from.

It must be marvelous to just belong to some legislative body and just pick money out of the air.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2674 MR. ROGERS PHILOSOPHIZES ON THE NEWS OF THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March l. – Good deal of news today. King of Siam abdicates. He always seemed like a pretty nice little fellow, but a king is sorter like a politician, it's hard to tell when he is making good or bad.

The Saar Valley was officially turned back to Germany today. Too bad they don't allow the islands they took away from Germany to vote on whether they wanted to go back too. You know that's always been a sort of a touchy point with these big allied nations. They don't like to have anybody bring up the subject of the gobbling up Germany's possessions. That's the skeleton in their closet that they are not so proud of.

You can get you a baby bond, or a pound of baby beef, they both cost the same.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2675 MR. ROGERS RECALLS A CHAT WITH A GRAND OLD GREEK

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 3. – Greece has got some kind of a little cotton-tail revolution on over there. I flew through Athens in January, 32, coming from India, and went up with one of our officials there and had a couple of hours chat with this old statesman Venizelos. He speaks good English (better than me), got a lot of humor and is a mighty interesting old gentleman. They call him the grand old man of Greece. You see he is about the last one outside of Lloyd George that was with President Wilson during those historic old Versailles days.

Greece has got a lot of old ruins, but he is not one of 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2676 MR. ROGERS'S MEDITATIONS TAKE A MILITARY TURN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 4. – Say, these Greeks have a word for it, and it's bullets.

There is one thing in common with all revolutions (in fact they are pretty near like wars in that respect) nobody ever knows what they are fighting about.

Too bad we (so foolishly) split up the old Negro Tenth Cavalry. We could have loaned them to this King Aba-Dab-Ba down there and Mussolini would have "shinnied over on his own side."

When we get through paying the Senate for arguing over the relief bill there won't be any money left.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2677 MR. ROGERS SEES A MENACE TO AN AMERICAN TRADITION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 5. – A real old standpat Republican Governor of the great State of California reached the Townsend plan age yesterday, and I am a telling you that I am on the waiting list not many years away.

I don't know where the money would come from. In fact I don't know where any of all this money is coming from we are spending now, any more than a Congressman does, but if Americans are going to stop and start worrying about whether they can afford a thing or not, you are going to ruin the whole characteristic of our people.

There wouldn't have been a dozen automobiles sold if that was the case.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2678 MR. ROGERS TAKES NOTICE OF THE SENATORIAL STORM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 6. – The United States Senate may not be the most refined and deliberative body in existence but they got the most unique rules.

Any member can call anybody in the world anything he can think of and they can't answer him, sue him, or fight him.

Our Constitution protects aliens, drunks and United States Senators.

There ought to be one day a year (just one) when there is an open season on Senators.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Huey, you better lay off Joe Robinson. That's like me getting in an argument with Dempsey.

2679 WILL ROGERS IS PUZZLED BY AT LEAST THREE THINGS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 7. – It's the usual custom for a writer or speaker to tell how much better England or France or Zululand have handled their money than the U. S.

Well in today's paper France is prohibiting the shipment of gold out of their country, and still they say they are not going off the gold. No, but they are not letting the gold go off them either. Then last week England had to put up millions of pounds to stabilize their money.

So I guess over there they are pointing to the excellent way our system is working. Your own country always looks like they are the only one doing the wrong thing.

This thing called money has got the whole mess of 'em buffaloed.

Money, horse racing and women are three things the boys just can't figure out.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2680 WILL ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY CAMPBELL'S NEW RECORD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 8. – That Englishman, Malcolm Campbell, sure deserves a lot of credit, 276 miles an hour in an automobile; very few airplanes have beat that. About all the credit we get out of it is, we furnish the beach. It seems strange that we don't hold the automobile speed record, for we have millions trying to break it every day.

Huey is setting fine now. The Republican papers have all adopted him. They took him in as their white hope.

Whatever become of the four billion relief bill?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2681 ROGERS USES HOLMES'S WILL TO POINT A MORAL FOR ALL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 10. – Wasn't that a remarkable will that Oliver Wendell Holmes left? Imagine a man giving his money to the government at a time when 120 million people are trying to get it away from the government, or trying to keep from paying 'em what we owe 'em.

At least eighty years of service to his country and he accumulates some money, and is so appreciative of what his country has done for him that he wants to return it.

All we hear is "What's the matter with the country?" "What's the matter with the world?" There ain't but one thing wrong with every one of us in the world, and that's selfishness.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2682 WILL ROGERS REDISCOVERS GIRL OF 'SEPTEMBER MORN'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 11. – Well Washington is not doing anything, so we have to turn to other things in the day's news. Remember "September Morn"? Sure you do. Well she is fat and she has got three children. And I bet none of 'em can swim.

The paper says the Prince of Wales danced with a Baltimore woman in a "multi-colored dress of spun glass, and just a single diamond in her hair." If that made international news, what would it have been if he had dropped her in that glass dress. Some day there is going to be a society gal that didn't dance with him. Then you going to hear of real fame.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2683 ROGERS FINDS WAR TALK MORE ABUNDANT THAN WARS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 12. – All you read is war, war, war, but over 99 per cent are predictions and not wars. Everything considered, the world has been pretty peaceful toward each other since the Big War. Outside of Japan and China, Bolivia and Paraguay, there hasn't been much between nations.

If you just stop and figure it out, all the wars are home talent. Greece is frying in her own fat, Cuba is operating on herself, the Russians have shaved each other, Germany's trouble has been internal and infernal, England has suc-

ceeded in India in keeping the Mohammedans fighting the Hindus and not her.

All our wars since 1918 have been with the NRA. Our neighbors, Mexico and Canada, have both behaved like gentlemen.

So most wars are in the newspapers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2684 MR. ROGERS MAKES A PASS AT THE HOLDING COMPANIES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 13. – Say did you read about what Mr. Roosevelt said about those "holding companies?" I wouldn't want my worst enemy to call me names like that.

Now Huey Long and Father Coughlin and General Hugh Johnson can call each other names, but theirs is all in good clean fun. They don't really mean it, any of 'em. But Mr. Roosevelt ain't kidding.

And what makes it worse is that it's true. A holding company is a thing where you hand an accomplice the goods while the policeman searches you.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2685 ROGERS SEES SOME STATES DOING NOTHING ON RELIEF

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 14. – I was reading a rather surprising thing. Of course you knew that a lot of the States are bonding themselves very heavily to pay their proportionate share of their own relief. But did you know that some of 'em don't do anything? They just let the Federal Government pay the whole thing.

Now that thing can't go on. You are going to hear a howl like a pet 'coon, if they find the government is handing out a whole biscuit to one State and just a half to another State.

They going to testify at the ballot box in 1936.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2686 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 15. – I have often said that with all our kidding or cussing our public elected officials, that they are as good or better

than we who elect 'em. Well we got a fine example of it in the papers this morning. John Steven McGroarty, who wrote California's famous Mision Play. A great writer, a real humanitarian, and fine and beloved type of real gentleman, (I expect Los Angeles' most universally popular citizen) one of his voters wrote him an insulting letter wanting to know why he hadn't put trees on the Sierra Madre Mountains. McGroarty's reply: "One of the drawbacks of being a Congressman is that I have to receive impertinent letters from a jackass like you. Will you please take two running jumps and go to h___." Score one for Congress.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2687 ROGERS BURSTS INTO GAELIC AFTER THIMBLEFUL OF IRISH

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 17. – Well, we just wake up in the morning to see who will get the headlines. "Mussolini is moving into Abasynia," "Stalin builds up the Red army to one million," but today Hitler took the play away from not only the dictators but away from St. Patrick, and say that old gentleman St. Patrick was no slouch as a fighting man himself.

Today I am dipping me shamrock into a thimbleful of old Irishowen. And may you be seven months in heaven before the devil knows you're dead. Fag a bealach.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2688 ROGERS TELLS ONE LESSON PRESIDENT HAS LEARNED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 18. – Democrats in Congress want to get the President to abandon all his humanitarian schemes, and center on just the old-age pensions. In other words the kittens have arrived at such an age that it's time to pick out the one that will be the biggest and strongest by November, '36, and drown the others.

They would drown some fine helpful brotherly love schemes, but the one thing that I would stake my life on that Mr. Roosevelt has learned since he has been in there, is that the people are willing to cooperate, but they are not going to willingly pay to do it. You can bet that his faith in human nature has had quite a jar.

Yours truly,

Will Rogers.

2689 MR. ROGERS IS NOT EXCITED OVER EUROPE'S TROUBLES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 19. – It ought to feel awful good to us (even as bad off as we think we are) to be away off over here and not have to send a protest because Germany has decided to put on some extra help.

Those nations over there just get up every morning and start writing protests. If Mussolini ain't deviling the life out of 'em why Hitler is. Whether you got a man in the army before the war starts or after it starts don't make much difference, he is going to be in there if it does start anyhow.

The trouble with the Versailles peace treaty is that the men that made it are dead, and the ones living say, "we didn't sign that mortgage."

So it looks like our worries are mostly all tax worries.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2690 MR. ROGERS KEEPS AN EYE ON THE EUROPEAN MUDDLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 20. – I was gabbing to you yesterday about the big nations over in Europe protesting to Germany. Well, this morning they are so busy protesting, that they are protesting to each other.

France and Italy said, "You didn't scold Germany enough," and they also told 'em, "Before you go to talk with Germany, come and talk with us."

Of all the scheming and of all the conniving. We are putting on more soldier help, and neither of our neighbors have paid any attention to us. They just figure, "They are your men. We don't care whether you dress 'em in a uniform or dress 'em in tights. Either way they could shoot a gun if they had to."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2691 MR. ROGERS FINDS ISSUES OF MOMENT BEING SOLVED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 21. – I don't know what all your different State Legislatures are doing. Guess they are figuring out schemes to slip up on the taxpayer with a blackjack. Ours worked a week on finding out how long a freight train ought to be. They finally compromised on seventy-four cars.

Now that we got that settled I don't see anything can hold us back from recovery. I know the railroads will feel proud of the compliment and will start

immediately to get seventy-four empties ready.

Why don't they pass a bill as to how long a bus can be? It takes two minutes for one to pass a given point.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2692 MR. ROGERS URGES CAUTION ON TWO LIVELY SUBJECTS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 22. – I was shooting off the other day about holding companies. Mr. Roosevelt and lots of folks may think they are uncalled for, but the folks working for 'em think mighty well of 'em. It's the old fault of not calling your shots by naming the bad ones and not shooting into the whole covey.

I tell you another argument a fellow wants to keep out of, and that's this printing money thing. It's a subject where nobody knows just exactly what it would do, and every person thinks he knows exactly what it would do. All I know it's easier to print than to make by work. But please don't write or wire explaining it.

If you know all about money, you are awful lucky, and it's a secret you should cherish and not let even your grandchildren know about.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2693 MR. ROGERS HAILS RETURN OF TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

SANTA MONICA, Cal., March 24. – Just been reading Mr. Hoover's message to the underprivileged Republicans and I gathered from reading between the lines that he wasn't just exactly 100 per cent sold on all that's going on.

Now mind you I may be wrong. That may have been just a wrong interpretation that I put on the message. But it did look like he was bringing out some stuff that the Democrats would like to keep buried in the ash can.

Mr. Hoover is a mighty honorable and respectable citizen, and his parables should be given mighty serious consideration, for he is about half right. There is some schemes that haven't exactly percolated for the Democrats.

And how it's good to hear that we have again after a relapse returned to a two party system.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2694 WILL ROGERS IS SADDENED BY WEEK-END AUTO TOLL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 25. – When you pick up a Monday paper it's just like in the old days when we only got a telegram when there was bad news. We are afraid to open our paper. We know that a loved one, a friend, or at least an acquaintance has met death in a car over the week-end.

Before we had this high type of civilization which we are so thoroughly enjoying, why we used to have wars to get rid of the surplus number of people.

California is all excited about a baby who could work a dial telephone at the age of 2 years. Well, I bet I could come as near doing it at two as I can now. There is only one difference with a dial phone, you have to cuss yourself instead of some innocent girl.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2695 MR. ROGERS GIVES CREDIT TO HITLER AS HUMORIST

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 26. – Today's best bit of humor in the papers come from Mr. Hitler who said the reason he was engaging more men with guns was solely on account of Russia.

I guess France didn't enter into it at all. Russia is in enough devilment, we all readily admit. But I wonder what the world did for somebody to lay everything onto before Russia come along. (Well as a matter of fact they used to lay most of it onto us.)

I guess no individual ever invented can pass the buck as quick as a nation can.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2696 MR. ROGERS TAKES A STAND IN A MONUMENTAL CLASH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 27. – Have you been reading this college women argument?

Secretary Perkins spoke to Cal University, but a Miss Ijams objected about two columns worth. She held out for May West instead. She can't see a Democrat even if it was Jane Addams.

Then through some curious turn of events, Mrs. Roosevelt got into it.

Well I was going to remain neutral, but today, according to her mother, Miss Ijams sleeps till afternoon.

Well I can readily see how women like Mrs. Perkins and Roosevelt (who get up with the birds) would get in Ijams' hair.

So Ijams has either got to get her a husband or an alarm clock to catch those two.

Yours for the early birds,

Will Rogers.

2697 MR. ROGERS REACHES TOWN, WAFTED EAST IN THE DUST

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 28. – Flew through these dust storms last night with the pilot flying entirely by instruments.

Where in the world is it going to? It's a terrible thing, and it's going to bring up some queer cases in law.

If Colorado blows over and lights on top of Kansas, it looks kinder like Kansas ought to pay for the extra top soil, but Kansas can sue 'em for covering up their crops.

Now, this week's wind has picked up Colorado which was in Kansas, taking Kansas with it, and that's what's in the air looking for a new place to light.

In the Middle West now you got to put a brand on your soil, then in the Spring go on a round-up looking for it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2698 LORD MAYOR'S HORSE SENSE IMPRESSES WILL ROGERS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 29. – Last night, Thursday night, Mrs. Rogers, Mary and I saw a fine comedy show in New York called "Three Men on a Horse." The idea is that a man that is not betting can dope out the winners.

Well now get this for a coincidence. I fly down here this morning, and I meet the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland, a lovely fine little Irish gentleman. Well you would naturally ask an Irishman about the Grand National race at Aintree, for all the good horses in it are Irish. Well, this little Lord Mayor gave them this morning the following winners, Reynoldstown, Blue Prince, Thomond II.

By golly, if he didn't pick 'em one, two, three. So if the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be coming your way, no matter if he tells you "The Republicans have a chance," listen to him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2699 MR. ROGERS GENTLY CHIDES THE NEW YORK GRUMBLER

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 31. – Here is New York City where all the money in the world is, and where every guy with a dollar is doing better than he was a year ago.

"Say, what's this country coming to? I tell you this income tax is terrible."

"My business is picking up every day, but I am scared."

"I am doing better than I have since '29, but when are we going to get back to the good old days?"

Well, the good old days with most of us was when we didn't earn enough to pay an income tax.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2700 MR. ROGERS GIVES A BOOST TO THE OLD HOME STATE

CLAREMORE, Okla., April 1. – I tell you Oklahoma has got 'em all beat. Looking mighty good. Good Governor, good crops. Cattle a good price.

Just flew in over Kansas. Say, Kansas has got 'em a fine Republican Governor that you are awful liable to hear a lot about for President.

You know the Republicans here lately have decided to put out a ticket. You know an awful lot of folks are predicting Roosevelt's downfall, not only predicting but praying.

We are a funny people. We elect our Presidents, be they Republican or Democrat, then go home and start daring 'em to make good.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2701 MR. ROGERS STILL RATES OKLAHOMA A GARDEN SPOT

TULSA, Okla., April 2. – All I know is what I read in the Claremore Progress. Towns booming, fine aeroplane field all lighted, Oklahoma Military Academy best polo team in the country.

Claremore is the flowered city and the exilirating odor of roses are entrancing. The sweetest smelling town in the U.S.

Government loaning farmers enough to get teams, seed oats or corn and a milk cow. That don't seem such a terribly nutty scheme.

Everybody that is making money has it in for Roosevelt. You will have to explain that one yourself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2702 WILL ROGERS FINDS SIGNS OF BETTER TIMES IN WEST

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 3. – Flying through Phoenix, Ariz., this morning and an old boy standing there that I got to talking to, as I always do, as to how things were going. He said they shipped 190 cars of lettuce out of that one valley yesterday. Now a carload of lettuce is considerable lettuce, but 190 cars. And at a good price.

Talking to a cattleman in Claremore yesterday. He had just shipped a bunch of steers to Kansas City and netted $128 a head. Three months ago he tried to sell 'em for $30.

These just show you how quick your business can change.

Now a sheep man wires me that mutton hasn't gone up. Now I don't want to be caught helping out a sheep man, but it sounded like he may be right.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2703 MR. ROGERS TALKS OF ARMS AND GOES A BIT O'NEILLISH

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 4. – Well, today Austria says they want a gun. Yesterday it was Germany.

England's got a gun, France has got a gun, Italy's got a gun, Germany wants a gun, Austria wants a gun. All God's children wants guns, going to put on the guns, going to buckle on the guns and smear up all of God's heaven.

All these come from treatys which say, "I will have two guns, and you have one."

It just don't make sense to say that one nation shall have more than another in anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2704 ROGERS RECORDS THE FATE OF ONE ANTI-LOBBYING BILL

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 5. – Got a wire from my sheepherder friend today and he says that our Saviour was a sheepherder once, and that not only is the sheep business a mighty ancient business, but makes mighty good food. So give the old wooly boys a break. And hogs, say, hog meat is so high that even the gentiles have gone "kosher."

California had a bill in to investigate lobbying, and the lobbyists bought off all the votes and they can't even find the bill now. Putting a lobbyist out of business is like a hired man trying to fire his boss.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2705 MR. ROGERS HAS AN IDEA REGARDING RELIEF WORK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 7. – Well the Relief Bill is all passed. Now, all we got to do is just sit back and see who it relieves. I hope the real needy get at least their 10 per cent out of it anyhow.

We have ways and means of gathering any sort of information, how much money you earned to a nickel, how many rabbits were born in the Dakotas, how much rainfall fell between here and Honolulu, but we just can't seem to get even a fairly reliable count of who really needs helping and who don't.

What would be the matter with taking all our guys who do nothing but gather useless statistics and put 'em on this relief work.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2706 SUPERIORITY OF MAN SUFFERS A SETBACK

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 8. – Girl aviator teaching stronger sex to fly, he froze controls and was about to crash. She picks up fire extinguisher and

used it in a way that would do the most good, just casually bent it over his head, causing temporary unconsciousness. As my good old native son of Florida Arthur Brisbane would say, "There is a lesson in that." Man is not as mighty as he thinks he is, the gorilla is mightier, and a woman with a fire extinguisher is not only mightier than the man, but we all know a lot of 'em without an extinguisher that can worry a gorilla till he says, "Maybe I am wrong."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2707 WILL ROGERS MOURNS LOSS OF TWO VERY GOOD FRIENDS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 9. – My boss is dead. My friend is dead.

Adolph Ochs, owner of the great New York Times, is the first man that I ever wrote for, and it was him personally that got me to try it.

Think of being lucky enough to break in at the top, for that paper is the tops. He was a fine friend and a fine citizen.

Then another good friend, Warren Robbins, our Minister to Canada, is gone too. He is the man who took me in to see Mussolini, when I got the famous castor oil interview. He next took me in to see the President of little San Salvador, when he was Minister there. A fine fellow, Warren, and our diplomatic service will miss him.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2708 WILL ROGERS EXPLAINS THE DULLNESS OF STOCKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 10. – That was certainly nice of Hitler to appear at that wedding today and not be the groom.

No wonder the New York stock market can't ever go up to amount to anything. The minute it starts everybody starts selling to take a little profit. Suppose every cowman sold his cattle the minute they started up.

Just been chatting out here at the studio just now with an awful fine man, Fielding Yost of Michigan. I think some of our great coaches like him and Stagg and Warner have been a great influence on thousands of their boys through life.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2709 MR. ROGERS HAS NO SILVER, BUT STRESA INTERESTS HIM

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 11. – Silver went up to 71 cents, so the papers say today, which don't mean much to all of us, for I doubt if we knew what it was before it went up. I guess the 70 cents was what it's worth, and l cent tax.

Down in Stresa, Italy, the nations only met yesterday, and by noon were 100 per cent in discord. Somebody suggested inviting Russia, Germany and Poland. It seems in mailing out the original invitations they had overlooked them.

It's awful hard for three nations to entirely agree on how the other three will be run by them.

And this is the kind of a mess that some folks wanted us into.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2710 ROGERS IS READY TO ADVISE DEMOCRATIC POSTMASTERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 12. – Among my mail this morning was a telegram marked urgent, it says: "The Democratic postmasters of Los Angeles County are getting together." It says very specifically that it's the "Democratic" pestmasters. I would love to see a dinner given by the Republican postmasters. I think these boys are kinder getting together to draw up ways and means of prolonging their stay. You see their employment calls for four years (with an option). Well I think it's this option that they want a little rough and tumble advice from me on. I am suggesting that they deliver no mail to anyone of Republican faith. Why should hard working deserving Democrats take up their valuable time handing out what is no doubt anti-Democratic propaganda. And I am so advising 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2711 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT TIRED OF DECIDING EUROPE'S FATE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 14. – Well the papers are all saying today "The fate of Europe will be decided this week at Stresa, Italy."

I have never remembered in my whole long life of ever picking up a paper where in there wasn't somewhere in it, "The fate of Europe is in the balance."

It looks to me like Europe hasn't got any fate. They go from one mess to another. It's been cut up, subdivided, resold and resubdivided, let and sublet.

Europe is just like a bunch of checkers on a checkerboard. One minute the reds are in the king row. The next minute somebody is jumping over 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2712 MR. ROGERS EXPLAINS WHYS AND WHEREFORES OF TREATY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 15. – Now here is where this Hitler kinder has these other nations in the hole when they start yelling about this arming when he was supposed not to. In the treaty Germany wasn't to arm for so many years, but—and here is the but—they were to disarm down to a certain point by then. Now it's a question of "who has broke who's treaty?"

Trouble with all these treaties is that the guys that make 'em are generally kicked out by the time they get home, and the new bunch says, "That's not our signature." But nobody is fighting, so what's all the worry about?

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2713 MR. ROGERS FEELS FORCED TO DECLINE A HIGH HONOR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 16. – Got a wire today from an old boy in Parsons, Kansas, and he wanted me to enter in a hog-calling contest.

You know I used to be an awful good hog-caller when hogs were cheap. But the way hogs have gone up in price it's changed the whole system of calling 'em. It would take Henry Ford hollering with his check book to get one to come to you nowadays. I hollered all morning just for three slices of bacon and it didn't come.

So there ain't much use of me hollering my head off to try and get a whole hog to come.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2714 MR. ROGERS SEES REAL NEWS WITH RUTH AND DIZZY BUSY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 17. – Well you can have all your European entanglement conference news, all your war talk, all your aviation ex-

ploits, all your Congressional aba-cadaba; Ickes and Huey can fight a duel two columns long. All these bits of news you can throw in the ash can when Babe Ruth steps to plate and knocks a home run.

That interests everybody. We expected Dizzy to do something out of the ordinary and he did.

The country is all right now. We get real news every morning from now on.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2715 ROGERS IS LOUD IN PRAISE OF THE FLIGHT TO HAWAII

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 18. – That was a great flight the Pan-America made. They will do some great work out there. I have often wondered why the army and navy don't make that flight almost regularly.

A night or so ago I went to listen to Amelia Earhart tell of making it. Don't miss it. Her personality equals her flying skill.

Huey has the greatest chance he has had now. The government is spending too much. A State, if it had the will and the leadership, could work itself out. So if he refused any money, pitched in and did it, then he would prove something. It could be done.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2716 MR. ROGERS TAKES WARNING FROM THE FATE OF GEORGIA

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 19. – I see where a Governor down in Georgia has also ceceeded from the Union. That gets his State off the relief rolls. Well that means more to divvy up among the rest. I tell you I am going to try and get Oklahoma and California to do nothing in any way that will cause Secretary Ickes to shut off our water.

And speaking about people calling people things, did you see what Hitler called England and what Mussolini called everybody. But Hugh Johnson was the hero yesterday, he took the rap himself.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2717 WILL ROGERS SEES EUROPE FINDING HER GOAT AS USUAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 21. – That Europe is funny. The leader of one country, maby Hitler, maby Mussolini, will say something, then all the others will run together and hold a conference.

"What did he say, do you think he meant it, do you think he will fight or is he bluffing?"

Then they all go home again and then in a couple of days somebody else will make a statement, then the huddle starts all over again. Of course before each gathering adjourns it's understood and goes on the minutes of the meeting automatically that we (the U. S.) are indirectly to blame, that if we would just meet with 'em they would blame it on somebody else.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2718 WILL ROGERS SEES A WAY TO MAKE CHURCH POPULAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 22. – I bet any Sunday could be made as popular at church as Easter is if you made 'em fashion shows too. The audience is so busy looking at each other that the preacher just as well recite Gunga Din. We will do anything, if you just in some way turn it into a show.

They say children in kindergarten must play in order to get 'em to learn. What do you mean children? Crossword puzzles learned grown folks more words than school teachers. And what arithmetic the women folks know they got at a bridge table. Our splendid English comes from attending the movies. My geography comes from an airplane window. Yes sir there is 120 million in the American kindergarten.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2719 WILL ROGERS SIZES UP THE BRITISH AND BRITAIN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 23. – Here is the latest racket if you are so rich you don't know what to do with your money.

They are putting it in annuities in England. They feel it's safer there. Then they wonder how it is that England recovers.

It recovers because you couldn't in a hundred years get an Englishman to do what these folks are doing. England will bet you on England to their last

penny. In England they invest most of their money in income tax. Read what their rate is.

With this money invested over there it's not hard to see where all the influence comes from to get us to keep joining something over there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2720 MR. ROGERS TRIES TO ANSWER THE QUESTION OF THE DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 24. – Up to a day or so ago this country really had some problems. "Where is all this money coming from?" was on the lips of every man who had any. "Should business be allowed to recover first and then reform, or visa versa?" "Who will the Republicans nominate?" "Is Kent right or is Lippman right?"

But all those momentous things are washed up now. They are as dead as a balanced budget. The problem that hits every man, woman and child in the face today is, "Was Mae Married?" It's splitting this country like a Supreme Court decision.

Personally, I don't believe she was, for I can't see why the fellow would have ever left her.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2721 MR. ROGERS MAKES A BOW TO A 'CAP AND GOWN BOY'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 25. – Well there has been great suspense and much guessing as to who would really handle the "big Roosevelt bankroll."

Mr. Tugwell has got the last laugh on all his critics. In fact, Tugwell is the only one of all "cap and gown boys" that the boss has ever really trusted with any dough. The other professors could recite their piece but couldn't get their fist in the till.

A professor's theories have often been considered workable, but not when they applied to actual cash. So, this will be any professor's first chance of betting on a face with real money. They have always just done it in their heads.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2722 MR. ROGERS HAS SOLUTION FOR THE BONUS SQUABBLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 26. – Having a time with the bonus. Congress wants to pay it, the soldiers want to receive it, but every person wants it paid or received according to his own particular plan.

Looks like soldiers can't agree any more than congressmen can. Better put General Pershing in charge again. He was the only man we ever had that could tell a soldier and a Senator too where to head in.

Don't hold those dimes, quarters and halves you may have too lightly, for by tonight Mr. Roosevelt may have thought of a new price for 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2723 MR. ROGERS CONSIDERED US A NATION OF BUCKPASSERS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., April 28. – This is dispatched just before the President goes on the air tonight.

I am anxious to hear the comments in the press. Even if it's good there is plenty of 'em won't like it, he can speak on the Lord's supper and get editorials against it.

Never in our history was we as willing to blame somebody else for our troubles.

America is just like an insane asylum. There is not a soul in it will admit they are crazy. Roosevelt being the warden at the present time, us inmates know he is the one that's cuckoo.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2724 WILL ROGERS GOMPARES TALKS OF TWO LEADERS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 29. – The President made a very encouraging and hopeful speech. On the same day Mussolini spoke to his people.

It's interesting to compare the two speeches, not so much on account of the two men, but on account of difference in temperament of the two races.

Mussolini said, "You have many lean years ahead. You must sacrifice and bear it."

Now nobody could make that speech to us. We don't want to be told we

must "sacrifice," and that we might have "lean years coming."

But Mussolini's plan is the best. If he brings his people any little benefits they are tickled to death. If we don't receive every benefit we are hollering.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2725 MR. ROGERS GETS AROUND TO THE SUBMARINE SCARE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., April 30. – You know the other day I had a little "gag" in the papers about every time some nation sneezed a little louder than usual the others run into a huddle.

Well, that might sound like a joke, but look at 'em today. Germany announced some submarines and now these diplomats' heads are closer together than a barber shop quartet.

The one thing these old boys with a big navy are scared of, and that's submarines. They are always claiming they are inhuman and not a civilized mode of warfare.

It would be rather interesting to see published the names of the weapons that are considered a pleasure to be shot by.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2726 MR. ROGERS FEELS BETTER OVER HIS ISOLATION STAND

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May l. – The great argument with all Americans who want to join in with Europe and help set the world right was that any one that was not in favor of it was pretty narrow-minded and selfish. In plain words, it's the dumb folks that are "agin'" it.

Well, read today's papers. The Premiers of Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand have never been considered anything but intelligent, yet they notified England to quit messing around on the opposite bank of the English Channel.

So the American dumb ones are in pretty good company.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2727 MR. ROGERS ISN'T SURPRISED BY F. D. R. C. OF C. DIVORCE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 2. – The papers said today, "The President breaks with U. S. Chamber of Commerce."

That's the oldest news I have seen in a long time.

Through habit of the last few administrations the U. S. Chamber of Commerce is supposed to be wedded (in an advisory capacity) to each President. But this particular union was never consummated.

It was an unhappy alliance on both sides from the start. And the break didn't come in the last day or so. Incompatibility developed as early as March 4,1933.

Both are headstrong and used to running things their own way, and it will be a divorce well worth reading about.

Up to now Roosevelt is ahead, for he is collecting five billion temporary alimony.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2728 ROGERS SEES HONORS EQUAL IN A NOTABLE ARGUMENT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 3. – I don't know which one was the littleist in this U. S. Chamber of Commerce versus Roosevelt argument. The President he got sore and the "leading industrialists" they got sore and it ended in a tie that brought no glory on either one. Mr. Roosevelt should have kidded 'em, for they left a great opening.

Governor Lafoon of Kentucky, I wish I could be there tomorrow watching the great Kentucky Derby, but this dime letter mail that Jim Farley invented to boost his business has just got me swamped. I have received everything in the world but a dime. Kentucky, stay with Bradley.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2729 MR. ROGERS WOULD BOOK OUR WARS ON HOME LOTS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 5. – Well, the Kentucky Derby is all over now, and maby Congress can settle down to work again.

Our big fleet has pulled out to practice. I don't know where a lot of these

writers get the idea that we haven't got any army, or navy, or aviation. Course we could use a lot more of 'em, but to read some writers you would think that our whole defense force was sorter "Mickey Mouse."

I believe these boys can keep everybody off, if we just know enough to book all wars on the home grounds.

The place we need our re-enforcements is in the diplomatic end.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2730 MR. ROGERS CANNOT WIN A BET ON A MOVIE RACE

MONROVIA, Cal., May 6. – This is the home of the famous Santa Anita race track. We are over here shooting some race scenes. I can't even pick the winner in a movie race where it's fixed.

Just reading of a fund the government has called the "Conscience Fund." If you feel that you have cheated the government you send the money. It now has $618,000. Now, offhand that sounds like a lot of conscience, but it figures out to just one-half cent apiece. So I imagine we still got quite a little bit on our mind that we haven't settled for.

Say how about the government having a "Conscience Fund"? They have skinned us many a time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2731 MR. ROGERS THINKS PLANES WILL CONQUER FOG YET

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 7. – My old flying pardner Frank Hawks just breezed in here from Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 48 flying hours. Think of Buenos Aires being only two days away.

Air lines just coming in or out of Los Angeles alone have flown 243,000,000 miles, carrying 1,900,000 passengers. Accidents to passengers have been less than one to 25,000 that travel.

That "old devil" fog is tough, not only on aeroplanes, but ships, autos, horseback or afoot. But planes will be the first thing to lick it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2732 MR. ROGERS PINS A BOUQUET ON A GREAT WOMAN FLIER

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 8. – Amelia is streaking it from Mexico. When you take off from Mexico City you have already gained 7,500 feet altitude, even before you get your feet off the ground.

When you take a fast ship loaded with 400 gallons of gas off that field, you are an aviator, be you man or woman.

I bet you Amelia is the only woman that Mrs. Roosevelt could possibly in any way envy. If she could fly like her, Monday she would speak to the French in Paris, Tuesday the Female Comrades Club in Moscow, Wednesday to the Tokio Women's Club, next morning the whalers in the Bering Sea, New Orleans that night to address the Anti-Long Society.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2733 MR. ROGERS SUPPLIES DATA ON THAT PACIFIC FLIGHT

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 9. – As this editorial goes to press we have forty-six naval planes headed from Honolulu to the Midway Islands.

This flight is not only going to be great training for the navy fliers, but it's going to drive millions of Americans to a geography.

The reason they didn't send fifty planes was there is only room on the island for forty-six.

The way you tell a navy plane from an army plane is the naval planes are made to land on the land and the army has the ones that are made to land on the water.

These boys are getting over there pretty close to Japan. I look for the next Japanese manoeuvres to be held off Catalina Island.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2734 ROGERS NOTES A MYSTERY IN PACIFIC AIR MANOEUVRE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 10. – Yesterday as I went to press we couldn't find the Midway Islands; today as I go to print we can't find the islands or the forty-six airplanes either. Maybe the Japanese hid the islands on 'em.

Correction note: Frank Hawkes says I beat him out of nine hours, his

flight from Buenos Aires to Los Angeles was thirty-nine hours, and not forty-eight. He says Brazil has the best air force in South America, says England and France have peddled a lot of old planes to a lot of those countries, that the U. S. is the only one sells 'em the latest model ones. Their own army and navy takes all their factories can make.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2735 MR. ROGERS TAKES A STAND ON A QUESTION OF THE DAY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 12. – Well, big headline today says Barbara is marrying a count, or a duke or something, and we get all excited and start criticizing as though she was a ward of the people.

It's her money. It's her life. She must pay a tremendous lot of taxes to our government. She deserves some right. Her fortune was made from ten cent purchases, so nobody got stuck very much.

So if she wants to pick up where the United States Government left off and finance all Europe it's her own business.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2736 MR. ROGERS GIVES WARNING OF ANOTHER DARK HORSE

ARCADIA, Cal., May 13. – Say Huey, you and all these other third-party guys better look out. This fellow Talmadge, Governor of Georgia, although a late starter among all these Presidential self-starters, is coming strong. Some of his talks make pretty good sense.

This coming election is going to be lots of fun when all these third-party candidates meet head on. All Roosevelt will have to do is just sit back and watch 'em cut each other's throats.

All of 'em will claim they are running on the real Democratic ticket and I expect Thomas Jefferson was about the very last real Democrat.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2737 MR. ROGERS FINDS A REASON FOR UNCLE SAM HORNING IN

ARCADIA, Cal., May 14. – In these days of everybody hollering about the government butting into their business or the labor unions trying to run it there is just plenty of cases in America like this one that happened yesterday.

An old gentleman, Mr. Van Brunt that for sixty-five years has run his factory in Horicon, Wis., never had one speck of labor trouble, he just gave ninety old-time workers and five widows $3,000 apiece.

If everybody was Van Brunts there would be no need for anything, but there is men in business that don't belong in business any more than the government does and that's why the government has got to go in.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2738 MR. ROGERS JOINS THE CRY FOR BONUS GREENBACKS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 15. – Soldiers going to get their bonus, and I think they should have the first money we print.

There are so many different (and honest) opinions as to what more money would do to us that the only way we can find out is to print some.

Anyhow, that $2,000,000,000 is going to change hands so fast and so many times in the first few weeks, and with taxes getting higher and higher, it's going to wind up right back where it started, in Mr. Morgenthau's locker.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2739 MR. ROGERS IS EXPLORING NEW CALIFORNIA WONDERS

SANTA MARIA, Cal., May 16. – Eddie Vail, one of California's real cowmen, and I are prowling through here.

This is a mighty pretty little town. They raise more different things, in this part of the country. At Lompoc near here is great fields of flowers (thousands of acres) for commercial use. Think of seeing a thousand acres of just flowers. Then out of the same ground they take a kind of sandstone for insulation. Then a big sugar beet factory and the biggest mustard fields in America. Cattle by the thousands.

Piece in the local paper about Mr. Hoover coming out against the NRA; also one about Jack Garner issuing a statement. I don't believe that. Garner

thinks but don't talk.

Well, got to get up on the road.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2740 ROGERS FINDS WHERE GARLIC IS PRODUCED AND CONSUMED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 17. – Well, just been prowling along up the road. I found out how to cut out fast driving and worry and hurry. Just get up and start about two hours earlier than you had intended. That ought to be made a law.

Yesterday as I told you I run into a little town where all the mustard comes from that eventually goes on your fingers off the hot dog. Well, last night I stayed all night at Gilroy, and over 90 per cent of all the garlic is raised there. But here is the big astonishment. Boston is one of the greatest consumers of garlic in America.

So what you detect when you are speaking to a Harvard Bostonian is not all culture.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2741 WILL ROGERS KEEPS FAITH IN THE SOVIET'S AVIATORS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 19. – That was a terrible thing about that big Russian plane.

I saw it when I was there. They said themselves over there that it had never been much success as far as flying. But Russia is just at that stage like we used to be where they want the "biggest" of everything. So it made good "reading" when they would write how big it was.

It was a warehouse with six engines on it. They could jack it up and get it above the field in Moscow, but I don't think it had ever been out of town.

The great sport in Russia is parachute jumping. They used to take half the town up in this and let 'em jump.

But don't get the impression that all the planes there can't get out of town. It's the most air-ambitious nation in the world, and those old "Rushions" can fly.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2742 MR. ROGERS MARKS TIME NOW ON THE BONUS VOTE

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 20. – On Wednesday is the big day of the bonus.

I am not following the usual custom and saying, "Wire your Senator." Any Senator that hasn't got his mind already made up by now, he would have to be one that couldn't read anyhow.

Besides, I doubt if this new method of "government by telegraph" which we are developing is quite as effective as it's advertised to be.

There is a good deal of difference between a vote and a telegram. In our system of voting they generally stop you after about once, or maybe twice, but any one person can send as many telegrams as they have money and can think up names to sign to 'em.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2743 MR. ROGERS THINKS DANIEL HAD A BREAK, AFTER ALL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 21. – In two adjoining columns today was:

"Mrs. Roosevelt goes down in coal mine to see operations 'in the raw,'" "Mr. Roosevelt goes to see Senate." The last item should have "in the raw" after it, too.

Mrs. Roosevelt has got the best of these two family visits. With her sympathy for the less fortunate she is bound to come away with admiration and pity. The President is liable to come away with just pity.

This is a cage he is going into. When he thinks he can go in there with 96 assorted animals and tell 'em where and when to lay down, he is confusing himself with Daniel.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2744 MR. ROGERS IS IMPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT'S LOGIC

PASO ROBLES, Cal., May 22. – Mrs. Rogers and I poking down the road and we were listening to the President's speech.

I don't care if you are for or against the bonus, you have to admit he made what the lawyers call a mighty good brief, and he made Mr. Long swal-

low his boast that the President "was nothing but a politician and wouldn't dare to veto the bill."

The best line he had was, "We have enough for everybody, but we haven't got all that they want."

And, say, you got to give that Hitler credit. He come through with some facts that these other nations are going to have to do some studying to think up answers to.

His best line was, "A tank is a tank, a bomb is a bomb, no matter what nation has it."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2745 WILL ROGERS'S TRIBUTE TO 'MOST USEFUL WOMAN

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 23. – Two or three weeks ago the very popular novelist Mrs. Kathleen Norris wrote me an awful nice letter asking me to say something about—I think it was the birthday of Jane Addams.

I wrote her I would and I fully intended too, but rattle-brain like, I just forgot it till I saw pictures of it in the paper. Then I felt terribly sorry. Now she is dead and I feel sorrier still.

Irvin Cobb just tells me she was the woman that remembered the people who everybody else forgot. I imagine that she was the most useful woman of this generation.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2746 MR. ROGERS MAKES A NOTE OF WOMEN'S TOLERANCE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 24. – Was reading today where the Federation of Women's Clubs was going to have a hot election. The woman in line for the presidency (she is now first vice president) they all admit has every qualification. Worked up for thirty years in the club. High class, talented, cultured lady, but she is an Indian.

You would expect intolerance from some organizations, but not from the most civilized one we have. Even one of the two great uncivilized tribes (the Republicans) elected dear old Charley Curtis.

So I don't believe these ladies are going to get bias. Course there is some of 'em that would love to meet around the convention campfire and shout:

"Well, sisters, we scalped another Indian. We have to keep this club 100 per cent American." They can't afford to do that.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2747 MR. ROGERS SPENT SUNDAY WITH THE SPORTING PAGES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 26. – The sporting pages were where the news was this Sunday morning.

Dear old Babe Ruth, God bless him, stepped into three fast balls and put 'em all out of bounds. Lawson Little, a Stanford boy, for the second year in succession collected a small portion of the British debt with a golf club.

A Mr. Owens, a colored lad of 21 years from Ohio State University broke practically all the world records there is, with the possible exception of horseshoe pitching and flagpole sitting.

Congress laid dormant, Hitler was refueling and Mussolini was changing records. But a man in California sued his wife for nonsupport.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2748 MR. ROGERS TAKES NOTE OF THE NRA SLAUGHTER

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 27. – Poor old "New Deal." She went to bat three times today with the Supreme Court pitching and she struck out each time.

There was a bill called the Frazier-Lemke bill, where a farmer didn't have to pay his mortgage for five years. The court said Frazier and Lemke were both wrong.

Then come the NRA and they washed that up. And to make it a Republican holiday, they decided that a Mr. Humphrey that used to work for the Federal Trade Commission should be working there yet, even if he was a Republican.

So the Supreme Court just stole the spotlight from Jesse Owens.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2749 MR. ROGERS WOULD AMEND THE GOOD OL' GONSTITUTION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 28. – Hurray for the old Constitution. Nobody wants to see that old lady led astray. But wouldn't this amendment to her be helpful?

"When Congress passes a law or a President exceeds his authority, have some person notify the Supreme Court what has happened and get them to examine the medicine and see if it's poison before it's given to the patients and not at the funeral."

This amendment would make the Supreme Court a preventive and not an autopsy jury.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2750 MR. ROGERS ALSO LAUGHS AT THE NRA AFTERMATH

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 29. – We are a funny people.

Business men have howled from every luncheon table the evils of the whole NRA. Then all at once the Supreme Court says, "The bridle is off, boys: from this day on every man for himself."

Now the same men are rushing back to the banquet tables and unoccupied microphones and shouting, "Wages must be maintained," "Cut-throat competition must be curbed," "Child labor is wrong," "The sweat shop must not return."

You just can't please some people.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

P. S. – Then the stock market went down six points.

2751 WILL ROGERS OFFERS EPIC FOR SUPREME COURT RULING

SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 30. – Our State Assembly is having a terrible fight. There is twenty-seven EPICs (Eliminate Poverty in California), the Sinclair ticket, that is out of a membership of eighty in the lower house. Well, the fight is just among these twenty-seven. It's a bill to stop all these unemployed that's flocking into the State (it passed the lower house). Some EPICs say they can eliminate the poverty in the State, but they can't eliminate all the poverty that come in. Others say that one State can't bar people of other States.

All of which gets back to my plan, that is of being able to wire the Supreme Court and ask them. They reply with a night letter and the whole thing is settled once and for all.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2752 MR. ROGERS CROWS A BIT OVER HIS OWN JUDGMENT

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 31. – We all like to crow when a prediction turns out good. I been saying for fifteen years that Jack Garner was as common sense man as we have. Nick Longworth told me Garner was the smartest man in the House. Now our very popular (and usually up to date) Time magazine just this week, finds Garner quite a fellow.

Say, just talk to some small merchants or druggists and get them to tell you what's going on now in the price cutting, chiseling and conniving line.

It's terrible to have a law telling you you got to do something. But you ain't going to do it unless there is.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2753 MR. ROGERS JOINS IN TASK OF TRYING TO SALVAGE NRA

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 2. – Well sir a forlorn looking gentleman come to my house this Sunday afternoon. Said he was one of Roosevelt's cabinet, and he looked it. It was Mr. Roper, Secretary of Commerce.

I try to make it a point to never turn anybody away. First one of the New Deal I had seen since the Supreme Court took their matches away from 'em. But he was a game Southern gentleman. No kicks, no squawks.

He and I searched around through the burned embers to see if any little New Deal object might be salvaged. We decided that with big business operating under the old "dog-eat-dog" plan, so many dogs would eventually get bit that parts of the NRA would look like a halo by 1936.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2754 MR. ROGERS CASTS AN EYE OVER THE CURRENT NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 3. – France won't have to go off the gold now. Their new boat broke the record, so that means all Americans with nothing to do when they get over there will want to go on the fastest boat.

The United States Treasury says that expenditures are running a billion and a half under estimates. That means more money than schemes.

These baccalaureate addresses given to graduates don't offer em much encouragement outside of advising 'em to vote the straight Republican ticket.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2755 MR. ROGERS SEES NO HOPE OF MENDING CONSTITUTION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 4. – Looks to me like Washington always asks the wrong man when they want to know something. Now today they called in all the big Democratic leaders to see what THEY "think" can be done. Well, why didn't they just quietly ask the Supreme Court what "could" be done?

Now, if nothing can't be done under the present Constitution, why they better just forget it, for I bet you a span of old gray mules that you ain't going to get folks to change that Constitution. That's like asking an old man to change the brand of his chewing tobacco.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2756 MR. ROGERS NOTES A TURN IN THE TIDE OF OUR LUCK

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 5. – The U. S. finally got an even break with all Europe today. Americans won $2,745,000 and all the rest of the world combined only $2,966,000 on the big Irish sweepstake, a lottery on the great English Derby.

They are going to try to retain the best features of the NRA by persuasion. Hours and wages.

You got to admit Roosevelt is trying to get a semblance of fairness. But they wouldn't even do it by law, so this scheme looks doubtful.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2757 MR. ROGERS A BIT AMAZED BY TWO REMARKS OF A DAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 6. – Two kinder amazing statements in the papers today.

The President was supposed to be quoted as saying, "Unless the Wagner bill and the Guffey-Snyder bill passes, it might be necessary to call out the militia."

The other was before the great Federation of Women's Clubs convention at Detroit. Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, who has represented the Federation in Hollywood, reported:

"Pictures have been cleaned up, and it was by the help of the solid middle classes, and not by the intelligensia. Society classes are the dirtiest-minded people in America."

The social order received a couple of pretty tough blows from two different sources.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2758 ROGERS FINDS WE ARE NOT SO BADLY OFF AFTER ALL

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 7. – To read what all these critics of our country write, you would naturally think that everybody else was just sitting pretty.

But France has offered their Premiership to everybody over there but Chevalier, and they know he is too smart to take it.

England just today traded horses right in the middle of Thames River. Half of Italy has gone to Africa with a gun on their shoulder.

Japan is just looking over Chinese maps to see where to send their army.

Russia must be in some devilment, we never hear of 'em any more.

So you see there's none of 'em that we can point with pride to. It's just a bad time to be in the government running business anywhere.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2759 MR. ROGERS CITES EXPERT ON CONSTITUTION LAW

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 9. – See where my old friend Alfalfa Bill Murray says he is with the Constitution if he has to be a Republican to do it.

With Bill joining the Supreme Court, that makes ten men on it. The very thing that must be avoided is to raise the number.

But now that my little joke is over, let me tell you something about Bill Murray. My daddy was a member of the Constitutional Convention that made Oklahoma's scenario, and he told me: "Willie, this Murray guy that's running this convention is smart on constitutional law."

Say, Bill has majored in that, with a 40-year course.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2760 MR. ROGERS HAS HIS FEARS IN THIS KIDNAPPING CASE

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 10. – Hope nobody don't appeal this kidnapping case to the Supreme Court, for it certainly interferes with State rights, and as they have just decided that the Federal Government has no more standing than Santa Claus, why, they might make 'em turn 'em loose.

It kinder shows that the government can do something. They ought to turn all crime over to 'em and take it out of local politics.

But all they have to do to find out who the criminal is nowadays is just find the one that's been pardoned the most times.

These two guys seemed to just have made one-night stands out of all the jails in the Northwest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2761 MR. ROGERS STILL PONDERS THE WAYS OF POLITICIANS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 11. – Well, I got a kick out of that bunch of unemployed old-timers who call themselves the "Grass Root boys." They just met and "denounced" and redenounced." Give a prize to the fellow that called the President the most names.

But they all do it. When Mr. Hoover was in why the other side did the same thing. In fact I think it's the same names they called him, for neither side has ever been original enough to think of new ones.

That's what makes politics such a high-class gentlemanly game. Prize fighters meet and fight and then are considered lowbrows for saying, "Well, the best man won."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2762 MR ROGERS IS HOBNOBBING WITH SOME FAST PEOPLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 12. – Setting here on the running board of my car, about a hundred people sitting around, we are all trying to make a movie to try to make the world laugh.

Step and Fetchit just come up with Jesse Owens, the Cleveland colored boy of Ohio State, who breaks world's records as easy as the rest of us break commandments. He is a very, very modest fellow. Says he will be tickled to death if he can just win these events here Saturday as he thinks these are the best boys he has met. He is entered in four events. He holds the world's record in three of 'em and is tied for the other.

Funny thing, on the picture with us is Jim Thorpe, our greatest all-around athlete of all time.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2763 MR. ROGERS MUST ADMIT THAT A 'HERO' IS SLIPPING

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 13. – I hate to report any short-comings in one of my heroes, but Huey is going back. Imagine only being able to talk sixteen hours. Why before he was fattened by the luxury of senatorial life, he would have talked right on into July.

But at that he pulled the biggest and most educational novelty ever introduced in the Senate. He read 'em the Constitution of the U. S. A lot of 'em thought he was reviewing a new book.

Headline says, "Japanese by Thousands March Further Into China." Yes and in forty years they will all be Chinamen.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2764 ROGERS FINDS KATE SMITH RIGHT, THE EXPERTS WRONG

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 14. – If you have seen a fellow entirely hidden behind a thin lamp post today, it's your favorite sporting writer, who predicted Max Baer in the early part of the first round. From what I can hear Kate Smith was the only one guessed it right. So Katie, from now on I am for you no matter which side the mountain the moon is on.

I am glad the judges told us who won, for you couldn't tell from the broadcasting. Broadcasting for all big sporting events should be sold to Henry Ford, for he only tells you who is paying for it, and don't try to sell you a car, or name Dizzy Dean's dog.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2765 MR. ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT THE WORLD PICTURE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 16. – They have such a thing among nations, like they do among people, called "chickens come home to roost."

England and all the big nations are awful sore at Italy about Abyssinia, and Italy is just as wrong as she can be, but all these others, have gobbled up something at some time, and Mussolini reminds 'em of it, and that makes 'em sorer than ever.

Reading history has put all these ideas in Japan's head. Us giving back the Philippines may ease our conscience a little. It almost pays a nation to remain small and point with pride that they haven't gobbled up anything.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2766 MR. ROGERS REPORTS FATE HAS SMILED ON CALIFORNIA

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 17. – I don't know how you all are fixed with your State Legislatures, but we finally had some luck with ours at last. It adjourned last night, and there is a spontaneous celebration going on today that is bordering on Armistice Day.

Now if they can just get the main one to adjourn in Washington things will just go a sailing and then all the politicians will have to do is just sit back and argue over who the credit belongs to for recovery.

I was asked to deliver a commencement day address, but I couldn't do it. The pupils knew more about politics than I did.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2767 MR. ROGERS IS MADE HAPPY BY AN ITEM IN THE NEWS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 18. – That's great news about those two South American nations that have been fighting for three years, Bolivia and Paraguay. According to the terms of peace, neither side has to take any of the land that they were fighting over. Bolivia thought for awhile that she was going to have to take it. It goes back to the Indians.

Hurrah for Judge Landis. The old judge made a mighty wise decision. Especially in not allowing them to exploit this boy just for publicity alone. You young blades might not know it, but in us fellows' younger days this same Judge Landis hung a 21 million traffic fine on the Standard Oil Company.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2768 MR. ROGERS PUTS US DOWN AS A NATION OF FLEAS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 19. – At the great San Diego World's Fair yesterday Mr. Hoover received a tremendous ovation.

There is no country in the world where a person changes from a hero to a goat, and a goat to a hero, or vice versa, as they do with us. And all through no change in them. The change is always with us.

It's not our public men that you can't put your finger on. It's our public. We are the only fleas weighing over 100 pounds. We don't know what we want, but are ready to bite somebody to get it.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2769 MR. ROGERS HAILS A TAX HE CONSIDERS PAINLESS

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 20. – All the big influential papers this morning are full of the "soak the rich." And you can tell from the tone of their voices they have been "soaked."

But as the scheme is mostly on inheritance, he don't really hit 'em good till they die, so I would call that the nearest to a painless tax that could be invented. You don't pay it till you die and then you don't know it.

I would sure liked to have seen Huey's face when he was woke up in the middle of the night by the President, who said, "Lay over Huey, I want to get in with you."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2770 MR. ROGERS FINDS JUST ONE REQUIREMENT FOR SENATE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 21. – Mr. Roosevelt went to see Yale race Harvard in boats today. Funny he don't go to see the big league row at Poughkeepsie. These Western colleges can drag an anchor and beat Yale or Harvard.

They are seating a new Senator today. The whole argument is whether he is 30 years old or not. West Virginia keeps no records and they can't remember back that far.

Funny thing about being a U. S. Senator, the only thing the law says you have to be is 30 years old. Not another single requirement necessary. They just figure that a man that old got nobody to blame but himself if he gets caught in there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2771 MR. ROGERS WANTS TO HEAR ALL THE BAD NEWS NOW

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 23. – Well this "soak-the-rich" program is about all you hear about now and you can tell just to a dollar how much a man has got by how sore he is.

They are supposed to put the thing over till next Congress, but Senator Joe Robinson in this morning's paper had the best suggestion, as he generally always does, for he is mighty level-headed and plenty smart. Joe says to thrash it out at this session, "Why go home leaving everybody in fear of the next session?"

Hold the clinic now and operate if they are going to operate. You won't help business by postponement. Why not go ahead and let everybody know just what it's going to cost 'em to die, for the way it is now, a fellow don't know whether to die or not.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2772 MR. ROGERS IS IN FAVOR OF ONE SOAK-RICH MOVE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 24. – See there is a bill in Congress to do away with tax exempt bonds.

That's the best bill of all of 'em. The way it is a man could have a million-dollar income from tax-free bonds, own no property or nothing else, and not pay one cent of tax. And it's all lawful.

If you can make all these bonds pay tax they will be doing one of the most fair share-the-wealth plans there is.

It was put in so that a town, or a State, or the government could sell more bonds than it ought to.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2773 MR. ROGERS DOESN'T THINK THAT WE ARE SO SMART

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 25. – In schools they have what they call intelligence tests.

Well if nations held 'em I don't believe we would be what you would call a favorite to win it.

The chain letter thing lasted just two days in England. Over here it took us a whole month to figure it out. And Mexico laughed the thing out of their country before lunch.

Then there was "technocracy," which we took serious for over three months.

There is still a lot of monkey in us. Throw anything you want to into our cage and we will give it serious consideration.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2774 MR. ROGERS, HISTORIAN, RECORDS A NOTED BATTLE

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 26. – The first battle of the next war was fought in N. Y. City Tuesday night. Big Italy met Little Abysinia and Mussolini's first Spring drive was halted in its tracks.

General Joe Louis, head of the Ethiopian forces, met El Duce Carnera (the biggest Roman of them all) and treated him like a Christian of gladiatorial days.

Now there is a movement on to send "Lion" Louis to Abysinia to meet Mussolini's whole army. His trip is being gladly paid for by several American philanthropists, new friends of Abysinian liberty.

A Mr. Braddock, a Mr. Baer (not Bugs) and even a German, a Mr. Schmelling have contributed to make Mr. Louis's trip to Africa more permanent.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2775 MR. ROGERS HEARS OF PLAN WHICH HE THINKS IS GOOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 27. – One thing you got to say for an administration that tries out a lot of plans, some of 'em are apt to be pretty good.

Now this one that broke out yesterday where they help out these young folks, that sounds awful good. Course I look for bountiful editorial condemnation, for it's going to cost money. But if you help out the young folks up to 20, and the old ones over 60, that only gives a fellow a little stretch in between of about forty years where he has to do any worrying for himself (or herself as the sex may be).

If we can keep the young happy and the old satisfied, why all the middle-aged have to look out for is its women automobile drivers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2776 MR. ROGERS SEES ROOSEVELT KEEPING THE CONGRESS BUSY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 28. – Every day now Congress gets a message from the White House. Congress opens the letter with about the same enthusiasm as we do one with a "please remit." He sure keeps those old boys going. Every time they start looking toward home he slips 'em another odd chore to do.

Today's message he told 'em: "There is some folks that's suing us about the gold. Now there is a ruling that you can't sue us unless the government says you can. Now today's chore for you boys is to say that they can't. That's all for today. Your section boss, Franklin."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2777 WILL ROGERS IS TOUCHED BY PLIGHT OF CONGRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 30. – It's geting the time of year in Washington, D. C., when the old Senator or Congressman begins to wonder if his opponent wasn't really the winner after all.

If those babies oozed knowledge like they will perspiration for the next month, we would be a great nation.

Mr. Roosevelt's got the laugh on 'em. He has a swimming pool in the White House, and he just sends 'em a message and then dives off in a nice cool pool while they sweat and cuss and fight off the professors.

You know this administration has shown that there is no insect that can bother a statesman like a professor.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2778 MR. ROGERS IS WORRYING AROUT ITALY'S TROUBLES

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July l. – You got to hand it to Mussolini. He is at least honest. He says that the war in Abyssinia will last about five years, and that it will take an additional fifteen years to mop up loose odds and ends.

But suppose they don't strike oil? And the whole thing will have been for nothing. The Lord help his geologists who have misled him.

War talk in Europe has pretty near died out on account of no international conferences being held. They haven't got much chance of getting sore at each other.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2779 MR. ROGERS HAS A THEORY ON THE 'SUCKER' BUSINESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 2. – If you are holding in a holding company why you are still a holding this morning. Congress voted yesterday that as bad as a lot of 'em are, they are better than nothing.

I imagine the President knows that there has been swindling and crookedness and he wanted to protect people from it, but there they go trying to do something against human nature. Anytime a slick salesman meets a ten dollar bill there is a deal made. All it has to be is on the instalment plan.

There is something about American folks that they think it must be on the level or the company wouldn't trust us to pay the other payments. It's never entered our head that the first payment more than pays for it.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2780 MR. ROGERS IS HEARTENED BY A TRIP TO THE 'STICKS'

STAMFORD, Texas, July 3. – Cowboy sports and contests are about the most popular thing there is, especially where they know what it's all about.

I had often heard of the great time this little city holds every year. It's called a cowboy reunion and it is. It's put on by real ranch hands. This is the heart of the old Texas ranch country. The outfits send in their chuck wagons and they have a great time. Lots of good horses and lots of good ropers. Grass is high and cattle are a good price and everybody feeling fine.

If Mr. Brisbane don't want to use his old slogan any more I will take "Don't Sell America Short."

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2781 MR. ROGERS FINDS WE LIVE IN AN INTERESTING PERIOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 4. – Well, breakfast in Fort Worth this morning. Did kinder want to go on and see what the boys in Congress was doing as there was a plane standing there that would have put me there this afternoon.

Another leaving for Brownsville, Texas, and old Mexico. I looked longingly at it. Another leaving for Tulsa and Claremore. I did want to go on it, but finally settled on one for California, as that's what I should do, come on home.

In here at 4 o'clock this afternoon, fifteen hundred miles. It don't take you long to go a long distance and get back nowadays.

Lot of hollering among the rich and near-rich. We are living in a great time, something to get excited about every minute.

Yours,
Will Rogers.

2782 ROGERS SUGGESTS REFORM FOR JULY 4 CELEBRATIONS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 5. – That liberty that we got 159 years ago Thursday was a great thing, but they ought to pass a law that we could only celebrate it every 100 years, for at the rate of accidents yesterday we won't have enough people to celebrate it every year.

And the speeches? Did you read them? Never was as much politics indulged in under the guise "freedom and liberty." They was 5 per cent what George Washington did, and 95 per cent what the speaker intended to do.

What this country needs on July the fourth is not more "liberty or more freedom," it's a Roman candle that only shoots out of one end.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2783 WILL ROGERS IS PROUD OF BOTH THE HELENS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 7. – How are some of these sporting writers going to ever get through apologising for the things they said about Helen Wills's gameness?

They didn't think she could have been hurt that day in '33, for she never died on the court. Two long years of hearing jibes at her sportsmanship and nursing herself back to health, just to show 'em, is a long time.

And don't forget that other Helen. She put up a great fight and it was tough for her to lose. We can sure swell up and be mighty proud of both of 'em. And they are even-they both met the Queen and King.

And say I bet if the truth was known those two girls don't hate each other any worse than any other two star rival athletes in any line.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2784 MR. ROGERS PAYS TRIBUTE TO A GRAND OLD GENTLEMAN

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 8. – Hurrah for Mr. Rockefeller, 96 years old today, one of the very few men that knew how to give money away so that every dollar does good. That's more than our government can do. It's more than anybody can do.

All over the world there is a Rockefeller doctor swatting at a mosquito or trapping a poisonous fly. I flew the whole east coast of Brazil and they have

eliminated mosquitos. However, I do wish he would spread some of that Standard oil (or even Gulf) on some of these home-talent mosquitos.

There is no end to that old gentleman's talents. He beat insurance without dying. They just got discouraged and paid him. He will make the 100 and some to spare.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2785 MR. ROGERS RAISES TO GREET A LONG-NEGLECTED PARTY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 9. – Well sir, funny thing showed up in the papers yesterday. Something we hadn't heard of in so long that it seemed like reviving an article from King Tut's tomb. It was "the budget."

Remember old budget? Well they dug him up, and they are even talking about balancing him. Course they won't be able to do that. You take a rope walker that's laid off for years and they never come back.

But it's good just to hear the old boy's name mentioned again. Young folks won't know who he is, but he was quite a useful fellow in his day.

Budget is the name, spelled B-U-D-G-E-T, pronounced bud-jet.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2786 MR. ROGERS HAS DISCOVERED IL DUCE IS NOT A 'MUDDER'

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 10. – Well, we often heard of folks waiting for a dry day to hold a picnic, but Mussolini waiting for a dry day to hold a war is sorter new.

That makes a great ad for good roads. Our Chambers of Commerce can put out a slogan, "Build good roads in our part of the country, then in case of war we won't have to lay off at all, we can fight every day. Remember be patriotic, have good roads and fight rain or shine."

I wonder if this Abysinian King could sue and get his dues back that he has paid into the League of Nations for protection.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2787 MR. ROGERS, THE REPORTER, COVERS A TYPICAL INQUIRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 11. – It looks like you don't make a good witness or committee member in a Washington investigation unless you call each other a liar or insult the President of the United States.

Chairman of the committee: "Mr. Jones, we are led to believe you know something about the matter we are investigating."

Mr. Jones: "You are a liar and the President of the United States is a horse thief."

Call the next witness.

"Mr. Smith, what do you know of lobbying about holding companies?"

Mr. Smith: "You are all liars and the President is fooling you. His mother was a Stalin and his father was a Mussolini and he is taking the money away from us to send to Hitler."

And this goes on day after day.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2788 WILL ROGERS DIAGNOSES THE CRISIS IN ABYSSINIA

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 12. – Now they find that Italy is after the trade of Abyssinia. The Japanese are in there. They are underselling everybody all over the world. Well a few years ago when we thought we had a patent on "mass production" we was under-selling everybody.

England wants Italy to lay off Abyssinian territory. Yet look at the map. They control three sides of Abyssinia themselves. They have already got theirs.

So you see there is two sides to every argument, and it's all a matter of "whose dog is bit."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2789 WILL ROGERS REMARKS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 14. – California has been lucky, we escaped the winds, the floods, the drouths, and the heat, but pestilence finally caught us, the boweevil descended on us in trainloads, 3500 laywers of the American Bar Association are here eating us out of house and home. They are here, they say, "to save the Constitution, to preserve State rights." What they

ought to be here for, that would make this convention immortal, is to kick the crooks out of their profession. They should recommend a law that every case that went on trial, the lawyer defending should be tried first, then if he come clear, he was eligible to defend. As it is now they are trying the wrong man.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2790 MR. ROGERS FINDS A CHANGE IN THE REPUBLICAN MOOD

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 15. – Pat Hurley called me up last night. Remember Pat, Secretary of War during the time when we had no trouble with the Constitution but had it with everything else.

Well sir, there was a cheerful, and in fact an arrogant ring in Pat's voice. You know Republicans' voices are changing. They are not whispering any more. You meet one now and he hollers across the street:

"Hello, Hello, did you know that our free American institutions are in greater danger today than ever before? Did you know that our Constitution is in jeopardy? Did you know they are going to take our Rolls Royces away from us and make us ride in a mere Cadillac? Did you know that six months ago there wasn't a Republican Presidential candidate in a car load, and now there is over a million.

"Happy days are here again."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2791 MR. ROGERS IS HOBNOBBING WITH LEADERS OF THE BAR

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 16. – Say, wait a minute. This heat out here is just about as tough as it is anywhere.

Went down and spoke at some lawyers' meeting last night. They didn't think much of my little squib yesterday about driving the shysters out of their profession. They seemed to kinder doubt just who would have to leave. Pretty serious, some of 'em. But the big percentage are regular guys.

Had three ex-Cabinet members there from three different Presidents, Hurley, Secretary of War under Mr. Hoover, Wilbur, Secretary of Navy under Mr. Coolidge, and Will Hays, who elected, who served under Mr. Harding.

New Governor of Maryland, Governor Nice, seemed a fine fellow and he accomplished something. I told him, "You beat Man of War, ex-Governor Ritchie."

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2792 WILL ROGERS DISCUSSES COURTS AND COURTSHIPS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 17. – Every morning some State court declares "so and so tax declared illegal." If this keeps on everybody will get back everything they paid in.

In other words the way the courts are going now they may declare this whole depression and everything connected with it illegal, and that it all has to be done over again.

Say, that judge sure give European fortune hunters fits. It's generally men that do it, but this time it was a girl who led our rich young hopeful astray, which proved that the young American male can be as sappy as the female.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2793 MR. ROGERS TAKES A LOOK AT THE DAY'S DISPATCHES

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 18. – News today, papers say that the market stood still. Yes, and so did Congress. Rain and no war in Abyssinia. Heat not so bad as it was. Now that the AAA raised prices on all products they are about to say it's not constitutional.

England let our chorus girls out. Well, that's all right. Every country should be allowed to protect its own labor. Be nobody more broke up over it, however, than the English "Johnnies." American Bar Association yesterday come out very strong against unethical and shyster lawyers. Looks like I been vindicated.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2794 MR. ROGERS SEES LAWYERS READY TO RUN THE COUNTRY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 19. – Well the lawyers of the. American Bar Association convention are leaving us. Think they had a good time. Like all conventions, they didn't do a thing. No convention ever did anything.

If this country ever becomes civilized the first thing eliminated would be people gadding around to get to a convention. And the humorous thing about 'em is they always wait and hold 'em in the hottest weather. Convention slogans should be, "Let's meet and perspire together."

It seemed to be the unanimous opinion of the convention that the management of the United States should be entirely in the hands of lawyer judges, and that elected representatives of the people didn't know what they was doing.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2795 MR. ROGERS SEES SURE SIGN THAT CONGRESS NEARS END

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 2l. – Mexico's President stopped gambling in Tiajuana and the whole town is left unemployed. It's just like if they stopped lobbying in Washington thousands would be thrown out of employment.

Mrs. Vice President Garner has gone home to Uvalde. That's the best tip that Congress won't run much longer. She has gone home to clean the gun and feed the bird dog. Congress will blow up about the 10th of August.

You can all have your Einsteins, your Edisons and your Robert Fultons, but yesterday somebody invented a safety pin that flies shut instead of open, and you can feed 'em to your babies with oatmeal. If that's not a contribution to the world there never was one.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2796 MR. ROGERS IS EXCITED OVER THAT SOVIET FLIGHT

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 22. – Say there is some "Rushians" that's taking-off soon to fly to San Francisco from Moscow. They are cutting across and coming right over the North Pole. It's about a sixty to seventy-hour non-stop flight. (One across the Atlantic is about half that long.)

If they make it they going to just about go to the head of the class in flights. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they did finally turn that North Pole into a filling station.

If they make it we want to give 'em a great welcome, not hold anything back just because they might be Bolsheviki Rushians. Great achievement is

non-political. I believe in giving credit even to a brain trust professor if he should happen to do something worth while.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2797 MR. ROGERS ARISES TO DENY A BIT OF EXAGGERATION

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 23. – Wiley Post and I been blathering about flying over to a ranch in New Mexico and some guy with poor slant on geography got it mixed up with Siberia in Russia. Looks like New Mexico has got a suit.

England says the old armament treaties of Washington in 1922 are dead, that it wounded the pride of nations to be told that they were inferior. That's right. A nation can be small, but it don't want it put in treaties that it's small. Besides, it's the little nations that should be allowed the most armament.

Lack of armament has got nothing to do with wars. Abyssinia has just got so many six-foot bows and arrows and so many nine-foot ones.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2798 MR. ROGERS HAS A DIGEST OF THE POLITICAL NEWS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 24. – Good deal of news in the papers last day or so.

Republicans feel very confident of taking over the government in a year and a half from now, but some of 'em like Bert Snell and Ham Fish, think that's a little long to wait, and they are suggesting letting Roosevelt out now and taking the thing over themselves at once.

They holler about the Constitution. Well it says you are elected for four years. But what's a Constitution when your boys need the work now?

Ham and Bert are giving Mutt and Jeff a run.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2799 MR. ROGERS IS NOW HOPEFUL OF OUR STAYING NEUTRAL

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 25. – Here is how getting into wars starts. Italy warned England that they were not to sell arms to Abyssinia That's verging on fighting talk.

Guess we will be able to keep out of it, for we don't seem to have anything anybody wants (of course, only on credit).

Went down last night to a world's championship wrestling match. Us movie actors are advised to go there by our producers so we can learn how to act. It was a fine show, everybody enjoyed it, but wrestling managements are overlooking an extra big revenue, for folks would pay even more to see them rehearse with each other before the match.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2800 ROGERS ON A FLYING TRIP SEES A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY

VERMEJO PARK, N. M., July 26. – This sure is a beautiful country up in here, lakes, streams, mountains, fish, deer, elk, everything. Every time we would see a good looking ranch and a little meadow down in the canyon Wiley Post would set his Lockheed down on it.

Visited our old friend Waite Phillips first. He has a marvelous place, and 325,000 acres of pretty country.

Now we are at the famous Vermejo ranch, the greatest fishing and game place in the whole Southwest. Wiley is fishing, and I am out looking at cattle.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2801 MR. ROGERS IS SEEING LOTS ON TRIP WITH WILEY POST

DURANGO, Col., July 28. – Towns are like people. They are proud of what they have. Trinidad, Col., with enough coal to melt the North Pole down till it runs.

Then Wiley hit a beeline over the tops of the mountains to Durango, a beautiful little city, out of the way and glad of it. Gold, silver and Mesa Verde cliff dwelling ruins, where civilization flourished before it started to go backward.

Today Wiley is flying over Brice Canyon, Zion Canyon, over, down, and

through the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dams, New Lake.

No wonder American people are filling roads, trains and air. There is so much to see. What we lack in reading we make up in looking.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2802 MR. ROGERS WANTS ANYONE HE FIGHTS TO BE CIVILIZED

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., July 29. – Say did you read about Mussolini's army being camped on a stream and the Abyssinians went above 'em and diverted the creek and left 'em with no water (that's a dry country down there).

I can't imagine anything any more disconcerting to an army than to wake up in the morning and find the river hid from you.

Modern armies have everything, but there is just something about a native in any country in the world, where he seems to have more sense than any general army corps. Our old Apache Geronimo drove nineteen sets of United States Army officers "nuts." The Boers hid the Englishmen's tea for two years. Cortez's great, great grandchildren in Mexico are still trying to whip the Yaquis.

If I was going to fight somebody I would pick out the most civilized one I could find, cause they are the dumbest.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2803 MR. ROGERS IS A BIT IN AWE OF THE ARKANSAS NATIVE

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 30. – Aimee Semple McPherson's daughter is in the Ozarks and the Arkansawyers notified her that she was welcome but that they didn't want to be "redeemed, saved or liquidated."

That's right, too. There is pretty strong characters down there. You can't redeem 'em, you just join 'em. That's what I had to do about 27 years ago with one of 'em.

Joe Robinson is another one, leader of 96 picked men of the whole United States who are in the Senate.

Anytime you tangle with an Arkansaw hillbilly or hillbillyess, you are going to run second.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2804 MR. ROGERS THINKS A LOT OF TALK IS BEING WASTED

SANTA MONICA, Cal., July 3l. – Here is your headlines in the papers every day.

"Jim Doakes delivers blistering attack on Roosevelt," "Woodruff, Republican of Michigan, denounces heartily New Deal in its entirely," "Colonel William A. Bohunk says unless country returned to good old Republican rule Moscow will annex us," "Dr. Jasbo, the well-known infantile paralysis specialist, a man of great means and a life-long Republican, says there is something about the affliction and it's after effects that delusions the patient to want to bring equality, it's purely a mental disease and should be kept out of office."

Now, it's sixteen months till election. You think they going to feed people on that for sixteen long months? No. The boys started their race too early. The time to make your plea to the jury is just before they go out. You can't lecture a jury for a year and four months.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2805 ROGERS STRUGGLING ALONG, RALLIES TO 'SOAK RICH' CRY

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 1. – Here is rather an amazing statement. It didn't get much publicity in the press, but it was in there. It was made by the President, who has access to the records and must know:

"Fifty-eight of the richest people in the U. S. paid no Federal tax on 37 per cent of their incomes."

This soaking the rich has got two sides to it. Roosevelt gets him a pack of humorously called "brain trusters" to help him devise ways and means of trying to get at this extra 37 per cent and the rich get them some lawyers that are just as smart as Roosevelt's tribe, and their job is to cook up an antidote.

So up to now most of the soaking has been done in the papers and not at the cash register.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2806 ROGERS REPORTS ONE SPORT BOOMING THESE DAYS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug 2. – Well, haven't got much time to do any editorializing today. Tomorrow (Saturday) the big world's championship cowboy contest starts, and I am busy setting on the fence blathering with 'em (which

is about all I can do along cowboy sports line).

Some of 'em are right from my home range in Oklahoma, and I think learned to rope on some of my stock.

It's like baseball, it's a sport you can attend and now know that it's not "in the bag." You can't put a calf or a bucking horse in a bag.

It's not like prize fighting or wrestling, where the loser gets a big slice too. Nobody is paid a nickel but the winners.

The depression hit everything but horseback riding. There was never as many people riding and interested in ranch life, but I must get back to me blathering, "now Crosby can you?"

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2807 MR. ROGERS EXPLAINS WHY JIM FARLEY SEEMS HAPPY

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Aug. 4. – Jim Farley went through here yesterday by mail. He seemed mighty cheerful for a dog that every rich kid is trying to tie a can to his tail. I think the main thing that makes Jim feel so good is that he is so tickled that all this is coming up this summer instead of the next summer, in other words it looks like the general in command of the opposition forces didn't have a calendar, and he started his sprint in '35 instead of '36.

I am just waiting to see Farley's picture on a surf board playing a ukulele.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2808 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS ORGY OF BRIDGE BUILDING

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 5. – Folks live down around Los Angeles way got to come to town every once in awhile. We got the numbers down there, but San Francisco has got the class.

This town is going through a "wild orgy" of bridge building. You know how a town is when it decides to pave. Well San Francisco is that way with bridges. You daren't leave a few buckets of water out overnight or somebody will build a bridge over it by morning.

San Diego has done so well with her fine fair this summer that this town is going to hold one. When folks' minds turn to fairs and expositions, why it's a sign of better times.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2809 WILL ROGERS DISCOVERS SEATTLE IS A REAL CITY

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 6. – Seattle is a real city, the end of the main line, New York in miniature, boats for China, Japan, Los Angeles seven hours by plane, Spokane, Minneapolis, and Chicago by plane. Sixty lakes are in sixty-minutes drive by car from City Hall.

Saw the world's greatest bombing plane being finished. If we don't want it Abyssinia does.

Also has here the only streamlined ferryboat.

You know the money Mr. Roosevelt is going to make, with holes in it, worth a fifth of a cent, well this State has already got it. It's called "tokens."

The Lieut. Governor of the State is a fiddle player, the only politician in America with a legitimate profession.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2810 ROGERS FINDS A PLACE ROOSEVELT MIGHT LIKE

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 7. – Well that was some trip. Thousand-mile hop from Seattle to Juneau. Was going to stop at Ketchikan for lunch, but mist and rain and he just breezed through, never over 100 feet off the water.

And talk about navigating. There is millions of channels and islands and bays and all look alike (to me) but this old boy turns up the right alley all the time.

Nothing that I have ever seen is more beautiful than this inland passage, by either boat or plane, to Alaska. You know, I just been thinking about things at home. You know who I bet would like to be on this trip. Mr. Roosevelt.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2811 WILL ROGERS SEES ALASKA AS A DEMOCRATIC HEAVEN

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 8. – This is Juneau, the capital of the whole territory of Alaska. The Governor is a nice fellow, a Democrat but a gentleman. In their government there is sixteen Congressmen and eight Senators. Fifteen of the Congressmen are Democrats and all the Senators. It's about the nearest to an ideal existence you can get.

The Chamber of Commerce will shoot me for this, but I have been buying raincoats since early morning.

We are going to Skagway now and see the famous Chilkoot Pass. We will do it in ten minutes and it took the pioneers two and three months.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2812 MINING ACTIVITY IN ALASKA IMPRESSES WILL ROGERS

JUNEAU, Alaska, Aug. 9. – Bad weather. Not a plane mushed out of Juneau yesterday.

I had a great visit last night. Rex Beach, a mighty dear old friend, arrived from Vancouver. Alaska welcomed him like an old brother. He did more to popularize it than any one. The first movie I ever made was in ‘18, an Alaskan story by Rex called “Laughing Bill Hyde.”

Tourists are still arriving by the boatload. Mining activity everywhere. Not much news of Congress and what we do get is mostly bad. Guess it’s about the same down there.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2813 ROGERS AND WILEY POST FLY INTO THE FAR NORTH

AKLAVIK, N. W. T., Aug. l0. – Get your map out and look this up. The mouth of the Mackenzie River, right on the Arctic Ocean. Eskimos are thicker than rich men at a “Save the Constitution convention.”

This is sent from one of the most northerly posts of the Northwest Mounted Police, a great body of men, like the “G” men.

We are headed for famous Hershel Island in the Arctic. Old Wiley had to duck his head to keep from bumping it as we flew under the Arctic Circle. What, no night? It’s all day up here.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2814 WILL ROGERS DESCRIBES ADVENTURES IN FAR NORTH

AKLAVIK, N. W. T., Aug. l2. – Was you ever driving around in, a car and not knowing or caring where you went? Well, that’s what Wiley and I are

doing. We are sure having a great time. If we hear of whales or polar bears in the Artic, or a big herd of caribou or reindeer we fly over and see it.

Friday and Saturday we visited the old Klondyke district, Dawson City, Bonanza, Eldorado. Say there is a horse here; the furthest north of any horse, and he eats fish and travels on snowshoes. Maybe Point Barrow today.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2815 ROGERS DECIDES ALASKA WAS A PRETTY GOOD BUY

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 13. – This Alaska is a great country. If they can just keep from being taken over by the U. S. they got a great future.

This is the greatest aviation-minded city of its size in the world. There is only 30,000 white people in Alaska and there is seventy commercial planes operating every day, in winter on skis.

Edmonton, Canada, is similar for their country run clear to the Arctic. Both countries have developed marvelous pilots. What they need now is a mail line from Seattle up here.

There may be some doubt about the Louisiana purchase being a mistake, but when Seward in ‘68 bought Alaska for $7,000,000 he even made up for what we had overpaid the Indians for Manhattan Island.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2816 ROGERS TAKES A DAY OFF TO FLY UP MT. MCKINLEY

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Aug. l4. – Well, we had a day off today and nothing to do, so we went flying with friend Joe Crosson, Alaska’s crack pilot, who is a great friend of Wiley’s and helped him on his difficulties up here on his record trips, and Joe Barrows, another fine pilot. In a Lockheed Electra we scaled Mount McKinley, the highest one on the American Continent. Bright sunny day and the most beautiful sight I ever saw.

Crosson has landed on a glacier over half way up it in a plane and took off. Flew right by hundreds of mountain sheep, flew low over moose and bear down in the valley. Now out to visit Matanuska Valley, where they sent those l935 model pioneers.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

2817 ROGERS ON FLIGHT VISITS OUR NEW SPINACH PIONEERS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. l5. – Visited our new emigrants. Now this is no time to discuss whether it will succeed or whether it won't, whether it's farming country or whether it is not, and to enumerate the hundreds of mistakes and confusions and rows and arguments and management in the whole thing at home and here.

As I see it, there is now but one problem now that they are here, and that's to get 'em housed within six or eight weeks. Things have been a terrible mess. They are getting 'em straightened out, but even now not fast enough. There is about 700 or 800 of 'em. About 200 went back; also about that many workmen sent from the transient camps down home (not CCC) and just lately they are using about 150 Alaskan workmen paid regular wages. But it's just a few weeks to snow now and they have to be out of the tents, both workmen and settlers.

Plenty food and always has been and will be. They can always get that in, but it's houses they need right now and Colonel Hunt in charge realizes it.

You know after all there is a lot of difference in pioneering for gold and pioneering for spinach.

Yours,

Will Rogers.

NOTES

1. *New York Times* (hereafter cited as *NYT*), Friday, July 30, 1926, 19:7. Between July 29 and September 26, 1926, the Daily Telegrams (DT) appeared only in *NYT*; the text is from there. Datelines given in the telegrams are the dates on which Rogers sent them; dates given in notes indicate time of publication, usually the next day.

Nancy Astor, one of the beautiful Langhorne sisters from Virginia, wife of Lord Waldorf Astor and, as a British subject, the first woman to sit in the House of Commons, serving from 1920 to 1944. Sharp-tongued and quick-witted, Lady Astor's career in Parliament was marked by her opposition to the liquor interests and her concern for social issues.

James J. "Jimmie" Walker, the dapper and flamboyant mayor of New York City from 1925 to 1932, was famous for his elaborate civic welcomes for visiting dignitaries. He had invited Lady Astor to visit his city, but she declined.

2. *NYT*, Saturday, July 31, 1926, 13:7.

Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury of the United States from 1921 to 1932, traveled through Europe from July to September of 1926 to discuss war debts with European leaders.

Benito Mussolini, founder and leader of the Fascist movement, was dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1943.

No DT is available for Sunday, August 1, 1926.

3. *NYT*, Monday, August 2, 1926, 19:7.

Tammany Hall, a powerful Democratic political organization in New York City, was an important source of appointees for civic jobs.

4. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 3, 1926, 23:2.

5. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 4, 1926, 21:7.

William E. Borah, Republican United States senator from Idaho from 1907 until his death in 1940; chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations for seventeen years. Borah continued to press for the disposition of 4,207,392 square miles of territory taken from the defeated powers after World War I and distributed among other national groups.

Suzanne Lenglen, French tennis champion, turned professional in 1926 at the urging of C. C. "Cash and Carry" Pyle, sports promoter; she retired a year later.

George Bernard Shaw, British playwright, novelist, and literary critic.

6. *NYT*, Thursday, August 5, 1926, 23:2.

Twenty-two swimmers, including eight women, attempted to swim the English Channel during July, August, and September of 1926.

Winston Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer of England from 1924 to 1929 and prime minister from 1940 to 1945 and 1951 to 1955.

7. *NYT*, Friday, August 6, 1926, 17:2.

8. *NYT*, Saturday, August 7, 1926, 13:7.

Lincoln Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury from 1925 to 1927, was the chief enforcer of prohibition laws.

9. *NYT*, Sunday, August 8, 1926, II:1:2.

10. *NYT*, Monday, August 9, 1926, 17:7.

Two days earlier American swimming champion Gertrude Ederle had become the first woman and sixth individual to swim the English Channel.

11. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 10, 1926, 23:2.

Georges Clemenceau, premier of France during World War I. In an open letter to President Coolidge, the eighty-five-year-old Clemenceau admitted that France was a debtor nation but one that would remain totally independent.

12. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 11, 1926, 23:2.

13. NYT, Thursday, August 12, 1926, 21:7.

American tourists had been behaving obnoxiously in France. President Coolidge asked Americans who traveled abroad to be considerate and to remember that they were guests in other countries.

14. *NYT*, Friday, August 13, 1926, 19:2.

Bernard Baruch, successful American businessman who officially advised several presidents, was active in Democratic politics. The financier told reporters that Clemenceau's letter was "food for thought."

No DTs are available for Saturday, August 14; Sunday, August 15; and Monday, August 16, 1926.

15. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 17, 1926, 23:2.

A championship cricket series between Australian and English teams had begun June 12, 1926, and had produced no decision through four matches. The fifth and deciding match began on August 15 and was held on the Kensington Oval in London. England was the eventual winner.

16. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 18, 1926, 23:2.

King George V was not in Scotland when Rogers and the newspapers believed he was but was grouse hunting elsewhere in Great Britain.

17. *NYT*, Thursday, August 19, 1926, 21:2.

Frank B. Kellogg, United States secretary of state from 1925 to 1929. Kellogg spoke in Plattsburgh, New York, on August 18 at the dedication of a memorial to Thomas Macdonough, an early-day American naval commander.

The Preliminary Disarmament Conference was established by the League of Nations in 1925. The conference, held in Geneva, Switzerland, in the summer of 1926, ended when the United States, Britain, and other conferring nations could not agree on significant points.

18. *NYT*, Friday, August 20, 1926, 19:2.

19. *NYT*, Saturday, August 21, 1926, 13:2.

The Philippine Islands were transferred from Spain to the United States by the Treaty of Paris of 1898, which ended the Spanish-American War. By the Jones Act of 1916, the United States promised eventual independence for the islands, but subsequent Republican administrations, including that of President Coolidge, opposed self-government. Independence finally was granted in 1946.

The Irish Free State was accepted by the London Imperial Conference in October and November as a self-governing member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but Northern Ireland remained under British rule.

20. *NYT*, Sunday, August 22, 1926, I:5:3.

The Treaty of Versailles, which ended World War I, limited the size of the German army.

21. *NYT*, Monday, August 23, 1926, 17:2.

Several European dictators, including Mussolini, were targets of unsuccessful assassination plots during 1926. One former official of the Ukrainian Republic and the vice president of the Georgian Republic were assassinated.

22. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 24, 1926, 23:7.

A military coup had overthrown Greek dictator Theodoros Pangalos on August 22. Pangalos tried to escape the country by hiding in a wireless turret of a ship, but he was caught and returned to Athens.

The hippopotamus was the first born in captivity since 1922.

George M. Cohan, American actor, playwright, and producer; composer of many popular, patriotic tunes.

23. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 25, 1926, 23:7.

Parliament was recalled to deal with a continuing coal strike.

24. *NYT*, Thursday, August 26, 1926, 21:7.

The French Parliament had passed a revenue bill in early August of 1926, and rumors indicated another tax increase was imminent.

25. *NYT*, Friday, August 27, 1926, 19:7.

26. *NYT*, Saturday, August 28, 1926, 13:7.

27. *NYT*, Sunday, August 29, 1926, I:3:5.

Mrs. Amelia Corson of New York City swam the English Channel from Cape Grisnez, France, to Dover, England, in fifteen hours and twenty-eight minutes on August 29. Mrs. Corson, a mother of two children, was only the second woman and seventh individual to accomplish the feat.

28. *NYT*, Monday, August 30, 1926, 3:4.

29. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 31, 1926, 21:7.

A Labour party member interrupted debate in the House of Commons and was suspended from the "service of the House." A similar outburst had occurred in Washington during the previous session of Congress.

Newton Baker, secretary of war in President Woodrow Wilson's administration. On August 29, Baker called for mutual cancellation of all war debts.

John Hobbs, generally regarded as the greatest batsman in cricket, was the English hero of the recent test matches with Australia (see DT 15).

George Herman "Babe" Ruth, popular American baseball player and renowned home run hitter; played for the New York Yankees from 1920 to 1935.

Ernst Vierkoetter, a German, broke all previous marks for swimming the English Channel. Vierkoetter rested on an English beach for twenty minutes following his swim and then immediately returned by tug to France.

30. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 1, 1926, 2:4.

31. *NYT*, Thursday, September 2, 1926, 23:7.

Charles Evans Hughes, United States secretary of state from 1921 to 1925. In 1930 Hughes was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court, a post which he held until 1941.

Aristide Briand, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1926, served as prime minister of France intermittently from 1909 to 1929.

For Newton Baker see DT 29.

32. *NYT*, Friday, September 3, 1926, 19:7.

In 1919 French hotel owner Raymond Orteig offered an award of $25,000 for the first successful nonstop flight between New York City and Paris. By 1926 several such flights had been proposed, and discussion about them dominated the news for several weeks.

Brigadier General William "Billy" Mitchell, assistant air chief and foremost champion of air power, had resigned his commission in the United States Army in February of 1926 after facing temporary suspension from duty for criticizing his superiors' refusal to support aviation. Rogers voiced strong support for Mitchell throughout the airman's court-martial in 1926.

33. *NYT*, Saturday, September 4, 1926, 15:7.

Spain, a charter member of the League of Nations and a permanent member of its General Council, was assigned nonpermanent status when Germany was granted membership in the League in 1926 and given a permanent seat on the council. The realignment generated considerable controversy and prompted Spain to withdraw temporarily from the League.

No DT is available for Sunday, September 5, 1926.

34. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 6, 1926, 17:7.

President Coolidge issued an executive statement on September 4, assuring other countries that the proposed five-year aviation expansion program of the United States did not violate the Washington naval armaments treaty of 1922.

Coolidge, who previously had been reluctant to support a strong national defense program, announced the new aviation proposal while on a fishing vacation at his summer home in the Adirondack Mountains.

35. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 7, 1926, 23:7.

Harry Thaw, a wealthy American playboy, had married Evelyn Nesbit, an artist's model and actress, in 1905. A year later, Thaw shot and killed one of his wife's former suitors, Stanford White, a prominent New York architect. Thaw was institutionalized until 1906 as criminally insane. The couple divorced in 1916, but rumors prevailed in 1926 that they had reconciled. They never remarried.

William T. Cosgrave, president of the Irish Free State from 1922 to 1932 and one of the leading figures of the Irish Revolution. President Cosgrave requested international assistance after a fire swept a packed movie theater in Dromcolliher, County Limerick, on September 6, killing forty-six persons. Rogers staged a benefit show for the victims and their families.

No DT is available for Wednesday, September 8, 1926.

36. *NYT*, Thursday, September 9, 1926, 25:7.

Civil war had disrupted Ireland since the creation of the Irish Free State in 1922. President Cosgrave had brought a measure of stability to the country, and the new nation had been admitted to the League of Nations.

Alfred E. Smith, governor of New York from 1919 to 1921 and 1923 to 1929. Smith, an Irish Catholic and adamant anti-prohibitionist, had sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 1920 and 1924 and finally became the nominee in 1928.

37. *NYT*, Friday, September 10, 1926, 23:7.

Irish-Americans dominated police departments in many American cities, particularly New York City. In 1930 the New York "force" was still more than one-third Irish.

No DT is available for Saturday, September 11, 1926.

38. *NYT*, Sunday, September 12, 1926, I:13:2.

Frenchman Georges Michel swam the English Channel on September 10 and beat Ernst Vierkoetter's record by one hour and thirty-eight minutes (see DT 29).

Dr. Otto Peltzer, a German schoolteacher, defeated Swedish athlete Edwin Wide and famed Finnish runner Paavo Nurmi by less than three meters in a 1,500-meter race at a track meet in Berlin on September 11.

39. *NYT*, Monday, September 13, 1926, 23:7.

Wide had edged Nurmi the previous day in the 1,500-meter race (see DT 38) and defeated him again in a record setting two-mile race on September 12. Nurmi established a new two-mile record in 1931.

No DTs are available for Tuesday, September 14; Wednesday, September 15; Thursday, September 16; and Friday, September 17, 1926.

40. *NYT*, Saturday, September 18, 1926, 19:4.

The Treaty of Versailles provided for Allied occupation of the Rhineland in Germany for fifteen years. The Allied forces were withdrawn in June of 1930.

René Fonck, French air ace of World War I. A group of Americans contracted with Captain Fonck in early 1926 to compete for Raymond Orteig's prize of $25,000 for the first nonstop New York to Paris flight. On September 21, after numerous delays and false starts, Fonck and three crew members took off from an airfield on Long Island, New York, but soon crashed. Two of the crew members were killed, but Fonck and his navigator escaped serious injury.

41. *NYT*, Sunday, September 19, 1926, II:1:7.

For René Fonck see DT 40; for Gertrude Ederle see DT 10; for Amelia Corson se DT 27.

42. *NYT*, Monday, September 20, 1926, 25:7.

Sandy Hook, a peninsula of New Jersey, located fifteen miles south of Manhattan Island, was the point at which Europe-bound ocean liners dropped their coastal pilots.

43. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 21, 1926, 27:7.

A devastating hurricane struck Florida on September 18, killing 372 persons and injuring 6,000 others. Property damage was estimated at more than $80,000,000.

No DT is available for Wednesday, September 22, 1926.

44. *NYT*, Thursday, September 23, 1926, 27:7.

The *Leviathan*, one of the premier luxury liners of the 1920s, was operated by the United States Shipping Board.

45. *NYT*, Friday, September 24, 1926, 25:7.

46. *NYT*, Saturday, September 25, 1926, 8:3.

The owners of the *Leviathan* arranged for Will Rogers, former Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes (see DT 31), and actor-author James Gleason to stage a benefit for victims of the Florida hurricane. The performers collected $40,600 for two shows.

Jack "Doc" Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey and five other world championship boxers. Kearns and Dempsey had parted company earlier, but the former manager recently had brought suit against the boxer for contractual violations. On September 23, while the case still was undecided, Dempsey lost a title bout to Gene Tunney, prompting Rogers to label Dempsey's loss a moral victory for Kearns.

No DT available for Sunday, September 26, 1926.

47. *NYT*, Monday, September 27, 1926, 7:2.

Milton Hershey, millionaire chocolate manufacturer and noted philanthropist. Hershey gave $8,000 to see Rogers repeat the benefit performance.

48. *Los Angeles Times* (hereinafter cited as *LAT*), Monday, October 11, 1926, I:1:4-5. Variant: *Boston Daily Globe* (hereinafter cited as *BDG*) gives dateline "Oct. 11." After his return from Europe, Rogers began a lecture tour of the United States and Canada while McNaught prepared and sold syndication rights to the Daily Telegrams; no telegrams appeared for two weeks. Rogers resumed writing the daily dispatches on October 10 while in Canada, but newspaper datelines for the telegrams of October 10-13 conflict significantly with Rogers' lecture itinerary. Rogers possibly wrote several post-dated telegrams at one sitting and released them, without revision as to time and place, as his tour progressed.

The World Court, the Permanent Court of International Justice, was established to supplement the machinery of the League of Nations. Several prominent Americans, including President Coolidge, favored joining it, but Senate approval of United States membership was accompanied by reservations that clouded chances for American participation.

Fifteen-year-old Frances "Peaches" Browning had married fifty-year-old Edward "Daddy" Browning, a wealthy New York City real estate operator, in April of 1926. On October 2, Peaches left Browning and later filed for divorce. Litigation of the suit continued for several months and filled the pages of sensational tabloids. Eventually the couple legally separated.

Haiti had been occupied by American forces since 1915. A ten-year treaty between the United States and Haiti, originally signed in 1916, was renegotiated in 1926. The troops were withdrawn in 1934.

The Mason and Dixon Line, originally the southern boundary line of Pennsylvania, still was regarded in the 1920s as the sentimental boundary between the North and the South.

49. *LAT*, Tuesday, October 12, 1926, I:1:2-3. Variants: *BDG* gives dateline "Oct 12"/*BDG* inserts "that" at the end of the fifth sentence.

The Eighteenth Amendment was ratified in 1919 and established prohibition of intoxicating liquors as a national policy. The Volstead Act of 1919 provided the machinery for enforcement. It defined as intoxicating liquor any beverage containing more than .5 percent alcohol.

50. *LAT*, Wednesday, October 13, 1926, I:1:2. Variant: *BDG* gives dateline "Oct 12."

In Canada, a coalition of anti-administration farmers concerned about declining farm prices had recorded gains in parliamentary elections. Similar hardships in the United States prompted American farmers to pressure for changes in governmental policy.

51. *LAT*, Thursday, October 14, 1926, I:1:4-5.

Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 1925 to 1931. Longworth, who was bald and played the violin, was married to Theodore Roosevelt's vibrant daughter Alice.

For Jack Dempsey see DT 46.

Harry Wills, black championship boxer from New Orleans who had sought to fight Dempsey for the world title. Promoters who opposed a racially mixed title bout had blocked the move. On October 12 young contender Jack Sharkey decisively beat aging Wills.

52. *NYT*, Friday, October 15, 1926, 25:7, Variant: *LAT* gives heading "BULLETIN FROM WILL ROGERS."

Queen Marie, queen consort of Romania from 1914 to 1927. With two of her children and a retinue of seventeen, the queen arrived on October 18 ostensibly for a good will tour of the United States. It quickly became clear that business considerations were paramount, and long before her departure on November 24 a tone of displeasure crept into newspaper accounts.

Charles Darwin, British naturalist who suggested the evolutionary theory of man. His revolutionary ideas were met with extreme opposition in some parts of the United States, including Tennessee where a statute of March 23, 1925, forbade any publicly funded educational institution "to teach the theory that denies the story of the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible."

53. *NYT*, Saturday, October 16, 1926, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "He got in here this morning, took one look at Birmingham, and left" in second sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

Jeddu Krishnamurti, an Indian Hindu hailed in the 1920s as the reincarnated messiah. Krishnamurti and his sponsor, Annie Besant, world president of the Theosophical Society, began a lecture tour of the United States in August of 1926. The couple left the country the following April gently criticizing American materialism.

Elbert Gary, a lawyer and chairman of the board of United States Steel Corporation from 1903 to 1927. United States Steel owned considerable property in the steel producing cities of Birmingham, Alabama, and Youngstown, Ohio.

54. *NYT*, Sunday, October 17, 1926, I:24:3-4. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

55. *NYT*, Monday, October 18, 1926, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "ROGERS SEEKS QUEEN'S AID"/*BDG* and *LAT* give, while *NYT* omits, "the rambling Rumanian" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "Louis Fuller" in second sentence.

Loie Fuller, American actress and dancer. Miss Fuller had befriended Queen Marie of Romania during World War I and accompanied the monarch on her American tour. She emerged as a controversial power behind the scenes, although she denied that she had made the arrangements for the queen's activities.

56. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 19, 1926, 4:6. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "WILL ROGERS THANKS QUEEN"/*NYT* begins third sentence "Americans, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*LAT* omits postscript.

Aimee Semple McPherson, colorful evangelist and faith healer of the 1920s and 1930s. In 1926 Miss McPherson claimed that she had been kidnapped and held captive for five weeks. An investigation indicated that she had spent part of the time in the company of Kenneth Ormiston, an associate, at Carmel-by-the-Sea, California. On September 27 she was indicted for conspiracy to obstruct justice and on other charges. The case was dismissed in January of 1927.

The Twenty-seventh Infantry Division of the United States Army, composed mainly of men from New York, had trained at Camp Wadsworth, near Spartanburg, before departing for France during World War I.

57. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 20, 1926, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "for separation" in first sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*BDG* ends second sentence "Happy now."

58. *NYT*, Thursday, October 21, 1926, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "COMMENT BY WILL ROGERS"/*BDG* gives "life a flivver" in second sentence.

Byron Patton "Pat" Harrison, Democratic United States senator from Mississippi from 1919 to 1941. Witty and unpretentious, Harrison was a favorite among his colleagues in Congress.

59. *NYT*, Friday, October 22, 1926, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "ROGERS MUSE WAKED BY NEWS"/*BDG* gives "Claremore, Oklahoma," in close.

No new facts had enlivened the Browning case (see DTs 48, 56, and 57).

Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company. Ford had announced on September 25, 1926, that his company was instituting a five-day work week, simultaneously adjusting wages so that workers would not lose in the process.

Queen Marie's personal accounts of her travels began appearing in newspapers on October 15 under sponsorship of the North American Newspaper Alliance, a syndicate of sixty journals.

Aimee McPherson seemed to be subject to several illnesses, one of which had delayed her arrest in late September. She was not too ill, however, to appear daily in court during her trial.

60. *NYT*, Saturday, October 23, 1926, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "DIARY OF WILL ROGERS"/*BDG* and *LAT* add "the ballyhooing Balkan" and omit "Queen" in first sentence/*NYT* omits, while *BDG* and *LAT* add, entire second paragraph (*LAT* gives "Salt Lake City" as location).

Grover Cleveland Alexander, hard-throwing pitcher and hero of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals of 1926. In October, Alexander returned to his hometown of St. Paul, Nebraska, where he was accorded a rousing welcome.

While Aimee McPherson's trial continued, engineer Thomas Towne revealed in Salt Lake City that he had witnessed a red haired lady change clothes in a car near Los Angeles on May 18 and then drive off with a man. He identified the pair as McPherson and Kenneth Ormiston (see DT 56). Towne's testimony later was discredited.

61. *NYT*, Sunday, October 24, 1926, I:23:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

A worldwide slump in cotton prices had occurred in 1926.

Queen Marie had been guest of honor on October 22, at a private luncheon at the Bankers Club in New York City. The dinner lent weight to the widespread suspicion that the queen's visit involved a potential private loan for Romania to be floated in the United States.

62. *NYT*, Monday, October 25, 1926, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "WILL ROGER'S DAILY DIARY"/*LAT* gives dateline "Joplin, (O.)."

The bodies of the Reverend Edward Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills were discovered in September of 1922 in a lovers' lane near New Brunswick, New Jersey. Hall's widow and her brothers were arrested and brought to trial in one of the most sensational murder cases of the 1920s. A number of individuals allegedly had witnessed the killings on the lonely rural road, but the defendants were acquitted in December of 1926 on the failure of the state to provide a case.

The first title bout between Jack Dempsey and challenger Gene Tunney was witnessed by more than 100,000 spectators in Philadelphia on September 23, 1926. Dempsey lost the world championship in the fight, which drew a gate of more than $1,000,000.

63. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 26, 1926, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "WILL ROGERS'S TRAVEL DIARY"/*NYT* spells out name of ranch in first sentence/*BDG* gives "round-up limousines" in fifth sentence/*NYT* omits sixth and following sentences.

The 101 Ranch, owned by the Miller brothers Joe, Zack, and George, encompassed 110,000 acres in north central Oklahoma. The enterprise included a model farm, circus animals, petroleum deposits, experimental crops, and prize livestock. The brothers' 101 Ranch Real Wild West Show traveled throughout the United States and Europe from 1906 to 1931.

64. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 27, 1926, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives heading "ROGERS LISTENS TO CANDIDATES"

Queen Marie's tour had taken the monarch in one week from New York to Washington and back, via Baltimore, Annapolis, and Philadelphia, then to West Point and Buffalo en route to Canada.

65. *NYT*, Thursday, October 28, 1926, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* omit postscripts.

Mary Garden, Scottish-born opera star who made her debut in the United States in 1907. Rogers, a friend of Miss Garden's, referred here to an incident in Paris during his recent European tour.

66. *NYT*, Friday, October 29, 1926, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives heading "WANDERINGS OF WILL ROGERS"/*NYT* gives "How's Aimee and Al Smith and Pomerene making out?" in last sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

Atlee Pomerene, Democratic United States senator from Ohio from 1911 to 1923. In 1926 Pomerene made an unsuccessful bid to return to the United States Senate.

67. *BDG* (AM), Saturday, October 30, 1926, 1:6. *NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

On July 17, 1926, the Reverend Frank Norris, fundamentalist minister of the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, allegedly shot and killed Dexter Chipps, a businessman, who was visiting in Norris' office. Chipps supposedly had protested the minister's radio denunciation of various civic and business leaders. The trial for murder opened on November 1 and resulted in Norris' acquittal on January 25, 1927.

68. *NYT*, Sunday, October 31, 1926, I:18:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

In the congressional elections of 1918, President Woodrow Wilson had asked American voters to approve his leadership by returning a Democratic majority to both houses of Congress. The Republicans, instead, won majorities in both the House and the Senate.

69. *NYT*, Monday, November 1, 1926, 23:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "They don't" to begin second sentence.

Political observers believed that two newly-elected senators would face challenges to their being seated. Since May, a Senate committee had publicized allegations that Republicans William Vare of Pennsylvania and Frank Smith of Illinois had spent far more that the legal limit for campaigning.

70. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 2, 1926, 4:3.

71. *LAT*, Wednesday, November 3, 1926, I:1:4-5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Miriam "Ma" and James "Pa" Ferguson. James Ferguson served as governor of Texas from 1915 until his impeachment and removal from office in 1917 for various reasons, including misappropriation of state funds. He attempted to run again in 1924, but a court ruled he could not be a candidate. His wife, Miriam, promptly entered the race and won with the open support of her husband; she served from 1925 to 1927 and 1933 to 1935.

Dan Moody, attorney general of Texas from 1925 to 1927, Moody, thirty-three years old and an ardent prohibitionist, earlier had defeated Governor Miriam Ferguson in the Democratic primary of 1926. He was elected governor in that year and served from 1927 to 1931.

"Colonel" Edward M. House, Houston-born business and political leader and an adviser to several Texas governors. He was a well-known confidant of President Woodrow Wilson.

72. *NYT*, Thursday, November 4, 1926, 19:3.

William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1924 and an adviser to President Coolidge. Butler was appointed from Massachusetts in 1924 to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate. Despite Coolidge's public endorsement, he was defeated in the general election on November 2, 1926; he resigned from the Senate one month later.

James Wadsworth, Jr., Republican United States senator from New York from 1915 to 1927. Despite much pressure, President Coolidge had not indicated a favorite between Wadsworth or Democrat Robert Wagner in the general election. Later, Wadsworth served in the United States House of Representatives from 1931 to 1951.

After all votes were counted, including those of a special election in Maine on November 29, 1926, to fill a vacancy, Republicans held forty-eight seats in the Senate and Democrats held forty-seven, with one Farmer-Labor member.

73. *NYT*, Friday, November 5, 1926, 23:7.

Democratic candidates in Oklahoma captured a seat in the United States Senate and the governorship in the general election.

74. *NYT*, Saturday, November 6, 1926, 19:7.

75. *NYT*, Sunday, November 7, 1926, I:28:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

The "new referee" was John Carroll who was assigned to Queen Marie's tour by officials of the three railroads that had arranged the journey. His job was to resolve the friction between the monarch's aides and some Americans accompanying the party.

Gene Tunney's opponent in the first defense of his new heavyweight crown was uncertain. Jack Sharkey, who had turned professional in 1924, had issued a challenge, but the two men never met in the ring.

76. *NYT*, Monday, November 8, 1926, 21:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT, Kansas City Times* (hereinafter cited as *KCT*) omit "Coolidge" in first sentence/*BDG*, *LAT,* and *KCT* give "will have the" in first sentence.

77. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 9, 1926, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "a Spearmint man" in second sentence.

Rogers' parenthetical heading echoed that used by the *New York Times* on this day: "ON BOARD THE QUEEN OF RUMANIA'S TRAIN AT SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 6."

A member of the queen's party disclosed that Ford Motor Company had furnished without charge the automobiles used by the royal party; the service cost Ford more than $250,000. The informant, J.B. Ayers, a Ford representative was dismissed from the queen's train.

78. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 10, 1926, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "sort of a tour" in second sentence, but *LAT* has it as here/*BDG* omits "tour" in second sentence.

79. *BDG* (AM), Thursday, November 11, 1926, 1:8. Variants: *LAT* gives "is Kansas City today" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "Vare" for "war" in third sentence/*NYT* did not print DT.

The Liberty Memorial, 360 feet high, was erected near downtown Kansas City, Missouri, in honor of soldiers from the city killed during World War I. The structure includes a masonry shaft thirty-five feet in diameter that rises 217 feet above a broad platform.

James A. Reed, Democratic United States senator from Missouri from 1911 to 1929. Reed, combative and sharp-tongued, was a prominent isolationist and anti-prohibitionist and was chairman of a Senate inquiry into campaign expenditures.

William Vare, United States representative from 1912 to 1923 and 1923 to 1927. Vare, a powerful Republican politician from Philadelphia, was a successful candidate for the United States Senate in 1926. The Senate, however, voided the election due to excessive expenditures. Vare served as senator from 1927 until his unseating on December 6, 1929.

Frank Smith, Republican United States representative from Illinois from 1919 to 1921. Smith was elected to the United States Senate in the general election of 1926. The Senate, however, refused to seat him because Smith, while serving as chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission, had received $158,000 for his campaign from Samuel Insull, Chicago utilities magnate.

80. *LAT*, Friday, November 12, 1926, I:1:3-4. Variants: *KCT* gives first sentence "This is Armistice day."/*NYT* did not print the DT.

During the current football season, nine college and high school football players had died of injuries received in practice or games, while fifty other major injuries to players had occurred.

81. *NYT*, Saturday, November 13, 1926, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "in speech… one of all, Jim Reed, raised" in first, second, and third sentences, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

At the dedication of the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, President Coolidge paid tribute to the service in World War I of predominantly Kansas and Missouri units and to the role of a regiment of Missouri volunteers in the Mexican War.

Frank and Jesse James, outlaw brothers from Missouri who terrorized much of the Middle West before Jesse's death in 1882 and Frank's reformation.

Reed, born in Ohio and reared in Iowa, moved to Kansas City at age twenty-six. He gained local prominence as county prosecuting attorney from 1898 to 1900, securing 285 convictions in 287 cases. He also served two terms as mayor of Kansas City (see DT 79).

82. *NYT*, Sunday, November 14, 1926, I:5:3-4. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Warren G. Harding, president of the United States from 1920 to 1923, died in office. Harding once had proposed that in the event of another war the United States should not only draft its manhood but also its industrial, agricultural, and capital wealth to wage the conflict. Coolidge had reiterated this position in Kansas City.

83. *NYT*, Monday, November 15, 1926, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* omits second and third sentences, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

Princeton University defeated Harvard, 12 to 0, in a football game on November 6. During the following week, the *Harvard Lampoon*, a student humor magazine, strained relations between the two private eastern colleges when it published an article that satirized and denounced Princeton. The next Saturday, Harvard lost to Brown University, 21 to 0.

Knute Rockne, Norwegian-born football coach at Notre Dame University from 1914 until his death in an airplane accident in 1931. While head coach from 1920 to 1930, Rockne directed his team to a record of ninety-six wins, twelve losses, and three ties. Notre Dame defeated the United States Military Academy, 7 to 0, on November 13.

84. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 16, 1926, 29:7.

Ferdinand I, king of Romania from 1914 to 1927 and husband of Queen Marie (see DT 52). According to published reports on November 15, the queen intended to curtail her American visit at the ailing king's request, with the promise that she would be home by Christmas. A day later she issued a formal denial that she had received any messages calling her home.

Wishing to have Lincoln limousines available at each stop, John Carroll, American coordinator of Queen Marie's tour, had informed the Ford Motor Company of his willingness to allow Ford representative J. B. Ayers to rejoin the queen's party.

85. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 17, 1926, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "wake of" in first sentence/*BDG* begins sixth sentence "Auto dealer"/ *NYT* ends seventh sentence after "way" and begins new paragraph at "Grand"/*BDG* adds to signature "Royal Joker Tours."

Kansas City had been the home since 1899 of the American Royal Livestock Show. Judging prize stock was a prominent feature of the event. Rogers was the scheduled banquet speaker for the Junior Farmers that evening.

86. *NYT*, Thursday, November 18, 1926, 25:7.

87. *NYT*, Friday, November 19, 1926, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "barn" for "harem" in second sentence.

Benjamin Purnell, leader of the House of David, a religious cult that flourished in Benton Harbor, Michigan, during the first quarter of the twentieth century. Purnell claimed immortality, prohibited the cutting of hair or beard, and forbade his members to have sexual relations. He disappeared in 1922 when warrants were issued for his arrest on morality charges. He was arrested on November 19, 1926, but died in early 1927.

88. *NYT*, Saturday, November 20, 1926, 19:7.

A number of national and regional farmers conference were meeting at this time, including conventions in St. Louis, Missouri; Portland, Maine; and Indianapolis, Indiana.

Voters in Colorado and other western states on November 2 defeated referendum proposals to repeal state dry laws passed in compliance with the Volstead Act.

No DT is available for Sunday, November 21, 1926.

89. *NYT*, Monday, November 22, 1926, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "which was the worst team." to end first sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

90. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 23, 1926, 31:7.

91. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 24, 1926, 25:7.

Mussolini had survived at least three attempts on his life since Rogers interviewed him during the Oklahoman's summer tour of Europe (see DT 2).

92. *NYT*, Thursday, November 25, 1926, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* omits "turkey" in second sentence.

Queen Marie boarded the S.S. *Berengaria* on November 24 to sail for Cherbourg, France, thus ending her visit to the United States at least a month earlier than first indicated.

93. *NYT*, Friday, November 26, 1926, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "station" for "depot" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "as one of those America's solo tourists" in fifth and sixth sentences.

Samuel Hill, wealthy railroad executive, lawyer, and roadway builder. Hill had been instrumental in arranging Queen Marie's American visit and had accompanied the monarch during much of her tour.

William Brandon, governor of Alabama from 1923 to 1927. At the Democratic National Convention in 1924, each of the 103 nominating ballots for president had opened with Brandon intoning, "Alabama cast, twenty-four votes for Oscar W. Underwood." Brandon, a prohibitionist, recently had been arrested while on a fishing trip and charged with illegal possession of liquor.

94. *NYT*, Saturday, November 27, 1926, 19:7.

Several congressmen and senators had received free tickets to the Army-Navy football game in Chicago; paying customers understandably protested. Scheduled for Soldier Field, which had a seating capacity of 110,000, the game attracted more than 600,000 inquiries for tickets.

95. *NYT*, Sunday, November 28, 1926, I:20:2-3. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Carnegie Tech of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—nick-named "Andy's Boys" for Secretary of the Treasury and Pittsburgh native Andrew Mellon—defeated Notre Dame, 19 to 0. Carnegie football fans performed a figurative victory dance in the shape of the "black bottom," one of the popular dance steps of the decade.

James Watson, Democratic United States senator from Indiana from 1916 to 1933. Watson narrowly won reelection after a term that included allegations of corruption and Ku Klux Klan support.

Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard, humorist and cartoonist for the *Indianapolis News* from 1891 to 1930. Hubbard created Abe Martin, a rustic character who appeared in daily syndicated line drawings, each with two sentences of current, universal comment.

George Ade, Indiana humorist and newspaperman. An earnest advocate of golf, Ade wrote a magazine article, the title of which warned wives, "Look Out for Your Husbands! Golf Is Coming!"

The Ku Klux Klan of the post-Civil War period was revived in 1915 and gathered thousands of converts in both the North and the South during the 1920s through intensive promotional efforts. The activities of the extremely nationalistic and racist Klan, 5,000,000 strong, were a major issue in the nation. Indiana, a state politically dominated by the Klan, was shaking off its influences by late 1926.

Charles G. Dawes, vice president of the United States from 1925 to 1929. Dawes, presiding officer of the Senate, had slipped off to a hotel for a nap when President Coolidge's nominee for attorney general was up for Senate confirmation. After approval failed by one vote, Dawes never completely overcame the suspicion that he deliberately had been absent.

For Nicholas Longworth see DT 51.

Albert Ritchie, governor of Maryland from 1920 to 1935. Ritchie was a frequent candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Frank Lowden, governor of Illinois from 1917 to 1921. Lowden was an active but unsuccessful candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1920. After a respite from public office, Lowden recently had announced his candidacy for the nomination in 1928.

96. *NYT*, Monday, November 29, 1926, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "aviation. Both" in first sentence.

97. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 30, 1926, 31:7.

South Bend, Indiana, a city of about 70,000 in 1920, was noted as a diversified manufacturing center and as the home of Notre Dame University.

98. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 1, 1926, 29:7.

Rudolph Valentino, popular Italian-born star of the American cinema during the 1920s. He rocketed to fame in *The Shiek* in 1921, and was the romantic hero of the era. He was declining in popularity, however, when he died suddenly in August of 1926. On November 25 Natacha Rambova, Valentino's second wife, professed to have established spiritual communication with him.

In a special election in Maine on November 29 to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate, Republican Arthur Gould defeated Democrat Fulton Reitman.

99. *NYT*, Thursday, December 2, 1926, 29:7.

In China, unstable since a revolution in 1911, American and other foreign nations had treaty rights allowing them to patrol Chinese waters to protect lives and property of their nationals. On November 30, two United States destroyers were ordered to the river city of Hankow to augment a force of American marines who reportedly had landed there earlier.

Nicaragua had two rival governments, with Mexico aiding the liberal and the United States aiding the conservative. American marines landed in August of 1926 after the conservative president had requested their intervention.

American relations with Mexico deteriorated during 1926 as the United States renewed pressure concerning property rights of foreigners under the Mexican constitution. Secretary of State Kellogg issued several notes on these questions amid predictions of a break in diplomatic relations in 1927 when new, stricter laws were to become effective.

Tacna and Arica, border provinces between Chile and Peru, had been occupied by Chile for more than forty years. President Harding, acting as arbitrator, had failed in 1922 to settle the problem through a plebiscite. On November 30, 1926, Kellogg proposed that both provinces be demilitarized and given to Bolivia. The provinces were partitioned in 1929.

100. *NYT*, Friday, December 3, 1926, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Roumania" in fourth sentence.

101. *BDG*, Saturday, December 4, 1926, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "The Hall-Mills jury ended by turning in the verdict it had…let the jury render its verdict when it's sworn in instead of when it's worn out."/*NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

No DT is available for Sunday, December 5, 1926.

102. *LAT*, Monday, December 6, 1926, I:1:3-4; heading as in *NYT*, 2:3. Variants: *NYT* gives "pray to the Lord to give" in second sentence and omits third sentence entirely.

103. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 7, 1926, 2:2.

104. *NYT,* Wednesday, December 8, 1926, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Roumania" in first sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

Considerable speculation arose regarding a successor to ailing King Ferdinand of Romania. A struggle was expected between factions that supported former Crown Prince Carol, who earlier had renounced his right to the throne, and his son, six-year-old Prince Michael. The health of Ferdinand improved during December, prompting the king to affirm his intention to fulfill his duties.

105. *NYT*, Thursday, December 9, 1926, 29:7. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

106. *NYT*, Friday, December 10, 1926, 27:7.

Installment purchases, especially of automobiles and household appliances, expanded to 15 percent of retail sales in the 1920s. Government officials noted their concern but held that such purchases aided business and did not interfere with the prudent savings of the American people.

107. *NYT*, Saturday, December 11, 1926, 19:6.

For Governor Albert Ritchie see DT 95.

108. *NYT*, Sunday, December 12, 1926, I:2:6. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

President Coolidge, in his budget message on December 9 predicted a treasury surplus of $383,079,095 for the fiscal year, which had begun on July 1. Secretary of the Treasury Mellon suggested rebates to taxpayers, while Democratic Representative John Garner of Texas proposed a tax reduction.

Sol Bloom, Democratic United States representative from New York from 1923 to 1949. Bloom made a fortune in real estate, entertainment, and construction before entering politics.

Royal S. Copeland, Democratic United States senator from New York from 1923 to 1938. A physician, Copeland became dean of a New York City medical college in 1908 and entered political life ten years later as the municipal health commissioner.

109. *NYT*, Monday, December 13, 1926, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives “Count Salm is…talent, husbands” in first and second sentences, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

Count Ludwig Salm von Hoogstraeten, Austrian nobleman, actor and tennis player. Salm married American heiress Millicent Rogers in 1924, but after many well-publicized marital stresses he filed a suit for separation; receiving an out-of-court settlement of more than $300,000, he dropped the suit in March of 1927. Countess Salm later obtained a divorce in Paris.

110. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 15, 1926, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* omits “A. and M.” and “Yours” in second paragraph, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here.

Rebecca Rogers, a graduate of the University of Texas and a secretary to Governor-elect Moody (see DT 71), robbed a bank in Buda, Texas, on December 11. Despite a plea that she needed the money to pay debts, she was tried and convicted for the crime.

Governor Ma Ferguson of Texas (see DT 71) had pardoned more than 3,200 convicted criminals by the end of her two-year term in January of 1927.

111. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 15, 1926, 29:7.

112. *NYT*, Thursday, December 16, 1926, 29:7.

Marion Talley, opera singer from Kansas City who became a minor celebrity in February of 1926 by being selected to sing a soprano role for the New York Metropolitan Opera. Miss Talley refused to perform at a concert in New Rochelle, New York, when advance payment of a guaranteed $3,000 fee was not available.

A breach of promise settlement of $50,000 from a “wealthy shovel manufacturer” was awarded in Pittsburgh to a woman whom the *New York Times* described as “an actress and modiste.”

113. *NYT*, Friday, December 17, 1926, 25:7.

Lennington "Len" Small, Republican governor of Illinois from 1921 to 1929. Small acquired his nickname "Hard Surface Road" for sponsoring an ambitious highway building program in Illinois. On December 15, Small appointed Frank Smith (see DT 79) to the United States Senate to fill a recent vacancy.

114. *NYT*, Saturday, December 18, 1926, 19:7.

During the early 1930s, the *Dearborn* (Michigan) *Independent*, a magazine owned by Henry Ford, repeated as fact anti-Semitic statements and allegations. Representative Sol Bloom introduced a resolution in December of 1926 calling for a congressional investigation of "Jewish" domination of the Federal Reserve System, a charge that stemmed from an article in the *Independent*.

115. *NYT*, Sunday, December 19, 1926, I:2:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Chicago city officials, concerned about insufficient water and sewage disposal systems, had completed a canal in 1900 to connect Lake Michigan, the Illinois River, and the Mississippi River. Other Great Lake cities threatened suit to halt further diversion of water, while several states actually sued. Eventually the United States Supreme Court and Congress became involved in an attempt to end the controversy.

116. *NYT*, Monday, December 20, 1926, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* give "three—Senator Capper" in first sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*NYT* and *LAT* give "William Allen White" in second sentence, but *BDG* has it as here.

Arthur Capper, United States senator from 1919 to 1949. Capper, a Republican and former governor, was an important member of the farm bloc in the Senate.

Charles Curtis, United States senator from 1907 to 1913 and 1915 to 1929. Curtis, majority leader of the Republicans in the Senate, was a consistent supporter of President Coolidge. He left the Senate in 1929 to serve a term as vice president of the United States.

William Allen White, liberal Republican publisher and editor of the *Emporia* (Kansas) *Gazette* from 1895 until his retirement in 1943. White, winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1923, was noted widely for his crusading and hard-hitting editorials. "Randolph" was the middle name of another well-known publisher, William Randolph Hearst (see DT 379).

The board of trustees of exclusive Beverly Hills, California, Rogers' place of residence, elected Rogers "mayor" of the city on December 12, partly as a joke and also for the publicity it would generate. He was scheduled to be sworn in during elaborate ceremonies on December 21.

117. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 21, 1926, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "for speakers" in second sentence/ *BDG* and *KCT* give "ever barked for" in eighth sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

The serious rivalry between California, Arizona, and other states of the Colorado River basin for control of water in the Southwest was a major news item in the 1920s.

Douglas Fairbanks, swashbuckling American actor and hero of numerous silent spectaculars; co-founder with wife Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin, and D. W. Griffith of United Artists Film Corporation in 1919. Fairbanks chaired Rogers' welcoming committee in Beverly Hills.

118. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 22, 1926, 24:6. Variants: *LAT* gives "arrived here today and had big reception." in first sentence/*NYT* gives "offer to let me preach with Doug" in third sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*LAT* gives fourth and fifth sentences "Seriously speaking, however, they gave me a great reception… Coolidge for sending me nice message. Also Gov. Al Smith and Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York, my only opposition. Also Hiram Johnson and Shortridge."/*NYT* gives "Shortridge, the" in fifth and sixth sentences, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it here/*NYT* omits "his honor of" and gives "Beverly Hills is the best town west of Nantucket Lightship." in sixth and seventh sentences, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Kenneth Ormiston, radio engineer who directed broadcasting at evangelist Aimee McPherson's Four Square Gospel Temple in Los Angeles. When law officers sought Ormiston in

connection with McPherson's disappearance the previous spring, he dropped from sight until his arrest in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in December (see DT 56).

Tom Mix, famous cowboy film star and one of the most popular box office attractions in the history of the screen. Before entering motion pictures, Mix worked for the Miller Brothers' 101 Ranch in Oklahoma and appeared in wild west shows with Rogers.

William S. Hart, solemn-faced western hero of the silent screen who began his acting career on the stage in 1889, entered movies in 1914. Hart retired in 1926.

Bernard "Ben" Turpin, slapstick comedian best known for his cross-eyes and large toothbrush mustache.

Hiram Johnson, United States senator from California from 1917 until his death in 1945. Johnson, a Republican and former governor, earned a reputation in the Senate as an isolationist, opposing such measures as United States membership in the League of Nations.

Samuel Shortridge, United States senator from California from 1921 to 1933. An amiable, conservative Republican, Shortridge was respected widely as an orator on political topics.

119. *NYT*, Thursday, December 23, 1926, 14:3.

Henry Reilly, West Point graduate who served with the Forty-second Division in France during World War I. In a recent magazine article, Brigadier General Reilly had claimed that economic cutbacks in 1926 had caused nearly 14,000 desertions out of a regular army of 130,000.

120. *NYT*, Friday, December 24, 1926, 12:5.

Tristram "Tris" Speaker, major league outfielder for twenty-two seasons, most notably with the Cleveland Indians from 1916 to 1926. As player-manager at Cleveland, he led his team to a World Series championship in 1920.

Tyrus "Ty" Cobb, veteran outfielder and manager of the Detroit Tigers; was considered one of the greatest baseball players of all times. Cobb and Speaker were dismissed by their respective clubs in the fall of 1926 after former Detroit pitcher Dutch Leonard accused both men of involvement in alleged betting and game fixing. They later were exonerated of any wrongdoing.

121. *NYT*, Saturday, December 25, 1926, 2:8.

No DT is available for Sunday, December 26, 1926.

122. *NYT*, Monday, December 27, 1926, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS."

President Adolfo Díaz of Nicaragua, after an attempt on his life on December 23, welcomed the landing of additional United States marines to protect American lives and property (see DT 99). Meanwhile in China, American naval units were positioned at Foochow as well as Hankow (see DT 99).

While vacationing in Maine, heavyweight champion Gene Tunney attempted to walk across a frozen lake in order to reach a nearby Catholic church for mass. He broke through the ice but was rescued by a human chain.

123. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 28, 1926, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "it is preparing" in fifth sentence.

124. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 29, 1926, 23:7.

The American Legion, the principal organization of World War I veterans, recently had announced that its next convention would be held in Paris in September of 1927, raising the humorous possibility that a future Legion convention would be held in Nicaragua because of the recent landing of American troops in that country.

125. *NYT*, Thursday, December 30, 1926, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* give origin "BEVERLY HILLS."

126. *NYT*, Friday, December 31, 1926, 15:7.

For William Butler see DT 72; for William Vare and Frank Smith see DT 79.

127. *NYT*, Saturday, January 1, 1927, 5:4. Variant: *LAT* gives "on optimism tomorrow. It's in every New Year's." in postscript.

A number of deaths during the holidays had been attributed to poisonous bootlegged alcohol. Treasury Secretary Mellon announced that the government was searching for non-lethal adulterants of denatured alcohol that would not alter its distastefulness.

Judge Elbert Gary (see DT 53) proclaimed in his annual New Year prediction that "any well-posted man" would consider 1927 a year of "extraordinarily good" business conditions.

No DT is available for Sunday, January 2, 1927.

128. *NYT*, Monday, January 3, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS."

An earthquake struck the twin border towns of Calexico, California, and Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, on January 1; no fatalities were reported. Joint rescue operations served to improve Mexican-American relations.

Secretary of State Kellogg recently had hinted that an investigation should be conducted into "Bolshevik" influence in the Mexican government. Despite public pressure, Kellogg refused to offer facts to support his allegations.

129. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 4, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "his late honor" in close/only *LAT* gives the postscript.

Charles "Charlie" Chaplin, legendary English-born comedian who starred in several classic American and British films. He was known widely for his film portrayal of the little tramp. Chaplin's wife, Lita Grey, had left him, threatening to sue for divorce, alimony, a property settlement, and custody of the couple's two children.

District Attorney Asa Keyes of Los Angeles reluctantly dropped the prosecution of Aimee McPherson and Kenneth Ormiston on January 10 (see DTs 56 and 118). Witnesses upon whose testimony the prosecutor's case depended had been accused in the press of perjury or had been revealed as recent inmates of mental institutions.

130. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 5, 1927, 2:6. Variants: *LAT* gives "government-made" in third sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* omit first three words of fourth sentence.

An international compact outlawing the use of poison gases in warfare was signed at the Washington Arms Conference of 1921-1922; a protocol to extend it to other nations was finalized at Geneva, Switzerland, in June of 1925.

131. *NYT*, Thursday, January 6, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "swears Germany was" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "series of Marne" in second sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "War being on the level" in third sentence.

Baseball Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis held hearings beginning on January 5 into new allegations of scandal in the sport (see DT 120). Landis' action was prompted by belated charges that games between the Chicago White Sox and the Detroit Tigers in 1917 and 1919 had been "fixed."

John "Black Jack" Pershing, United States Army Chief of Staff from 1921 to 1924; commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War I. Marne was the scene of a crucial, devastating battle in France during the war.

132. *NYT*, Friday, January 7, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "refusing to loan cash to soldiers on their adjusted compensation on account of it being too much red tape." in first sentence/*LAT* gives "was for the boys when they were earning it. There is" in second sentence.

Veterans of the First World War were granted federal, interest-bearing certificates, redeemable in 1945, in which the principle amount varied with the number of days served. The certifi-

cates were not direct pensions and were not negotiable, but they could be used as collateral for commercial loans.

133. *NYT*, Saturday, January 8, 1927, 19:7.

Clarence Little, noted biologist and geneticist who served as president of the University of Maine from 1922 to 1925 and of the University of Michigan from 1925 to 1929.

Benjamin "Benny" Friedman, all-American quarterback at the University of Michigan from 1924 to 1926.

Benjamin "Benny" Oosterbaan, all-American end at Michigan from 1925 to 1927; teamed with Friedman to form one of the most successful passing duos in collegiate football history. The new stadium at the University of Michigan was dedicated in 1927 and had a seating capacity of 85,753.

No DT is available for Sunday, January 9, 1927.

134. *NYT*, Monday, January 10, 1927, 25:7.

United States marines were ordered to enter the Nicaraguan capital on Managua of January 5 at the request of President Díaz. The troops, reinforced by American naval vessels, helped to supervise local elections.

135. *LAT*, Tuesday, January 11, 1927, I:1:3. Variants: *BDG* gives "the doctor is the properly" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "That ever get" in second sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Adolfo Díaz, president of Nicaragua from 1913 to 1916; seized power in 1925 and again became president in 1926, serving until 1928. Díaz sought American aid in order to repulse challenges to his rule.

Technically, only Mexico had recognized liberal Juan Sacasa as the legitimate president of Nicaragua.

136. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 12, 1927, 27:7.

President Coolidge sent a formal message to Congress on January 10 that strongly defended his Nicaragua policy. On the same day Mrs. Lita Chaplin filed her long expected divorce, alleging infidelity and assorted other cruelties.

137. *NYT*, Thursday, January 13, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* omits second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "you can jar" in sixth sentence.

138. *NYT*, Friday, January 14, 1927, 21:7.

A trial involving a federal suit to recover $30,000,000 in delinquent taxes allegedly owed by Senator James Couzens and eight other original investors in the Ford Motor Company opened in Detroit in early 1927. Couzens, a former Ford executive, and other non-family stockholders had sold their shares in 1919, this sale being the basis for the government action. The court proceedings revealed many details of internal corporation management, which fascinated the general public.

139. *NYT*, Saturday, January 15, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "goals: a product" in fourth and fifth sentences/*LAT* omits fifth sentence.

John "Jack" Wilce, head football coach at Ohio State University from 1913 to 1928; professor of clinical and preventive medicine and director of the university health service from 1924 to 1958. A non-university corporation constructed a new stadium at Ohio State with a seating capacity of 62,000.

The University of Michigan edged Ohio State, 17 to 16, in a football game on November 13. A late Buckeye touchdown had brought Ohio State to within reach of a tie, but the kick for the point-after-touchdown sailed under the crossbar.

140. *NYT*, Sunday, January 16, 1927, I:13:4. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

141. *BDG* (AM), Monday, January 17, 1927, 1:7. *NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Secretary of State Kellogg testified before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on January 15. He attempted to link Moscow to deteriorating American relations with Mexico.

142. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 18, 1927, 27:7.

On January 15 the Tennessee Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a state law that forbade the teaching of evolution in public schools. At the same time the court overruled on a technicality a lower court conviction of John Scopes, a biology teacher who had taught evolution, and ordered that there be no further prosecution of Scopes. The state law was repealed in 1967.

143. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 19, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "chewing gun" in third sentence/*BDG* gives signature "WILL ROGERS, The Mayor."

William Wrigley, Jr., manufacturer and distributor of chewing gum. Owner of Santa Catalina Island off the coast of California, Wrigley offered a prize of $25,000 for the first person to swim the previously unconquered twenty-two mile channel between the island and the mainland. The competition attracted 153 contestants, but only one swimmer completed the course.

144. *NYT*, Thursday, January 20, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* adds "WILL ROGERS: to signature.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs voted on January 18 to appropriate $1,200,000 for the construction of three previously authorized cruisers.

145. *NYT*, Friday, January 21, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Nicaragua's, elected" in second and third sentences.

146. *NYT*, Saturday, January 22, 1927, 15:7. Variant: *LAT* omits postscript.

147. *NYT*, Sunday, January 23, 1927, I:2:4. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Alvin Victor "Vic" Donahey, governor of Ohio from 1923 to 1929; United States senator from 1925 to 1941. Donahey, a prohibitionist and a Protestant, was viewed as a potential Democratic presidential candidate because of his ability to attract Republican votes.

Austin Peay, governor of Tennessee from 1923 to 1927. Peay's death in office later in 1927 deprived Tennessee of a favorite son candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Howard Gore, United States secretary of agriculture from 1924 to 1925; Republican governor of West Virginia from 1925 to 1929.

For Frank Lowden see DT 95; for Al Smith see DT 36.

William G. McAdoo, United States secretary of the treasury from 1913 to 1918; United States senator from California from 1933 to 1939. McAdoo, married to President Wilson's only daughter, was a prominent candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1920 and 1924.

148. *NYT*, Monday, January 24, 1927, 19:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

Arbitration with Mexico was requested by the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee in a special resolution on January 22. President Coolidge rejected the resolution later that same day, although he later reconsidered his action.

149. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 25, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives signature "The Prowling Mayor" after postscript.

The prosecution in the Norris trial rested on January 22 (see DT 67). Three days later, the case went to the jury, which returned a verdict of acquittal after only two ballots. Meanwhile the separation suit between Edward and Peaches Browning opened as scheduled on January 24 in Carmel, New York.

Relations between Princeton and Harvard received another jolt when a former Harvard football player charged in a magazine article that for several years Princeton deliberately had played "dirty football" against Harvard. Officials at Princeton denied the allegations (see DT 83).

150. *BDG* (AM), Wednesday, January 26, 1927, 1:7. *NYT* did not print the DT.

The Browning trial included revelations of sexual abnormality and other testimony that presumably outraged the public. The presiding justice of the New York Supreme Court defended his decision for open proceedings: "The policy of our law is against secrecy, except in such cases as are definitely set forth in the law."

151. *NYT*, Thursday, January 27, 1927, 21:7.

Carolyn Heenan, mother of Peaches Browning, admitted in court that Edward Browning had paid her an allowance from the time of the wedding to the separation. The *New York Times* noted that Mrs. Heenan "stumbled and faltered through her story and at times her answers caused laughter."

152. *NYT*, Friday, January 28, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "prove to China" in first sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give signature "WILL ROGERS."/*BDG* omits second postscript.

American missionaries fled several provinces of China in January when mobs began attacking foreign residents and visitors.

Rolling chairs, which attendants pushed for a fee, were favorite conveyances for tourists along the famed "boardwalk" in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Kenesaw Mountain Landis, prominent American jurist who served as Major League Baseball commissioner from 1920 until his death in 1944. On January 27 Landis exonerated Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker of charges brought against them by Dutch Leonard (see DT 120).

153. *NYT*, Saturday, January 29, 1927, 17:7. Variant: *BDG* gives signature "WILL ROGERS."

154. *NYT*, Sunday, January 30, 1927, I:3:6. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Philadelphia hosted the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition of 1926, celebrating 150 years of progress since the Declaration of Independence. Internal division and wholesale public apathy frustrated the sponsors of the show; $5,000,000 in debts faced the Philadelphia city council as the gates closed.

As a youngster Rogers had attended the World Columbian Exposition at Chicago, probably in 1894. In 1904 he participated in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis as a member of the Cummins Wild West Show.

155. *NYT*, Monday, January 31, 1927, 19:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

Mayor Walker of New York visited Cuba as an official guest of the mayor of Havana. He attended horse races, delivered speeches, and received the traditional gold key to the city. Meanwhile, teachers' salaries, theatrical censorship, water pollution, rapid transit, and housing vied for his attention at home.

156. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 1, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* omits fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "prohibition is another, Claremore's radium water another and last, the greatest, "Democratic" in sixth sentence/*BDG* gives "another, then come Claremore, radium, water, and—last and greatest—Democratic" in sixth sentence.

157. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 2, 1927, 27:7.

Josephus Daniels, editor and publisher of the *Raleigh* (North Carolina) *News and Observer* from 1894 to 1933; secretary of the navy from 1913 to 1921.

158. *NYT*, Thursday, February 3, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Florida and like Dempsey they… same thing" in second and third sentences/*BDG* begins fifth sentence "It's a

pleasure"/*BDG* and *LAT* give "A Mayor from" to begin seventh sentence/*BDG* gives "Will Rogers" as a signature after seventh sentence and *LAT* omits signature.

Florida land sales boomed during the early 1920s as a flood of tourists and new winter residents spurred construction of subdivisions, resorts, and golf courses. Subsequent transportation problems, housing shortages, and unfavorable publicity contributed to an economic decline in 1925. A devastating hurricane that struck the Miami area in September of 1926 ended any hope for revival. Despite the optimistic reports of Florida civic leaders, the recession in the state continued throughout the decade.

159. *NYT*, Friday, February 4, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "morning in Ormond" in first sentence.

John D. Rockefeller, founder of Standard Oil Company and at one point considered the wealthiest man in the world. As a philanthropist he donated an estimated $530,000,000 to various educational, scientific, and religious institutions. Eighty-seven-year-old Rockefeller also was known for handing shiny new dimes to friends and strangers.

160. *NYT*, Saturday, February 5, 1927, 2:2. Variant: *BDG* gives signature "WILL ROGERS." after close.

In China General Chiang Kai-shek defeated opposing military and civil leaders and moved toward the partial unification of the country in the spring of 1927. Several foreign nations, including the United States, maintained forces in China to protect their citizens and property.

161. *NYT*, Sunday, February 6, 1927, 21:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Residents of Los Angeles and its suburbs reported a slight earth tremor on February 4; no injuries or property damage occurred.

162. *NYT*, Monday, February 7, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "it up we… today out there, and …paper. So" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "a shakeless" in close.

163. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 8, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "I have to" and *LAT* gives "I got to" to begin sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "while we are" in seventh sentence.

164. *LAT*, Wednesday, February 9, 1927, 1:2. Variants: *BDG* gives "haven't got enough" in third sentence/*BDG* gives postscript as "Flew three hundred commercial aviation."/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Portuguese dissidents, disturbed by pressing domestic problems, led civil riots in Oporto and Lisbon in early 1927. The military-dominated government crushed the uprisings after a great loss of lives.

165. *NYT*, Thursday, February 10, 1927, 25:7.

King George V opened the British Parliament on February 3 with the traditional pomp and pageantry and then informed the assembled members that although he still desired a peaceful remedy of the difficulties in China, he had ordered a fleet to the Far East to protect British citizens and property there.

Edward, Prince of Wales, reigned for eleven months as King Edward VIII until his abdication in December of 1936. During the procession at the opening ceremonies of Parliament, Prince Edward somewhat relieved the seriousness of the occasion when he stumbled over his sword and long red gown.

166. *NYT*, Friday, February 11, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Joe Leblanc" and *LAT* gives "Joe LeBlang." in second sentence/*BDG* gives signature "WILL ROGERS" before close.

Edward Franklin Albee, wealthy theatrical businessman and co-founder in 1928 of the Radio-Keith-Orpheum (RKO) Corporation. Albee owned a winter residence in Palm Beach.

Lee Shubert, with his brother Jacob, owned and operated numerous theaters throughout the United States from 1900 until his death in 1953; also produced several plays and shows.

Marcus Loew, Austrian-American exhibitor and distributor of films, owner of vaudeville and motion picture theaters, and co-founder and controller of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation, died in September of 1927.

Adolph Zukor, pioneer American movie producer. By the mid-1920s Zukor had become president of the movie production and distribution firm Famous Players-Laskey Corporation, later known as Paramount Pictures.

Edgar Selwyn, successful actor, play broker, playwright, manager, and producer. From 1914 to 1924 he was president of Selwyn & Company, producers of plays; he later joined Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as a writer and director, remaining with that firm until his death in 1944.

Arthur Hammerstein, flamboyant producer who made and lost fortunes in show business; son of operatic impresario Oscar Hammerstein and uncle of Oscar Hammerstein II. Among his most noted successful productions were *Rosie-Marie* and *Naughty Marietta*.

Joe Leblang, considered the "King of Cutthroats," the name that embittered theater managers gave to those who sold cut-rate tickets to Broadway shows.

Eva Roberts Stotesbury, wife of a prominent Philadelphia banker and financier. The couple, owners of a winter home in Palm Beach, was regarded as the social leaders of the winter resort for many years.

Ben Bernie, known as the "Old Maestro," was one of the highest paid performers in the United States during the 1920s. Bernie's dance band created a popular, informal style, with the Old Maestro bantering with the audience and dancers.

167. *NYT*, Saturday, February 12, 1927, 5:2. Variant: *BDG* gives signature "WILL ROGERS."

168. *NYT*, Sunday, February 13, 1927, 6:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Ty Cobb (see DT 120), nicknamed in "Georgia Peach," was born in Narrows, Georgia.

169. *NYT*, Monday, February 14, 1927, 19:7.

The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was designed to ease a post-World War I depression in agriculture by providing such basic federal assistance as the control of surpluses and the stabilization of prices. Coolidge twice vetoed the measure.

170. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 15, 1927, 2:2. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "are supposed" in first sentence.

John Richards, Democratic governor of South Carolina from 1927 to 1931.

171. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 16, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Pres Nicholas Butler" in first sentence/*BDG* begins second sentence "He says the" and *LAT* begins it "Butler says the"/*BDG* and *LAT* give "Nick may" to begin third sentence.

William Upshaw, United States representative from Georgia from 1919 to 1927. An extremely religious man, Upshaw believed in the total abstinence from alcoholic beverages for all government officials as an example for American youth. He quit the Democratic party because of its liberal position on the liquor issue and ran for president in 1932 on the Prohibition ticket.

Nicholas Murray Butler, professor of philosophy at Columbia University and president of the institution from 1902 to 1945. Butler, a Republican, advocated repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

172. *NYT*, Thursday, February 17, 1927, 3:5. Variant: *LAT* gives "My personal congressional" in first sentence.

Thomas Blanton, Democratic United States representative from Texas from 1917 to 1929 and 1930 to 1937. Blanton and Bloom (see DT 108) sparred during a congressional committee hearing of a proposed Sunday closing law for the District of Columbia. Bloom, an opponent of the bill, objected to Blanton's treatment of a witness also opposing the measure. The men

exchanged heated words and finally punches. Fisticuffs between other members of Congress had occurred earlier in the week.

173. *NYT*, Friday, February 18, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "about plans to" in first sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "foundations" in fifth sentence/*BDG* gives signature "WILL ROGERS." after close/*BDG* and *LAT* give "Will Hayes" in postscript.

Residents of Beverly Hills held an "indignation" meeting on February 13 and jestingly demanded the resignation of Mayor Rogers because of his prolonged absences from the city. Eddie Cantor, chairman of the gathering, humorously declared that his friend Rogers should be recalled either from his travels or from his position as mayor.

Will H. Hays, president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors Association of America from 1922 to 1945. As "czar" of the film industry, Hays labored to improve the medium and create a new image of the industry after various scandals of the early 1920s.

174. *NYT*, Saturday, February 19, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give origin "PINEHURST, N.C."/*BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* give "not totally exterminate" in third sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* omit "A MISSIONARY" in close.

J. Thomas "Tom" Heflin, Democratic United States senator from Alabama from 1920 to 1931. Heflin attacked the Catholic Church three times in two days in speeches before the Senate. He criticized several Catholics and friends of Catholics, including Governor Al Smith and Senator James Wadsworth of New York.

175. *NYT*, Sunday, February 20, 1927, 2:7. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

176. *NYT*, Monday, February 21, 1927, 8:3. Variants: *LAT* ends third sentence "Ferguson." omitting last four words/*KCT* gives "Hon. G. Carter" in third sentence/*BDG, LAT* and *KCT* give "Mayor Jimmy Walker." in fourth sentence.

Amon G. Carter, publisher of the *Fort Worth* (Texas) *Star-Telegram* from 1909 until his death in 1955. Carter was known as the one-man chamber of commerce for Fort Worth and West Texas and was a long-time friend of the Rogers family.

Mary "Texas" Guinan, Texas-born actress who left the stage in the 1920s to own and operate a night club in New York; renowned for her conflicts with prohibition agents and her brash greeting to each customer: "Hello sucker."

Byron Bancroft "Ban" Johnson, baseball executive; first president of the American League, serving from 1900 to 1927. Johnson upgraded many aspects of professional baseball and gave the new league respectability nearly equaling that of the National League. He had opposed the election of Landis (see DT 152) as the commissioner and clashed with him in the Cobb-Speaker controversy (see DT 120).

For boxer Harry Wills see DT 51; for Jack Sharkey see DT 75.

177. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 22, 1927, 2:3. Variants: *LAT* gives "test last week" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "did pass" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "somewhere outside…action. Old" in fifth and sixth sentences/*BDG* omits eighth sentence/*LAT* ends eighth sentence "Hotel as the sole surviving gentile."

The Arkansas state senate moved to table the Rotenberry antievolution bill which would prohibit the teaching of evolution in tax-supported schools in the state. Arkansas legislators enacted an antievolution law in 1928.

178. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 23, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* begins second sentence of postscript "This is where…"

An auction of the personal effects of Rudolph Valentino (see DT 98), including antiques, horses, motor cars, and costumes, netted $96,654 for the film star's heirs.

Rogers' wife, Betty Blake Rogers, was a native of Rogers, Arkansas, an Ozark mountain resort community located twenty miles north of Fayetteville in the northwest corner of the state. The couple had married on November 25, 1908, in the Blake home in Rogers.

179. *NYT*, Thursday, February 24, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "and about all" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "Know, but" in fourth sentence.

President Coolidge saluted George Washington in a speech before a joint session of Congress. Coolidge dwelled on the first president's personal life as he praised his diligent industry as a surveyor, farmer, and businessman.

180. *BDG* (AM), Friday, February 25, 1927, 1:7; heading from *KCT*, 15:4. *NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

181. *NYT*, Saturday, February 26, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "McNary-Haugen" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "of is being" in second sentence/*KCT* end close "a Dirt Farmer." omitting last four words.

President Coolidge returned the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill to Congress without his signature; he considered the measure harmful, unfair, and illegal. His action prompted farm bloc leaders to declare their open opposition to Coolidge's re-nomination in 1928 and the candidacy of any easterner opposed to the farm bill.

No DT is available for Sunday, February 27, 1927.

182. *NYT*, Monday, February 28, 1927, 10:5. Variants: *KCT* gives "farm bill" in first sentence/*BDG* gives close "An Atwater Kent Farmer,"/*KCT* gives signature "WILL ROGERS."/ second postscript only printed in *LAT*.

The radio control law authorized a federal commission to regulate the rapidly expanding radio broadcasting industry.

183. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 1, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* omits fifth sentence.

184. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 2, 1927. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "I hate to" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "bolshevist" in fourth sentence.

The United States State Department dispatched another note to the Mexican government on February 28, but administration officials refused to divulge its contents.

185. *KCT*, Thursday, March 3, 1927, 15:2. Variants: *BDG* gives "but Arizona will be dammed if…split a dam with a lot of dam real estate boosters. If they want a dam so dammed bad, let 'em dam their climate" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "or Arizona's river at" in fourth sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Arizonans maintained that construction of Boulder Dam (later known as Hoover Dam) on the Colorado River would limit water for irrigation. Senators Ashurst and Cameron of Arizona and Senators Smoot and King of Utah led opposition to the dam, delaying the start of construction until 1931. When completed in 1936, it became the primary supplier of hydroelectric power for southern California.

186. *NYT*, Friday, March 4, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin, "Phoenix,"/*LAT* adds close "Headed for Beverly Hills to take up Mayor's job."

Chinese troops had seized a United States commercial vessel, but American marines recaptured it on March 2. Meanwhile, President Coolidge dispatched additional marines to Nicaragua to stabilize conditions in that country. No diplomatic notes were sent to Mexico on March 3.

187. *NYT*, Sunday, March 5, 1927, 2:2. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* omit close, but add signature "WILL ROGERS"/*LAT* adds signature "WILL." after close.

188. *NYT*, Sunday, March 6, 1927, 19:2. *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Four men named Reed served in the Sixty-ninth Congress. Rogers probably referred to Democratic Senator James Reed of Missouri (see DT 79) and Republican Senator David Reed of

Pennsylvania who often disagreed and debated, especially regarding Republican campaign corruption in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

189. *NYT*, Monday, March 7, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*BDG* ends third sentence "gave out." and *KCT* ends it "gave in."/*LAT* gives "misfortune, and we thought that wind had done us about all the damage that it would in one year. But the big" in fourth sentence/*BDG* begins fourth sentence "The big blow in the Senate" omitting first ten words/*KCT* gives "repair the damage they did." in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "got us some" in eighth sentence/*LAT* gives "they are coming in" in ninth sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* add signature "WILL ROGERS." after close.

Rogers referred to the hurricane which struck Florida the previous fall (see DT 43) and the subsequent Red Cross aid for the victims.

190. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 8, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "for business" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "but I realize I" in second sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "business. I must realize I" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "heart-down-hearty," in close, but *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* have it as here.

William Penn Adair Rogers was Will's full name.

191. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 9, 1927, 27:7. *KCT* did not print the DT.

The United States Supreme Court in a landmark decision on March 7 ruled a Texas statute unconstitutional that barred Negroes from voting in primary election. The case in question involved Dr. L.A. Nixon, an African-American from El Paso, who had sought to vote in a statewide Democratic primary in July of 1924 but was denied because of his color.

192. *NYT*, Thursday, March 10, 1927, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives signature, "WILL ROGERS."

President Coolidge's advisers had suggested that he spend the summer in the West for no previous chief executive had vacationed west of the Mississippi River while still in office. The president received offers from a number of western White Houses, including estates in Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and California.

193. *NYT*, Friday, March 11, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "STOCKTON"/*LAT* gives "instead of just" in third sentence/postscript only printed in *LAT.*

The California state senate passed the Jones bill on March 10, making possession of a distillery for unlawful purposes a felony.

194. *NYT*, Saturday, March 12, 1927, 3:2. Variants: *BDG* gives "even then they" in third sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT/*LAT* did not print the DT but printed the following for March 12:

Will Rogers Remarks:

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11. – [To the Editor of the Times:] This town is all excited about a bridge over the bay to Oakland. If Arizona hears about it they will talk it to death. What you need in San Francisco is not a bridge; it's an overcoat. There is no jealousy now between here and down there. They have become reconciled. Well it isn't bad to be second in a big state like this.

Saw Fanny Ward here today. She is entered in a baby show.
Regards.
Will.

Curtis D. Wilbur, United States secretary of the navy from 1924 to 1929. Wilbur claimed that European aircraft did not have the range capability to attack the United States. He also asserted that enemy aircraft carriers could not penetrate American naval defenses.

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, first postponed in 1927, was opened to the public in 1936.

Fannie Ward, American stage actress of the 1890s and the early 1900s, was famous for looking perpetually young.

195. *NYT*, Sunday, March 13, 1927, 5:2. *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Henry F. Ashurst, Democratic United States senator from Arizona from 1912 to 1941.

Ralph H. Cameron, Republican United States senator from Arizona from 1921 to 1927. Ashurst and Cameron filibustered for two days in a successful effort to block passage of the Boulder Dam bill (see DT 185).

For Vice President Charles Dawes see DT 95.

196. *NYT*, Monday, March 14, 1927, 4:3.

Great Britain, the United States, and other foreign powers assumed administration of the custom houses in China to insure an uninterrupted flow of revenue in the wake of the Chinese civil war. After payments for the foreign debt were deducted, the remainder of the customs receipts went to national and local authorities.

197. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 15, 1927, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "rains have" in postscript.

William King, Democratic United States senator from Utah from 1917 to 1941. The Haitian government barred King from entering the island nation because of his criticism of Haitian politics and the president.

198. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 16, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "may go to" in postscript/*LAT* omits postscript.

The California state assembly passed a bill on March 15, establishing a board of governors to supervise the 8,000 lawyers in the state. Rogers addressed the legislature after debate and vote on the bill.

Clement C. Young, Republican governor of California from 1927 to 1930.

Gold was discovered in early March near Weepah, a community in western Nevada.

199. *NYT*, Thursday, March 17, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "RENO"/*LAT* gives "Just advised publicly and free the… and House of Representatives of the State of Nevada at Carson City." for first sentence/*LAT* gives "bill there today." in second sentence/*LAT* gives "the gamblers killed" in third sentence/*LAT* omits fourth and fifth sentences and instead gives "they said, why should gambling be permitted all over American and not have to pay any license? It was almost like asking a bootlegger to pay a license. After people have gambled for years for nothing it's hard to get them to pay a license for it."/*LAT* omits postscript.

Frederick Balzar, Republican governor of Nevada from 1927 to 1934.

The Nevada state house of representatives passed an open gambling bill in early 1927, but the measure failed in the state senate. The state finally legalized gambling in 1931.

James "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, considered the first scientific boxer. Corbett defeated John L. Sullivan for the world heavyweight championship in 1892 but lost the title to Robert Fitzsimmons by a knockout in Carson City, Nevada, in 1897.

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, "Mark Twain," American author and humorist, resided in Virginia City, Nevada, from 1861 to 1862, during which time he prospected for gold and wrote humorous articles for the *Territorial Enterprise*, a local newspaper.

200. *NYT*, Friday, March 18, 1927, 8:2. Variants: *LAT* gives "answering the" in the first sentence/*LAT* begins fourth sentence "Notre Dame" omitting first two words/*BDG* and *LAT* omit close and give signature "WILL ROGERS."/*LAT* omits postscript.

Treasury Secretary Mellon responded publicly to a letter from the faculty of Princeton University that had endorsed a similar letter from Columbia University. The professor urged that the debt of American allies be refunded or cancelled. Mellon defended administration policy as sufficiently lenient and opposed refunding the debt.

201. *NYT*, Saturday, March 19, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* omits fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences.

202. *NYT*, Sunday, March 20, 1927, 12:2. *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, wife of Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth, and famous Washington hostess. Mrs. Longworth, a close friend of Rogers, was renowned for her influence and bluntness in politics and current affairs.

203. *NYT*, Monday, March 21, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* begins second sentence "Later he came"/*BDG* gives "jokes I can't" in fourth and fifth sentences/*KCT* gives "just plain" in ninth sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

Henry L. Whitfield, Democratic governor of Mississippi from 1924 to 1927.

204. *LAT*, Tuesday, March 22, 1927, 1:4. Variants: *BDG* gives "a marriage contract clause." in fifth sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Arthur Brisbane, nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and editor. Brisbane began his editorial column "Today" in 1917; it eventually was syndicated to 200 daily and 1,200 weekly newspapers. He long had stressed the value of commercial and military aviation.

Edward Browning won his separation suit from his young wife, Peaches, on March 22 (see DT 48). The court dismissed Mrs. Browning's own suit for separation and disallowed her $300-a-week allowance.

205. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 23, 1927, 2:2. Variant: *KCT* gives "Chinese" in first sentence.

British troops killed twenty-four Chinese soldiers on March 21 from among a large force attempting to penetrate British defenses to take refuge in the international settlement in Shanghai.

206. *NYT*, Thursday, March 24, 1927, 16:3.

Criticism of Jews, published in Henry Ford's *Dearborn Independent* (see DT 114), resulting in a libel suit against Ford. The automaker hired Senator James Reed to defend his non-involvement in the matter. Ford settled the case out of court on July 27, 1927, with a public apology and a plea for forgiveness.

207. *NYT*, Friday, March 25, 1927, 2:5. Variants: *BDG* gives "embarkation" and *LAT* gives "to our" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "that business." in sixth sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give signature "WILL ROGERS." after close/*LAT* omits postscript.

Bertha Knight Landes, mayor of Seattle from 1926 to 1928. Mrs. Landes was the first woman mayor of a large American city.

Italy and Yugoslavia accused each other of interference in neighboring Albania and reportedly ordered troops to their borders in case of war; however, no armed conflict occurred.

208. *NYT*, Saturday, March 26, 1927, 18:2. *LAT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

A disarmament commission convened in Geneva on March 21 to prepare an agenda and propose a date for a general international arms limitation conference. Such preliminary meetings culminated in the Kellogg-Briand antiwar pact in 1928.

209. *NYT*, Sunday, March 27, 1927, 15:2. *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Clarence Dill, Democratic United States senator from Washington from 1923 to 1935. Dill recently had married Rosalie Jones, a wealthy suffragette leader from New York City; they were divorced in 1936.

Louis Davenport owned and operated the Davenport Hotel and Restaurant, one of the most famous inns in the Northwest and a favorite of Rogers since his days in vaudeville.

Robert T. "Bobby" Jones, Georgia-born amateur golfer; one of the greatest players of the sport of all times; winner of four United States open championships, three British open crowns, and five United States amateur titles; retired in 1930 at age twenty-eight.

Burton K. Wheeler, Democratic United States senator from Montana from 1923 to 1947. Wheeler gained national attention for pressing the investigation of the Teapot Dome scandal during the 1920s.

Thomas J. Walsh, Democratic United States senator from Montana from 1913 to 1933. Walsh served as chairman of the Senate committee investigating Teapot Dome.

210. *NYT*, Monday, March 28, 1927, 2:5. *KCT* did not print the DT.

Smedley Butler, major general of the United States Marine Corps who served with distinction in Mexico in 1914 and in Haiti in 1917. From 1924 to 1925 he served as director of the Department of Safety in Philadelphia, but he failed to halt the liquor traffic in that city. In 1927 he was appointed commander of the American marine detachment in China.

211. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 29, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "the town" in third sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Foreign missionaries in China resisted orders to vacate their posts or send their families to safety despite the rising fury of the civil war. Many refused to flee in the belief that a new government would restore peace and order.

212. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 30, 1927, 27:7.

213. *NYT*, Thursday, March 31, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "alone if… us. We will" in second and third sentences.

214. *NYT*, Friday, April 1, 1927, 25:7.

Charles M. Russell, famous western painter known as the "cowboy artist." Rogers, a close friend of Russell, wrote the introduction to Russell's *Trails Plowed Under*, a collection of cowboy yarns of the western range published in 1927, shortly after the artist's death.

215. *NYT*, Saturday, April 2, 1927, 19:7. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

A heavy touring car with two male occupants smashed a Ford coupé carrying Henry Ford and two associates. The incident, which occurred on the night of March 27 near Dearborn, Michigan, raised speculation that the two men had attempted to assassinate the automobile manufacturer. Ford's injuries were not serious, however, and authorities later termed the whole affair an accident.

Kellogg, Wrigley, Gillette, Mennen, B.V.D., and Hart, Schaffner and Marx were name brands of popular consumer items.

216. *NYT*, Monday, April 4, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "RAVENNA, Neb."/*LAT* gives "educational tour" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "there to spoil it." in second sentence/*LAT* gives "not even a political speaker has publicly insulted intelligence….Their only interest in any foreign affairs is in the Ford and Chaplin Trials." in fourth and sixth sentences/*LAT* gives "They are too near Canada for prohibition to be an issue, as so far away from Washington that they wouldn't care" in seventh sentence.

For William Upshaw, prohibitionist congressman from Georgia, see DT 171.

217. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 5, 1927, 29:7.

218. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 6, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Everybody sitting" in postscript/*LAT* omits postscript.

Fort Riley, established in 1853 and located fourteen miles west of Manhattan, Kansas, boasted the only cavalry school maintained by the United States Army.

219. *NYT*, Thursday, April 7, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "vote, but the trouble with Chicago is they are scarce on better elements." in second and third sentences/*LAT* gives "will get back" in fifth sentence.

William "Big Bill" Thompson, a Republican, former cattle rancher, and one-time mayor of Chicago, had attacked his mayoral opponent, incumbent William Dever, in 1927 for permitting the use in the public schools of history textbooks favorable to George III of England. Dever generally had the support of "good government" advocates, but Thompson won the election and served as mayor of Chicago from 1927 to 1931.

John W. Davis, ambassador of Great Britain from 1918 to 1921. Davis, a former congressman from West Virginia, was the Democratic presidential nominee in 1924.

220. *NYT,* Friday, April 8, 1927, 25:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

221. *NYT*, Saturday, April 9, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "where you were phoning." in seventh sentence.

The first thoroughly publicized demonstration of television occurred on April 7. The new medium, still in experimental stages of development, produced signals synchronized with a telephone message and transmitted by wire from Washington, D.C., to New York.

Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America, prosecuted more than 2,000 saloon cases, coauthored state and national prohibition legislation, and defended such laws in state and federal courts.

222. *NYT*, Sunday, April 10, 1927, I:21:2. *BDG* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Thomas D. Schall, Republican United State senator from Minnesota from 1925 to 1935. Schall defeated incumbent Magnus Johnson for the Senate in 1924 but subsequently was charged with violating the state corrupt practices law. A state senate investigating committee absolved Schall of the allegations in April of 1927.

Magnus Johnson, United States senator from Minnesota from 1923 to 1925. Swedish-born, Johnson actively participated in the Populist movement of the 1890s, farmers' cooperatives, and the Minnesota Farmer-Labor party of the 1920s. He later served in Congress from 1933 to 1935.

223. *NYT*, Monday, April 11, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Congress and Senate ought to can 'em that quick." in fifth sentence/*LAT* omits postscript.

224. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 12, 1927, 29:7.

225. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 13, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Talk and argument for an against prohibition is worse on the morals of the public than" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "this right way…Aurora." in first sentence of postscript.

William "Billy" Sunday, popular evangelist and former professional baseball player who reached the height of his ministerial career in the 1920s.

226. *NYT*, Thursday, April 14, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* omits close.

Charles McNary, Republican United States senator from Oregon from 1928 until his death in 1944. McNary agreed, after several conferences with President Coolidge, to sound out farm leaders about a possible compromise agricultural relief measure (see DT 7).

227. *NYT*, Friday, April 15, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "no contribution like" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "just tribute" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "fifty-one" in sixth sentence/*KCT* gives "are practicable" in eighth sentence/*KCT* gives "send 'em from" in tenth sentence/*KCT* omits "Purdue." in close.

Pilot Clarence D. Chamberlin and copilot Bert Acosta flew fifty-one hours, eleven minutes, and twenty-five seconds over Long Island on April 12 to 14 in preparation for a nonstop flight from New York to Paris.

228. *NYT*, Saturday, April 16, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "for the way…farmers is to" in fourth sentence/*LAT* omits close.

The Cleveland Union Terminal, which included a railroad depot, hotel, offices, and the fifty-two-story Terminal Tower, officially opened in June of 1930, although construction began in 1925. Railroad connections reached the depot only after workmen blasted tunnels out of solid rock.

229. *NYT*, Monday, April 18, 1927, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives signature "the war correspondent of Cleveland O."

230. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 19, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* ends first sentence with "Smith's"/*KCT* gives "morning; that those fortunate" in second sentence/*BDG* did not print the DT.

Charles Marshall, a Protestant lawyer from New York, wrote an open letter to Governor Smith questioning the desirability of a Roman Catholic becoming president. Smith, in a carefully written reply, expounded the principle of "religious freedom and equality."

231. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 20, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Politicians believe an" in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits close/*LAT* did not print the DT.

Carmi Thompson, a Cleveland attorney and former treasurer of the United States. Coolidge appointed Thompson in 1926 to study the economic and internal conditions of the Philippines. In a report published on December 22, 1926, Thompson recommended an extension of internal autonomy for the Philippines, although not immediate, absolute independence.

Theodore E. Burton, Republican United States representative from Ohio from 1889 to 1891, 1895 to 1909, and 1921 to 1928; United States senator from 1909 to 1915 and 1928 until his death in 1929.

232. *NYT*, Thursday, April 21, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "today is by…daytime. The" in first sentence.

The Snyder trial opened April 18 in New York City and concluded on May 9 with the conviction of Ruth Brown Snyder and her corset-salesman friend Henry Gray for the murder of Mrs. Snyder's husband, magazine editor Albert Snyder. Defense and prosecution attorneys had rejected sixty-one prospective jurors before they accepted a New York hotel press agent on April 20.

Herbert Hoover, United States secretary of commerce from 1921 to 1928. A White House spokesman commented at a press conference that President Coolidge viewed Secretary Hoover as "competent to fill any position in the Cabinet." Some reporters considered the statement a slap at Hoover for permitting his presidential candidacy to grow before Coolidge had withdrawn from the race.

Movie czar Will Hays (see DT 173) was expected to cringe at news reports of a fight between two minor actors over the wife of one of them. Beaten and knocked unconscious, the husband died of a cerebral hemorrhage.

233. *NYT*, Friday, April 22, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* throughout gives "Shakspere"/*NYT* gives "he is not the only" and *KCT* gives "call the bard's name" in fourth sentence/*KCT* omits close.

For John W. Davis, Democratic presidential candidate in 1924, see DT 219. The problem of "no policy to run on" was more the fault of a deeply divided convention than of its eventual nominee.

234. *NYT*, Saturday, April 23, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "it is ink" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "the foregoing" in postscript/*LAT* and *KCT* give "because editors are" in postscript.

Henry Leach, editor of *The Forum* magazine, published an open letter to Coolidge, with a courtesy copy sent to the White House, inquiring about the president's intentions for another term. Newspapers indicated that Coolidge did not respond.

235. *NYT*, Monday, April 25, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* omits third and fourth sentence/*BDG* omits second paragraph/*LAT* gives "better picture…better subject…greater subject" in eighth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* omit "The Burgomaster" in close.

Clarence Darrow, renowned labor and civil liberties attorney. Darrow and prohibitionist Wayne Wheeler (see DT 221) debated at Carnegie Hall in New York City on April 23. No decision in the debate was announced, although Darrow's frank hostility to Prohibition received the greater applause.

King of Kings, a Cecil B. De Mille production, premiered at the Gaiety Theatre in New York City on April 19. Hailed for its direction, acting, and costumes, the motion picture was considered the most impressive film of its time.

236. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 26, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "these people" and *KCT* gives "of them need" in sixth sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* omit eighth sentence/*BDG* gives "The sufferers" and *LAT* gives "in even if" in ninth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* omit close.

The Mississippi River, swollen by unusually heavy spring rains in many of its tributary areas, began to flood early in April. Each day brought news of the crest moving downstream, with new inundations as sodden levees collapsed or had to be dynamited to save riverfront cities.

Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld, theatrical producer whose musical revue, the *Follies*, noted for its lavish setting and attractive chorus girls, opened in the United States in 1907 and remained highly successful for the next twenty years. Rogers, W. C. Fields, Eddie Cantor, and hundreds of other entertainers performed for Ziegfeld.

237. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 27, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* omits third and fourth sentences/*BDG* begins fourth sentence "So McCormack and."

John McCormack, Irish-born operatic and concert tenor who made his American debut in 1909 and achieved wide recognition thereafter.

238. *NYT*, Thursday, April 28, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "differed in Nicaragua" in second sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

President Coolidge defended his foreign policy and his recent criticism of newspapers in a speech before members of United Press news service in New York City on April 25. Coolidge described his foreign policy as one "of peace and good will based on a better understanding through justice and fair dealing."

239. *NYT*, Friday, April 29, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "people never" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "in the papers" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "for dramatic description" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "house top floating down the river with its little human family on it that all" in sixth sentence.

240. *NYT*, Saturday, April 30, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* omits last seven words in first sentence/*LAT* gives "are growing for Presidential purpose eight" in third sentence/*LAT* ends fourth sentence at "meantime" omitting last fourteen words/*LAT* gives "nothing till Coolidge is overtaken by old age" in fifth sentence.

President Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton, Virginia, raised in Georgia, and elected to the presidency from New Jersey.

Harry F. Byrd, governor of Virginia from 1926 to 1930; United States senator from 1933 to 1965. Byrd received several votes for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1932 and 1944, and in 1960 he garnered fifteen electoral votes for president from unpledged electors from the South.

241. *NYT*, Monday, May 2, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Va. Casey" and *LAT* gives "Va. When Casey" and *KCT* gives "from Washington." in first sentence.

Charles "Casey" Jones, president of the Curtiss Flying Company and vice president of the Curtiss-Reed metal Propeller Company. Jones, an early-day sponsor of air races and events, founded a civilian school for mechanics and aviation engineers in 1932.

Chamberlin (see DT 227), pilot of the first nonstop United States to Europe flight with a passenger. Chamberlin completed the historic flight on June 6, 1927, one week after Charles Lindbergh flew the Atlantic (see DT 273).

Rogers' benefit for victims of the Mississippi River floods was a sellout.

President Coolidge appointed Secretary of Commerce Hoover to head a cabinet committee to assist the Red Cross. The flood emergency continued to worsen, with 200,000 homeless by early May. After inspecting the situation in the lower valley, Hoover issued a plea for more funds.

242. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 3, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* ends DT at end of the fifth sentence.

As the flood crest approach New Orleans, rescue workers dynamited the levees below the city to relieve pressure; the water level subsequently stopped rising and on May 1 newspapers carried stories that the danger had passed.

Ringgold "Ring" Lardner, sports and general writer for newspapers, chiefly midwestern; wrote a syndicated humor column, short stories, plays, and books. He occasionally contributed sketches and lyrics for the *Ziegfeld Follies*.

243. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 4, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "happens in this country." in third sentence/*LAT* gives close "Yours, the old."

244. *NYT*, Thursday, May 5, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* omits the fifth sentence.

Al Smith, a potential presidential candidate, was identified with Tammany Hall, a Democratic faction in New York City.

Forty suicides and attempted suicides, usually by male high school and college students, had captured the attention of the American public during the first five months of 1927.

245. *NYT*, Friday, May 6, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first sentence/*KCT* gives "more than to mail" and *BDG* and *LAT* omit "sufferers" in third sentence/*LAT* ends sixth sentence with "done."/*NYT* omits seventh sentence.

246. *NYT*, Saturday, May 7, 1927, 25:7, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* ends fourth sentence with "power"/*LAT* omits last two words of fourth paragraph, and *BDG* and *KCT* omit entire paragraph/*LAT* omits postscript.

Rogers' disgust at the Snyder-Gray murder trial reflected a ripening national mood. Mrs. Snyder testified for three days; the jury delivered a verdict of guilty on May 9.

Frieda Hempel, concert and operatic soprano. Hempel sued industrialist and philanthropist August Heckscher for allegedly breaching an agreement concluded the preceding year by which she retired from the stage in return for an annual payment of $48,000. The two parties settled the suit out of court, with Hempel agreeing to accept $15,000 annually.

247. *NYT*, Monday, May 9, 1927, I:27:4. *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* did not print the DT.

President Coolidge, born and reared in Plymouth Notch, Windsor County, Vermont, attended college at Amherst in Massachusetts and remained in that state to practice law and to enter public service.

248. *NYT*, Monday, May 9, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "William M. Butler" and *LAT* gives "Coolidge's 'Man Friday,' just came back from the west end of the island and reported to Crusoe that" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "started everybody is pulling for them to make it." in postscript.

William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, returned from a three-week western tour during which he sounded out public sentiment about the administration. He gave a favorable report to President Coolidge, the cabinet and congressional leaders.

French war heroes Captains Charles Nungesser and François Coli, in a single-engine biplane, departed Paris at dawn on May 8, bound for New York. Clarence Chamberlin planned to meet them, Boston officials readied an escort, and New York prepared a civic welcome, but the fliers disappeared beyond Ireland.

249. This DT is taken from the records of the Will Rogers Memorial. *NYT, BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* did not print it, possibly because officials still had not heard from Nungesser and Coli. No other DT received such a general rejection by editors.

Italian aviator Francesco de Pinedo with two aides departed Italy in February on a four-continent flight in a "hydroairplane." After negotiating Africa and South America, the plane was destroyed by fire in Arizona in early April. Premier Mussolini sent another plane, which arrived on May 1 and was assembled and flown on May 8. Pinedo eventually reached Rome in mid-June.

250. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 11, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "and the town…Claremore," in third sentence/*LAT* omits postscript.

Coolidge moved to Northampton, 100 miles west of Boston, after he graduated from Amherst College in 1895. Ten years later he married Grace Goodhue, a gifted teacher in a local school for the deaf. He served as mayor of Northampton from 1909 to 1911.

Harvard was scheduled to play the University of Pennsylvania instead of Princeton in 1927, while the football schedule for 1928, announced about a week later, added the United States Military Academy for the first time since 1910. Smith College is a private, nondenominational school for women.

The fate of Nungesser and Coli remained in doubt. Meanwhile, Hoover continued his relief work for victims of the Mississippi River flood. During previous days, he had inspected inundated areas and had conferred with state and local authorities and with bankers about relief and rehabilitation measures.

251. *LAT*, Thursday, May 12, 1927, I:1:8; heading from *KCT*, 15:3. Variants: *KCT* gives "farmer's bill not" in third sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

French citizens, deeply disappointed at the increasingly certain loss of their heroes Nungesser and Coli, resumed their bitterness of the previous summer toward Americans. Allegations were made, and quickly denied, that the United States government deliberately had withheld weather reports that might have aided the French fliers.

252. *NYT*, Friday, May 13, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* begins close "In" and *LAT* omits close.

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested in April of 1920 for a payroll robbery in South Braintree, Massachusetts, and for murders of a paymaster and a guard. They were tried and convicted in 1921 on evidence that left many doubts. Appeals and requests for new trials followed, while many people believed that the convictions resulted more from the men's Italian birth, philosophical atheism, and political radicalism than from proven guilt. A special state commission continued to study the conviction in May of 1927.

253. *NYT*, Saturday, May 14, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "are some of" in fourth sentence.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon believed that British receipts in loan payments from its allies, plus reparations from Germany, more than balanced British debt remittances to the United States. The British government asked the United States to correct Mellon's "inaccurate and misleading statement," but the secretary only admitted that a minor "typographical error" had been made.

After this date Rogers dropped the Sunday telegram—which had appeared with some regularity since August of 1926 and exclusively in *NYT*—and began a six-telegram-a-week routine. He continued to write a "weekly article," a feature length discourse on current events, for publication on Sunday.

254. *NYT*, Monday, May 16, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "them what is the matter and what has caused" in the first sentence/*LAT* gives "mind us eating it, but when we tried" in third sentence.

The Democratic minority in the Rhode Island legislature filibustered in 1924, blocking passage of the annual appropriation bills in an effort to force constitutional change. The state house

soon ceased to meet, and after highly un-parliamentary behavior senate Republicans fled to Massachusetts, preventing action through absence of a quorum. Banks however, salvaged state finances with short-term loans.

255. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 17, 1927, 31:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "'Gantry.' The Baptist shriek" in first sentence.

Elmer Gantry, a novel written by Sinclair Lewis in 1927, concerned the life of a sometime Baptist evangelist and charlatan, and a lover of whiskey, women, and himself. It combined the worst qualities of American Christianity of the 1920s. Reviewers fumed and the sale of the book was banned in Boston.

"It," a slang word popularized during the 1920s by the British novelist Elinor Glyn. Mrs. Glyn achieved such success in Hollywood in the art of personal advertisement that Paramount studios invented for her a motion picture entitled *It*, in which leading lady Clara Bow personified playful feminine allure.

256. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 18, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT*, give "financial condition of" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "in a short time now." in second sentence/*BDG* gives "$2000 for his wife" and *LAT* gives "$2500 for his wife and $400" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "off all payments to" in fourth sentence.

A lower federal court ruled that the Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination automatically exempted a bootlegger from filing an income tax return. The Supreme Court in a unanimous opinion held that the individual should have filed a return, specifically taking exception to the portions of required information that might prove incriminating.

257. *BDG* (AM), Thursday, May 19, 1927, 1:8; heading from *KCT*, 15:5. Variants: *LAT* omits sixth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

President Coolidge addressed the annual convention of the American Medical Association in Washington, D.C., on May 17.

258. *NYT*, Friday, May 20, 1927, 21:7.

259. *BDG* (PM), Saturday, May 21, 1927, 5:5; heading from *KCT*, 17:3. Variants: *LAT* gives "An odd, tall, slim, smiling, bashful American" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "life's work." in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "of that old Mississippi" in seventh sentence/*NYT* and *BDG* (AM) did not print the DT.

Charles Lindbergh, American aviator who made the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight. On May 20 he departed for Paris in a Ryan monoplane and completed the epic flight thirty-three and one-half hours later.

260. *NYT*, Monday, May 23, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "do but he has been invited to speak at the regular" and *BDG* gives "has an invitation" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "The Prince…appear in a town with that bird if he wants anybody" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "of Lindbergh's ardent" in close.

261. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 24, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "first time now. I…year even including" in first and second sentences/*LAT* gives "town with a great harbor which in the old days not only harbored some great fleets," in the third and fourth sentences/*KCT* gives "state. Being in the…law, this" in sixth and seventh sentences/*LAT* omits third paragraph.

Maine passed the first state prohibition law in 1846.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States from 1901 to 1909.

262. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 25, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "There are 125 million" in first sentence/*LAT* ends third sentence "one." and omits next sixteen words/*LAT* omits four words in parentheses and gives "provide a big sum for him and" in fifth sentence/*LAT* omits sixth sentence/*LAT* omits "and…did" in seventh sentence/*LAT* omits eleventh sentence/*LAT* gives "hun-

dred and twenty million" in close/*LAT* gives "flood fund." in postscript, omitting next three sentences.

263. *NYT*, Thursday, May 26, 1927, 27:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

264. *NYT*, Friday, May 27, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* and *KCT* give "we were really honest" in second sentence.

When Lindbergh arrived in Paris, 100,000 Frenchmen crowded Le Bourget Airport to greet him. The flier received the French Cross of the Legion of Honor and the ceremonial key to the city and was toasted at numerous banquets.

265. *NYT*, Saturday, May 28, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "Lindbergh" and *NYT* gives "meets his own President" in first sentence/*NYT* omits fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "night to give… any benefits given in any city." in sixth sentence.

266. *NYT*, Monday, May 30, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give close and signature "yours, WILL ROGERS."

Secretary Hoover broadcasted nationally from New Orleans on May 28. He reported that there were 700,000 victims of the flood of whom 600,000 depended on private aid. Receipts from the Red Cross drive totaled $14,000,000 with $2,000,000 more needed. The government had spent more than $5,000,000, while corporations had contributed several million.

On his return from France, Lindbergh visited Belgium where he was feted lavishly by King Albert and the royal family.

267. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 31, 1927, clipping marked "Killed first Edition" in Rogers Family Collection. Variant: First sentence as in *KCT*.

For Milton Hershey see DT 47.

Two burglars entered the home of stockbroker Jesse Livermore of Kings Point, Long Island, in the predawn hours of May 29, robbing the Livermores and their guests of $100,000 in jewelry. Because the thieves addressed the victims by their first names, police theorized that it was an "inside job."

268. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 1, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Memorial Day" in first sentence/*LAT* begins fourth sentence "Lincoln"/*LAT* gives "him nice will" in postscript.

President Coolidge's Memorial Day message dealt at length with foreign policy. Delivered at ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, the address was more than five times as long as Lincoln's speech at Gettysburg.

When Lindbergh arrived in London on May 9, he discovered a number of cabled messages requesting his early return to the United States. Although he did not reveal the exact nature of the telegrams from the government, he announced the next day that his European tour had been curtailed.

269. *NYT*, Thursday, June 2, 1927, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "this it would" in ninth sentence.

270. *NYT*, Friday, June 3, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "that's double" in fourth sentence/*LAT* omits sixth sentence/*NYT* gives surnames only in postscript.

President Coolidge offered Lindbergh a navy cruiser on which to return to the United States with the landing to be made at Washington, D.C. Lindbergh's acceptance disappointed Mayor Walker of New York City who had hoped that the American hero would visit his city first. Lindbergh already had accepted the New York State Medal of Valor from Governor Smith.

271. *NYT*, Saturday, June 4, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "returning to their old homes." in third sentence/*LAT* omits "no seed" in sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "(America's greatest single

possession)" in eighth sentence/*LAT* gives close "Yours,"/*LAT* inserts "Editor's Note" correcting total in DT, June 2, to $48,000—"an error on the part of the telegraph company."

John Barton Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross from 1921 to 1935 and former secretary of the interior of the United States.

272. *NYT*, Monday, June 6, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "figures, some papers" in second postscript/*LAT* omits second postscript/*KCT* did not print the DT.

273. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 7, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "about him going to take passengers I would have signed on. Then" in second and third sentences/*LAT* gives "man just like Lindbergh, and" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "It wasn't his fault that he didn't jump off weeks ago. He…innocent victim of rows and squabbles of which" in fifth and sixth sentences/*LAT* ends eighth sentence "as easy as any."/*LAT* gives "Well, I will…over when they get a bridge." in ninth sentence/*LAT* gives "the Chief going in the right direction." in postscript/*LAT* gives "that remind me of Chamberlin." in second sentence of postscript.

Chamberlin (see DTs 227 and 241) with a single passenger, financial backer Charles Levine, flew from Long Island, New York, to Eisleben, Germany, in forty-six hours and thirty minutes from June 4 to 6, marking the first transatlantic flight with a passenger.

Rogers probably referred to the *Chief*, the sleek and fast luxury passenger train of the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railway Company.

274. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 8, 1927, 27:7, Variants: *LAT* gives second sentence as "Now that the flood has passed its danger mark and is going down, the politicians are coming up."/*LAT* gives "Back to Beverly" in postscript.

President Coolidge, who earlier in the year had vetoed a farm relief bill, announced on May 31 that he would spend his summer vacation at a South Dakota state game lodge in the Black Hills.

Democrats criticized President Coolidge for refusing to call a special session of Congress to consider flood relief for the Mississippi Valley. Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth, a Republican, promised high priority for the matter at the next regular session in December.

Pola Negri, Polish-born actress who arrived in Hollywood in 1923 after a brief career in German motion pictures. Once married to a Polish nobleman, she had been linked romantically with Rudolph Valentino. On May 14 she married Prince Serge Mdivani, a native of the Caucasian state of Georgia.

275. *NYT*, Thursday, June 9, 1927, 29:7.

William McAdoo (see DT 147) spoke at graduation ceremonies at Tusculum College, Greenville, Tennessee.

276. *NYT*, Friday, June 10, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "Bolsheviki" in third sentence. Internal strife in the Soviet Union had increased recently. Sources had revealed numerous counterrevolutionary activities for which several dissidents were executed.

For Will Hays, czar of the movie industry, see DT 173.

277. *NYT*, Saturday, June 11, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *BDG* gives close and signature "(signed)./MAYOR."

278. *NYT*, Monday, June 13, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "these flights" in first sentence.

Mary Pickford, actress who in the heyday of silent film was known as "the world's sweetheart." She married actor Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., in 1920 but divorced him in 1935. Their palatial home "Pickfair" became a major attraction in Beverly Hills.

279. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 14, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives signature "WILL ROGERS."

A successor to the popular Ford Model T had been rumored for several months. Ford Motor Company finally indicated on June 8 that an extensive advertising campaign would soon be launched to promote the new car, details of which remained vague.

280. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 15, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "miss many" in fifth sentence/*BDG* adds to signature "WILL ROGERS."

Although a naval limitations conference was not scheduled to convene until June 20 in Geneva, rumors already prevailed that Japan would request a larger ratio of ships and neutralization of the Panama Canal, the United States would again attempt to limit naval craft other than previously limited capital ships, and Great Britain would propose cuts in cruiser and submarine construction.

281. *NYT*, Thursday, June 16, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* ends second sentence "in a Ford."/*LAT* omits fourth sentence of postscript.

President Coolidge and entourage left Washington on June 13 for a three-month vacation in the Black Hills. The eighty-member presidential party traveled in a nine-car special train.

This is Rogers' first reference to the illness that led to major surgery on June 17. He had suffered severe stomach cramps on three separate occasions during his recent cross-country tour. His physicians in Los Angeles concluded that he should enter California Lutheran Hospital for surgery to correct cholelithiasis, or gallstones. Rogers recorded his surgical experiences in *Ether and Me, or Just Relax*.

282. *NYT*, Friday, June 17, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "in a hospital" in third sentence.

283. *NYT*, Saturday, June 18, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* give "in a hospital you" in first sentence.

President Coolidge's pet raccoon Rebecca, along with Mrs. Coolidge's five canaries and the family's collies, had accompanied the presidential party to the Black Hills.

284. *NYT*, Monday, June 20, 1927, 21:7. Variant: Only *NYT* printed the NOTE.

Rogers' operation had been successful. Doctors removed two stones of significant size but not the gall bladder itself. A complication arose when the accumulated poison did not drain properly. Rogers' condition became so serious that his physicians, in addition to Mrs. Rogers, remained in the hospital overnight.

No DT is available for Tuesday, June 21, 1927.

285. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 22, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit first four words/*LAT* begins: "Mr. Coolidge sent me a nice message and I certainly do appreciate it." but does not quote it/*KCT* begins "Well, I certainly do appreciate the wire the President sent me today." but does not quote it/*BDG* gives "got love wires" in fifth sentence.

The crisis in the Rogers' illness came on June 19 and 20 when the accumulation of poison could not be relieved. Mrs. Rogers later noted that most people "did not know how grave" the situation was. In time, however, the poison began to drain, and Rogers fully recovered. During his hospital stay, he received encouraging messages from theatrical figures, chambers of commerce, the New Orleans Red Cross, senators, governors, relatives, and many others.

286. *NYT*, Thursday, June 23, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "officially invite Colonel" in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "(signed)" before title and signature/*LAT* omits title/only *LAT* gives second postscript.

Sawtelle is a village in western Los Angeles, adjoining Santa Monica. It is the site of a Veterans' Administration facility, the largest soldier's home in the country.

Harry Carr, correspondent, editor, and executive for the *Los Angeles Times* from 1897 until his death in 1936. Writing in his local affairs column "The Lancer" on June 21, Carr hailed Rogers as "The Brave Jester" and called him "one game guy" for writing copy almost to the operating table.

287. *NYT*, Friday, June 24, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "tamed the…Worms. Won't" in first and second sentences.

President Coolidge used worms as bait to catch seven trout. Secretary Hoover decried his technique as "the horror of all fly fishermen," and Senators Borah and Reed denounced the misuse of worms. But the public outcry was largely in good fun and helped Coolidge reap political benefit from his vacation.

288. *NYT*, Saturday, June 25, 1927, 19:7. Variant: Only *LAT* gives the postscript.

A scandal arose involving the receivership of the Julian Petroleum Company, a Southern California firm that had collapsed financially in May. Several indictments charging embezzlement and usury resulted, including allegations against fifty-five Los Angeles business leaders and motion picture executives. Within a year, seven principals had been acquitted of conspiracy and the prosecution characterized as a failure.

289. *NYT*, Monday, June 27, 1927, 21:7.

At the Washington Armament Conference in 1922, the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan, and Italy established a ten-year "holiday" during which time no new capital ships were to be built. They also set the ratio of capital ships already constructed at five each for the United States and Britain, three for Japan, and 1.67 each for France and Italy. As a result the United States scrapped twenty-six vessels totaling 694,000 tons, Britain twenty-four ships totaling 589,000 tons, and Japan sixteen ships totaling 427,000 tons. At the latest disarmament conference in Geneva, the United States failed in efforts to extend the "5-5-3" ratio to cruisers, destroyers, submarines, and other craft.

290. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 28, 1927, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "the popular movie stars" in first sentence.

Rod La Rocque, popular American leading man of the silent screen who successfully made the transition to "talkies."

Vilma Banky, blonde, Austro-Hungarian star of American silent films. The couple celebrated their forty-second anniversary a few months before La Rocque's death in 1969.

Samuel Goldwyn, a Polish-American who arrived in Hollywood in 1910 and quickly became one of the top motion picture producers. Goldwyn planned and supervised the La Rocque and Banky wedding, which was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills. Six hundred guests attended, while 400 policemen were needed to control thousands of spectators.

Richard Evelyn Byrd, polar explorer and member of the distinguished Byrd family of Virginia. Commander Byrd and three companions flew nonstop from New York to France in forty-two hours from June 29 to July 1. Byrd informed the nation of his progress through radio reports.

291. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 29, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "my ever entering" in postscript.

292. *NYT*, Thursday, June 30, 1927, 29:7.

For Governor Harry Byrd of Virginia see DT 240.

293. *NYT*, Friday, July 1, 1927, 29:7.

294. *NYT*, Saturday, July, 2, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives origin "CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOSPITAL."

Commander Byrd and his companions had intended to land at Le Bourget Airfield in Paris, but dense fog and sudden radio failure caused the fliers to pass over Paris and return toward the English Channel. The flight ended at dawn on July 1 when Byrd's plane fell into the sea near Ver Sur Mer, France, 120 miles from Paris. The four fliers swam ashore unhurt. The cause of the radio failure could not be pinpointed.

295. *NYT*, Monday, July 4, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*KCT* gives "lose-armed" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "but for the" in fifth sentence.

Rogers intended this telegram to be a good-natured spoof of the numerous air races being held in the United States. Many of his readers, however, eagerly accepted his challenge of a "non-stop" automobile race from Oklahoma to California. At 4:00 A.M. on July 13, Mr. and Mrs. John Collins of Tulsa, Oklahoma, aroused the Rogers family to claim first prize. Numerous other competitors soon followed. Rogers' "joke" cost the comedian $840 in prize money, the goodwill of the Beverly Hills police department, and a night's sleep.

296. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 5, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "popping their" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "you farther." in fifth sentence.

George M. Cohan (see DT 22) actually was born on July 3, 1878, but celebrated his birthday on July 4. Coolidge was born on July 4, 1872.

297. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 6, 1927. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "trouble in since" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "of telephone" in sixth sentence.

For an account of the Julian oil scandal see DT 288.

298. *NYT*, Thursday, July 7, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "seems about" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "you read" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "they'll want" and *LAT* gives "they all will want" in postscript.

299. *NYT*, Friday, July 8, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "cap and that…time; that" in second and third sentences.

A nationally-distributed news photograph showed President Coolidge dressed in a cowboy outfit, which the Boy Scouts of Custer County, South Dakota, had presented to him on the occasion of his fifty-fifth birthday. The western attire included chaps inscribed with "CAL."

300. *NYT*, Saturday, July 9, 1927, 15:7.

Henry Ford issued a public apology of July 8 for anti-Semitic remarks published in his magazine, the *Dearborn Independent* (see DT 114).

301. *NYT*, Monday, July 11, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*LAT* gives "his old" in third sentence/*BDG* omits first three sentences and only prints postscript/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Jesse Lasky, United States motion picture producer and theater owner. In May of 1927 Adolph Zukor (see DT 166) and Lasky, partners in Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, announced across-the-board payroll cuts for all their employees. On July 10 in an unrelated incident, the two men were cited for conspiracy to control the distribution of films and ownership of movie theaters. The Federal Trade Commission temporarily restrained Lasky and Zukor from building and buying additional theaters.

302. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 12, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "were coming" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "out one" in postscript.

Kevin O'Higgins, vice president of the Irish Free State from 1923 to 1927 and minister for home affairs and justice. O'Higgins was assassinated near Dublin on July 10 during a period of extreme controversy regarding the taking of an oath of allegiance by members of the lower house of the Irish legislature.

Newspapers reported that the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America had called for the impeachment of President Coolidge and the removal of Secretary Mellon for failure to enforce Prohibition. The League denied the news stories.

303. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 13, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "is likely to" in second sentence.

Coolidge turned to fly fishing after worm lovers protested his earlier choice of bait (see DT 287). He quickly adapted to the new technique and proved skillful at the sport.

Benjamin B. Lindsay, judge of the juvenile court in Denver from 1901 to 1927 and noted social reformer. Lindsay drafted numerous legislative proposals and lectured widely for the juvenile court movement. His most controversial stance, however, was his advocacy of "companionate marriage," which called for easier divorces and birth control.

304. *NYT*, Thursday, July 14, 1927, 25:7. *KCT* did not print the DT.

305. *NYT*, Friday, July 15, 1927, 19:7.

John Barton Payne, national chairman of the American Red Cross (see DT 271), honored Rogers with a life membership in the organization in appreciation of Rogers' work in behalf of the victims of the Mississippi River flood.

306. *NYT*, Saturday, July 16, 1927, 13:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "lots of…prospect of disastrous" and *KCT* gives "the possible disastrous" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "it is" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "we have lost" in fourth sentence/*LAT* ends fourth sentence "lost nothing." omitting last five words/*KCT* gives "they wouldn't" and *LAT* gives "them—wouldn't" in sixth sentence/*KCT* gives "nations found…we had…they gradually would" in seventh sentence/*KCT* gives "we may come back" in ninth sentence/*LAT* omits eighth, ninth, and tenth sentences.

Negotiators ended the naval conference at Geneva without substantial agreement as to further disarmament. An impasse occurred when Great Britain insisted that it needed seventy cruisers to maintain adequate security while the United States and Japan held to a smaller figure.

307. *NYT*, Monday, July 18, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS" /*LAT* gives "'Films…nations.'" in first sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "Democrat and…elected president." in third sentence/*LAT* gives "If you are" and *BDG* gives "If you people" and *KCT* gives is nobody" in postscript.

Louis "Bull" Montana, Italian-born professional wrestler; introduced into American motion pictures by Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., as a fierce-faced character actor. For Ben Turpin see DT 118.

308. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 19, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "300 natives" in first sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

United States marine and Nicaraguan loyalist troops, aided by American bombing planes, repulsed an attack by liberal forces on a conservative stronghold. The rebel army suffered more than fifty dead.

309. *LAT,* Wednesday, July 20, 1927, 1:3. Variants: *BDG* gives "big raids" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "Cal himself" in second sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Federal prohibition agents in South Dakota staged one of their frequent weekend raids on the bootlegging trade in the Black Hills. They arrested eleven alleged offenders in Rapid City.

310. *NYT*, Thursday, July 21, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Sporting experts" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "'If' they don't win they will all be wrong again. They are…wrong." and *BDG* gives "'If' don't win… again. They are…trust to…wrong." in second and third sentences/*LAT* gives "judgment even" in second sentence.

Arenas in a number of cities had been mentioned as possible sites of a rematch bout between heavyweight champion Gene Tunney and former titleholder Jack Dempsey (see DT 62). Soldier Field in Chicago ultimately was selected because of its seating capacity of 110,000.

George "Tex" Rickard, sports promoter who staged several championship boxing matches during the 1920s. He is credited with the first "million dollar gate" in boxing, the Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier fight on July 2, 1921. Rickard's bouts grossed more than $15,000,000.

311. *NYT*, Friday, July 22, 1927, 21:7.

Michael I, king of Romania from 1927 to 1930 and 1940 to 1947. Six-year-old Michael became king under a regency upon the death of his grandfather, Ferdinand I. His father, Prince Carol, who renounced his rights to the throne in 1925, returned from exile in 1930 and seized the crown. In 1940 pro-German Romanians forced Carol to abdicate and restore Michael to the throne.

Grace Goodhue Coolidge, wife of President Coolidge. Rogers once referred to Mrs. Coolidge as "Public Female Favorite No. 1." She was a gracious and popular first lady and increased the number of entertainers invited to the White House, including Rogers who spent a night there following his trip abroad in 1926.

312. *NYT*, Saturday, July 23, 1927, 15:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "This proves" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "lawsuit that" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/only *LAT* printed the postscript.

Dempsey won a controversial heavyweight bout with Jack Sharkey (see DT 75) on July 22. Sharkey cried foul, alleging the knockout punch came when he turned his head towards the ring referee to protest Dempsey's below-the-belt hits. A few days earlier, Dempsey's attorneys had failed to prevent Dempsey's former manager, Jack Kearns, from instigating suits to collect past earnings (see DT 46).

313. *NYT*, Monday, July 25, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*BDG* gives "Lindsay's" and *LAT* gives "matrimonial upheaval" in first sentence.

For Judge Benjamin Lindsey see DT 303.

314. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 26, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "boy's sweetheart," and *KCT* gives "girls sweetheart's" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "girl's family" and *KCT* gives "Canadian family…are wary of" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "won't call" in fourth sentence.

Amidst widespread publicity, Lena Wilson, described by newspapers as a "child of the Canadian woods," and James "Bud" Stillman, Jr., son a socially prominent New York City banker, announced their engagement on July 26. Stillman met Wilson, daughter of a Canadian farmer, while vacationing with his family near the Wilson home. Rumors prevailed that the Stillman family disapproved of the union.

Thick fog prevented Lindbergh from landing in Portland, Maine, where he was scheduled for an appearance. He circled the city for ninety minutes before proceeding to Concord, New Hampshire, to await better weather. He completed his flight to Portland the next day, July 25.

315. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 27, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* omits second and third sentences and last six words of first sentence/*LAT* gives "if Nick finds out, he will" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "are set" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "talking you have fouled him." in seventh sentence.

316. *NYT*, Thursday, July 28, 1927, 21:7.

317. *NYT*, Friday, July 29, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "team put" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "and soothing syrup" in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "speech yesterday" in fifth sentence.

For Michael I, king of Romania, see DT 311; for Congressman Nicholas Longworth see DT 51.

318. *NYT*, Friday, July 29, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "idea three" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "Washington." in first sentence of postscript/*KCT* gives "copies" in second sentence of postscript/*KCT* gives "has stayed" in fourth sentence of postscript.

Walter Johnson, probably the fastest pitcher in professional baseball history. On August 2, 1927, Johnson's teammates from the Washington Senators, fans, and friends honored the exceptional player upon his twentieth and final season in baseball.

319. *NYT*, Monday, August 1, 1927, 21:7

John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in New York City from 1918 to 1929. Straton attracted national fame as a fundamentalist leader, active foe of Darwinism, prohibitionist, and strident opponent of the presidential candidacy of Governor Al Smith, a Catholic.

Minnie "Ma" Kennedy, evangelist and mother of Aimee McPherson (see DT 56). Credited with much influence in the development of her daughter's early career, Ma Kennedy broke with Aimee over control of their Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. The long smoldering row erupted on July 27 when they publicly accused each other of harassment.

Impetus for construction of Yankee Stadium, which Rogers called "Ruth's tabernacle," had been credited to the drawing power of premier Yankee slugger Babe Ruth (see DT 29).

Edward, Prince of Wales (see DT 165), arrived in Canada on July 30 to visit his ranch in Alberta and perform some official duties. Charles Lindbergh recently had left a Canadian retreat where he had been resting after a tour of the United States.

A massive earthquake struck Kansu, a remote province in western China, on May 23. The quake killed an estimated 100,000 people and devastated a 20,000-square-mile area.

320. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 2, 1927, 23:7.

321. *LAT*, Wednesday, August 3, 1927, I:1:4; heading from *KCT*, 13:4. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* did not print the postscript/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Chamberlin (see DTs 227 and 241), in a demonstration of the feasibility of ship-to-shore airplane communications, took off from a special runway on the deck of the luxury liner S.S. *Leviathan* as it lay at anchor eighty miles off the eastern coast of the United States. He landed at Teterboro Field in New Jersey less than three hours later.

The postscript appeared exclusively in the *Los Angeles Times*; the streets Rogers mentioned are near Hollywood.

322. *NYT*, Thursday, August 4, 1927, 23:7.

At noon on August 2, Coolidge presented reporters at the summer White House with a written statement that he did not "choose to run" for president in 1928. Some people interpreted the president's message as a willingness to accept a draft.

323. *LAT*, Friday, August 5, 1927, I:1:3; heading from *KCT*, 13:4. Variants: *KCT* gives "he doesn't faint." in second sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give postscript: "The deer season opened out here yesterday and a deer hunter brought in his first man before noon."/*NYT* did not print the DT.

324. *BDG* (AM), Saturday, August 6, 1927, 1:8; heading from *NYT*, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "ended with us" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "be big chief" in second sentence of postscript/*NYT* printed only the postscript as the body of the DT.

The arms limitation conference at Geneva held its final session on August 4, with British, United States, and Japanese representatives restating their respective cases as the unproductive meeting adjourned.

The Sioux tribe adopted Coolidge and gave him the Indian name "Leading Eagle" during an impressive ceremony on August 4.

325. *NYT*, Monday, August 8, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*LAT* gives "the ones that are expressing an" in first sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* omit third sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give signature "WILL ROGERS."/*LAT* omits close and title and *BDG* omits title.

The drama of the Sacco-Vanzetti case intensified as the two men went on a hunger strike. Radicals and many moderates in the United States and abroad protested the sentence of execution and called for clemency (see DT 252).

Alvin Fuller, Republican governor of Massachusetts from 1925 to 1929. Fuller set the executions of Sacco and Vanzetti for August 10; he later postponed the sentences to August 22 to allow a final round of appeals. Sacco and Vanzetti were executed on August 23.

326. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 9, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* omits fourth sentence.

Vice President Dawes, the Prices of Wales, Secretary of State Kellogg, and other dignitaries attended the dedication at Buffalo of the International Peace Bridge, which connected New York and Ontario. Dawes, a potential candidate, chose the occasion to criticize British attitudes toward naval limitation.

327. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 10, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "premier, who really is their president," in first sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

Stanley Baldwin, conservative prime minister of Great Britain from 1923 to 1924, 1924 to 1929, and 1935 to 1937. Baldwin spoke at the dedication of the International Peace Bridge (see DT 326).

328. *NYT*, Thursday, August 11, 1927, 23:7. Variants: NYT omits "secret" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "to return" and *KCT* gives "and a start on building" in third sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* omit fifth sentence.

President Coolidge revealed on August 9 that the United States would continue its "moderate naval building program," one which American public opinion could support.

329. *NYT*, Friday, August 12, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "California. Fords" in first paragraph.

Santa Barbara annually held a three-day fiesta called "Old Spanish Days." Celebrated in August during the full moon, the observance recalled the founding of the presidio in 1782, its years as a Franciscan mission, its conquest by Americans in 1847, and its prosperous cattle period.

330. *BDG* (AM), Saturday, August 13, 1927, 1:6; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. Variants: *LAT* omits first and second sentences/*KCT* gives "Ten planes" in third sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Hawaiian industrialist James Dole offered $35,000 in prizes—$25,000 for first and $10,000 for second—for a nonstop flight from California to Hawaii. By August 3 fifteen aircraft had been entered in the competition, but a series of crashes reduced the field. On August 12 race officials announced a four-day postponement to check the conditions of the planes.

331. *NYT*, Monday, August 15, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*NYT* gives "with Providence to" in second sentence.

Eugene Meyer, chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, visited President Coolidge on August 13 and predicted a $1,000,000,000 gain in agricultural income in 1927, the best outlook since the postwar drop in prices.

332. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 16, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Fairbanks said yesterday" in first sentence/*KCT* ends second sentence with "tie."

333. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 17, 1927, 25:7.

Here Rogers explained his signature to DT 325. A new California state law declared that in cities of the sixth class, which Beverly Hills recently had become, the chairman of the Board of Trustees automatically would become mayor; thus, Sil Spaulding, chairman of the Beverly Hills Board of Trustees, replaced Rogers as mayor. In recognition of Rogers' service, the board honored him with the title of "Mayor Emeritus."

334. *NYT*, Thursday, August 18, 1927, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "is an awful lonesome place this" in first sentence.

The Dole race to Hawaii began on the morning of August 16. Only nine aircraft remained of the fifteen that had qualified on August 3. Four of the nine planes took off without mishap on August 16, two others crashed at takeoff, two returned to San Francisco shortly after passing the Golden Gate, and one was denied permission to leave.

335. *NYT*, Friday, August 19, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "or injured we" in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit second paragraph/*LAT* gives "Just a plain citizen" for close.

Two groups of Germans in twin Junkers planes, departed Dessau, Germany, on August 14, bound for New York City. One plane turned back within six hours and crashed on landing with slight damage. The other aircraft reached western Ireland before fog and gale-blown rain forced it to return to Dessau. No fliers were injured.

336. *LAT*, Saturday, August 20, 1927, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 13:6. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "are not Lindberghs." in fourth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Movie stunt flier Art Goebel won the Hawaiian derby, completing the flight in slightly more than twenty-six hours. Of the participating planes, only Goebel's aircraft carried radio-sending equipment. Only one other plane finished, and the fact that a woman passenger on one aircraft had been lost intensified public criticism of the race. The sponsoring committee in San Francisco had attempted to approve genuinely safe planes and competent pilots, but the relative smallness of Hawaii compounded navigation error.

337. *NYT*, Monday, August 22, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Just across Arizona" in first sentence/*BDG* omits sixth sentence and *KCT* ends it after "Moody."/*LAT* omits postscript /*BDG* gives "All that I can" and *KCT* gives "for one, is that…down there will be two lost" in postscript.

For Governor Dan Moody see DT 71; for publisher Amon G. Carter see DT 176.

Criticism of the disastrous Hawaiian air derby continued (see DT 336). One of the original contestants, delayed at the start, had taken off on August 19 and had flown along the route of the competition. Radio signals indicated that he apparently had crashed 600 miles west of San Francisco. The race claimed three lives with seven persons missing.

338. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 23, 1927, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "been desecrated to" and *BDG* gives "Curtis's to the" in second sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Senator Arthur Capper, long-time friend of farmers and editor of various publications, including *Capper's Farmer* magazine, visited Coolidge at the time of the president's announcement of withdrawal as a candidate (see DT 322). Senator Charles Curtis, a potential presidential candidate, was one-eighth Kaw Indian.

339. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 24, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "Crestland"/*LAT* gives "raining and bad" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "for the powder makers." in third sentence.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company manufactured chemicals used in ammunition.

For evangelist Billy Sunday see DT 225.

340. *NYT*, Thursday, August 25, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* omits eighth sentence/*NYT* gives "Your official" to begin close.

Coolidge had requested vital repairs for the White House, including work on the roof; Congress responded with an appropriation of $375,000. Workmen finished their tasks in time for Rogers to use the White House to film some scenes of his new motion picture, *A Texas Steer*.

341. *NYT*, Friday, August 26, 1927, 19:7.

Lita Chaplin received a divorce from actor Charlie Chaplin, plus custody of their two sons and a property settlement of $625,000 for herself and $200,000 in trust for the children (see DT 129).

Frank W. Stearns, Boston merchant who supported and promoted Coolidge's election as lieutenant governor and governor of Massachusetts and later as vice president; Coolidge's closest associate and confidant. From August 23 to 28 Coolidge toured Yellowstone National Park, visiting "Old Faithful" geyser and other favorite sightseeing spots.

342. *NYT*, Saturday, August 27, 1927, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "get the capital moved" in fifth sentence/*NYT* omits postscript.

343. *NYT*, Monday, August 28, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives close and signature "Yours, WILL ROGERS." and *LAT* gives signature "HON. WILL ROGERS."

Bobby Jones of Atlanta won his third United States amateur golfing title in four years on August 27; earlier that month he had captured his second consecutive British open championship.

The title of "Congressman-at-Large for the United States" was bestowed on Rogers by the National Press Club at a special reception in Washington, D.C., on August 27. As bearer of the honor, the Oklahoman had to "roam the country, pry into the state of the Union, check up on prohibition enforcement, and report at regular intervals" to the club.

344. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 30, 1927, 25:7

Pilot William Brock and Detroit businessman Edward Schlee began a round-the-world flight in August in a Stinson-Detroiter monoplane. They hoped to break the existing record of twenty-eight and one-half days. They reached London on August 28, but upon arriving in Tokyo on September 13, they abandoned the adventure and returned to the United States aboard a surface vessel.

For swimmer Gertrude Ederle see DT 10.

Charles Levine, passenger on Chamberlin's epic flight of June 6, 1927 (see DT 273), generated considerable publicity in Europe for his reckless flying and numerous fist fights. In contrast Lindbergh visited eastern and midwestern cities to promote aviation; published his story of the Paris flight, *We*; and with his mother announced plans to purchase the old family home in Minnesota.

345. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 31, 1927, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "fellow men" in seventh sentence.

346. McNaught Syndicate; heading from *KCT*, Thursday, September 1, 1927, 13:2. Variants: *LAT* gives "movie of Hoyt's old stage play, 'A Texas Steer.'" and *KCT* gives "play, 'A Texas Steer.'" in first sentence/*BDG* omits sixth and seventh sentences/*KCT* gives "was drinking" in eighth sentence/*BDG* omits title before signature/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Charles Hoyt, American playwright of popular comedies, including *The Texas Steer; or, Money Makes the Mare Go* (1890) and *A Trip to Chinatown* (1891).

347. *LAT*, Friday, September 2, 1927, I:1:3; heading from *KCT*, 13:5. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "WASHINGTON D.C.," *BDG* and *KCT* as here/*BDG* gives "that old lady" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "If an old lady of 63 can… her to look" and *KCT* gives "If a woman of 63 can" in fourth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Princess Loewenstein-Wertheim, sixty-two-year-old British widow of a German prince and first woman to fly the English Channel, and two commercial airways pilots departed England on August 31, bound for Ottawa, Canada. Their plane disappeared over the Atlantic.

348. *NYT*, Saturday, September 3, 1927, 17:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "his manager, went" in fifth sentence.

Dempsey trained at Lincoln Fields race track in Crete, Illinois, thirty miles from Chicago.

Leo Flynn, boxing trainer, manager, and promoter. Flynn served as adviser and trainer for Jack Dempsey's bouts with Jack Sharkey and Gene Tunney in 1927.

349. *NYT*, Monday, September 5, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "from the City of Mexico" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "put out the fire." in fourth sentence/*BDG* omits title in close and *LAT* omits close.

Emilio Carranza, known as "Mexico's Lindy," flew nonstop from Mexico City to Juarez on September 2 in ten hours and forty-nine minutes. Newspaper reports mentioned the wing fire and the unique extinguishing method.

350. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 6, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "There is raving…in motor car deaths." in first sentence/*KCT* gives "never hear about relief" in second sentence.

According to news sources, at least fifteen fliers had disappeared while attempting to cross the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. On September 2 the American Bar Association adopted a resolution calling for federal regulation of transoceanic flights. A *New York Times* editorial acknowledged that "there is something to be said" for regulation.

351. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 7, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "movies on whom all" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "in any other business." in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "The Anti-Saloon League" in eighth sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* omit last nine words of eighth sentence, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it has here (*BDG* giving it Mrs. Coolidge")/*KCT* gives "The best proof a man is good is to have" in ninth sentence/*LAT* omits close, and *BDG* and *LAT* omit title/*KCT* omits signature.

For prohibitionist Wayne Wheeler see DT 221; for film producer Marcus Loew see DT 166.

352. *NYT*, Thursday, September 8, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* inserts "Coolidge in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* omit surname/*KCT* gives title and signature "CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE ROGERS."

President Coolidge addressed a number of farmers during a tour of an experimental farm in South Dakota on September 2. The secretary of the group offered Coolidge a standard 160-acre project farm as a retirement home. The president merely smiled.

353. *NYT*, Friday, September 9, 1927, 27:7. Variant: First sentence punctuation is as in *BDG.*

The Dempsey-Tunney rematch scheduled for 110,000-seat Soldier Field in Chicago, was expected to draw a total "gate" of $3,000,000 and to require 6,500 police and ushers to manage the crowd.

354. *NYT*, Saturday, September 10, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* give "get answered" in second sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "Frisco" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "overland, he never would do it with a hydroplane." in third sentence.

Two more planes disappeared during transatlantic crossings. On September 3 an editor for the *New York Daily Mirror* and two other men departed New York for Rome on a promotional flight for the newspaper. Four days later a pair of Canadian aviators, competing for a $25,000 prize, left Newfoundland for London. By September 10 both planes were listed as lost.

355. *NYT*, Monday, September 12, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS."

Although Governor Al Smith appeared to be the leading candidate for the Democratic nomination, William McAdoo remained a possibility. Others under consideration included Senators James Reed, Pat Harrison, and Joseph Robinson; Governor Albert Ritchie; Indianapolis banker Evans Woollen; and former Secretary of War Newton Baker.

356. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 13, 1927, 33:7. Variant: *BDG* omits "Walker" in second sentence.

For golfer Bobby Jones see DTs 209 and 343.

Walter Hagen, foremost professional golfer of the 1910s and 1920s. On September 10 Hagen won the Western Open in Chicago, while pre-flight publicity revealed that Dempsey was playing golf, rather than sparring.

357. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 14, 1927, 33:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit "FIRST…STUDIO" in heading/*LAT* gives close and signature but not title.

President and Mrs. Coolidge had ended their summer vacation in South Dakota by September 11 and had returned to Washington. Rogers remained confident that Coolidge would be president when the next summer arrived and thus offered the old Rogers ranch home near Claremore as a vacation retreat.

358. *NYT,* Thursday, September 15, 1927, 31:7. Variant: *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* omit "FIRST....STUDIO" in heading.

359. *NYT*, Friday, September 16, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit "FIRST…STUDIO" in heading/*LAT* gives "Mayor Thompson" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "opposite from" in sixth sentence.

360. *NYT*, Saturday, September, 17, 1927, 19:7.

Screen comedian Charlie Chaplin's divorce settlement totaled $1,025,000 (see DT 341). The "new picture" that Rogers mentioned probably was the award winning *The Circus* (1928), which Chaplin wrote and directed and in which he starred.

361. *NYT*, Monday, September 19, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*KCT* presented this DT and #362 as part of the same with dateline "Sept. 18" and portion of #362 as postscript; the whole was published on September 20, 15:3.

Former Secretary of the Treasury William McAdoo (see DT 147) withdrew his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination on September 17. In a prepared statement he reviewed his long public career and then rhetorically asked, "Do you not think that I have earned at least an 'honorable discharge?'" Some former McAdoo supporters subsequently suggested that Governor Smith follow suit in withdrawing.

362. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 20, 1927, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* presents this and the previous DT as a single one in issue on September 20.

363. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 21, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit "FIRST…STUDIO" in heading/*LAT* gives "Another P. S." for second one/*BDG* inserts close and signature after postscripts, which it treats as second and third paragraphs of text proper.

Lindbergh had departed San Diego nineteen weeks earlier in *The Spirit of St. Louis*, bound for Paris and fame. On September 20 he returned to San Diego where he was honored at a civic banquet at which Rogers spoke, and, with Rogers, was initiated into a local fraternal group.

In a publicity stunt for the motion picture company Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer, Martin Jensen, who placed second in the Hawaiian air derby in August, took off on September 16 from San Diego with a lion named Leo. Bound for New York City, Jensen crashed landed that afternoon in Arizona without injury to himself or the lion.

For aviation promoter Charles Levine see DT 344.

364. *NYT*, Thursday, September 22, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "the pig the ham" in sixth sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "The pigs" in seventh sentence/*LAT* gives "Toplitzky" and *KCT* gives "Toplisky" in seventh sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "Tia Juana" in postscript/*KCT* gives "Can it rightfully…America?" in postscript.

The Spirit of St. Louis, which Lindbergh commemorated in his autobiographical book, *We* (1927), was constructed in San Diego at the Ryan Airlines factory. Workmen put the finishing touches on the plane only six weeks before Lindbergh flew to Paris.

Lindbergh purchased five sandwiches—two ham, two beef, and one egg—"to go" at a drug-store in Queensboro Plaza in New York City on the evening before his departure for Paris.

Rogers probably referred to Marco H. Hellman, Los Angeles banker and prominent land owner.

Joe Toplitsky, Los Angeles realtor and insurance executive.

365. *NYT*, Friday, September 23, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* inserts in origin: "FIRST NATIONAL STUDIOS."

Rogers enjoyed one of his greatest thrills on September 21. An airline president chose that day to announce the commencement of regular passenger service between San Diego and Los Angeles. Lindbergh consented, in the interest of commercial aviation, to pilot the inaugural flight. Rogers shared the cockpit with Lindbergh, and various dignitaries, including Mrs. Rogers, comprised the remainder of the planeload.

366. *NYT*, Saturday, September 24, 1927, 19:7.

Dwight Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico from 1927 to 1930. As a partner in the banking firm of J. P. Morgan and Company, Morrow had shown his diplomatic skills during and after World War I. Under his tactful guidance as ambassador, relations with Mexico improved as a number of disputes were adjusted.

In the Dempsey-Tunney rematch, defending champion Tunney heavily outpointed Dempsey through the first six rounds. Then in the seventh round, Dempsey managed a rush of blows that knocked Tunney down for the first time in his career. Dempsey, who was nearly as confused as Tunney, stayed in his corner; however, the referee waited until Dempsey went to a neutral corner before he began the count. Thus, Tunney gained five valuable seconds and went on to win the match on points.

367. *BDG* (AM), Monday, September 26, 1927, 1:5; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* begin first sentence "Eleven people died"/*KCT* gives "announcer to tell them who" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "Fewer diplomas…fewer arms." and *LAT* gives "not fewer wars" in ninth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

The fatal heart attacks generally were blamed on the excitement of the seventh round.

Radio announcers, then as later, had to read long lists of credits and recite sponsors, commercial messages.

German Foreign Secretary Gustav Stresemann, in a speech on September 24, pleaded for international arms limitation. Armaments give no real security, he claimed, because other nations see them only as threats. Allies had forced Germany to disarm following World War I.

368. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 27, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "they got it." and *KCT* gives "they can get it." in fourth sentence.

Various potential presidential candidates recently voiced their opinions about Prohibition in speeches and newspaper interviews. Democratic Senator Reed of Missouri was interested more in establishing himself as favoring farm relief, rather than in emphasizing his well-known "wet" sentiments.

369. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 28, 1927, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* omits sixth sentence.

370. *NYT*, Thursday, September 29, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give signature after third sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* insert "P. S." before fourth and fifth sentences/*LAT* inserts "P. S. S." before the sixth and seventh sentences.

In Cleveland the Court of Common Pleas affirmed the right of a recently married couple to sit in a parked car and engage in public embraces. The arresting officer, against whom $3,675 in damages were assessed, had contended that the couple was guilty of disorderly conduct.

The American Legion held its annual convention in Paris in 1927. Twenty-seven thousand Legionnaires attended the festive gathering, which began on September 20 and ended two days later. Soldiers returning from abroad during World War I often were welcomed with doughnuts, coffee, and other rewards.

Governors of the seven states drained by the Colorado River held a three-week meeting in Denver to discuss the proposed Boulder Dam. Arizona withdrew its objections to the dam, and California agreed that Arizona and Nevada might share in revenue from power sold by the project; thus, only division of the lower river remained for major discussion.

371. *NYT*, Friday, September 30, 1927, 27:7.

Theaters in Los Angeles advertised films of the Dempsey-Tunney fight only five days after the match, although federal laws prohibited the interstate transportation of such films.

372. *NYT*, Saturday, October 1, 1927, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS."

Plutarco Calles, president of Mexico from 1924 to 1928. The exchange of telephone messages was staged elaborately in Washington and Mexico City.

A tornado swept through residential areas of St. Louis on the afternoon of September 29; it killed ninety persons and caused $50,000,000 property damage. The Red Cross lent immediate aid to the victims.

373. *NYT*, Monday, October 3, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "does seem good" and *KCT* gives "does feel good" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "they may beat" in fourth sentence.

For sports promoter Tex Rickard see DT 310.

Henry Louis "Lou" Gehrig, first baseman and home run slugger who starred with the New York Yankees from 1925 to 1939. The Yankees were favored to defeat the Pittsburgh Pirates in the World Series, scheduled to start on October 5.

374. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 4, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* inserts "FIRST NATIONAL STUDIOS" in heading/*KCT* begins first sentence "See quoted a"/ *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "government is all" and *LAT* gives "they read" and *KCT* gives "read where I" in third sentence.

British and American relations had deteriorated since the three-power naval conference in August. Rogers referred to an editorial in the *Manchester* (England) *Sunday Chronicle,* which was quoted in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Governor Austin Peay of Tennessee (see DT 147) died suddenly on October 2 of a cerebral hemorrhage. Although he was governor at the time of the Scopes trial, he did not enter into the attendant controversy regarding evolution.

375. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 5, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "I unintentionally broke" to begin DT.

376. *NYT*, Thursday, October 6, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "fellow Babe Ruth and his home runs that" and *KCT* gives "his homer that" and *LAT* gives "on the radio today" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* gives "singles and a sacrifice fly. I" and *LAT* gives "singles in the whole game. I" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "for it would have" and *BDG* gives "broken a record" in postscript.

Paul "Big Poison" Waner and Lloyd "Little Poison" Waner. Natives of Ada, Oklahoma, the Waner brothers played in right and center fields, respectively, for the Pittsburgh Pirates during the 1920s and 1930s. In the first game of the World Series, which the Yankees won, 5 to 4, Paul had three hits, including a double, while Lloyd hit a double and scored twice.

377. *NYT*, Friday, October 7, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* inserts "FIRST NATIONAL STUDIOS" in heading/*BDG* gives "to Borah" and *LAT* gives "marines will do a little voting themselves." in first sentence/*BDG* ends second sentence "today." and *LAT* ends second sentence "Wednesday."/*KCT* gives "he couldn't find" in third sentence.

Senator Borah had expressed concern to Secretary Kellogg over the lack of current registration lists in Nicaragua. Kellogg agreed that registration was vital and that supervision of election involved necessary control over preliminary steps, including registration. He assured Borah that the United States would guarantee Nicaraguans their rights.

James Davis, United States secretary of labor from 1921 to 1930. After inspecting the First National Studios with Rogers, Davis concluded that motion pictures were the most representative American industry.

378. *NYT*, Saturday, October 8, 1927, 19:7.

Anthony "Tony" Lazzeri, second baseman and shortstop for the New York Yankees from 1925 to 1937. Lazzeri amassed a .292 batting average in the major leagues.

Bernard "Benny" Bengough, catcher for the New York Yankees from 1923 to 1930; later played for the St. Louis Browns; retired in 1932. Bengough had a lifetime major league batting average of .255.

George Pipgras, pitcher for the Yankees from 1923 to 1933; later with the Boston Red Sox from 1933 to 1935. Pipgras started, finished, and won three World Series games for the Yankees during his thirteen-year career.

Michael "Mike" Cvengros, pitcher for several major league clubs from 1922 to 1929, including two World Series games in 1927.

New York swept the series in four games.

379. *NYT*, Monday, October 10, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/only *LAT* gives first postscript/*LAT* gives second postscript "Another P. S."/*KCT* combines first three sentences: "Arthur Brisbane says Coolidge won't run." and gives fourth as here, omits fifth through seventh sentences, and gives eighth: "I will bet $5,000 he runs. No ifs about it. I bet he runs, the winner…knowledge." and uses second postscript.

Brisbane, an editor and columnist for Hearst newspapers (see DT 204), insisted the President Coolidge's statement of withdrawal issued in August was genuine. The president declined to clarify his remarks, but it increasingly was taken as an absolute refusal of further nomination.

William Randolph Hearst, powerful and controversial editor, publisher, and political figure; a dominant figure in American journalism.

380. *LAT*, Tuesday, October 11, 1927, I:1:3.; heading from *KCT*, 15:2. Variants: *KCT* gives "there is something to be" in second sentence/*KCT* omits second postscript/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Secretary of the Treasury Andrew Mellon had reported a government surplus of $400,000,000, which prompted the administration to call for a tax reduction of no more than $300,000,000. A special committee on taxation of the United States Chamber of Commerce recommended that the reduction be at least $400,000,000, that corporation taxes be cut, and that federal estate and war excises be repealed.

381. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 12, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences, and *LAT* omits fourth through eighth sentences/*KCT* gives seventh and eighth sentences as postscript.

French and American relations were strained somewhat over negotiations of a new trade treaty that included French tariffs on American manufactured goods. Announced on October 5, the rates were suspended in November.

Hazen "Kiki" Cuyler, outfielder for the Pittsburghh Pirates from 1921 to 1927; later played with three other major league teams before retiring in 1938. Cuyler led the Pirates to a world championship in 1925. The Pittsburghh club owner, dissatisfied with Cuyler's efforts in 1927, benched him for much of the season. After the team's poor showing in the World Series, Cuyler broke his self-imposed silence to criticize the front office; he was soon traded.

382. *NYT*, Thursday, October 13, 1927, 27:4-5. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit introductory sentence/*BDG* gives "WILL NOT RUN" in Hearst's first sentence/*KCT* gives "public official who" in Hearst's third sentence/only *LAT* gives "it wasn't…for." in Rogers' fourteenth and fifteenth sentences/*KCT* gives "the progressive offsprings, so" in Rogers' eighteenth sentence/*KCT* gives "Arthur B. got" in Rogers' nineteenth sentence.

The proposed Brisbane-Rogers bet on a third term for Coolidge (see DT 379) suddenly became a Hearst-Rogers wager, with different odds and more at stake. The publisher's communication resembled the editorials which he often sent his newspapers for obligatory front page space.

383. *NYT,* Friday, October 14, 1927, 27:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

Senator James Reed of Missouri (see DT 79) virtually declared his candidacy in a major speech on October 12 at Sedalia, Missouri. After assailing the Harding and Coolidge administrations, particularly concerning the naval oil scandals and a recent war debt controversy, Reed criticized the McNary-Haugen farm relief plan; thus he seemed opposed to all Republicans.

Senator Reed caused a breach in the Democratic party in Missouri in 1919 when he denounced President Wilson's peace policy. The next year the state party repudiated Reed's remarks and rejected him as a delegate to the national convention.

384. *NYT*, Saturday, October 15, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* omit postscript.

Twenty-three-year-old Ruth Elder and a male pilot attempted a New York-to-Paris flight in a Stinson-Detroiter monoplane. They departed on October 11, but engine trouble two days later forced them to ditch their plane in the Atlantic. Crewmen of a nearby Dutch tanker rescued them.

Three females reportedly swam the English Channel in October, but their feats virtually went unnoticed. One of the women subsequently confessed that she had faked her claim in order to expose the absence of safeguards for swimmers who attempted the crossing.

Princess Ilena, the youngest daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Romania, reportedly eloped with a Romanian naval lieutenant. Her mother denied the rumor, which was followed by a story that the princess had become a virtual prisoner in the royal palace, but that rumor also was denied. In 1931 the princess married Archduke Anton of Austria-Tuscany.

President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon attended a ceremony at the Carnegie Institute Museum on October 13 to honor business leaders of Pittsburgh for their cultural endeavors. Coolidge praised American contributions to international art, and Mellon extolled the work of industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie for supporting art and the city of Pittsburgh.

385. *NYT*, Monday, October 17, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "Kemal" in second sentence.

Notre Dame defeated the United States Naval Academy on October 15 by a score of 19 to 6.

Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of the Turkish Republic from 1923 to 1938. On October 14 Kemal began a 400,000-word speech in the Turkish national assembly. The six-day oration reviewed the history of the republic in considerable detail.

Ruth Elder's rescuers, the crew of a Dutch tanker, attempted to raise her plane onto the deck of the ship, but the aircraft had to be cut loose when a fire started in an engine. When Elder boarded the rescue ship, she shook hands with the captain and thanked him. She then turned aside and applied fresh lipstick. Her husband, advertiser Lyle Womack, completely approved of her flying, she reported.

386. *LAT*, Tuesday, October 18, 1927, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 15:3. Variants: *BDG* begins ninth sentence "Mr. Brisbane is"/*KCT* omits ninth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Arthur Brisbane was well-known for his profitable real estate operations, which included apartments, hotels, and the new Ziegfeld Theater in New York City (see DT 204).

387. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 19, 1927, 29:2. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "progress in aviation" in first sentence.

Western Air Express Company, organized by Harris "Pop" Hanshue with the financial assistance of publisher Harry Chandler and others, held one of the original air mail contracts. Between October 18 and 21 Rogers twice crossed the United States on regularly scheduled airmail-passenger flights, including a Western Air Express flight from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City.

Brigham Young organized and guided the mass migration of Mormons to the Great Salt Lake Valley in Utah in 1848. Young adopted polygamy, had about twenty wives, and fathered fifty-six children.

388. *NYT*, Thursday, October 20, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* omit "(Tuesday)" and *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* omit "(Wednesday)" in first sentence.

389. *NYT*, Friday, October 21, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "Beverly Hills" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "you'd just" in fourth sentence.

390. *NYT*, Saturday, October 22, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*LAT* gives third sentence "Got home in time for dinner."/*LAT* and *KCT* give "Beverly this afternoon in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "arrive in New York till" and *KCT* gives "there until tomorrow morning" in sixth sentence/*LAT* omits first sentence of postscript/*BDG* gives second

sentence of postscript "We flew all over it." and *LAT* gives "We flew all over and around the Boulder Dam site." and *KCT* gives "over around it" in same sentence.

By the time Rogers landed at Vail field in Los Angeles, he had completed the first regularly scheduled passenger flight between New York and Los Angeles; actual flying time totaled eighty-one hours. Lindbergh flew air mail service before he embarked on his epic transatlantic flight.

391. *NYT*, Monday, October 24, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*LAT* gives "Morrow has arrived in Mexico to" in first sentence/*LAT* omits second paragraph/*BDG* gives "anxious days for" in seventh sentence.

Ambassador Morrow (see DT 366) entered Mexico under guard on October 22 and reached the capital city the next day. He presented his credentials to President Calles on October 29 with mutual expressions of amity and good will. His service as ambassador was one of the most successful of the decade.

Morrow and Coolidge were members of the class of 1895 at Amherst College in Massachusetts.

The United States refused to recognize the Soviet Union following the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917. Mutual recognition finally came in November of 1931.

392. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 25, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* omits third paragraph/*KCT* omits fifth sentence.

Morrow arrived safely in Mexico City despite an undercurrent of revolutionary activity. Several of the insurrectionist leaders, some of whom were presidential candidates, reportedly had been executed.

Frances Grayson, a Long Island realtor, had intended to fly to Denmark with a three-man crew, but three attempts between October 17 and 23 ended in failure. She then hired a male pilot who had experience flying in winter. On Christmas Eve they left Roosevelt Field, Long Island, for Newfoundland but disappeared en route.

Prince Carol of Romania reportedly had abandoned his mistress, Madame Magda Lepescu, in an effort to win favor among opponents of the regency government of King Michael (see DT 311).

The Mann Act of 1910 prohibited the interstate transportation of women for immoral purposes.

393. *LAT*, Wednesday, October 26, 1927, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. Variants: *KCT* gives "holding its benefit" in first sentence/only *KCT* gives postscript/*NYT* did not print the DT.

The annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association convened in Houston on October 24. The members principally were concerned about the 3,800 bank suspensions during the previous six years; suggested remedies included closer federal supervision. New legislation passed in February of 1927 had taken effect, resulting in many mergers and the growth of branch banking.

394. *NYT*, Thursday, October 27, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "cut down expenditures" in third sentence/*NYT* omits third paragraph, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Thomas Magruder, rear admiral in the United States Navy. In an article for the *Saturday Evening Post*, September 24, 1927, Magruder suggested that the Navy should economize by reducing the number of installations and officers. Secretary of the Navy Curtis Wilbur criticized the admiral for his remarks and subsequently relieved him of his command on October 25.

A leader of the nudist, communal cult discovered on the French Riviera claimed that members had no money, no property, no marriage, and no nationality.

395. *NYT*, Friday, October 28, 1927, 25:7.

Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas (see DT 116) announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination on October 26 and thus became the first official entry in the campaign of 1928. He insisted that he would not be merely a favorite son candidate.

396. *NYT*, Saturday, October 29, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* omits first paragraph, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* and *KCT* give second paragraph as postscript.

T. Coleman du Pont, Republican United States senator from Delaware from 1921 to 1922 and 1925 to 1928. Du Pont resigned from the Senate in 1928 because of cancer of the larynx.

Simeon Fess, Republican United States senator from Ohio from 1923 to 1935. Coolidge mildly reprimanded Fess for promoting Coolidge for a third term. The president continued to maintain that he would refuse the nomination.

Admiral Magruder, commandant of the Philadelphia naval yard (see DT 394), wrote President Coolidge to protest his removal from command and to seek revocation of the orders. He also requested an interview with the president. Secretary of the Navy Wilbur emphasized to the press that the reassignment order was "not punitive[;] it is administrative."

397. *NYT*, Monday, October 31, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* omit time in heading/*LAT* uses postscript as close.

San Simeon Ranch, the most fabulous of all the holdings of publisher William Randolph Hearst, consisted of 270,000 acres straddling the Santa Lucia mountains and stretching for approximately fifty miles along the central California coast.

398. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 1, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Four people" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "six injured" in second sentence.

The *Los Angeles Times* for October 29 and 30 listed the names of those who were killed and injured in the collision, but it gave more prominent space to the aviation accident in New Jersey that killed four persons.

399. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 2, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "will not revert" in ninth sentence.

Mayor Thompson, who had campaigned against "treason-tainted school textbooks" and had caused the suspension and trial of the superintendent of schools in Chicago (see DT 219), launched an American First Foundation with a $10 membership fee required.

400. *NYT*, Thursday, November 3, 1927, 29:7. Variant: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit "FIRST NATIONAL STUDIOS" in heading.

Jurors in the trial of former Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall and oil company executive Harry Sinclair allegedly had been shadowed by a detective agency hired by the defense. The government had brought Fall and Sinclair to trial for alleged leasing of naval oil reserves, especially property at Teapot Dome, Wyoming. The trial opened on October 16 and ended suddenly on November 2 in a mistrial because of attempted tampering with the jury.

401. *NYT*, Friday, November 4, 1927, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "ask the hardworking" in third sentence.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue issued a report on November 3 that revealed the rise in Americans' standard of living.

The first Ford Model A rolled off the assembly line in Detroit on November 1.

402. *NYT*, Saturday, November 5, 1927, 21:7.

Rumor prevailed that Ford would offer the new Model A on a "club plan." The user would make a small down payment and pay a monthly fee. At the end of a year he could have the car overhauled for a slight charge or exchange it for a new one. Title would remain with the company, though the user would have the option to purchase. Such an arrangement never materialized.

403. *NYT*, Monday, November 7, 1927, 25:7.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported on November 6 that Rogers had left Saturday night, November 5, by train "for the East to attend the premiere of his new picture, *The Texas Steer.*" But

Rogers, who disliked premieres, apparently decided to take his wife on an auto tour of the Southwest.

404. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 8, 1927, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "the Navajoes over three" and *LAT* gives "on Navajo lands more than three" and *KCT* gives "on the Navajos' land over three" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "hadn't had any yet" in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "Poor Lo! I suppose" in seventh sentence.

The Navajo Bridge, completed in 1929, spanned the Colorado River near Lee Ferry, Arizona. Navajos claimed that the bridge did not benefit them and that their oil revenues were appropriated unfairly for its construction.

For Rear Admiral Thomas Magruder see DT 394.

Charles Summerall, major general; Chief of Staff of the United States Army from 1926 to 1930. In October Secretary of War Dwight Davis recalled Summerall from a speaking tour in the West because he had criticized army economy, especially expenses on housing arrangements for personnel. After consultation with President Coolidge and Secretary Davis, Summerall resumed duty.

405. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 9, 1927, 27:7.

Voters in New York and New Mexico considered constitutional amendments in 1927 that would provide four-year terms for governors. Both amendments failed.

406. *NYT*, Thursday, November 10, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* begins fifth sentences "New Mexico," omitting first eight words/*LAT* omits sixth sentence/*LAT* omits close and signature.

New York voters adopted eight constitutional amendments and defeated one in elections on November 8; the results precisely reflected Governor Smith's desires.

In Philadelphia candidates supported by the political machine of Republican William Vare (see DT 69) won the mayoral post and positions on the city council but charges of fraud clouded the election results.

Cleveland voters defeated a proposal to repeal the city manager form of municipal government and return to the mayor-council plan.

New Mexico voters rejected a four-year term for state officials (see DT 405).

In Kentuckey Republican Flem Sampson defeated favored Democrat J. C. W. Beckham in the gubernatorial election. Observers believed that Beckham's proposed repeal of pari-mutuel betting led to his defeat.

No DT is available for Friday, November 11, 1927.

407. *NYT*, Saturday, November 11, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "through Kansas cornfields" in first sentence.

The boll weevil and the Mississippi River flood combined to reduce cotton production in 1927, resulting in an 80 percent increase in the price of cotton above that of a year earlier. Despite a late start because of cold weather, corn producers raised slightly more than in the previous year, with the price approximately 12 percent higher. Beef cattle sold at the highest prices since 1920.

Fundamentalist minister John Roach Straton (see DT 319) ignored the objections of his congregation and held a faith healing service on Sunday, November 10. Within a month Dr. Straton had published a book on faith healing.

408. *NYT*, Monday, November 14, 1927, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "King George he knows is" in third sentence.

Rogers visited Mayor Thompson (see DT 219) soon after the mayor returned from Washington, D.C., where he had testified before the House Flood Control Committee.

409. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 15, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "composed and can" in eighth and ninth sentences/*LAT* gives "Your old sleuth," in close/*BDG* did not print the DT.

Henry Ford invited Will and Betty Rogers to Detroit for a special unveiling of the long-awaited Model A. The new automobile made its public debut on December 1, 1927.

Old Sleuth, a fictional detective created in the 1870s by Harlan Halsey for the popular magazine *The Fireside Companion*. After 1882 Halsey's mysteries were reprinted in *The Old Sleuth Library*.

410. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 16, 1927, 27:7. *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* did not print the DT.

411. *NYT*, Thursday, November 17, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "papers today" in first sentence.

Aviator Ruth Elder (see DTs 384 and 385) arrived in the United States from Paris on November 11. Her husband appeared at ceremonies in New York and Washington but then departed for Panama amid rumors that the couple had separated.

George Remus, lawyer and convicted bootlegger, was arrested in early October for the murder of his wife. Under special accelerated conditions his trial opened in Cincinnati on November 12 with Remus conducting his own defense, alleging insanity and a conspiracy to kill him. The court acquitted him on grounds of insanity.

412. *NYT*, Friday, November 18, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "I get that the wheat…Hoover because he" in third and fourth sentences/*LAT* omits second and third paragraphs and *KCT* omits sixth sentence and postscript/*BDG* omits postscript.

Heavy rains in early November caused flooding in northern and western New England; damage was especially severe in Vermont. The Red Cross, army engineers, and Secretary Hoover soon arrived to inspect and assess damage and plan rehabilitation. Officials estimated losses at $30,000,000 in Vermont alone with more than 100 persons dead and 6,000 homeless.

Since early October the farm bloc in Congress had criticized Secretary Hoover for opposing high fixed wheat prices during World War I. The National Farmers' Union joined the denunciation on November 16.

413. *NYT*, Saturday, November 19, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "prosperous even if" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Many political observers viewed President Coolidge's speech on November 17 to the Philadelphia Union League Club as a campaign document. The league honored Coolidge with its distinguished service medal. Coolidge responded with a long speech praising the past accomplishments and prosperous condition of the United States, but his remarks gave no hint of his electoral intentions in 1928.

414. *NYT*, Monday, November 21, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "luncheons or hog-calling" in fourth sentence/*NYT* omits sixth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here

415. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 22, 1927, 31:7.

Rupert Hughes, writer, poet, and novelist. In writing *George Washington, the Rebel and the Patriot, 1762-1777* (1927), the second of a multi-volume biography, Hughes used a variety of primary sources, including Washington's diary. He described Washington as a vigorous Virginia aristocrat who avoided neither alcohol nor women but who used his considerable talents to lead the revolutionary army and the United States to victory.

416. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 23, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "owe billions of dollars" in fourth sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "could go back to work with nothing" and *KCT* gives "could go back to bed. Nothing in view," in ninth sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give signature "WILL ROGERS."

The House Ways and Means Committee opened hearings on the proposed taxation bill on October 31 (see DT 380). Secretary of the Treasury Mellon suggested several reductions in taxes but insisted that the total cut should not exceed $225,000,000 in order to permit some reduction of the national debt. The committee voted on November 21 for reductions of $250,000,000.

417. *NYT*, Thursday, November 24, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* begins first sentence "Thanksgiving was started by the Pilgrims who"/*KCT* gives "the last year" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "promise of lower taxes." in sixth sentence.

Coal miners in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio had been on strike since early April of 1927, because of alleged violations of a minimum wage agreement negotiated in 1924 between operators and the miners' union. Another coal strike, begun in September in Colorado by the radical Industrial Workers of the World, erupted into violence on November 21. Neither strike was settled by the end of the year.

418. *NYT*, Friday, November 25, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "Kentucky may prohibit" in seventh sentence.

The price of a seat on the New York Stock Exchange more than doubled to $625,000 in January of 1929.

Official returns in the Kentucky gubernatorial election gave Republican Flem Sampson 58 percent of the vote, insuring the continuation of legal betting on horse races (see DT 406).

419. *NYT*, Saturday, November 26, 1927, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* omits first sentence/*LAT* gives "Carol's cause" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "one headline says 'One…1914;' another, 'England'" in fifth and sixth sentences.

Premier Ion Bratianu , whose family and an aristocratic faction had ruled Romania for much of its history since 1848, died on November 25. His brother, Vintila, succeeded, but Prince Carol's faction still challenged. The two wives referred to are Princess Helen, mother of King Michael (see DT 311), and Madame Magda Lupescu, Carol's mistress.

Balkan rivalries stirred Italian public opinion against Yugoslavia, which had responded to French overtures for a treaty of friendship (see DT 207). Britain hoped to preserve a balance of power in the Balkans.

420. *NYT*, Monday, November 28, 1927, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*KCT* omits "ball on Rumania's" in second sentence.

Bulgaria, one of the defeated nations in World War I, and Yugoslavia, which sought an alliance with France, held rival claims to Macedonia. Romania had opposed Bulgaria in the Balkan War of 1913 and in World War I. Another potential French ally, Poland, threatened its smaller neighbor, Lithuania, prompting a note from Russia that warned of the danger of war. Rogers expected Italian dictator Mussolini to reap whatever benefits that arose from the unsettled conditions.

421. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 29, 1927, 29:7.

The Anti-Saloon League of America opened its biennial convention on December 5 in Washington, D.C. Some members openly urged Democrats to support Prohibition or face overwhelming defeat in 1928.

422. *BDG* (PM), Wednesday, November 30, 1927, 19:1. Variants: *BDG* gives dateline "Nov 30" but *LAT* has it as here/*LAT* gives "set, so I want" in first sentence/*BDG* omits fifth, sixth, and seventh sentences, but *LAT* gives them as here/*BDG* (AM) and *KCT* did not print the DT; *NYT* combines this and the next DT, November 30, under dateline "LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 30."

For Governor Dan Moody see DT 71.

Dr. A. William Lilliendahl, seventy-two-year-old lawyer and physician, was slain on a country lane in New Jersey on the night of September 15. His wife and her friend, a chicken dealer, were arrested, tried, and convicted for the murder; they received ten-year prison terms. The case attracted the usual intense press coverage.

423. *BDG* (AM), Thursday, December 1, 1927, 1:5; heading from *KCT*, 15:2. Variants: *NYT* combines previous DT, dateline "SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 29" and this one under dateline as above; heading: "Mr. Rogers, Going Into Mexico, Has a Nomination to Suggest." *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* present the two separately.

Rogers visited Mexico at the invitation of Dwight Morrow, the newly appointed American ambassador. The *KCT* heading gives prominence to General Álvaro Obregón, former Mexican president (see DT 430).

424. *NYT*, Friday, December 2, 1927, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*BDG* omits third, fourth, and fifth sentences, and *LAT* omits fourth and fifth sentences/*KCT* gives "The whole nation has been waiting like America to see" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "If it's decided they're cheap enough tomorrow" in fifth sentence/*LAT* omits close and title.

While traveling on the presidential train in remote rural Mexico, Rogers missed publication for Saturday, December 3, and Monday, December 5. DTs intended for publication on those days appeared in print one day later.

425. *NYT*, Sunday, December 4, 1927, I:3:2. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give origins and date "ON MEXICAN PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN, Dec. 4." and *LAT* gives "ON BOARD PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN (Mexico)"/*BDG* gives "With Morrow have" and *KCT* gives "Have just inspected" in first sentence/*BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* omit sixth sentence and close.

For President Plutarco Calles see DT 372.

426. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 6, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* gives origin "ON BOARD PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN" omitting "via Laredo, Texas" (*LAT* omits "BOARD")/*BDG* and *KCT* gives "Sunday, the President" and *LAT* give "Out on one…entertained the President went" in second sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* gives "They had no" in third sentence.

Rogers performed rope tricks for the presidential party and mingled with the Mexican cowboys at a ranch near Aguascalientes. He disliked bullfights—the violence, especially to horses, bothered him.

427. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 7, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* omits "via Laredo, Texas" in origin/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give date "Dec. 6."

On this date *NYT* corrected its dateline to allow for a two-day delay in DTs from the presidential train; thus two DTs appear with a date of December 5.

428. *NYT*, Thursday, December 8, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* give date "Dec. 7."/*BDG* begins origin "Mexico City, (date), On Board" and *KCT* ends origin "INTO THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*LAT* gives "open Monday and" in third sentence.

429. *NYT*, Friday, December 9, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*BDG* gives "in Mexico and" and *KCT* gives "Arrived here and" in first sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* omit second and third sentences.

President Coolidge addressed the Republican National Committee on December 7. He read an optimistic review of his administration and then added a brief comment that his decision in August held firm—he did not choose to run for a third term (see DT 322). Some political observers remained uncertain as to his actual intent.

Senator-elect Frank Smith (see DT 69) was denied his seat in the Senate on December 7 by a vote of 53 to 28, with insurgent Republicans joining most Democrats in the majority. Two days later, William Vare was ousted from the Senate by a vote of 56 to 30.

The Republican National Committee chose Kansas City, Missouri, as the site of the Republican National Convention in 1928, but twenty ballots were necessary before a consensus was reached.

430. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 10, 1927, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO."

Álvaro Obregón, Mexican military leader and politician. General Obregón, a former president of Mexico, was the prospective candidate of the largest political faction in Mexico for the presidential election in 1928.

No DT is available for Monday, December 12, 1927.

431. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 13, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*BDG* and *KCT* give "It will take more" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "Lindbergh is coming! Got to" in fourth sentence.

Guadalupe Day celebrated annually on December 12, commemorated the appearance in 1531 of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of Mexico. Despite antireligious laws enacted in the 1920s, thousands of Mexican pilgrims continued to travel to the principal shrine of Our Lady in Guadalupe Hidalgo, a suburb of Mexico City.

Lindbergh flew *The Spirit of St. Louis* from Washington, D.C., to Mexico City at the invitation of President Calles. He arrived in the Mexican capital on December 14.

432. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 14, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*KCT* gives "Popocatepetl" in first sentence/*LAT* ends second sentence "pronounce or spell."/*KCT* ends sixth sentence "reception."

Popocatépetl, a dormant volcano forty miles southeast of Mexico City, is the second highest peak in the country (17,883 feet).

433. *NYT*, Thursday, December 15, 1927, 1:5, 3:4. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*KCT* gives "I saw 200,000" and *KCT* gives "even his own country" in tenth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "hotel in a building" in twelfth sentence/*LAT* gives "he is the most" in twenty-second sentence/*KCT* gives "ones that he will" and *LAT* gives "ones he will" in twenty-third sentence/*LAT* gives "he is eating now" in twenty-fourth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* add close and signature, but *NYT* gives it as regular by-lined article/*BDG* did not print the DT.

Lindbergh encountered fog throughout much of his twenty-seven-hour flight to Mexico City, but he eventually landed safely, three hours overdue.

The dinner honoring Rogers was part of Ambassador Morrow's carefully planned campaign for better relations between Mexico and the United States.

434. *NYT*, Friday, December 16, 1927, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*LAT* and *KCT* give "it. While he…Mexico they…they were President." in first and second sentences/*KCT* omits fourth paragraph.

Four unnamed United States senators received money from Mexican sources, according to stories that appeared in various Hearst papers from December 6 to 9. The newspapers hinted that the Soviet Union was responsible for the bribes. A special Senate committee revealed that Republicans William Borah, Robert La Follette, and George Norris and Democrat Thomas Heflin—all critics of a hard-line policy toward Mexico—were the senators alleged to have been bribed. Hearst later admitted his evidence was spurious, and the four were exonerated.

435. *NYT*, Saturday, December 17, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives origin "THE CITY OF MEXICO"/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "take President" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "see the girls." in sixth sentence/*LAT* omits seventh sentence.

Senator Heflin (see DT 174) was the only Democrat among the four mentioned in the Hearst charges.

436. *NYT*, Monday, December 19, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "from the City of Mexico" in first sentence/*KCT* ends fourth sentence "fight."/*KCT* gives "staying away didn't do" in ninth sentence.

Lindbergh attended a bullfight in Mexico despite the protests of the American Humane Society.

437. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 20, 1927, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Left the City of Mexico" and *LAT* gives "Tampico, land in Brownsville" in second sentence.

Evangeline Lindbergh, Charles Lindbergh's mother, visited Mexico to spend Christmas holidays with her son at the special invitation of Ambassador Morrow.

Morrow was confirmed by the Senate as ambassador to Mexico on December 17.

No DT is available for Wednesday, December 21, 1927.

438. *NYT*, Thursday, December 22, 1927, 23:2.

In Oklahoma a number of state legislative leaders opposed to Governor Henry Johnston had requested a special session to institute impeachment proceedings, but the governor refused to comply. The legislators convened themselves on December 6 and ignored a state supreme court decision that they had acted illegally. When Johnston summoned the National Guard to prevent the lawmakers from meeting in the capitol, the assemblymen moved to a hotel where the state house voted impeachment charges against the governor on December 13. The state senate adjourned without considering the charges.

439. *NYT*, Friday, December 23, 1927. 19:2. Variants: *LAT* omits second and third paragraphs/*KCT* gives "in the City of Mexico" in fourth sentence/*BDG* did not print the DT.

440. *NYT*, Saturday, December 24, 1927, 15:2. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* gives "I wanted to" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "That looks like" to begin fifth sentence.

Rogers parodied the Hearst documents investigation (see DT 434).

441. *NYT*, Monday, December 26, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* omits postscript.

442. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 27, 1927, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "leaving tomorrow" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "talking of the battle line" in second sentence/*LAT* omits fourth sentence.

443. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 28, 1927, 25:7.

An earthquake struck near Rome on December 26 but caused no deaths, relatively few injuries, and only moderate property damage.

444. *NYT*, Thursday, December 29, 1927, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Ginanini" in second sentence.

Amadeo Giannini, San Francisco civic leader and banker. In 1904 he formed the Bank of Italy, which survived the earthquake and fire of 1906 to become the nucleus of a system of 300 banks in California. Giannini consolidated his eastern holdings in 1919 and by February of 1928 had bought the Bank of America in New York City.

445. *NYT*, Friday, December 30, 1927, 1927. 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "us. Viva airplanes." in sixth sentence and *KCT* ends sixth sentence "us." omitting last two words.

The airplane catapulting experiments were part of an effort by the Navy to adapt to conditions of aerial warfare.

446. *NYT*, Saturday, December 31, 1927, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "put in jail" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "murder trial." in fourth sentence, omitting remainder of DT, close, and signature/*LAT* omits fifth sentence/*BDG* did not print the DT.

A twelve-year-old Los Angeles girl was kidnapped on December 15 and subsequently murdered. Authorities arrested and charged William Hickman with the crime, but his plea of insanity promised a long trial with many headlines and pictures.

447. *NYT*, Monday, January 2, 1928, 31:2.

Democrats in Congress urged a reduction in taxes of $300,000,000 while the administration continued to press a cut of only $225,000,000 (see DT 416). Senator Reed Smoot, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Secretary Mellon agreed that Congress should postpone consideration of the tax reducing measure until after the first tax returns of the new year were received on March 15.

448. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 3, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "optimism today" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "the one hundred and ten." and *KCT* gives "the hundred and ten." in fifth sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

449. *NYT,* Wednesday, January 4, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "our State's lack" in fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT,* and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "of discourtesy loses" in fifth sentence.

The highway measure was introduced into Congress in December by Representative Claude Hudspeth of Texas. It was referred to the House Committee on Roads, but no official action resulted.

450. *NYT*, Thursday, January 5, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* omits fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "the new canal." in fifth sentence.

451. *NYT*, Friday, January 6, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* ends tenth sentence "about."

The Coast Guard destroyer *Paulding* and the Navy submarine *S-4* collided off Provincetown, Massachusetts, on December 17. The *S-4* sank, killing forty persons. Six crew members survived in an undamaged compartment for at least six days, tapping Morse code signals while rescue workers futilely tried to raise the vessel. A naval court of inquiry divided responsibility between the two ships; a proposed investigation by Congress never materialized.

452. *NYT*, Saturday, January 7, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Jan. 5." in dateline/*LAT* and *KCT* give "Washington, where" in first sentence.

Rogers spoke at a Jackson Day banquet in Washington, D.C., an annual affair held in honor of the founder of the Democratic party, Andrew Jackson. Governor Smith excused himself from the affair because of state business, about which he had sent a 40,000-word message to the New York legislature on January 4.

453. *NYT*, Monday, January 9, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "reading the papers." in first sentence/*KCT* begins second sentence "Kansas City is pretty"/*NYT* gives "and messing the" and *KCT* gives "and mangling the" in second sentence.

454. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 10, 1928, 22:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "had an English breakfast for" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "kid Chicago" in third sentence/*LAT* omits fifth and sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "Yours," as close.

Mayor Thompson continued to be identified as anti-British because of his well-known campaign against various American history textbooks (see DT 219).

455. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 11, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "I am here entirely in the interests of the Democrats" between first and second sentences/*KCT* gives "inner is over and" in second sentence/*KCT* omits seventh and eighth sentences.

456. *NYT*, Thursday, January 12, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "tie for" in eighth sentence/*LAT* gives "Well, we better" in ninth sentence/*NYT* gives "Doheny" and *BDG* gives "Donohey" in sixteenth sentence.

For Vice President Charles Dawes and Frank Lowden see DT 95; for Senator James Reed see DT 79; for Senator Thomas Heflin see DT 174.

Walter George, Democratic United States senator from Georgia from 1922 to 1957.

For Governor Vic Donahey of Ohio see DT 147.

457. *NYT*, Friday, January 13, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "deal. You can" in sixth sentence/*KCT* begins seventh sentence "Save a"/*BDG* gives "the biggest hotel with" in seventh sentence.

Houston, with a population of more than 250,000 in 1928, promised to be unbearably humid in June, even at the convention headquarters, the Rice Hotel. A check for $200,000 from Houston businessman Jesse Jones helped to insure the selection of the city as the site of the convention.

458. *NYT*, Saturday, January 14, 1928, 19:5-6. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "impression that" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "imagine him" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "that I was" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "and it did not give a" in fourth sentence.

Rogers hosted a nationwide radio program on January 4. After introductory remarks, he announced a switch to Washington for a special report from President Coolidge. Rogers then imitated Coolidge's voice and gave a humorous account of the state of the country.

459. *NYT*, Monday, January 16, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "flag draped" in first sentence.

Cuba hosted the Sixth International Conference of American States which convened in Havana on January 16. President Coolidge opened the conference at the special invitation of the president of Cuba.

460. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 17, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* omits second and third sentences/*BDG* gives "3:30 or 3:29" in seventh sentence.

President Coolidge opened the Pan American Conference with a promise that the United States would send engineering advisers to Latin America to help build roads. He also complimented Cuba and Mexico on their progress and acknowledged the equality of the Western Hemisphere nations; he said nothing of intervention.

461. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 18, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* begin second sentence "He sneaked out"/*BDG* and *LAT* give "Hotel Bar." in seventh sentence.

For former Secretary of State Charles Evan Hughes see DT 31.

Morgan O'Brien, New York lawyer, jurist, and civic leader. O'Brien was active in the Democratic party and Irish-American organizations in New York.

Oscar W. Underwood, Democratic United States senator from Alabama from 1915 to 1927.

Henry Fletcher, United States ambassador to Italy from 1924 to 1929.

462. *NYT*, Thursday, January 19, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* ends third sentence "anthem." omitting fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "the Chinese, the 'Limy,' the Italian, the Zulu," and *NYT* and *KCT* give "all, even" in fourth sentence/*LAT* omits sixth and seventh sentences/*KCT* gives "anthems were" in sixth sentence/*BDG* gives "national anthems you" in eighth sentence.

Irving Berlin, American songwriter, noted as composer of popular tunes, including "Alexander's Ragtime Band" (1911).

463. *NYT*, Friday, January 20, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Jan. 10" in dateline/*LAT* gives "before he had a chance to become famous." in postscript/*KCT* did not print the DT.

A five-year-old girl from Mount Morris, Michigan, was kidnapped and murdered on January 12. Four days later a forty-seven-year-old carpenter confessed to the crime. Arraigned secretly on January 17, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Newspaper editors generally approved the swift resolution of the case in view of threatened mob action.

464. *NYT*, Saturday, January 21, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* give "be triumphal." in second sentence/*KCT* ends DT at "good time."

Senator Thomas Heflin of Alabama, an Irish-American (see DT 174), offered no real threat to the American visit of President William Cosgrave of Ireland, although the trip aroused the ire of radical Irish Republicans in Ireland and the United States (see DT 35). Cosgrave visited New York City and Mayor Jimmie Walker (see DT 1), Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Chicago.

465. *NYT*, Monday, January 23, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives dateline "Jan. 21."/*KCT* gives "here, and" and *BDG* gives "sympathy goes back" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "6,000,000" in fifth sentence.

Florida slowly recovered from recent devastating hurricanes and tumbling property values (see DTs 43 and 158).

President Coolidge sailed from Cuba to Key West, Florida. There he boarded a special train, which stopped in Jacksonville while en route to Washington, D.C.

466. *NYT,* Tuesday, January 24, 1928, 31:7.

467. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 25, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "the Episcopalians." in third sentence.

Roman Catholicism was attacked by Senator Heflin (see DT 174) in two speeches before the Senate in January. Because Governor Smith was a Catholic, Heflin declared, he could not and should not be nominated. The Senate later censured Heflin for threatening to tar and feather a fellow senator who had denounced his remarks.

468. *NYT*, Thursday, January 26, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "murderer Hickman" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "alienists. American" in second and third sentences/*KCT* gives "enough you were too" in fourth sentence.

The Hickman murder case (see DT 446) ended in a convention on February 9 following a two-week trial. After delays for appeal, William Hickman was executed on October 19.

469. *NYT*, Friday, January 27, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "do it in" in second sentence.

Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, intellectual sons of wealthy Chicago parents; confessed in 1924 to the kidnapping and murder of Bobby Franks in a "thrill" slaying. Defended by Clarence Darrow (see DT 235), they pleaded guilty on grounds of mental illness and requested clemency. They were sentenced to life imprisonment plus ninety-nine years.

470. *NYT*, Saturday, January 28, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "of Nicaragua. Now" and *KCT* gives "Nicaraguan question. Now," in first sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "want out." in fifth sentence.

Hughes (see DT 31) spoke at a dinner for the American Chamber of Commerce of Cuba on January 21. He described the Latin American policy of the United States as a structure with four pillars: stability, respect for territorial integrity, mutual good will, and cooperation.

471. *NYT*, Monday, January 30, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*NYT* gives "revolutions, which, when" in first sentence/*KCT* omits seventh sentence/*LAT* ends seventh sentence "in revolutions."

Mexico proposed at the Pan American Conference that nations should pledge not to permit their residents to participate in revolutionary activities in other countries. After vigorous debate only Nicaragua and El Salvador joined Mexico in voting to consider the proposal.

472. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 31, 1928, 27:7.

Marion S. Taylor, a Baptist preacher's son who parlayed his years as a church organist, school superintendent, and Chautauqua lecturer into a radio career during the 1930s as "The Voice of Experience."

For Judge Benjamin Lindsey see DT 303.

473. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 1, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* omits first sentence, but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

President Coolidge addressed a semiannual meeting of chief government employees. He reported that budgetary savings had held federal expenditures near the $3,000,000,000 annual level.

Former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey (see DT 46) claimed that pains in his left eye would prevent him from meeting Gene Tunney (see DT 63) in a proposed return bout in June.

The East Coast reported gales, snow, and intense cold, including unseasonable eighteen and twenty-degree readings in Miami, Florida.

474. *NYT*, Thursday, February 2, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* give "would only have" in second sentence.

475. *NYT*, Friday, February 3, 1928, 25:4-5.

An Oklahoma congressman addressed the House of Representatives on January 9 and humorously urged the nomination of Rogers as president of the United States. On January 21 the Democratic convention of Rogers County, Oklahoma, endorsed Will's "candidacy." On February 1 Charles Haskell, a former governor of Oklahoma, issued a serious declaration of support, prompting this reply from Rogers.

476. *NYT*, Saturday, February 4, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "was one testimony" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* ends fourth sentence "yesterday in the Hickman case."

Two "alienists," or mental disease specialists, testified for the defense in the Hickman trial (see DTs 446 and 468). They concluded that Hickman suffered from "cirrus [serous?] miningitis," or inflammation of the brain covering, and from a form of dementia praecox, as well as possessing "two gold teeth and sore tonsils."

477. *NYT,* Monday, February 6, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*KCT* omits sixth and seventh sentences.

President Coolidge spoke at the dedication of the National Press Club Building on February 4. The press, he held, should be patriotic as well as cooperative and supportive of the national administration, yet must be just and truthful.

478. *LAT*, Tuesday, February 7, 1928, I:1-2; heading from *KCT*, 13:3. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* end DT "remedied." and omit next nine words/*NYT* did not print the DT.

479. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 8, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "This one is" and *KCT* gives "is one too" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "get on with" in fourth sentence.

The United States and France signed an arbitration treaty in Washington, D.C., on February 6 as part of the complicated negotiations that led to the signing of the Kellogg-Briand antiwar treaty in August of 1928.

480. *NYT*, Thursday, February 9, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "month and" in second sentence/*BDG*, and *LAT* begin fifth sentence "Yours for"/*KCT* omits fifth sentence.

Lindbergh landed in Havana on the afternoon of February 8 after an 800-mile flight from Haiti. The large airport crowd included many delegations from the Pan American Conference. Lindbergh was driven from the airport to downtown Havana, where he was honored with a ceremonial welcome from the president of Cuba.

481. *LAT*, Friday, February 10, 1928, I:1-2; heading from *KCT*, 13:3. Variants: *LAT* gives "John D. is" in third and fourth sentences, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it as here/*NYT* did not print the DT.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., youngest son of the Standard Oil Company magnate; specialized in managing the family philanthropies. As chairman of the board of the Rockefeller Foundation, Rockefeller pressured Robert Stewart, Standard Oil board chairman, to testify before a Senate committee investigating the oil land scandals of the Harding administration. The committee also desired personal testimony from Rockefeller and issued him a subpoena, which he stiffly accepted.

482. *NYT*, Saturday, February 11, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Sun stroked" in fourth sentence/*KCT* ends fourth sentence "before the conventions."

Senator Borah sent questionnaires in late January to prospective presidential candidates of both parties asking their opinions about prohibition. On February 9 Borah asked Secretary of Commerce Hoover for his sentiments; Hoover weighed the matter for two weeks (see DT 493).

483. *NYT*, Monday, February 13, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "President. Why here the" in first sentence/*KCT* ends second sentence "than the chamber of commerce."/*BDG* and *ALT* give "The Senate" in third sentence.

The Senate adopted a resolution on February 10 that declared that any departure from the two-term limit for presidents would be "unwise, unpatriotic and fraught with peril to our free institutions." Progressive and farm-bloc Republicans joined most Democrats in passing the resolutions.

484. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 14, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* ends second sentence "his gifts."

Young Rockefeller (see DT 481) appeared before the Senate Oil Inquiry Committee on February 11. He testified that since 1925, when the first hints of scandal became known, he had urged Stewart, head of Standard Oil (see DT 481), to reveal what he knew of the facts. He was disappointed at Stewart's hesitancy to do so.

485. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 15, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "candidate spend too much" in third and fourth sentences.

Argentina criticized the United States for its refusal to import Argentine beef. The Argentine delegation to the Pan American Conference sought to lower trade barriers among member nations. The United States defended the right of each nation to regulate its domestic questions, including tariffs. The position of the United States prevailed.

In Nicaragua followers of the rebel general Augusto Sandino increased their revolutionary activities. The American carrier *Saratoga* responded to the new crisis, and 1,000 more marines were ordered to the republic.

486. *NYT*, Thursday, February 16, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "It didn't" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "give in any" in fourth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* end fifth sentence "the next conference."

No DT is available for Friday, February 17, 1928.

487. *LAT*, Saturday, February 18, 1928, I:1:3; heading from *KCT*, 17:6. Variants: *BDG* gives "nominations the next day. Mr. Adolph" in third and fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "us and took" in fourth and fifth sentences/*LAT* gives "Jessie" in sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "Your underpaid," at close/*NYT* did not print the DT.

George Lorimer, editor-in-chief of the *Saturday Evening Post* from 1899 to 1936. His editorials became increasingly pro-Republican in the 1920s. Rogers wrote approximately thirty articles for the *Post* between 1926 and 1935.

Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the *New York Times* from 1896 until his death in 1935. Ochs, a Democrat, was an ardent admirer of Rogers' daily telegrams.

Jesse H. Jones, Houston civic leader, financier, and political figure; owner of the *Houston Chronicle*, chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic National Committee, and the person responsible for the selection of Houston as the site of the Democratic National Convention of 1928.

488. *NYT*, Monday, February 20, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "The old Democrats are getting smarter." and *KCT* gives "The Democrats" in fourth sentence/*KCT* ends fifth sentence "campaign contributions."

The bill of Senator Walsh (see DT 209) called for a Senate investigation into monopolistic practices of private power companies. The Senate approved the inquiry on February 15 but shifted the responsibility to the Federal Trade Commission, of known conservative outlook. Twenty Democrats and eleven progressive Republicans voted for a Senate inquiry.

489. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 21, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "garage. With…course, good" in third and fourth sentences.

George W. Norris, United States senator from Nebraska from 1913 to 1943. Norris gained prominence as an unbending progressive Republican of immense integrity; he often opposed the administration on agricultural issues and other matters.

490. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 22, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* begin first sentence "I am up here", but *NYT* has it as here.

William Bulow, Democratic governor of South Dakota from 1927 to 1931. Bulow's election as governor in 1926 broke a quarter-century of Republican rule in South Dakota. His rustic wit had impressed Rogers and others who heard him at the Jackson Day dinner in early January (see DT 452).

491. *NYT*, Thursday, February 23, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* ends first sentence "the Californians."/*KCT* gives "all go like" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "election law requires" in fifth sentence.

Persons born in Iowa comprised the third largest group of migrants in California, according to the United States Census of 1930.

Counties in Iowa traditionally retained responsibility for road construction. A major step was taken toward state responsibility when the state legislature referred a bond issue for $100,000,000 to the voters. Their approval in November of 1928 put Iowa on a par with other states.

492. *NYT*, Friday, February 24, 1928, 23:7.

Although Senator Reed's candidacy generated considerable support in Missouri, it produced few delegates in the rest of the country.

493. *NYT*, Saturday, February 25, 1928, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "everybody gives him" in first sentence.

Hoover responded on February 23 to Senator Borah's inquiry about Prohibition (see DT 482). He stated his opposition to its repeal, citing Prohibition as a "great and economic experiment, noble in motive…It must be worked out constructively."

Five bombs had exploded in Chicago in recent weeks, usually at the homes of lesser public officials. Three hundred policemen were assigned to guard threatened homes, including Mayor Thompson's. The mayor had gone to Washington to urge a vigorous flood control program and to attend a White House luncheon.

494. *NYT*, Monday, February 27, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Brooks is not" in postscript.

Harry Brooks, young test pilot for the Stout-Ford Airplane Company. Brooks attempted a distance flight from Detroit to Miami, but fuel line problems forced him to land 200 miles short of his goal. After repairs presumably had been made, he took off for Miami but crashed into the sea moments later and perished.

495. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 28, 1928, 27:7.

Joseph "Joe" Robinson, Democratic United States senator from Arkansas from 1913 until his death in 1937; unsuccessful Democratic nominee for vice president in 1928.

496. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 29, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* omits second sentence/*KCT* gives postscript as a part of DT.

Coal mining operations and conditions in the two-year-old coal strike in Pennsylvania had been under investigation by a Senate subcommittee since February 24. The United Mine Workers of America insisted that the industry abide by the price and wage schedule negotiated in 1924. Mine owners said the proposed wages were too high and hired strikebreakers, which resulted in the expulsion of union miners from company towns, squalid living conditions, and violence.

The residents of Camden, Arkansas, donated land in 1927 for a forest products manufacturing plant. The factory issued a payroll of $15,000 a week.

For Betty Rogers see DT 178.

497. *NYT*, Thursday, March 1, 1928, 27:7.

498. *NYT*, Friday, March 2, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "get, nobody" in eighth sentence.

Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was the site of a dam, hydroelectric power plant, and two nitrate manufacturing plants, constructed by the federal government during World War I. During the 1920s the government unsuccessfully attempted to sell the Tennessee River facilities to private interests.

For "Walsh's resolution," a bill to investigate power companies, see DTs 209 and 488.

For Senator Tom Heflin see DT 174; for Senator Walter George see DT 456.

499. *NYT*, Saturday, March 3, 1928, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Will says" to begin third sentence.

Will Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1918 to 1921 (see DT 173), informed the Senate Oil Inquiry Committee on March 1 that oilman Harry Sinclair had given him $260,000 in bonds while he was party chairman, $75,000 of which was a personal contribution and the rest a "loan." Hays returned $100,000 of the bonds to Sinclair and later claimed he knew nothing of the bonds being part of the Teapot Dome payoff. Democratic party leaders denied charges that some Democrats also had received money from Sinclair.

500. *NYT*, Monday, March 5, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "those Negro pupils…white persons that" in eighth sentence/*KCT* gives "there isn't enough" in tenth sentence.

Auburn University was donated to the state of Alabama in 1872 as a land grant institution and renamed Alabama Polytechnic Institute. In 1960 it again took the name Auburn.

Booker T. Washington, organizer and director of Tuskegee Institute, a state supported black school that emphasized industrial education. Washington served as principal of the institution from its inception in 1884 until his death in 1915.

For Senator Thomas Heflin see DT 174 and 498.

501. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 6, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Cotea" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "to Paris ahead…but neglected it" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "to Europe." and *BDG* gives "when the Wright plane" in eighth sentence.

Major Walter Weaver and Second Lieutenants Narcisse Cote and Roderick Ott of the United States Army Air Service provide air transportation for Rogers from Montgomery to Albany.

Orville Wright, who with his late brother Wilbur made the first successful flight in an airplane, announced on February 3 that he had decided to send the famous first plane to a British museum because the Smithsonian Institution claimed that an aircraft invented by their former executive officer, Samuel Langley, had preceded the Wright's plane. On March 3 a Smithsonian official failed to placate Wright. In 1948, after a reevaluation by the Smithsonian and Wright's acceptance, the Wright airplane was transferred to the American institution.

502. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 7, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* gives origin "CHARLESTOWN."

William Green, Republican United States representative from Iowa from 1911 to 1928. While a member of Congress, Green opposed the Coolidge administration's attempts to repeal inheritance taxes. On February 20, 1928, he was appointed judge of the Court of Claims of the United States, serving until 1942.

503. *NYT*, Thursday, March 8, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "to. Today it's" in third and fourth sentences/*LAT* gives "a success" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "roads to 'em." in seventh sentence.

President Jackson's Indian removal policy of the 1830s caused the relocation of most members of the Cherokee tribe, as well as other Indian groups, from their traditional homeland in the southeastern part of the United States to present-day Oklahoma. A number of Indians, including many Cherokee, avoided removal. Rogers' eastern Cherokee brothers—Rogers was 9/32 Cherokee—numbered more than 3,000 in 1930. They lived in primitive agricultural settlements.

504. *NYT*, Friday, March 9, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "supervise the election" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "are few votes" in second sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Senator Heflin (see DT 174) offered a resolution in the Senate in January that United States marines be withdrawn from Nicaragua. On March 7, after weeks of hearings, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee rejected the resolution and voted to retain the marines to insure a fair election.

Augusto Sandino, Nicaraguan guerrilla leader who supported a liberal insurrection in 1926 and seized American property. Sandino waged guerrilla warfare against American marines from 1927 to 1932, claiming that his campaign was motivated solely by his desire to end the intervention. Sandino agreed to amnesty terms in 1933 when the marines were withdrawn; he was assassinated in 1934.

505. *NYT*, Saturday, March 10, 1928, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "'certain small car' out" in first sentence.

506. *NYT*, Monday, March 12, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *BDG* (PM) ends fifth sentence "'till a year from next December.'"

A constitutional amendment to eliminate "lame duck" sessions of Congress by changing the date for beginning congressional terms had earlier passed the Senate. On March 9 the proposal passed the House but did not receive the two-thirds majority necessary to send an amendment to the states. Resubmitted in 1932, the proposal was ratified as the Twentieth Amendment less than a year later.

507. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 13, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "make Republicans" in second sentence.

Senator Borah considered it humiliating and indecent that Teapot Dome funds were contributed to the Republican party (see DT 499). He publicly suggested that each Republican contribute at least one dollar to remove the stigma of scandal from the party. Contributors had sent only $7,000 by early April.

508. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 14, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "hats and thinks it's" and *LAT* gives "hats and thinks its" and *KCT* gives "hats, and think, it's" in fourth and fifth sentences.

George Sisler, star first baseman for three major league clubs from 1915 to 1930, including the Washington Senators in 1928. Named to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939, Sisler hit .340 in 2,055 games during his career and twice led the American League in hitting.

Rogers "Rajah" Hornsby, infielder and exceptional right-handed hitter for several major league clubs from 1915 to 1932, including one season with the Boston Braves in 1928. A member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, Hornsby won the National League batting title seven times and hit more than .400 three times.

509. *NYT*, Thursday, March 15, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "knows which section" in second sentence.

In California the St. Francis Dam in the St. Fransquito Canyon, located within fifty miles of downtown Los Angeles, collapsed without warning during the night of March 12-13. More than 450 persons died, and $12,000,000 worth of property was destroyed.

Henry "Harry" Carey II, screen actor and leading man of silent movies; considered the epitome of the western hero. His ranch home was untouched by the St. Francis flood, but Carey's Trading Post, a tourist landmark, was swept away.

510. *NYT*, Friday, March 16, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "exposing Republican" in first sentence.

511. *NYT*, Saturday, March 17, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* ends fourth sentence "customary dime."/*KCT* omits fifth and sixth sentences/*BDG* gives "only one I" in ninth sentence.

512. *NYT*, Monday, March 19, 1928, 23:7.

Mayor Walker of New York concentrated on the ceremonial role of his position, which permitted prolonged absences from city hall.

Rogers appeared at a benefit for the Salvation Army Building Fund. The event, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion, was over-subscribed by $25,000.

The Prince of Wales (see DT 165) was an avid polo player, although he suffered numerous, widely-publicized spills while riding.

513. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 20, 1928, 29:7.

Senator Capper (see DT 116) lashed out in the Senate at Republican leadership. He assailed the leaders for allowing the party to be tainted by the corruption of the Teapot Dome scandal.

514. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 21, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* omits second sentence.

Lindbergh received the Woodrow Wilson Medal and Peace Prize on March 19 at a dinner of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in New York City. The award included a twelve-inch bronze medal, a special citation, and $25,000.

Lindbergh flew eighty-eight sightseeing flights over Washington, D.C., in a period of several days, giving rides to more than 200 members of Congress, 600 of their relatives, and others. While in Washington Lindbergh urged Congress to enact higher pay for Army Air Corps fliers.

515. *NYT*, Thursday, March 22, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Caught a" in first sentence/*BDG* begins third sentence "We Certainly."

Lloyd O. Yost, independent pilot from Pinehurst, North Carolina. An airmail route from New York to Atlanta opened on April 1.

Governor Smith had been accused by Senator Arthur Robinson of Indiana of an alleged connection with the oil scandals because Smith had appointed oilman Harry Sinclair (see DT 499) to the New York State Racing Commission in 1920. The governor denied receiving any funds from Sinclair and denounced Robinson's allegations and conduct.

516. *NYT*, Friday, March 23, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "do, all…us will have to go to work" and *KCT* gives "us have to go" in eighth sentence.

The Maryland Racing Commission banned Sinclair's horses from race tracks in the state because of adverse criticism from pending court decisions and the Senate investigation of Sinclair (see DT 400). The ban was lifted on April 23, following Sinclair's acquittal in the Teapot Dome conspiracy case.

For Governor Albert Ritchie see DT 95.

517. *NYT*, Saturday, March 24, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "best offers from" in second sentence/*KCT* omits fifth sentence

C. Bascom Slemp, former congressman from Virginia and secretary to President Coolidge from 1923 to 1925. Slemp, a personal manager of Coolidge's presidential campaign in 1924, recently had urged a draft of the president in 1928. On March 21 he announced his support for Secretary Hoover.

Frank Willis, Republican United States senator from Ohio from 1921 until his death in 1928.

Representatives Edith Rogers of Massachusetts and Katherine Langley of Kentucky accompanied Lindbergh during his first congressional sightseeing flight over Washington (see DT 514).

The Nicaraguan congress rejected a bill on March 14 that would have allowed United States supervision of the forthcoming presidential election. On March 22 President Díaz signed a decree permitting American supervision. He claimed that his country did not have enough experience to conduct such an election unassisted.

518. *NYT*, Monday, March 26, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "get disinfected to" in fourth sentence.

For Senator Borah's campaign to improve the image of the Republican party, see DT 507.

For Alice Longworth, Washington hostess and political commentator, see DT 202.

519. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 27, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* begins third sentence "Congress spent"/*BDG* gives "politics; the House spent" and *KCT* gives "The house spent" in third and fourth sentences/*KCT* omits seventh and eighth sentences.

Ohio Congressman Charles Brand, angry with Hoover for entering the Ohio primary against favorite son candidate Senator Frank Willis, labeled Hoover a Democrat, a corrupt politician, and constitutionally ineligible to run for president. Representative Theodore Burton answered the charges with two letters in which Brand had urged the appointment of Hoover as secretary of agriculture.

520. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 28, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Mussolini that" in sixth sentence.

While Ford paid $8.00 per eight-hour day at his Kentucky and West Virginia mines, other independent coal companies paid $2.85 per day and union miners received $7.50. The Senate committee investigating the coal mining industry desired to subpoena Ford, but he was in Europe and was unable to testify.

Secretary Mellon's dominance of the Republican party in his native state of Pennsylvania was unchallenged; he also influenced state Democrats.

521. *NYT*, Thursday, March 29, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "Baptist I went" in second sentence.

A Cleveland grand jury subpoenaed Rogers to inspect the fifty-three-year-old Cuyahoga County jail. Rogers and several clergymen, one of several groups whose counsel was sought, toured the jail which Rogers described as "the worst in the country." A decade later the county boasted a modern, new facility.

522. *NYT*, Friday, March 30, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "in tires." and *KCT* gives "tires." in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* end fourth sentence "these blimps." and omit fifth and sixth sentences/*LAT* gives "blimps that reminded me of my operation." in fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences.

Charles Goodyear, American inventor and pioneer of the rubber industry, discovered the process of vulcanization in 1839. The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, founded in 1898 and named in honor of the inventor, first developed its famous airships, or blimps, in the early 1900s.

For Judge Benjamin Lindsay see DT 303.

523. *NYT*, Saturday, March 31, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* gives "why, pick out" and *KCT* gives "nothing…with. One like Dwight Morrow." in first sentence/*KCT* gives fourth sentence "He is Wall Street's biggest ad."/*KCT* omits sixth sentence/*KCT* ends seventh sentence "Mexico myself."/*KCT* omits P. S.

524. *NYT*, Monday, April 2, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Democratic opponent ran" and *LAT* gives "opponents run on" in seventh sentence/*BDG* gives "Nigger, put" and *LAT* gives "Rastus, put" in ninth sentence.

Flemon "Flem" Sampson, Republican governor of Kentucky from 1929 to 1931. For an account of Sampson's upset election for governor, see DT 406. Rogers' commission as a Kentucky Colonel was purely honorary.

525. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 3, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "and it may be on " in first sentence/*NYT* gives "$150,000" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* ends fifth sentence "old stands."

526. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 4, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "but what went in them, so" in ninth sentence.

Battle Creek Michigan, "the health city," with a population of 43,573 in 1930, included a world-renowned sanitarium and several breakfast cereal factories.

527. *NYT*, Thursday, April 5, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT,* and *KCT* begin second sentence "Indianans,"/*LAT* gives "redeem the State" in fifth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "that can beat" in sixth sentence.

For humorists George Ade and Kin Hubbard, the latter known for his creation of rustic Abe Martin, see DT 95.

Indiana recently had been scandalized by political corruption and by Ku Klux Klan activities that had reached the highest circles of state government.

528. *NYT*, Friday, April 6, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* ends third sentence "McCormack." /*KCT* gives "if they elect" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "women's angle" in fifth sentence.

For Alice Longworth see DT 202.

Ruth Hanna McCormick, Republican United States representative from Illinois from 1929 to 1931. McCormick was the daughter of Ohio industrialist and political figure Mark Hanna and the widow of publisher and congressman Joseph Medill McCormick.

529. *BDG* (AM), Saturday, April 7, 1928, 1:7; heading from *KCT*, 15:2. Variants: *KCT* omits first sentence/*KCT* gives "Timbucktoo" in third and fifth sentences/*NYT* did not print the DT.

For columnist Arthur Brisbane see DT 204.

Four French aviators flew a strenuous circuit of 6,250 miles between Paris and North Africa from April 3 to 7, stopping only briefly for refueling and rest. The fliers tested radio navigation techniques during their five-day flight.

530. *NYT*, Monday, April 9, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth sentence/*BDG* ends title "need aide."/*KCT* ends title "Kentucky." and gives postscript "Should…aid."

531. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 10, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "here in an airplane." in first sentence/*BDG* gives "Kiwanis or Rotary clubs could" and *LAT* gives "Kiwanis could" in seventh sentence.

Rogers' proposal to paint town names on roofs had been recommended the preceding summer by Secretary Hoover and since had been urged by the Department of Commerce, the American Legion, and others.

532. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 11, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "they have here is" and *KCT* gives "they have there is" in second sentence/*BDG* gives close "Yours truly,"/*KCT* omits postscript/*LAT* gives second signature "BILL ROGERS." after postscript.

For Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth see DT 51.

Ashland College of Kentucky won the National Interscholastic Tournament, a postseason collegiate basketball contest held annually in New York City.

533. *NYT*, Thursday, April 12, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "took the tariff" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* gives "Ireland—and he" in third and fourth sentences/*KCT* gives "billion, but" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "idea for his" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives signature "WILL ROGERS."

Henry Ford had refused to enter the Irish Free State, the homeland of his ancestors, during his European tour, because it had imposed import duties on his automobiles and other products. Free State officials and Ford negotiated for several weeks, but Ford returned to the United States, having never entered free Ireland.

534. *NYT*, Friday, April 13, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* gives "flyers yet, but" in first sentence.

Two Germans, Captain Hermann Koehl and Baron Gunther von Huenefeld, and an Irishman, Commandant James Fitzmaurice, took off on April 11 from near Dublin, Ireland, in a German Junkers monoplane, bound for New York.

For aviator Casey Jones see DT 241.

535. *KCT*, Saturday, April 14, 1928, 15:2. Variants: *BDG* ends first sentence "Irish."/*BDG* gives second sentence "It would have been a shame…that were lost."/*BDG* omits fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "Yours," for close/*NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Koehl, von Huenefeld, and Fitzmaurice encountered headwinds that forced them to land on April 13 on Greenely Island, a lighthouse station off the coast of Labrador. They had completed the first transatlantic flight from east to west.

Maxwell Balfour, first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Service.

536. *NYT*, Monday, April 16, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "they get Congress" in third sentence/*KCT* omits sixth and seventh sentences.

Governor Smith visited Asheville, North Carolina, for two weeks during April. He received warm welcomes during side stops and political forays in the area.

Andrew "Andy" Cohen, outfielder for the New York Giants from 1926 to 1929. Cohen signed with the Giants for $25,000 in 1926 at the age of twenty-three. Some experts considered him a potential rival of Babe Ruth, but the youngster hit poorly and after three years dropped to the minor leagues. But for much of 1928 his dazzling fielding and occasional hits made him a real drawing card.

537. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 17, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "cause, because you" in third and fourth sentences.

Vice President Dawes had attempted to reform Senate rules regarding filibusters.

538. *BDG* (AM), Wednesday, April 18, 1928, 28:5; heading from *KCT*, 13:4. Variants: *KCT* gives fifth sentence "I used to write in the newspapers too."/*KCT* omits sixth, seventh, and eighth sentences/*LAT* gives "out of with Will" in seventh sentences/*LAT* omits "Yours," after ninth sentence/*KCT* gives "Isn't that nice?" after contributions by "Lardner"/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Ring Lardner (see DT 242) and George M. Cohan (see DT 296) collaborated in writing and producing *Elmer the Great*, a musical comedy about baseball, which opened on Broadway on September 24, 1928, and closed after only forty performances.

539. *NYT*, Thursday, April 19, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Stone's, (the actor's)" in first sentence/*KCT* ends first sentence "new plane."

Fred Stone, vaudeville and musical comedy actor; close personal friend of Rogers. When Stone was disabled in an airplane accident in August of 1928 (see DT 632), Rogers cancelled his own engagements for several months and took over his friends role in the play *Three Cheers*.

John "Johnny" Campion, aviator from St. Louis who served as private pilot and flying instructor for Stone.

Andrew "Andy" Payne, distance runner. Twenty-two-year-old Payne, a shy Oklahoma farmer, gained national prominence in winning the "bunion derby" of 1928, a transcontinental footrace sponsored by sports promoter C. C. Pyle (see DT 5). Payne later served for many years as clerk of the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

540. *NYT*, Friday, April 20, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "pulling a Jim" and *KCT* gives "pulling for Jim" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "D.A.R." in seventh and eighth sentences.

Harry Sinclair's race horses (see DT 516) were readmitted to race tracks in Maryland after the oilman's acquittal.

Guy D. Goff, Republican United States senator from West Virginia from 1925 to 1931. Goff indeed shared presidential ambitions with Senator Watson (see DT 95).

The Daughters of the American Revolution had blacklisted certain speakers which the organization considered radical and pacifistic. Publisher William Allen White of Emporia, Kansas, led the list (see DT 116). Randolph was the middle name of publisher William Randolph Hearst (see DT 379).

President Coolidge addressed the national convention of the DAR in Washington, D.C., on April 18. He sternly told the group that "Government must be kept out of Business." Governor Ritchie (see DT 95) had spoken similarly of states' rights and had condemned Prohibition.

541. *NYT*, Saturday, April 21, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "there as" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "up to show" in fourth sentence.

Clement "Clem" Shaver, chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1924 to 1928.

542. *NYT*, Monday, April 23, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "McCormack" in first sentence/*LAT* omits fifth and sixth sentences/*LAT* gives "Well, Sinclair, come clear." in seventh sentence.

For Ruth Hanna McCormick see DT 528.

Marcus "Mark" Hanna, railroad executive and politician; Republican United States senator from Ohio from 1897 to 1904. Hanna supported William McKinley for president in 1896 and became McKinley's closest adviser.

Ruth Bryan Owen, lecturer and educator; Democratic United States representative from Florida from 1929 to 1933.

William Jennings Bryan, political leader and orator. Bryan was the Democratic candidate for president in 1896, 1900, and 1908 and served as United States secretary of state from 1913 to 1915.

Sinclair was acquitted on April 21 of the charge that he had conspired to defraud the government (see DT 400).

543. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 24, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* begins first sentence "Chicago is quiet" and *LAT* gives "is quiet" in first sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* gives "murder headlined today" and *KCT* gives "murder today." in first sentence/*KCT* omits second and third sentences.

544. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 25, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "before a Yale class" in first sentence.

Gene Tunney, world champion heavyweight boxer, lectured to an English literature class at Yale University on the occasion of the birthday of William Shakespeare. He explained to his audience that after some initial difficulty he eventually read and understood all the writings of Shakespeare.

545. *NYT*, Thursday, April 26, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "a hen and" in third sentence and gives "eat 'em". If you" in sixth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The seventeen-story building housed the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, whose predecessor had been the Butter and Egg Board. Organized in 1919, the Exchange provided a nationwide open market with futures trading and hedging.

546. *NYT*, Friday, April 27, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* omits postscript.

Secretary Hoover had captured enough delegates by April 25 to allow his friends to claim the Republican nomination for him.

547. *NYT*, Saturday, April 28, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "in a Ryan" and *KCT* gives "new monoplane" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "home of the Cherry" in seventh sentence/*KCT* gives "Tomorrow to Topeka," in tenth sentence.

J. N. "Ding" Darling, political cartoonist who illustrated for several newspapers but primarily for the *Des Moines Register* from 1906 to 1949; won Pulitzer prizes in 1924 and 1943.

The Cherry Sisters—Ella, Jessie, Addie, Lizzie, and Effie—made a small fortune from one of the worst vaudeville acts in the country. One critic described their act as "so very bad that it was good," and theater managers paid them as high as $1,000 a week. By 1928 only Addie and Effie continued to perform.

For Senator Curtis see DT 116.

548. *NYT*, Monday, April 30, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Presidential sons, Curtis" in first and second sentences, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "Muelback" and *KCT* gives "Muehleback" in fourth sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

The Muehlbach Hotel in Kansas City was headquarters for the Republican National Committee during the national convention.

549. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 1, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first, second and third sentences/*LAT* gives "in nearly every" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "didn't kill that" and *BDG* and *LAT* gives "because they fell below their average." in third sentence.

For Tunney on Shakespeare see DT 544.

Tom Heeney, heavyweight boxer from New Zealand. Tunney knocked out Heeney in the eleventh round of their title bout on July 26, 1928.

Zane Grey, New York dentist who from 1904 until his death in 1939 devoted his life to writing adventure stories, most of which dealt with the American West.

Harold Bell Wright, painter, minister, and popular novelist, especially of stories set in the Ozarks, including *The Shepherd of the Hills* (1907).

550. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 2, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "raised, I' in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "get in." in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "of a building." in fifth sentence/*LAT* ends sixth sentence "paint."/*LAT* gives "Okla. They had" and *KCT* gives "Ok., which had its name" in seventh sentence.

551. *NYT*, Thursday, May 3, 1928, 29:7.

Appropriations of $4,628,045,035, a peacetime record, were passed during the first session of the Seventieth Congress.

For the James brothers see DT 81; for Judd Gray and Ruth Snyder see DT 232.

552. *NYT*, Friday, May 4, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "as happened" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "Lake City, make" in second and third sentences/*BDG* gives "California—see " and *LAT* gives "California. See" in fifth sentence.

The California presidential primary election was held on May 1.

Charles Evans Hughes (see DT 31) and Woodrow Wilson ran a close race in six states, including California, in the presidential election of 1916. Late returns from the West gave Wilson an unexpected victory by an electoral margin of twenty-three and a popular plurality of 591,385 out of more than 18,000,000 votes cast.

553. *NYT*, Saturday, May 5, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "salary in the" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "bar our pictures…retain our pictures" and *BDG* gives "bar our movies, but for… will export one" in fifth sentence/*NYT* did not print the postscript, but *BDG*, *LAT* and *KCT* have it as here.

Hays, who earned $100,000 a year as the so-called movie czar, obtained the cooperation of the French government in revising a local statute which hampered distribution of American films in France.

554. *NYT*, Monday, May 7, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "received the amount" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "Jim Reed is" in sixth sentence/*KCT* gives "with less than four" in postscript.

Senator Walsh (see DT 209) had sought the Democratic presidential nomination in a desire to stop Governor Smith. He viewed Smith's convincing victory in the California primary of May 1 as proof that the New York governor would not alienate western voters; he therefore withdrew on May 4.

For Senator James Watson see DT 95.

555. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 8, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "wives, it" in first sentence/*BDG* ends postscript "from the next township."

Prince Carol (see DT 392) acknowledged his willingness to assume power in Romania if invited by the powerful Peasant party. He insisted that his companion, Madame Lupescu, had not caused his exile from Romania and would not prevent his return.

556. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 9, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "He has only…that advertising" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "William Allen White" in eighth sentence.

The Senate Campaign Funds Investigation Committee began hearings on May 7. Of the five senators Rogers mentioned, none were serious contenders, except possibly Curtis (see DT 116).

For George Norris see DT 489; for Guy D. Goff see DT 540; for Walter George see DT 456; for Thomas Walsh see DT 209; for William Allen White see DT 116.

557. *NYT*, Thursday, May 10, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "food relief" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The Senate Campaign Funds Committee heard from Governor Ritchie of Maryland (see DT 95) and Senator Reed of Missouri (see DT 79) on the second day of hearings. Ritchie reported no disbursements, and Reed claimed that he knew of only $250 spent on his behalf.

Prince Carol announced that he would visit the United States, as his mother, Queen Marie, had done in the fall of 1926, should his plans to return to Romania not materialize (see DT 555). The British Home Office had asked the prince to leave England, and the Romanian Peasant party had renounced any interest in bringing him to power.

558. *NYT*, Friday, May 11, 1928, 27:7. Variants: gives "Herbert Hoover" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* and *KCT* give "old Purdue," in third sentence.

Senator Watson (see DT 95) defeated Secretary Hoover in the Indiana Republican primary on May 8. The victory reaffirmed the senator's political strength in his home state and gave him thirty-three more convention votes.

For George Ade and Kin Hubbard see DT 95.

Booth Tarkington, American novelist and playwright whose most noted and characteristic works concerned stories set in small midwestern towns; won Pulitzer prizes in 1918 and 1921.

Jesse Andrews, gentleman farmer from Indiana.

Ade received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University—'Perdue'—in 1887. Tarkington briefly attended the same institution.

559. *NYT*, Saturday, May 12, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first, second, third, and fourth sentences/*KCT* gives "tell John" in fifth sentence/*LAT* ends seventh sentence "writing letters"

Japanese troops invaded the Chinese province of Shantung in April of 1928 in order to protect Japanese railroad investments there. Hostilities flared from May 3 to 11; Japanese intervention continued until the spring of 1929.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., holder of 15 percent of the voting stock of Standard Oil Company, requested the resignation of Robert Stewart, chairman of the firm, because of contradictions in his testimony in the Teapot Dome inquiries (see DT 484). Stewart subsequently gained support among the directors of the company and retained his position.

560. *NYT*, Monday, May 14, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* omits fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "nominating." in sixth sentence.

Although Mellon issued a public statement praising Secretary Hoover, he nevertheless recommended that the Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican National Convention remain unpledged.

561. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 15, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "to kid and…'bunion,'" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "can fight…years, only." in fourth sentence.

Andy Payne continued to maintain his lead in C. C. Pyle's transcontinental footrace (see DT 539).

562. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 16, 1928, 27:7.

Divorces in Nevada increased 91.3 percent from 1926 to 1927, according to a report released by the United States Department of Commerce. Washoe County, in which Reno is located, had 112 percent more divorces during the same period.

563. *NYT*, Thursday, May 17, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "made tonight here" and *KCT* gives "would ask civilization" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "Angeles (the…advance) with a dinner" in first and second sentences.

The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce held a fund-raising banquet on May 15 for which Rogers served as toastmaster. Receipts from the dinner were to be used for a winter sports program.

A third Dempsey-Tunney fight never materialized. For Tunney's attraction to Shakespearian studies, see DT 544.

564. *NYT*, Friday, May 18, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "for that" in third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "in a court" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "there's fist" and *KCT* gives "there is fist" in fourth sentence/*NYT* and *BDG* omit fifth sentence, but *LAT* and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "Dupont's powder" in fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "advance flying field and" and *LAT* gives "advance airfields and" and *KCT* gives "advance aviation interests." in sixth sentence.

Former Governor of South Carolina John Evans and former Speaker of the State Assembly Edgar Brown disputed a recent action of the state Democratic convention that had affirmed a rule pledging support to the nominee of the Democratic National Convention. Brown held that opponents to the rule sought to destroy the state party. Evans shouted that Brown was already a Republican. After exchanging blows, the two were separated.

Oklahoma pilots and aviation officials crisscrossed the state from May 16 to May 20, visiting nineteen cities in an effort to promote the industry. Ten new landing fields were opened to attract the "air tourists."

Hoover vacationed for a few days near Williamsport, Pennsylvania. On May 16 he landed twenty-five of thirty-one convention delegates in New Jersey.

565. *NYT*, Saturday, May 19, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "article three" in first sentence/*KCT* omits second, third, fourth, and fifth sentences/*BDG* and *LAT* gives "tell it." in fourth sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* gives "never get off" in seventh sentence/*KCT* gives "town which painted name." in P. S.

Rogers had commented in a weekly article on February 12, 1928, that travel time from Chicago to the West Coast would be reduced considerably when airplanes began to compete with railroads for passengers. On May 14 a combine of passenger train and airplane companies announced forty-eight transcontinental passenger service patrons would leave New York in the evening, spend two nights on railway "sleepers," fly during the day, and reach Los Angeles the evening of the second day.

566. *NYT*, Monday, May 21, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*LAT* and *KCT* give "why your only" and *LAT* gives "he replies" in second sentence/*BDG*

and *KCT* give "from tomorrow it" and *LAT* gives "from tomorrow we will" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "means 'will under pressure,'…argue for three" in fifth sentence.

Coolidge had said he did not "choose to run" (see DT 322), but Rogers and others believed he would accept the candidacy if drafted.

567. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 22, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Wasn't it your" and *BDG* gives "Congress to be:" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "dam. In the Senate, in" in third sentence/*NYT*, *BDG*, and *KCT* omit postscript, but *LAT* has it as here.

The Boulder Dam bill continued to be opposed by a powerful bloc of senators from the Southwest (see DT 185).

Los Angeles police had arrested a blonde divorcee, Hertha "Babe" Murray, and committed her to a psychopathic ward of a local hospital. A week later Murray publicly accused millionaire Claus Spreckles of arranging the arrest to "frame" her and destroy evidence of their relationship. Murray's mother supported her story with letters revealing the love affair. The whole incident brought reprimands from a judge and a few days of lurid headlines but no litigation.

568. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 23, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* begins first sentence "Headline in paper" and *KCT* gives " 'Three man'" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "column it says," in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* and *KCT* give "foot-racers ran seventy-four miles…horse seventy-four miles" in postscript.

The stock market featured a long string of 4,000,000-share days during May. The New York Stock Exchange reduced the daily trading period from five to four hours beginning on May 21; sales subsequently dropped to 2,671,540 shares.

General Motors was one of the most glamorous and active stocks in 1928.

The runners in C. C. Pyle's "bunion derby" (see DTs 539 and 561) completed the longest lap of the race on May 21, 74.6 miles between Waverly and Deposit, New York. The distance was only a few miles short of three times the regulation marathon distance of twenty-six miles and 385 yards.

569. *NYT*, Thursday, May 24, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "fairly known" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Lindbergh accepted a position as chairman of the technical committee of Transcontinental Air Transport, an airline-railway combination (see DT 565). Rogers had hinted about Lindbergh's involvement in the project in a weekly article of April 29, 1928.

Jason "Jay" Gould, American railway executive and financier. Gould partially succeeded in molding a central transcontinental route by consolidating the Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Kansas Pacific, and Texas and Pacific railroads during the 1870s and 1880s.

James "Jim" Hill, nineteenth century American businessman and financier, Hill personally supervised the selection of routes, improvement of terminal facilities, and construction and maintenance of the Great Northern Railway.

570. *NYT*, Friday, May 25, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "more pork-eating than" in fourth sentence.

A revised farm relief bill, which retained the basic elements of the one President Coolidge had vetoed the previous year (see DT 181), was submitted to Coolidge for his signature on May 16. Again Coolidge applied the argument of unconstitutionality as he vetoed the measure. He called the bill deceptive, intolerable, and futile.

Andy Payne appeared certain to win C. C. Pyle's "bunion derby," but doubts were raised about Pyle's financial solvency.

571. *NYT*, Saturday, May 26, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "News is that Congress" in first and second sentences/*LAT* gives "get its share" in seventh sentence.

The Senate passed a second deficiency appropriation bill on May 23. The measure amounted to $149,000,000, half again as high as the House bill, and included some flood relief appropriations.

Payne won the transcontinental footrace, which was completed on May 27. Promoter Pyle assured Payne and other finishers that the $48,000 in prize money was deposited safely in a bank in New York. His associates, however, admitted that Pyle had lost $60,000 in the venture.

Henry Ford challenged one of his plant managers to a 100-yard footrace on a golf course at Wallingford, Pennsylvania. The employee, a much younger man, won by a narrow margin.

572. *NYT*, Monday, May 28, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*BDG* and *KCT* give "farmer's" and *KCT* gives "compromise ready" and *BDG* gives "why don't they" in fourth sentence.

Supporters of the Boulder Dam bill continued to encounter opposition from Arizona congressmen, including Senator Carl Hayden, who successfully countered the efforts of Senator Hiram Johnson of California to have the measure brought to a vote.

Some observers accused supporters of the McNary-Haugen bill of forcing President Coolidge to veto the measure in order to inject farm relief into the presidential campaign. With Congress unable to override the veto, many Republicans predicted party doom unless they chose a candidate who could win the support of the farm community.

573. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 29, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "maybe some 1,500" in seventh sentence.

Andy Payne's father, A. L. Payne, worked for Rogers' father, Clement Vann Rogers, on the home ranch near Oologah, Oklahoma, before settling on a nearby farm. The youngest of seven children was five-year-old Will Rogers Payne, named for the famous friend of the family.

Payne received his check for first prize at the end of an extra twenty-six-hour marathon on June 2 in Madison Square Garden. Pyle expected to recoup his losses by managing Payne and other top runners in professional races and events.

574. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 30, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* ends first sentence "senate."

A filibuster to prevent action on the bill for Boulder Dam began at 2:30 P.M. on May 28 and lasted through the next day.

Payne flew to Washington, D.C., with some Oklahoma businessmen on May 28 after expressing confidence in Pyle's promise of prize money. Members of the House cheered Payne enthusiastically, but the filibuster prevented his introduction to the Senate.

Charles "Charley" Paddock, American journalist and track star. After Paddock won the 100-meter event in the Olympics of 1920, sports writers dubbed him "the world's fastest human." He interrupted his training for the Olympic Games of 1928 to return to his home state for the Southern Pacific tryouts.

575. *NYT*, Thursday, May 31, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "California's" and *LAT* gives "and Arizonans" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "even in Pennsylvania" in sixth sentence.

Voters in Pennsylvania and Illinois elected William Vare and Frank Smith to the United States Senate in 1926, but the Senate refused to seat the men because of excessive campaign expenditures (see DT 79).

576. *NYT*, Friday, June 1, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* begins first sentence "Newspapers say 'Goff'"/*BDG* gives "'Golf'" in first sentence/*LAT* begins second sentence "Another Memorial Day"/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "balloon races must" in fifth sentence.

Senator Goff (see DT 540) defeated Secretary Hoover in the Republican presidential preference primary in Goff's home state of West Virginia on May 30.

President Coolidge revealed on May 30 that Secretary of State Kellogg had succeeded in expanding bilateral French-American talks into multi-lateral negotiations (see DT 479). A prelim-

inary draft of the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact had been sent to Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Fourteen balloons, competing in the National Elimination Balloon Race, left Pittsburghh during generally rainy and threatening weather. A thunderstorm forced all but one of the crafts to quit the race. Lightning during the storm killed two crewmen, and falls and intense cold and high altitudes injured several others.

577. *NYT*, Saturday, June 2, 1928, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "the big" in second sentence.

President Coolidge announced on May 31 that he and his wife would spend the summer on Cedar Island in the Brule River, twenty-nine miles from Superior, Wisconsin.

Wisconsin, home of the Progressive Republican La Follette family, was politically unpredictable throughout the 1910s and 1920s.

578. *NYT*, Monday, June 4, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*LAT* gives "and was ready" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "he would be" in sixth sentence.

The complicated negotiations of the Kellogg-Briand Pact continued (see DT 576). Secretary Kellogg's proposed anti-war treaty, issued in April, prompted additional modifications, differing interpretations, and various considerations from the major powers.

579. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 5, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first and second sentences/*LAT* gives "his interests." in first sentence/*BDG* gives "convention I would" in second sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "else and Coolidge" in third sentence.

Likeliest emissary from Coolidge was William Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee and an adviser to the president.

Coolidge used the veto twelve times during the Seventieth Congress, whereas he had used only five in the first three and one-half years of his term.

580. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 6, 1928, 27:7.

Captains Charles Kingsford-Smith and Charles Ulm, Australians with Royal Air Force experience, and two Americans, navigator Harry Lyon and radio operator James Warner, flew from Hawaii to Fiji, covering the 3,138 miles in thirty-four hours and setting a record for the longest flight over water.

Fiji islanders, once feared as cannibals, sacrificed a large tree-lined park so that the aviators could land safely at Suva, the island capital.

581. *NYT*, Thursday, June 7, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "broke on plane, came down" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "back—the first" in first and second sentences/*KCT* begins second sentence "the first"/third sentence is from *LAT*/*NYT* gives "Lake, where these" and *BDG* and *KCT* end third sentence "into Salt Lake."/*KCT* gives "If I had…further would" and *LAT* gives "if had…further would" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "Kansas; draft" and *KCT* gives "Kansas City to" in fifth sentence.

Rogers received a jolt at Las Vegas, Nevada, when a Western Air Express mail plane in which he was riding upset while landing. He and another passenger were shaken, but Rogers insisted that the accident was harmless.

Rogers' humorous presidential candidacy was launched on May 24 by Robert Sherwood, editor of *Life* magazine.

582. *NYT*, Friday, June 8, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "On to the convention," as eighth sentence and places "Yours," as close before signature, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The American-Russian Eagle Club in Hollywood, California, burned after an explosion during the early morning hours of June 7. Fifteen motion picture celebrities, including Charlie Chaplin, fled into the streets. Eight injuries, one serious, were reported.

583. *NYT*, Saturday, June 9, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "daylight for" and *BDG* and *KCT* give "Mellon who" and *LAT* gives "Mellon telling who" in second sentence.

Rogers pretended to represent the Anti-Bunk party as a candidate for president. Nominated by *Life* magazine on May 24, he delivered his "acceptance speech" in the nest issue of the publication (see DT 581). Rogers wrote a series of "campaign" articles for *Life* during this period, while also contributing lengthy daily newspaper articles as a syndicated correspondent at the Republican and Democratic national conventions.

The marathon dance contest began on June 2 with 137 couples and ended on June 13 after setting a reported world record of 259 hours and forty minutes.

584. *NYT*, Monday, June 11, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "even delegates, was" in second sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* give "delegates"/*KCT* did not print the DT.

585. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 12, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "senators will draw" in third sentence/*LAT* omits seventh sentence.

Grace Coolidge (see DT 311) was a favorite of Rogers. In a longer syndicated dispatch the previous day, Rogers revealed his personal choice for Republican presidential nominee: "I am all for Mrs. Coolidge. I want her to run on a Vindication platform. And if the Republican Party paid its just debts she would be nominated."

586. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 13, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Andy came in" in second sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Austrian-born concert and operatic contralto; appeared in 1926 at the age of sixty-four in the Metropolitan Opera Company production of *Das Reingold*.

Senator Fess of Ohio (see DT 396) was temporary chairman of the convention and keynote speaker. Many observers considered his speech dry and stiff.

587. *NYT*, Thursday, June 14, 1928, 29:7. *KCT* did not print the DT.

Carranza, hailed as "Mexico's Lindy" (see DT 349), departed Mexico City on June 12 and landed in Washington, D.C., twenty-four hours later. His flight helped to ameliorate relations between Mexico and the United States.

George H. Moses, United States senator from New Hampshire from 1918 to 1933, Moses acknowledged his election as permanent chairman of the convention with a burst of partisan oratory. He declared that the Republicans would "bury" whomever the Democrats nominate for president—"we care not whether his name be Brown, Jones, Robinson, or Smith."

588. *NYT*, Friday, June 15, 1928, 27:7. *KCT* did not print the DT.

Seven armed men seized $19,000 from a bank in downtown Kansas City, fatally wounded a traffic policeman, and fled in a getaway car. Two days later five suspects, all local residents, were in jail.

Chicago mayor William Thompson, a delegate to the Republican convention, was accused of having underworld support. Several Indiana delegates had visited a former state chairman in a nearby federal prison.

Robert M. La Follette, Jr., Republican United States senator from Wisconsin from 1925 to 1947. La Follette offered a minority platform that denounced corruption in government, United States action in Nicaragua, and an expanded navy and favored the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, federal power projects, and a modified enforcement of Prohibition. By a voice vote, the convention rejected the platform.

589. *NYT*, Saturday, June 16, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "campaign—will it be" and *LAT* gives "campaign, be American" in sixth and seventh sentences/*LAT* gives "come on it if" in tenth and eleventh sentences/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Convention delegates nominated Hoover on the first ballot on June 15. He received 837 votes out of 1,089.

Curtis, who was one-eighth Indian, received 1,052 votes on the only ballot for vice president. Newspaper accounts mentioned his relatives who still lived on Kaw Indian tribal lands.

590. *NYT*, Monday, June 18, 1928, 27:7. *KCT* did not print the DT.

591. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 19, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "to thinking" in sixth sentence.

Gordon W. "Pawnee Bill" Lillie, Oklahoma rancher, wild west showman, and friend of the Pawnee Indians. His ranch near Pawnee included buffalo herds, Indian ponies, and a frontier trading post.

592. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 20, 1928, 27:7

For Andy Payne see DTs 539 and 571.

For Governor Albert Ritchie see DT 95.

593. *NYT*, Thursday, June 21, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "now, just…on, sell" in third and fourth sentences/*BDG* and *LAT* begin sixth sentence "I had been"/*NYT* gives "Amos" and *KCT* gives "Almon" in eighth sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "Jessie Jones will get me a ticket" in ninth sentence.

For Amon G. Carter see DT 176; for Governor Dan Moody see DT 71; for Jesse Jones see DT 487.

594. *NYT*, Friday, June 22, 1928, 25:7.

H(enry) L(ouis) Mencken, American editor, author, and publisher; social and political critic who was well-known for his acid pen. Rogers and Mencken shared correspondents' assignments at both national political conventions in 1924.

Shady Oaks Farm, owned by Amon G. Carter, was located ten miles from the center of Fort Worth.

595. *NYT*, Saturday, June 23, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "sound reason, and" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "for or against" in seventh sentence, but *BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* and *LAT* give "Jessie" and *KCT* gives "Jess" in postscript.

Captain Tom Hickman, Texas Ranger and an internationally known judge of stock shows and rodeos.

596. *NYT*, Monday, June 25, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* ends fourth sentence "the films."

For Senator Simeon Fess see DTs 396 and 586.

Mary Pickford (see DT 278) and her husband Douglas Fairbanks returned from a tour of Europe with twelve trunks of newly-purchased clothing and perfumes. They declared their value at $5,000, but customs appraisers assessed the real worth at $7,268 and accepted the Fairbanks' check for $3,900 for the duty.

Mae Murray, American leading lady of the silent screen. Murray and her husband David Mdivani revealed on June 23 that they were parents of a sixteen-month-old son. They had attempted to keep the matter secret to protect the actress' career.

Senator Heflin (see DT 174) spoke to 10,000 Klansmen in an open field near Syracuse, New York, on June 16. The speakers' platform collapsed, but Heflin recovered from the incident and continued his two-hour speech.

597. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 26, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* (PM) gives "radio tonight and" and *KCT* gives "this run" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "run to the radio this evening and" in third sentence, but *BDG* (AM) and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "Bowers." and *KCT* gives "Tuesday night." to end fourth sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

Claude G. Bowers, author, journalist, and staunch Democrat. A popular orator, Bowers delivered the keynote addresses at the Democratic national conventions in 1920 and 1928.

598. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 27, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "its tribute" in first sentence.

Samuel J. Tilden, governor of New York from 1875 to 1876. As the Democratic presidential nominee in 1876, Tilden received more popular votes than the Republican candidate, Rutherford B. Hayes, but an electoral commission awarded Hayes enough contested electoral votes to give him the presidency.

Builders of the convention auditorium, a temporary wooden structure, attempted to lessen the heat with various cooling devices, but temperatures in Houston reached or surpassed 90° every day of the convention.

599. *NYT*, Thursday, June 28, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "never get" in second sentence/*KCT* ends fifth sentence "benediction, the platform."/*KCT* begins sixth sentence "It…adopt a wet one week."

For Senator Joe Robinson see DT 495.

600. *NYT*, Friday, June 29, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "him we would" in second sentence.

Eighteen seconding speeches for Governor Smith were delivered at the convention.

601. *NYT*, Saturday, June 30, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences/*LAT* gives close "Yours harmoniously," before signature.

Governor Smith's nomination came late on June 28; the final tally showed that he received 849⅔ votes out of 1,000 possible.

Senator Robinson was nominated for vice president on June 29.

602. *NYT*, Monday, July 2, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Kelley field," in first sentence/*KCT* gives "They kinda want a…all of the post-offices" in fourth sentence/*BDG* (AM) and *LAT* did not print the DT.

Kelly Field, located near San Antonio, Texas, was the site of the Army Air Corps Flying School, training ground for Charles Lindbergh and other military aviators.

The King Ranch, located southwest of Corpus Christi and with headquarters at Kingsville, was founded in 1853 by Richard King and later managed by King's son-in-law, Robert Kleberg. The million-acre ranch was a center of cattle breeding and irrigated farming.

603. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 3, 1928, 23:7.

604. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 4, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "flew home." in first sentence/*KCT* gives "and then thousands of acres off" and *LAT* gives "the Salton Sea," in second sentence.

605. *NYT*, Thursday, July 5, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "how much five" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives third sentence "He don't need the jokes."omitting thirteen words/*NYT* gives "five by rights. Coolidge should" in fifth and sixth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "if he will pay half in money, or" in eighth sentence, omitting four words/*NYT* gives "they cracked" in ninth sentence, but *LAT* and *KCT* have it as here.

For the Hearst-Rogers bet see DT 382.

606. *NYT*, Friday, July 6, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives dateline "June 5."/*LAT* gives "be. 'What has'" in eighth sentence.

Jean Lussier, a salesman from Springfield, Massachusetts, went over the Canadian side of Niagara Falls in a steel reinforced rubber ball. He was dazed slightly but suffered only minor bruises.

607. *NYT*, Saturday, July 7, 1928, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "sure times" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "farmers got" in sixth sentence/*KCT* omits eighth sentence.

Belgian financier Alfred Lowenstein disappeared early on July 5 from his private plane while on a cross-channel flight from England to Belgium. Authorities recovered his body on July 19 and declared his death accidental.

Mayor Walker was on a month-long West Coast vacation, spending time at beaches and rodeos.

Hoover's campaign managers issued a clarifying statement to reassure farmers of the nominee's deep concern for their welfare. An earlier interview had been misinterpreted in the press and had given a different impression about his views on agriculture.

608. *NYT*, Monday, July 9, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "man, said that" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Hubert Work, United States secretary of the interior from 1923 to 1928; chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1928 to 1929; manager of Hoover's presidential campaign in 1928.

Catherine Shaver, wife of Democratic National Chairman Clement Shaver, assailed the prohibition plank of the Democratic party and Governor Smith's stand on the issue in a speech to the National Women's Democratic Law Enforcement League on July 6.

609. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 10, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "runner Charlie Paddock" in first sentence/*BDG* omits second, third, and fourth sentences/*LAT* begins second sentence "It come close to being unfortunate"/*LAT* ends third sentence "association wouldn't have thought of not letting him go over."

Paddock (see DT 574) had been omitted from the United States Olympic track team for alleged professionalism. After the Southern Pacific Association threatened to withdraw its athletes from the team, the Olympic selection committee reviewed the evidence and rescinded its earlier decision. Paddock was accepted on July 9.

610. *LAT*, Wednesday, July 11, 1928, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:4. Variants: *BDG* omits fifth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

An Italian dirigible, the *Italia*, departed Norway on May 23 for a flight to the North Pole to collect scientific data. Two days later an Arctic gale caused the craft to crash on an ice floe in the North Atlantic. Eight crewmen survived, but seventeen persons died in the crash and during rescue missions.

611. *NYT*, Thursday, July 12, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "I suggest" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "Mayor Walker" and *BDG* gives "Jimmie" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "give lot" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Walker addressed the Wampus Club, an organization of Hollywood publicity men, on July 9. He warned motion picture executives that they could expect detrimental government action against the industry if they entered partisan politics and ended on the losing side.

612. *NYT*, Friday, July 13, 1928, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "somebody and something." in third sentence.

The Democratic National Committee named John Raskob, chairman of the finance committee of General Motors Corporation, as national chairman of the party. Through his efforts the national committee raised $5,342,000 for the campaign treasury.

613. *NYT*, Saturday, July 14, 1928, 15:7.

Tammany Hall continued to be associated with corruption despite Governor Smith's efforts to present the New York political organization as representative of American patriotism and liberalism.

Peggy Hopkins Joyce, Virginia-born dancer and actress noted for her six marriages and countless engagements. On July 13 she announced that she was to wed Lord Northesk of England, but the engagement later was broken.

614. *NYT*, Monday, July 16, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives origin "BEVERLY HILLS"/*BDG* gives "found a legitimate" in first sentence/*KCT* ends fourth sentence "in the City of Mexico."/*KCT* gives "were so proud" in seventh sentence.

Carranza (see DTs 349 and 587) took off secretly on a nonstop flight from New York City to Mexico City on July 12 but was killed when lightning struck his plane and caused it to crash in New Jersey.

615. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 17, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "out respected" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "Charlie" in sixth sentence, but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "Fish get" in ninth sentence.

For Fred Stone see DT 539.

616. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 18, 1928, 23:7.

Umberto Nobile, Italian engineer and commander of the ill-fated *Italia* expedition (see DT 610). Nobile was held responsible for the crash of the *Italia*, and in near disgrace he returned to Italy with the survivors.

Custom held that presidential and vice-presidential nominees be notified personally of their selection.

617. *NYT*, Thursday, July 19, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* begins first sentence "Just"/*KCT* begins second sentence "No one who has a sense of humor"/*LAT* gives "met a human in" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "away as he." in third sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "he had after…there." in third and fourth sentences/*NYT* gives "escaping assassination" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Álvaro Obergon (see DT 430), who was elected president of Mexico on July 1, was shot and killed by a professed admirer on July 17. In November of 1927 he had escaped injury when a bomb was hurled at him.

618. *NYT*, Friday, July 20, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* ends sixth sentence "reading public."/*KCT* gives "cowboy pictures" in seventh sentence.

619. *NYT*, Saturday, July 21, 1928, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "it's hard" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "endurance outside…track. I" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

William "Bill" Tilden, generally considered the foremost tennis player of the first half of the twentieth century. Officials had barred Tilden from Davis Cup competition because of alleged professionalism. They later relented and allowed him to play in the finals, but after France won the tourney he was suspended by the United States Lawn Tennis Association. He turned professional in 1931.

Aviatrix Amelia Earhart (see DT 591) was in Chicago as the "honorary maid of honor" at the wedding of her mechanic, Lou Gordon.

620. *NYT*, Monday, July 23, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "down to Jersey today" in first sentence, but *BDG, LAT* and *KCT* have it as here.

For boxer Tom Heeney see DT 549; for John Raskob see DT 612.

621. *NYT*, Tuesday, July, 24, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Newport where they" in first and second sentences/*BDG* gives "flew over" in fifth sentence.

In Newport members of the cast of a local play were denied access to Bailey's Beach, an exclusive area near the millionaires' mansions on Ocean Avenue.

Montauk Point, the easternmost spot on Long Island, was a favorite vacation spot for many New Yorkers.

622. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 25, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits origin and dateline/*NYT* gives "captive ballon." to end tenth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Graham McNamee, a sports and general announcer for the National Broadcasting Company and one of the best known announcers in the industry. McNamee was the ringside commentator for the Tunney-Heeney championship bout.

623. *NYT*, Thursday, July 26, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Heeney, and people" in third and fourth sentences, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "tournament people get" and *KCT* gives "tournament backers get" in fifth sentence.

Raskob, newly elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee (see DT 612), resigned as a member of the finance committee of General Motors until after the election because he did not want the company to be associated with politics.

Dempsey was employed by promoter Tex Rickard as an assistant for the Tunney-Heeney bout in order to bolster public interest in the title match.

Bill Tilden was reinstated as an amateur on July 24 in order that he might compete in the Davis Cup tennis finals in France (see DT 619).

624. *NYT*, Friday, July 27, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* begins third sentence "These met here"/*LAT* gives "only the evils" in sixth sentence/*KCT* ends postscript "arrived at yet late."

Winona Lake, a religious resort founded by members of the Presbyterian church, was a frequent vacation spot for motion picture czar Will Hays, a Presbyterian, and was the home of evangelist and Presbyterian minister Billy Sunday.

625. *NYT*, Saturday, July 28, 1928, 15:7.

Thompson had suffered recent financial and political reverses: The *Chicago Tribune* won a $2,000,000 law suit against him in June, and the city controller and the police commissioner of Chicago resigned in early June.

626. *NYT*, Monday, July 30, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* begins third sentence "Still flying", but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

627. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 31, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* ends fourth sentence "me confidentially, 'East.'"/*BDG* and *LAT* end fifth sentence "William Allen White?"

White opened the Republican campaign in Kansas with a speech on July 12 in which he praised Smith's courage but declared that "his election would menace the nation." He cited Smith's voting record as a New York assemblyman who allegedly favored gambling, prostitution, and the saloon. Smith denied the charges. On July 29 White promised more detail to support his statement but three days later withdrew the accusations.

628. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 1, 1928, 23:4. Variants: *LAT* ends first sentence "tickets."/*KCT* ends sixth sentence "we have."

This DT used a new point of origin, Santa Monica, which was the location of the Rogers family ranch.

The Olympic Games opened on July 29 in Amsterdam, Holland. A United States shot putter set a record on the first day of competition, but Great Britain, Ireland, and Canada scored successive victories in other track and field events. The United States improved thereafter and finished with fifty-four medals in track and field, the largest national total.

629. *NYT*, Thursday, August 2, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "this Mrs. Willebrandt" and *BDG* gives "Willerbrandt" in third sentence.

In New York City federal prohibition agents raided several night clubs on the evenings of July 30 and 31. The raids resulted in twenty-six indictments that named 139 defendants.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant United States attorney general from 1921 to 1929. Willebrandt's responsibilities included enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and federal tax laws and supervision of the Bureau of Federal Prisons. She was credited with ordering the raids in New York City.

630. *NYT*, Friday, August 3, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* ends second sentence "he is for Smith."/*BDG* and *LAT* begin fourth sentence "The effect."

For the Old Spanish Days Fiesta in Santa Barbara, see DT 329. The *Los Angeles Times* printed a picture of McAdoo, Democratic party leader (see DT 147), in fiesta garb astride a horse and Rogers afoot beside him.

The United States Olympic team led the competition in total points, although American men had failed to win a single track event and Canadians had placed first in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes.

631. *NYT*, Saturday, August 4, 1928, 15:7. Variants: *NYT* begins first sentence "Just flew up" but *BDG, LAT* and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "McManus" Jiggs and Maggie, and" and *KCT* gives "McManus. Hoover" in fourth sentence.

The Bohemian Club of San Francisco was founded by artists and was open to persons interested in the arts. The group's most famous activity was the "High Jinks," an annual two-week encampment in a 2,437-acre redwood grove near Monte Rio, California.

Harrison Fisher, popularly known as the "King of the Magazine Cover Artists" who successfully depicted American female beauty in portraits that made the "Harrison Fisher girl" as well-known and influential as the earlier "Gibson girl."

James "Jimmy" Swinnerton, American cartoonist who began "The Little Bears and Tigers" with the Hearst papers in 1902 and later produced "Little Jimmy."

George McManus, creator of one of the most popular Hearst comic strips, "Bringing up Father." Rowdy, brow-beaten Jiggs and his social climbing wife, Maggie, delighted Americans for decades in stage, screen, and radio adaptations, as well as in the original cartoon.

632. *NYT*, Monday, August 6, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* gives dateline "Aug. 7."

Hoover, relaxing in Palo Alto, California, conferred with Republican congressional leader John Tilson, Iowa farm journal editor Dante Pierce, and campaign advisers Nathan McChesney and James Good.

Stone (see DT 539) was unable to pull his airplane out of a dive and crashed during a solo slight. Despite two broken legs, a fractured jaw, and other injuries, his condition was considered serious but not critical.

633. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 7, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "day or so who" and *BDG* gives "'wonderful air trips.'" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "to San Francisco, where" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "seventeen-passenger planes" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "their countrymen" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "safer lines" in seventh sentence.

Two airline services, Maddux Air Lines and Western Air Express Corporation, offered daily passenger flights between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Their service compared favorably with that of the leading European lines.

634. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 8, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* omits first and second sentences.

635. *NYT*, Thursday, August 9, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "each successive edition…till this afternoon's extras had tornadoes sweeping" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "candidates after nominations, they" in fifth and sixth sentences.

A hurricane struck near Palm Beach, Florida, on August 7, causing considerable financial loss due to flooding and crop destruction. The storm eventually crossed to the Gulf of Mexico then turned north to ravage Georgia and the Carolinas.

Smith demanded an opportunity to respond publicly to fundamentalist John Roach Straton's scathing attack upon Smith from a New York pulpit the previous Sunday. Straton (see DT 319) offered to repeat the sermon for Smith at an appropriate place. The exchange continued, but the confrontation never materialized.

636. *LAT*, Friday, August 10, 1928, I:1:2; heading from the *KCT*, 2:3. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth and fifth sentences/*NYT* did not print the DT.

A German scientist announced on August 8 that he had transmitted ten pictures per second of 8,000 light points each; however, the picture produced a slightly "jerky" motion. American technicians progressed more rapidly and broadcasted the first television drama in the General Electric laboratory at Schenectady, New York, later in the year.

Clara Bow, American actress who personified the "It" girl of the 1920s (see DT 255). She depicted in films the vibrant young generation of the period.

637. *NYT*, Saturday, August 11, 1928, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "bulrushes, but" in first sentence/*KCT* begins third sentence "And save"/*NYT* omits "Amen" but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Senator Moses of New Hampshire (see DT 587) traveled to California to advise Hoover of the political situation in the East and to deliver formal notification of the Republican nomination.

638. *NYT*, Monday, August 13, 1928, 19:7.

Hoover delivered his acceptance speech to a crowd of 70,000 at Stanford University Stadium and to millions more via radio.

Roy Gray of Fort Madison, Iowa, was named the "Average American" in an article in *American Magazine*. Chosen through a series of crude statistical maneuvers, Gray owned and operated a small clothing store and served as president of the local chamber of commerce. Although he admired Lindbergh, he was skeptical of Prohibition, ignorant of foreign affairs, and interested in sports.

639. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 14, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* gives "poverty, favored" in third sentence.

640. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 15, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "trusts to get attention, then" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "either has to rob" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "generally consisting of" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "coming its way." in fifth sentence.

A number of Democrats had announced or soon would announce that they had bolted party nominee Smith to support Hoover. Among the disenchanted were retired Oklahoma Senator Robert Owen, Alabama Senator Thomas Heflin, North Carolina Senator Furnifold Simmons, and Lieutenant Governor Thomas Love of Texas, who boasted that he would take 400,000 votes into Hoover's camp.

641. *NYT*, Thursday, August 16, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Joseph Daniels" in first sentence, but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "every voter will" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "candidate, he" in fourth sentence, but *BDG, LAT* and *KCT* have it as here.

Lowden stopped short of endorsing Hoover but expressed appreciation that the candidate recognized agriculture as the most urgent economic problem in the nation.

Charles W. Bryan, governor of Nebraska from 1931 to 1935; Democratic candidate for vice president in 1924. Although his brother, William Jennings Bryan (see DT 542), had opposed Smith's nomination in 1924, Charles Bryan pledged his support to the entire Democratic slate in 1928.

Daniels (see DT 157) had issued an order in 1914 while secretary of the navy that prohibited beer and wine on all naval vessels and installations; hard liquor had been banned since the Civil War.

642. *NYT*, Friday, August 17, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* gives "to see his bunch" in fifth sentence.

Byrd (see DT 292) was in the midst of elaborate preparations for an $855,000 expedition to the Antarctic. He and seventy associates even had undergone dental examinations to forestall any loss of efficiency because of illness.

643. *NYT,* Saturday, August 18, 1928, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "of all men who" in second sentence, but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

644. *NYT*, Monday, August 20, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Showing you…nowadays, they" in first and second sentences, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* omits third sentence/*LAT* gives fourth sentence "I, like my Injun compatriot, Curtis, stand on farm relief."/*KCT* omits eighth sentence.

Curtis, part Kaw and Osage, was notified formally of his nomination for vice president during the ceremonies on the steps of the Kansas state capitol on August 18.

645. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 21, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "farmer and skin" in fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

646. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 22, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "wonder if they are" in sixth sentence.

Art Goebel, winner of the Hawaiian air derby in 1927 (see DT 336), flew from Los Angeles to Long Island, New York, on August 19 to 20 and set a nonstop transcontinental flying record of eighteen hours and fifty-eight minutes. It was the first continuous west-to-east transcontinental air crossing.

Smith issued a statement on August 20 in which he defended bill-by-bill his record as a member of the New York state assembly. Smith denounced White's accusations of July 29 as false and politically inspired (see DT 627). He also firmly rejected the challenges and charges of the Reverend Straton (see DT 635).

647. *NYT*, Thursday, August 23, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "will go up" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "static won't grab you." in fifth sentence, but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Rogers and sons Jimmy and Will, Jr., attended religious ceremonies held at Hotevilla, one of the five principal Hopi pueblos, located 100 miles northeast of Flagstaff, Arizona. The Snake Dance, performed by the Snake and Antelope societies of the Hopi, was held every other year.

Smith delivered his acceptance speech to a crowd of 2,000 in the chambers of the New York state legislature. His speech also was broadcasted over a radio network of 405 stations.

648. *NYT*, Friday, August 24, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "before they entered the den they could" in fourth sentence/*KCT* omits fifth and sixth sentences.

"The Varsity Drag," a popular song and dance during the late 1920s, first was performed in the musical *Good News* in 1927. Bud De Sylvia and Lew Brown wrote the lyrics to the tune, and Ray Henderson composed the music.

649. *NYT*, Saturday, August 25, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *BDG* begins first sentence "Haven't seen"/*KCT* omits first and second sentences/*KCT* gives "see the snake dances here would…types here." in third sentence/*NYT* gives "white man's shoulder" in third sentence, but *BDG, LAT* and *KCT* have it as here.

650. *NYT*, Monday, August 27, 1928, 21:7.

651. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 28, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "so that would" in sixth sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "twice rather than do it." in seventh sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit eighth sentence.

William C. Durant, founder and president of General Motors Corporation from 1908 to 1920. Durant offered a prize of $25,000 for the best and most practical plan to make Prohibition effective. More than 23,000 proposals were submitted.

652. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 29, 1928, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "John may belong to" in second sentence and *KCT* ends second sentence "for him." omitting twelve words/*BDG* gives "my auto won't" in fourth sentence.

John Coolidge, the president's oldest son, "joined the orchestra" at a dance at a Wisconsin resort on August 27. He played jazz on the saxophone and also sang. Coolidge was a member of a fraternity at Amherst College, his father's alma mater.

For John Raskob see DT 612.

653. *NYT*, Thursday, August 30, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "enter a new war" in third sentence.

The Kellogg-Briand Pact, an international treaty to outlaw war (see DT 479), was signed by representatives of fifteen nations on August 27 in Paris.

654. *NYT*, Friday, August 31, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "imagine that financial" in third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Tunney, who had announced his retirement from the ring on July 31, spoke at a dinner party given for him by an English boxing promoter on August 29. The world champion said he had quit boxing because he was past his prime, although he appreciated the financial rewards.

Early morning blasts occurred at the Paramount-Famous Players-Lasky movie lot and at a Hollywood battery service station. The motion picture industry had begun the conversation from silent to talking films. Rogers had yet to make the transition himself.

655. *NYT*, Saturday, September 1, 1928, 15:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Candidate Robinson" and *KCT* gives "in Hot Springs yesterday" in third sentence.

Secretary of State Kellogg visited Ireland partly as a rebuke to Great Britain because of an Anglo-French naval alliance announced in July. Irish representatives were among the signers of the Kellogg-Briand antiwar treaty.

Robinson was the last major candidate to be notified officially of his nomination. He delivered his acceptance speech from the steps of a hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

656. *NYT*, Monday, September 3, 1928, 15:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "that this Calles was…man, and that" in sixth sentence/*KCT* gives "us selecting by" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "and the United States electing" in seventh sentence, but *BDG, LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

For Plutarco Calles see DT 372.

657. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 4, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "civilians" for "Civitans" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "Stratton" in fifth sentence.

The National Air Races for 1928 were to begin in Los Angeles on September 8 with numerous events planned, including a New York-to-Los Angeles free-for-all nonstop race for prizes aggregating $22,500 in cash.

Babe Ruth (see DT 29) refused to be photographed with Hoover prior to a baseball game in Washington, D.C. He later expressed his regrets about the incident and explained that it had resulted from a "misunderstanding."

The Reverend Straton renewed his attack on Smith on September 2 (see DT 635), labeling the Democratic presidential nominee America's "deadliest foe of moral progress and true political wisdom." Smith at once challenged Straton to a debate, but negotiations of time and place prolonged the event.

658. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 5, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* ends first sentence "Brisbane in his editorial."/*NYT* gives "Brisbane. He says" in first and second sentences, but *BDG*, and *LAT* have it as here.

Brisbane (see DT 204), in quoting a phrase from DT 656, wrote in his weekly column: "Will Rogers, who once taught Sunday school, wishes Mexico would stop electing with bullets and that the United States would elect 'by the ballot instead of by the bullion.' He will have to wait."

659. *NYT*, Thursday, September 6, 1928, 27:7.

660. *NYT*, Friday, September 7, 1928, 25:7.

661. *NYT*, Saturday, September 8, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "medium-priced two in" in second sentence/*NYT* ends eighth sentence "foreigners." but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Promoter Rickard announced on September 6 the signing of Olympic marathon winner Abdel Baghinel, "El Ouafi," an Algerian whose time a month earlier had been two hours, thirty-two minutes, and fifty-seven seconds. Rickard staged a sixteen-mile race in Tulsa on October 7, which El Ouafi won when Payne withdrew because of muscle cramps.

662. *LAT*, Monday, September 10, 1928, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 2:3. Variants: *LAT* gives "goody" for "good year" in first sentence, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it as here/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Robert M. La Follette, Sr., Republican governor of Wisconsin from 1901 to 1906; United States senator from 1906 until his death in 1925. La Follette ran for president in 1924 on the Progressive party ticket. The total value of farm crops in 1924 exceeded $9,000,000,000 as compared to the low point of $5,600,000,000 in 1921.

Although farm bloc leader George Peek and agricultural editor Henry Wallace, among others, supported Smith, most rural Republican spokesmen favored Hoover.

663. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 11, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Paris and he" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

664. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 12, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* gives "unlocked. 'Where'" and *BDG* gives "going between" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "Arkansas" in fourth sentence.

Ruth's home run on September 11 enabled the New York Yankees to edge the Philadelphia Athletics, 5 to 3.

The New York City nightclubs that had been raided in late July (see DT 629) had been ordered padlocked pending trial. On September 11 a federal court ordered the locks removed. A hint of politics appeared to surround the whole affair.

665. *NYT*, Thursday, September 13, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "the new hospital" in first sentence.

Stone faced a long recuperation at home following his plane crash in early August (see DT 632), but he expressed gratitude to Rogers for agreeing to appear in his show, *Three Cheers*, which was due to open in New England in two weeks.

Polo teams from the United States and Argentina were scheduled to meet in September in International Cup competition. The roster of the American contingent changed periodically as the United States Polo Association assessed potential members.

In early voting in Maine on September 10, Republicans swept a United States Senate seat, four congressional posts, and the governorship.

666. *NYT*, Friday, September 14, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "little film actress Bebe" in first sentence/*KCT* begins second sentence "On the evening of"/*LAT* gives "tennis matches she" in third sentence.

Virginia "Bebe" Daniels, popular American actress who made her film debut in 1908 at the age of seven. Frequently in the headlines, she was engaged for a brief time to track star Paddock (see DT 574). She married actor Ben Lyon in 1930.

Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., society figure and one of the leading polo players in the United States in the 1920s.

For Bill Tilden see DT 619.

The Mississippi Democratic primary customarily saw the party choosing the eventual winners because of the one-party nature of politics in the state.

667. *NYT*, Saturday, September 15, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "the undertaking privilege" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "town, as the only" in seventh and eighth sentences.

Underworld figure Antonio Lombardo was slain on September 7 in Chicago and buried four days later with lavish floral offerings.

John Coolidge, the president's son (see DT 652), began work on September 10 as a clerk for the general manager of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company.

Smith made extensive use of trains in his campaign travels.

668. *NYT*, Monday, September 17, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "which is not…brave expedition" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "Paul Blocks, 15-year-old boy, gave" in fifth sentence.

The polo matches (see DT 665) were delayed because of illness to a number of the ponies.

Paul Block, publisher of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Toledo Blade*, and *Toledo Times*. His twelve-year-old son, Billy, donated his savings of three years, $2,365, to Smith's campaign.

669. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 18, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *NYT* and *LAT* give "'seems as quiet.'" in sixth sentence, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it as here.

Thomas Edison, United States inventor best-known for the development of the phonograph and the improvement of the electric light bulb.

Harvey Firestone, founder in 1900 of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; president of the firm from 1903 to 1932 and chairman of the board from 1932 until his death in 1938.

670. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 19, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "home state to treat" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "outlaws and comedians." in fourth sentence.

671. *NYT*, Thursday, September 20, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "profit to 'em" in third sentence.

Smith outlined his proposal for farm relief in a speech in Omaha on September 18. It included many of the same provisions as the McNary-Haugen bill.

Hoover had proposed an agricultural plan that depended on marketing through cooperatives.

672. *NYT*, Friday, September 21, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "taking as much interest" in second sentence.

A severe tropical hurricane devastated Puerto Rico and other West Indian islands and then struck Florida on September 16. The Everglades and Lake Okeechobee areas suffered heavy damage, with 1,500 fatalities, 15,000 persons homeless, and property damage of at least $50,000,000. Palm Beach, with its luxurious hotels and winter homes, also was hit hard.

673. *NYT*, Saturday, September 22, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "made fewer speeches…single man in" in third and fourth sentences.

For William Jennings Bryan see DT 542.

674. *NYT*, Monday, September 24, 1928, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "power magnates saying 'There is no'" in third sentence.

Smith in a speech in Oklahoma City on September 20 criticized Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general of the United States (see DT 629), for urging Methodist clergymen in Ohio to oppose him.

Speaking in Denver, Smith proposed government ownership of the principal power sites and generating plants but not government distribution of electricity.

675. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 25, 1928, 33:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "going for the Yankees" in fourth sentence.

Albert Ottinger, Republican attorney general of New York from 1925 to 1926. Ottinger ran an unsuccessful race for governor in 1928 against Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt.

676. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 26, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "and fewer votes" in second sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* gives "it, started practicing it." in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* gives "we might just" in sixth sentence.

For Senator Thomas Walsh see DT 209.

677. *NYT*, Thursday, September 27, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "today and carries New" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT* and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "Cleveland Indians vote" and *BDG* gives "runless and stopping all the whispering so that it looks" in second sentence.

In a mixture of items, Rogers referred to the newly sharpened zeal of some publishers for polling voters. The *Literary Digest* published polls during the preceding week, showed Hoover ahead. Seventy-five percent of those questioned, however, had voted Republican in 1924, against 54 percent of the total electorate.

John "Little Napoleon" McGraw, major league infielder from 1892 to 1906 and controversial, but effective manager of the New York Giants from 1902 to 1932.

For Mabel Walker Willebrandt see DT 629.

678. *NYT*, Friday, September 28, 1928, 29:7.

Leona Curtis Knight, daughter of vice-presidential candidate Charles Curtis of Kansas and a delegate from Rhode Island to the Republican National Convention in 1928. Knight had delivered a memorable seconding speech for her father's nomination.

679. *NYT*, Saturday, September 29, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "the candidates" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "for 2300." in third sentence/*KCT* gives "'whispering'" in fourth sentence.

For John Barton Payne see DT 271.

Hoover already had issued statements of sympathy for the sufferers in Florida and had urged support of the Red Cross relief drive.

680. *NYT*, Monday, October 1, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Wow! That polo" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "in this prohibition" in fifth sentence.

The first polo match between Argentina and the United States was played on September 29. The United States team won in the final period, 7 to 6. Argentina won the second match game, but the United States took the third to claim the championship of the Americas.

Smith, speaking in Milwaukee, won partisan support with a specific proposal to modify Prohibition by including a "scientific" definition of the key word "intoxicating" in the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act and by returning the question to the states for their action. Dry forces redoubled their opposition to his candidacy.

681. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 2, 1928, 33:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "made any announcement" in first sentence.

Hoover delivered a highly effective pro-Coolidge speech during the presidential campaign of 1924.

682. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 3, 1928, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "convention, would" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "to nominate Al" in third sentence/*KCT* gives "but not a namesake" in fifth sentence.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, wealthy New York attorney, former United States secretary of the navy, and distant relative of President Theodore Roosevelt. He served as governor of New York from 1929 to 1933 and as president of the United States from 1933 until his death in 1945. He had placed Al Smith's name in nomination at the Democratic national conventions of 1924 and 1928.

683. *NYT*, Thursday, October 4, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* ends third sentence "around with them?"/*LAT* gives "stroll alone. Now my" in fourth and fifth sentences/*NTYT* gives "when the world's" in fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Gene Tunney and Mary Lauder of Greenwich, Connecticut, heiress of a family related to Andrew Carnegie, were married on October 3 in Rome, Italy.

Thornton Wilder, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist and playwright, had been a close companion of Tunney.

684. *NYT*, Friday, October 5, 1928, 27:7.

Lindbergh flew to St. Louis where he registered as a Republican on October 3 and issued a public endorsement of Hoover.

685. *NYT*, Saturday, October 6, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "treasurers are asking" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "for the candidates." in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

Democratic party treasurer Herbert Lehman made a radio appeal for funds on October 5.

686. *NYT*, Monday, October, 8, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "answers the comedians." in third sentence/*BDG* gives "I'll look…for me'n the entire bunk" and *LAT* gives "they are in baseball…men and the entire bunk" and *KCT* gives "look for Missouri to go or me." in fifth sentence.

Hoover delivered a speech on October 6 in Elizabethtown, Tennessee, a Republican stronghold. Hoover objected to criticism of "middle America," wherein, he claimed, rested the strength of the national character.

The St. Louis Cardinals, champions of the National League and the favorites to win the World Series of 1928, had suffered two successive losses to the New York Yankees in the autumn classic.

687. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 9, 1928, 33:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Eight people" and *KCT* gives "airplanes, you would have thought that Nicaragua" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "than drink." in second sentence/*KCT* gives "doubt either" and *LAT* gives "elect him." in third sentence.

Six airplane crashes occurred during the weekend of October 6 to 7 with nine fatalities and ten injuries.

The Democratic and Republican parties had conducted an active money-raising drive for local, state, and national campaigns. Although they raised $4,000,000 for the presidential campaign alone, congressional committees investigating campaign expenditures showed little concern.

688. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 10, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "over poison" in fourth sentence.

Ruth performed well with a series batting average of .636 as the New York Yankees won the first three games of the World Series. Injuries to New York players had made the St. Louis Cardinals the pre-series favorites.

New York officials blamed the consumption of wood alcohol for the deaths of thirty-three persons in two days. Federal prohibition agents claimed that current laws prevented them from moving against night clubs that sold the bad liquor. A special grand jury was called to consider indictments in the matter.

689. *NYT*, Thursday, October 11, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "attended our" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "take up the case of" in third sentence.

Ruth hit three home runs in the fourth game of the World Series in St. Louis. The Yankees swept the series.

690. *NYT*, Friday, October 12, 1928, 27:7.

691. *NYT*, Saturday, October 13, 1928, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "get sadly fooled," in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The *Graf Zeppelin* departed its hanger in southern Germany on October 11, bound for New Jersey with sixty passengers and crew. The commander of the dirigible steered the ship southward because of inclement weather along a planned northern route.

Smith campaigned in two traditionally Democratic southern states, Tennessee and Kentucky, from October 9 to 12. At the same time Hoover appeared at rallies and dinners in usually rock-ribbed Republican New England.

No DT is available for Monday, October 15, 1928.

692. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 16, 1928, 33:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "air for four days" in fifth sentence.

The Naval Academy lost to Notre Dame, 7 to 0, at Soldier Field in Chicago on October 13.

The *Graf Zeppelin* (see DT 691) arrived in Lakehurst, New Jersey, on October 15, having flown 6,500 miles from Germany in 111 hours and thirty-eight minutes. It did not travel by way of Cape Horn, although it flew considerably south of a planned northern crossing of the Atlantic.

693. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 17, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "We have opened up our show." for first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "sorry that elephants" and *KCT* gives "horses are not" in second sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* gives "What's been…worry, was that" in fourth sentence.

Three Cheers, in which Rogers replaced injured Fred Stone (see DTs 539 and 632), ran in New York City through the entire season and closed in Pittsburghh in June of 1929. Rogers' scenes with Stone's daughter, Dorothy, were hailed as "a natural and pleasant reminder of Fred."

John Ringling, whose Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus was one of the largest and most popular circus organizations in the United States.

694. *NYT*, Thursday, October 18, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "Agriculture has spent" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "that costs of 'promise of relief' have advanced" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "save than" in fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

695. *NYT*, Friday, October 19, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* ends postscript "come out for –W.R."

Pollsters for the *Literary Digest* compiled their list of survey respondents from telephone books and other indices of relative wealth and education.

696. *NYT*, Saturday, October 20, 1928, 19:7.

William "Wild Bill" Hopson, veteran air mail pilot for National Air Transport Company. Hopson crashed and died on October 19 during a flight from Clarion, Pennsylvania, to Cleveland, Ohio.

697. *NYT*, Monday, October 22, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "spoke last week at" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "politics sneaked in" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "the monuments possible" in seventh sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/ *LAT* ends eighth sentence "oil land corruption."

Coolidge delivered an address on October 20 at the dedication of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County (Virginia) Battle Fields Memorial.

Smith's latest speech, in Chicago on October 19, concerned the recent cancellation of oil leases in the Salt Creek region of Wyoming, an action that echoed the Teapot Dome scandals of the Harding administration.

698. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 23, 1928, 31:7.

For Senator George H. Moses see DT 587.

699. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 24, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* gives "Congress from" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "further come" and *LAT* gives "out of entire" in third sen-

tence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "poorhouses is people" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "traffic here there" in sixth sentence.

700. *NYT*, Thursday, October 25, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "It is just" to begin third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

701. *NYT*, Friday, October 26, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* begins fourth sentence "His last speech."

Smith spoke in Boston on October 24 before 31,000 partisans. He declared that the charge of "state socialism" raised against his policies by Hoover in a speech in New York City two days earlier was "subterfuge and camouflage."

702. *NYT*, Saturday, October 27, 1928, 21:7.

For John Raskob see DT 612.

The Coolidges hosted movie stars Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks at the White House on October 25. The film couple had had previous conversations about their income tax with officials in the Treasury Department.

703. *NYT*, Monday, October 29, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* begins first sentence "Saturday some of the."

Smith made the statement, a hint at victory, in a speech in Philedelphia on October 28.

704. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 30, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Of the all 'dumb'" to begin second sentence.

For Senator George H. Moses see DT 587.

705. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 31, 1928, 33:7.

Smith's personality, religion, and ethnic background increasingly had become the major campaign issues.

706. *NYT*, Thursday, November 1, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "season next Tuesday, and about…'the campaign is to'" in first and second sentences.

Both sides suffered in the campaign. Hoover was labeled a dangerous pacifist, an evolutionist, a "Negro-lover," and a "Negro-hater," while Smith faced the unproved chard of drunkenness, the alleged dangers of his Catholicism, and the backlash of sneers at his wife, Catherine.

707. *NYT*, Friday, November 2, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* ends second sentence "sermons."/*NYT* gives "Those Nicaraguans" to begin third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The Nicaraguan government held a general election on October 28 with the assistance of the United States marines stationed in the country. United States and Nicaraguan officials lauded the work of the American troops.

708. *NYT*, Saturday, November 3, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "listen to the reason" in sixth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* begins seventh sentence "I am for Curtis" omitting twelve preceding words/*BDG* gives "take turn about" in ninth sentence.

A seventeen-year-old stowaway had enlivened the return journey of the *Graf Zeppelin*, which landed in Germany on October 31.

Catherine "Katie" Smith, wife of Governor Smith. Many criticized the gracious and kind First Lady of New York for her lack of commitment to causes and to the rigid etiquette of social aspiration. She had been a chief target of a whispering campaign (see DT 706).

709. *NYT*, Monday, November 5, 1928, 25:4-5. Variants: *BDG* gives "finally comes out" in first sentence/*NYT* ends third sentence "is the difference." and gives "have had any" in nineteenth

sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*NYT* gives "have never lived off of tax payers," in twenty-second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*NYT* gives "squawks, and alibis." in twenty-seventh sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

710. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 6, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "we fool" in second sentence/*LAT* begins fourth sentence "Vote for him" omitting first five words and omits fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "o'clock tomorrow night, but" in sixth sentence.

Norman Thomas, author, Socialist politician, and former Presbyterian minister; six-time Socialist party candidate for president, including in 1928.

711. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 7, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "'Yom Kippur'" in first sentence/*BDG* ends eighth sentence "a woman's jury."

712. *NYT*, Thursday, November 8, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "right of franchise" in second sentence/*BDG* ends fifth sentence "back at work shop."

Hoover carried forty states, including five in the South, and won 444 electoral votes. His landslide carried for the Republicans both houses of Congress. The new Senate would have 56 Republicans, a net gain of 7, and the House of Representatives 267, an increase of 30.

713. *NYT*, Friday, November 9, 1928, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Offerings pouring" to begin first sentence.

In New York the race for governor was conceded on November 18 but was not official until December 11. The final count showed that Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Democrat (see DT 682), had edged Republican Albert Ottinger, 49.1 percent to 48.6 percent.

714. *NYT*, Saturday, November 10, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* gives first sentence "When the politicians get…Tammany brown hats" and *BDG* gives "prosperity wisecracks…hit on the reason" and *LAT* and *KCT* gave "Raskob" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "been on the" in second sentence/*NYT* omits third and fourth sentences, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have them as here.

Coolidge's old duplex in Northampton, Massachusetts, was again available for rent. In 1906, when Coolidge first occupied it, he paid $28 a month.

715. *NYT*, Monday, November 12, 1928, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives date "Nov. 10."

Arkansas voters enacted the last antievolution statute in the nation in a referendum election on November 6. The United States Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional in 1968. The Democratic ticket of Smith-Robinson carried the state with 60 percent of the vote.

Alanson Houghton, ambassador to Germany from 1922 to 1925 and to Great Britain from 1925 to 1929. Houghton had resigned his diplomatic post to run as a Republican for a United States Senate seat from New York. Coolidge permitted him to withdraw his resignation after the defeat.

716. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 13, 1928, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "And tonight when" to begin seventh sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "of these three" in ninth sentence.

Coolidge addressed an Armistice Day service sponsored by the American Legion. In his speech he defended the United States foreign and military policies of the previous decade and the American record in World War I.

717. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 14, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Coolidge's armament speech" in fourth sentence/*LAT* begins sixth sentence "In reply" omitting first three words.

Arnold Rothstein, a gambler and underworld figure, was shot in a New York hotel on November 14. He refused to name or describe his assailant and died two days later. No arrests had been made.

718. *NYT*, Thursday, November 15, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* gives "would like to" in fifth sentence/*NYT* gives "at night." to end ninth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT,* and *KCT* have it as here.

Henry Fletcher (see DT 461) returned to the United States after more than four years as ambassador to Italy. He attended a Latin American conference in Washington, D.C., and lent his assistance to the incoming Hoover administration.

719. *NYT*, Friday, November 16, 1928, 27:7.

Walker ordered the New York Police Department to "make good" by November 19 in the Rothstein murder case or to admit failure in the investigation. Meanwhile, rumors surfaced that Rothstein had been a key figure in a nationwide narcotics ring.

Hoover announced that he intended to use the battleship U.S.S. *Maryland* during his good will mission to South America.

720. *NYT*, Saturday, November 17, 1928, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "a comedian" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The British steamship *Vestris*, bound from New York to Buenos Aires, sank 250 miles off the coast of the Virginia Capes on November 12. The gale-buffeted ship had developed leaks that led to a list of 32° and finally to its capsizing. At least 111 persons were drowned. Investigations raised questions about the seaworthiness of the craft and the competence of the captain and crew.

721. *NYT*, Monday, November 19, 1928, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "always tune in on" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "last Friday night" and *KCT* gives "Saturday the old" in sixth sentence.

Coolidge addressed the annual convention of the National Grange on November 16 in Washington, D.C. In his speech he suggested his remedies for farm problems: a federal loan fund, cooperative marketing, and a protective tariff.

722. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 20, 1928, 33:7.

Chevrolet Motor Company recently had announced the development of a six-cylinder automobile. Democratic National Chairman John Raskob's possible return to General Motors remained a rumor three weeks later.

723. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 21, 1928, 31:7.

724. *NYT*, Thursday, November 22, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *BDG* omits third through seventh sentences.

The Coolidges' favorite cause was the Clarke Institute for the Deaf in Northampton, Massachusetts, which had employed the First Lady as teacher before her marriage. She and her husband continued to promote and support the school endowment campaign.

Roosevelt (see DTs 682 and 713) had suffered from the crippling effect of poliomyelitis since August of 1921. In early 1927 he formed the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, a nonprofit institution that operated a hydro-therapeutic center at Warm Springs for the treatment of polio.

725. *NYT*, Friday, November 23, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* omits seventh sentence/*LAT* gives "the film weeklies" in eighth sentence/*LAT* begins postscript "New Yorkers got…."

726. *NYT*, Saturday, November 24, 1928, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* gives first sentence "Tomorrow minds will not be on politics. They will not be on national affairs. They will be on football."

Harvard defeated Yale, 17 to 0.

727. *NYT*, Monday, November 26, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "is just about" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "of pip courses" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "A Yale man" in close.

728. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 27, 1928, 33:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "introduce you and we will finally" in eleventh sentence/*NYT* gives "need kiddings." to end eleventh sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "BILL." as signature.

For Paul Block see DT 668; for General John Pershing see DT 131; and for Bernard Baruch see DT 14.

Herbert B. Swope, journalist, humanitarian, and civic leader of New York; executive editor of the *New York World* from 1920 until his retirement in 1929; winner of a Pulitzer Prize for journalism in 1917.

Charles Schwab, industrialist and philanthropist; chairman of the board of Bethlehem Steel Corporation from 1913 until his death in 1939.

729. *LAT*, Wednesday, November 28, 1928, I:1:2; heading from *NYT*, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Nov. 28." and *KCT* gives "Nov. 25" in dateline/*KCT* begins first sentence "Thursday is"/*LAT* gives "Coolidge has asked" in second sentence, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "that were we aware" in second sentence/*NYT* omits second, fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences/*KCT* gives "Democrat, I mean him…what's coming" in third sentence.

The Two Black Crows, George Moran and Charles Mack, entertained a generation from the 1910s to the mid-1930s with blackface acts on stage, in motion pictures, and especially through recordings and radio.

730. *NYT*, Thursday, November 29, 1928, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "the result of" in the fourth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The *New York World*, a staunchly Democratic journal, supported Smith for the presidency in 1928.

For the *Literary Digest* poll see DTs 677 and 695.

731. *NYT*, Friday, November 30, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "men-of-war" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "against a bunch…of Levi overalls." in second sentence/*LAT* begins third sentence "The old"/*KCT* gives "These salmon jiggers from" and *BDG* and *LAT* give "salmon diggers from" in third sentence.

New York University lost to Oregon State University, 25 to 13, in a Thanksgiving Day football contest.

Man o'War won twenty of twenty-one races from 1919 to 1920 and was voted the number one horse in a half-century poll of the Associated Press in 1950. He established five American track records during his brief racing career.

732. *NYT*, Saturday, December 1, 1928, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* ends second sentence "Massachusetts."/*NYT* gives "come one, patriots," in postscript but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "protect our country." in P. S.

733. *NYT*, Monday, December 3, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Stanford, today" in third sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* omit sixth sentence, but *BDG* and *KCT* have it as here.

Stanford University defeated the United States Military Academy, 26 to 0, in a football game in New York City on December 1. In 1927 a disagreement over eligibility requirements led to the discontinuance of the Army-Navy football series for two years. The Navy had not won since 1921.

The University of Southern California beat Notre Dame, 27 to 14.

Hoover carried Virginia by more than 13,000 votes in November. Coolidge had little success while hunting quail near Staunton, Virginia, on December 1.

734. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 4, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "has notified him that" and *KCT* gives "has notified that" in third sentence.

735. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 5, 1928, 31:7

Coolidge delivered his annual "State of the Nation" message before a joint session of Congress on December 4.

736. *NYT*, Thursday, December 6, 1928, 31:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "My December message" in first sentence.

737. *NYT*, Friday, December 7, 1928, 29:7.

The stock market boomed after Hoover's election, sending prices and trading to all-time highs. A sharp but temporary break in prices began the day of this DT; the *New York Times* averages fell 2.75 points in a week.

738. *NYT*, Saturday, December 8, 1928, 19:7.

Hoover, in the course of his good will tour of Latin America, had visited Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Peru within his first twelve days abroad.

Investigators from Britain and the United States filed a preliminary report on the sinking of the *Vestris* (see DT 720) on December 6. They placed primary responsibility for the disaster on the captain of the ship, who was one of the 111 persons lost. The report also suggested that the crew delayed in sending a distress signal in order to avoid high salvage claims.

739. *NYT*, Monday, December 10, 1928, 27:7.

All-American collegiate football teams were being selected as the season ended.

740. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 11, 1928, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "he asked for another" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "start to" in seventh sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* gives "start trying to meddle it" in seventh sentence.

Coolidge, at the request of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, contributed an article for the semicentennial edition of the paper, pointing to the need for a "rural White House," easily accessible by automobile from Washington, D.C.

741. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 12, 1928, 34:5. Variants: *LAT* gives "motors, fitted to light" in first sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* have "They know planes" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "might be wrecked." to end fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "our fathers." in sixth sentence.

Prince Edward (see DT 165) was on a good will and pleasure tour of Africa when his father, King George V of England, became seriously ill. The prince returned to London by rail and ship. Twice during the 6,425-mile journey he declined offers of air transportation.

742. *NYT*, Thursday, December 13, 1928, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "offence in selling…Michigan may send the mother" in first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "ten kids…that it is pure." in fourth sentence.

A judge in Michigan sentenced Etta Mae Miller to life imprisonment under the state habitual criminal law. She had been convicted for selling two pints of liquor. Four of her children, the youngest being thirteen years old, were still living at home, and her husband was serving a two-year prison sentence. Similar cases led to modification of the habitual criminal statute.

743. *NYT*, Friday, December 14, 1928, 36:3. Variants: *LAT* gives "New York is to have a new" in sixth sentence/*NYT* gives "this one," in eighth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "he will be just" in eighth sentence.

Hostilities flared on December 7 between Bolivian and Paraguayan troops in the Chaco, a disputed region along the border of the two countries.

Argentine police prepared for the arrival of President-elect Hoover by arresting scores of persons believed active in previous anti-American demonstrations, including protests against the executions of Sacco and Vanzetti. The police also uncovered a plot to bomb Hoover's special train while en route from Chile and arrested two anarchists.

Mayor Walker of New York fired Joseph Warren as Police Commissioner and appointed Grover Whalen, Walker's official greeter, to the position on December 17. Warren had been accused of poor administrative control and failure to act speedily on recent murders in the city, especially in the Rothstein case (see DT 717).

744. *NYT*, Saturday, December 15, 1928, 17:2. Variants: *KCT* gives "his own doctor" in third sentence/*NYT* omits first, second, third, and fourth sentences, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have them as here.

Prince Edward's household physician, Sir Hugh Rigby, inserted a tube into King George's chest cavity in order to drain accumulated poisons from the blood stream. The monarch later recovered from his illness.

For Bolivia-Paraguay relations see DT 743.

The United States Supreme Court earlier had decreed that the western border of Oklahoma be redrawn because of a surveying error. A special commission revealed on December 8 that Texas would gain 25,000 acres as a result of the settlement of the dispute.

745. *NYT*, Monday, December 17, 1928, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "of the line" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "locate it." in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "filibusters held" in fifth sentence.

A bill authorizing construction of Boulder Dam passed the Senate on December 14, and prospects were considered good for passage by the House.

The Kellogg-Briand Pact (see DT 479), currently before the Senate Foreign Relations committee, faced a possible interpretive resolution by Moses of New Hampshire and Reed of Missouri. The treaty had no irreconcilable opposition, but a few critics feared that it would hinder passage of naval appropriations.

746. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 18, 1928, 33:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "today but I get…it. Brisbane says:" in first and second sentences/*KCT* omits first sentence/*NYT* gives "taking aeroplane." to end third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG, LAT,* and *KCT* give "and improvement." in eighth sentence.

For Arthur Brisbane see DT 204.

Stanley Baldwin, Conservative prime minister of Britain from 1923 to 1924, 1924 to 1929, and 1935 to 1937.

747. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 19, 1928, 25:2. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* end first sentence "armies."/*NYT* omits fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG*, gives "Let the winners meet" in sixth sentence.

The dispute over the Gran Chaco region heighten as Bolivian troops captured Paraguayan forts along the frontier and both countries mobilized for war.

Rickard recalled that during his career as an international cattle buyer he had encountered hostile Bolivians while driving a herd through Paraguay in 1913. The president of Paraguay offered him an army to lead against the troublemakers, but Rickard reluctantly declined.

748. *NYT*, Thursday, December 20, 1928, 24:3.

King Amanullah and Queen Souriya fled the capital of Afghanistan in the face of a revolt by the army, which the king had neglected to pay. Unrest had been building throughout the country over the monarch's introduction of modern reforms and his wife's announced intention to abolish the traditional seclusion of women. Amanullah was forced to abdicate in January.

749. *NYT*, Friday, December 21, 1928, 30:5. Variants: *NYT* gives "Some nuts have got…reached your home town" to begin first sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "New York to go bareheaded" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "Now, these nuts have worn something on their heads ever since their mother tied hoods under their chins, but they have never attracted any attention, so they let it rain down their necks to show people that they bathe." as second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

750. *NYT*, Saturday, December 22, 1928, 17:2. Variant: *LAT* gives origin "WASHINGTON."

A compromise initiated by Senator Borah insured that both the cruiser appropriation bill and the Kellogg-Briand Pact would be considered by the Senate on the first day after the Christmas recess.

751. *NYT*, Monday, December 24, 1928, 10:3. Variants: *KCT* ends second sentence "his book."/*BDG* gives "but it's just the 26th of" in sixth sentence.

Although Senate approval of the Kellogg-Briand Pact before the holidays appeared impossible, a delegation of Republican senators assured Coolidge that he could sign the treaty before leaving office.

Bolivia and Paraguay had ceased military action pending attempts at arbitration.

Coolidge signed the Boulder Dam bill despite an appeal from the Arizona state legislature that he veto it. Some Arizonans hinted at court tests of the law.

Hoover's cabinet choices aroused concern among members of the Republican "Old Guard."

752. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 25, 1928, 31:2. Variants: *LAT* gives "to you Mr. and Mrs. Hoover. Herbert, you" in fourth and fifth sentences/*BDG* and *LAT* give "away out on the" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "you and Mrs. Charley [and *BDG*] Dawes, Charley. Lots" in seventh and eighth sentences/*LAT* gives "the literary test" in tenth sentence.

753. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 26, 1928, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "disposition." to end second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give it as here/*BDG* gives "conscience, we feed 'em" in sixth and seventh sentences.

754. *NYT*, Thursday, December 27, 1928, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "public man's." in third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "up here and put" in fifth sentence.

New York Police Commissioner Grover Whalen (see DT 743) initiated a roundup of criminals that netted 183 arrests on December 24. He then staged a three-hour line-up attended by 500 detectives. The whole operation required reserve forces and extra police vehicles to transport the prisoners.

755. *NYT*, Friday, December 28, 1928, 1928. 25:7. Variants: *BDG* ends fourth sentence "your unemployed?"/*KCT* gives "A Californian suggested" in sixth sentence.

The awards were announced on December 26 in the contest for the best plan to make Prohibition more effective (see DT 651). The winner of the first prize of $25,000, Major Chester Mills of New York, suggested that authorities prevent the diversion and criminal use of industrial alcohol. Another prize of $1,000 went to Malcolm Almack, a school boy from Palo Alto, California.

756. *NYT*, Saturday, December 29, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "couldn't have hit" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "old Negro fellow," and *BDG* gives "the turkey up" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "It was" to begin third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* gives "Washington makes" in fourth sentence.

The Coolidges enjoyed a post-Christmas vacation at the Georgia estate of automobile engineer Howard Coffin. "Old Pete," a black employee of Coffin, conducted the hunt and called the turkeys for the president, who killed two of the birds.

757. *NYT*, Monday, December 31, 1928, 9:2. Variants: *LAT* gives "New Year statements, please" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "Wildcoats" in ninth sentence/*BDG* gives "who were prosperous." in tenth sentence.

758. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 1, 1929, 61:3.

759. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 2, 1929, 29:7.

760. *NYT*, Thursday, January 3, 1929, 31:7

Hearst offered a prize of $25,000 for the best plan to replace the Eighteenth Amendment with a fairer measure to enforce Prohibition. His proposal was in answer to William Durant's earlier contest to find a scheme to make the amendment work (see DTs 651 and 755).

761. *NYT*, Friday, January 4, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "writer I would" in second sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*LAT* and *KCT* give "boys, even…wrong. His" in sixth and seventh sentences.

At the annual Rose Bowl classic on January 1, a crowd of 67,000 and a radio audience of millions witnessed one of the most startling plays in collegiate football history. After recovering a Georgia Tech fumble, Roy Riegels, a center for the University of California, became confused and began to run for his own goal line. He was stopped short of the end zone by a teammate but then was tackled on the one-yard line. On the next play Georgia Tech scored a two-point safety and went on to win the game, 8 to 7.

Bruce Barton, sloganeer, best-selling author, staunch Republican, and founder of one of the most successful advertising agencies in the United States: Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborn.

Glenn Frank, editor-in-chief of *Century* magazine from 1921 to 1937, and well-traveled lecturer and prolific writer.

762. *NYT*, Saturday, January 5, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "bigger reception" in third sentence.

Old Point Comfort, located on the north shore of Hampton Roads rear Hampton, Virginia, had been the site of a federal military installation since the 1820s. The U.S.S. *Utah*, with Hoover aboard, landed at Old Point Comfort on January 5, following the president-elect's Latin American tour.

President and Mrs. Coolidge spent the holiday season as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coffin on Sapelo Island, Georgia (see DT 756).

The British, French, Italian, and Belgian governments had agreed on the appointment of a committee of experts to supervise reparation payments from Germany. American nominees for the committee included Owen Young, lawyer and businessman, and Seymour Gilbert, American agent general for reparation payments.

763. *NYT*, Monday, January 7, 1929, 31:7.

George "Tex" Rickard, sports promoter (see DT 310), died on January 6.

764. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 8, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "it began to look" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "and were going" and *BDG* gives "and considered going" and *KCT* gives "They had broken all…and were going…senator made talking…Dam." in second sentence.

A United States Army plane, the *Question Mark*, with a crew of four commanded by Major Carl Spatz, set a world endurance record of 150 hours, forty minutes, and fifteen seconds in the air. The record attempt began on January 1 and ended six days later when a motor of the large Fokker monoplane failed.

Hoover conferred with Coolidge and congressional leaders and interviewed possible cabinet appointees following his return from South America.

765. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 9, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "one a year" in second sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*BDG* omits tenth and eleventh sentences.

Ratification of the Kellogg-Briand Pact appeared certain, although some Senate Democrats were inclined to minimize the importance of the treaty as a means of preserving peace.

766. *NYT*, Thursday, January 10, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "big motor show" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "is dozens" in third sentence.

The New York Automobile Show, held annually in either Madison Square Garden or the Grand Central Palace, was one of the greatest industrial expositions in the country. In the current show accessories like vacuum brakes, wire wheels, and directional signals attracted wide attention.

767. *NYT*, Friday, January 11, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "go as" and *KCT* gives "go to" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "that will tell" in fifth sentence.

Harry S. New, postmaster general of the United States from 1923 to 1929. While postmaster general, New instituted air mail service.

William J. Donovan, assistant to the United States attorney general from 1925 to 1929. Donovan, a New York Republican, was under consideration for attorney general but did not receive the appointment.

768. *NYT*, Saturday, January 12, 1929, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "up to. Be like" and *LAT* and *KCT* give "up to. It would be like" in second sentence.

A jury in York County, Pennsylvania, returned a verdict of guilty against fourteen-year-old John Curry for his part in the murder of Nelson Rehmeyer, recluse farmer and suspected practitioner of witchcraft. In his trial Curry admitted that he held a strong interest in witchcraft and that he had participated in the crime in order to remove a "hex" inflicted upon a friend. Curry, his friend, and a third accomplice received sentences of life imprisonment.

Defense attorneys claimed that York County officials and citizens were especially harsh on their clients in an effort to lessen the reputation of the region as a center of witchcraft and voodooism.

769. *NYT*, Monday, January 14, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "but committee" in first sentence.

A delegation of United States officials conferred with Canadian authorities in an attempt to halt the smuggling of liquor across the international border. Little progress was made during the meetings; Canadian officials suggested that the United States strengthen its own laws before seeking aid from other countries.

770. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 15, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "received much praise" in sixth sentence.

The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended a bill authorizing an additional $25,000,000 for enforcement of Prohibition. Senator William Harris of Georgia, sponsor of the bill, believed that the money was needed to prove to critics that Prohibition could be enforced when sufficient funds were provided.

J(ohn) P(ierpoint) Morgan, Jr., chairman of the board of J. P. Morgan & Company, one of the most influential banking houses in the world, and of United States Steel Corporation. Reports circulated on January 14 that Morgan would be appointed to the European War Debts and Reparations Committee (see DT 762). Two days later his appointment and that of Owen Young were approved by the member nations.

771. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 16, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "relief proposition or birth" in fifth sentence.

The Kellogg-Briand Pact was ratified by the Senate on January 15 with only one dissenting vote with the vigorous support of Senator Borah. Senators Moses and Reed voted for ratification despite their objections to the possible interference by the treaty with the Monroe Doctrine and the American defense system.

772. *NYT*, Thursday, January 17, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "now is" in first sentence and "other career." in last sentence.

773. *NYT,* Friday, January 18, 1929, 25:7.

Smith appealed over the radio for contributions from rank-and-file Democrats to liquidate a campaign deficit of $1,500,000.

774. *NYT*, Saturday, January 19, 1929, 19:7.

Smith was elected a director of the County Trust Company of New York on January 17. A few days later Governor and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Raskob, and other friends left for an extended vacation in Georgia and Florida.

For Augusto Sandino, Nicaraguan guerilla leader, see DT 504; for actress Peggy Hopkins Joyce see DT 613.

Hoover also was bound for a vacation in Florida with family and friends.

For evangelist Aimee McPherson see DT 56; for comedian Ben Turpin see DT 118.

Hoover won pluralities in Florida, Virginia, and North Carolina but ran second in Georgia and South Carolina.

775. *NYT*, Monday, January 21, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "bureau tomorrow for" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "An applicant" in third sentence, but *BDG* and *LAT* have it as here/*KCT* did not print the DT.

776. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 22, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "time, in New York, he" and *KCT* gives "like a motor car." in second sentence/*LAT* gives "us. Here…York taxicabs" in fifth and sixth sentences.

Whalen, the new police commissioner in New York City (see DT 743 and 754), hoped to remedy traffic snarls in the theater district with new restrictions on parking and jaywalking.

777. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 23, 1929, 27:7.

Ambassador Morrow was favored by several Republican leaders for the position of secretary of state, but Henry Stimson of New York ultimately was appointed to the post.

A number of prominent individuals, including Hoover, Morrow, and Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work (see DT 698), were vacationing in Florida with their families in January.

William "Young" Stribling, a youthful, flashy heavyweight boxer who fought professionally from 1921 until his death in 1933. Stribling was scheduled to fight Jack Sharkey in Miami Beach on February 27. Jack Dempsey had replaced the late Tex Rickard as promoter of the bout.

778. *NYT*, Thursday, January 24, 1929:7.

The Senate passed the Harris bill on January 22, providing an additional fund of $24,000,000 for prohibition enforcement (see DT 770). Secretary of the Treasury Mellon claimed that the administration did not need the extra money, and some observers viewed it as a potential embarrassment for President-elect Hoover. On March 1 a House-Senate conference committee finally agreed on a figure of $3,177,914.

Esther Evans Wilson, a New York socialite, was charged with the near-fatal shooting of her estranged husband, Dallett Wilson, an attorney and vice chairman of the Republican National Committee. She was convicted of assault and given a three-year prison sentence.

779. *NYT*, Friday, January 25, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "twenty-four to." in first sentence/*NYT* gives "Don't sick" in fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*KCT* gives "Lehman." in sixth sentence.

For John Raskob see DT 612.

William Kenny, a wealthy New York building contractor and boyhood friend of Governor Smith. Kenny was a principal contributor to Smith's presidential campaign in 1928.

Herbert H. Lehman, a partner in Lehman Brothers, New York investment bankers. Lehman chaired the finance committee of the Democratic party during Smith's campaign. He later served as governor of New York and United States senator.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., a leading prohibitionist and reformer from Virginia and an official in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Cannon broke with the Democratic party to oppose the candidacy of Smith. His campaign efforts in the South were regarded as a chief factor in Hoover's success in the region.

780. *NYT*, Saturday, January 26, 1929, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits third sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here.

The New York Stock Exchange announced on January 25 the creation of 275 additional seats to handle the increased business of the market. It was estimated that the seats would sell for $625,000 each; proceeds were to be distributed among the 1,100 current members.

781. *NYT*, Monday, January 28, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "reception tomorrow to" and *BDG* and *KCT* give "reception again tomorrow" in first sentence/*LAT* ends third sentence "amateurs."

George Fried, maritime officer. In January 1926 while commander of the S.S. *President Roosevelt*, Captain Fried saved the entire crew of a sinking British freighter in the stormy North Atlantic. On January 23, 1929, Fried, now commanding officer of the S.S. *America*, directed the rescue of the crew of the Italian freighter *Florida* in the Atlantic. He was given a hero's welcome in New York City.

Harry Manning, chief officer of the *America*. Manning commanded the lifeboat crew which affected the rescue.

782. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 29, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "can be the most" in second sentence.

783. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 30, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "along as referee;" in seventh sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT but printed the following for January 30:

Will Rogers Remarks:

New York, Jan. 29—To the Editor of the Times: Got a fine friendly wire from Alphonzo Bell. He wants to trade cement stock for Fertilizer preferred. I was never afraid of Bell. He is all right. It's the gang a man gets in with that is disastrous. I would hate to see a friend go into the cement business as bad as I would into politics. So let's let the cement lay awhile. It's not what one would call exactly perishable and it will stay in there and in years to come somebody will figure out a way to take it out with a magnet.

WILL ROGERS.

Smith and Hoover met informally and cordially at Hoover's vacation residence in Florida on January 29; it was their first personal contact.

For William Kenny see DT 779; for John Raskob see DT 612.

Alphonzo E. Bell, southern California farmer, land developer, and oilman; president of Alphonzo E. Bell Company from 1922 until his death in 1947.

784. *NYT*, Thursday, January 31, 1929, 13:2.

Coolidge agreed to the need for fifteen additional cruisers being considered by Congress but contended that their construction should be delayed indefinitely because of recent naval limitation agreements with other countries. He later dropped his opposition, and Congress passed the necessary appropriations.

Senator Borah called for an international conference on maritime law. He claimed that a recodification was necessary to insure the rights of neutrals and the freedom of the seas in wartime.

785. *NYT*, Friday, February 1, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "here. After coming…radio, it's" in fifth and sixth sentences.

Albert Einstein, German physicist who developed the theory of relativity in 1905. He recently had published his latest work, a six-page booklet of mathematical formulae.

786. *NYT*, Saturday, February 2, 1929, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Mellon tried to use it" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "guaranty" in fourth sentence.

The United States Navy ranked second in the world to Great Britain in total tonnage of naval vessels in 1927.

787. *NYT*, Monday, February 4, 1929, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "fish" in fourth sentence.

Coolidge spoke on February 1 at the dedication of the Edward W. Bok Bird Sanctuary and Singing Tower at Mountain Lake, Florida. The speech marked Coolidge's last extended public address as chief executive.

Hoover landed a forty-five-pound sailfish on January 31 while near Long Key, Florida.

Carter Glass, Democratic United States senator from Virginia from 1920 to 1946.

788. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 5, 1929, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* omits postscript.

The likelihood that William Donovan (see DT 767) would be selected as attorney general had risen and fallen repeatedly. The latest rumor held that his selection was uncertain. The appointment ultimately went to James D. Mitchell of Minnesota.

Joseph R. Grundy, woolen manufacturer and president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association from 1909 to 1930. Grundy was an ardent supporter of an upward revision of the tariff.

789. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 6, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "countries. We freed sugar." and *LAT* gives "freed grow" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "untariffed, also hides and the bone steaks" in third sentence/*NYT* omits fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* omits postscript.

Reed Smoot, Republican United States senator from Utah from 1903 to 1933. Smoot, an expert on tariff, taxation, and public finance, was a proponent of high protective tariffs and a duty on Philippine sugar.

790. *NYT*, Thursday, February 7, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "has tied the…right on" in fifth sentence/*LAT* omits postscript.

The Senate passed a bill on February 5 that authorized construction of fifteen cruisers. The measure was sent to the White House for President Coolidge's signature.

Senator Heflin had offered an amendment to the cruiser bill that provided that the church flag should not be flown above the Stars and Stripes on naval vessels. The church or chaplin's flag usually flew above the American flag at divine services, but Heflin contended that the flag bore a Roman cross and thus was a symbol of papal influence. The amendment failed 68 to 10.

791. *NYT*, Friday, February 8, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* omits third sentence/*NYT* omits fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* omits the postscript.

The New York Aviation Show opened at the Grand Central Palace on February 6. Aviators Post 743 of the American Legion sponsored the exposition, the first aeronautical show in New York since 1922.

Grundy (see DT 788) was not related to Rockefeller. Rogers probably referred to the comparable economic and social position of the two businessmen.

792. *NYT*, Saturday, February 9, 1929, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "free didn't look good to me." in sixth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*LAT* omits P. S.

The New York Stock Exchange reported a sharp drop in prices on February 7. A warning from the Federal Reserve Board about the tremendous expansion of speculative loans and an announcement of an increase in the discount rate offered by the Bank of England were thought to

have caused the decline. At the same time the exchange closed temporarily as a result of an influenza epidemic among its staff members.

Pope Pius XI announced that a concordat would be signed on February 11 between the Holy See and the government of Italy. The agreement provided for the establishment of an independent Vatican State and formed the basis for all subsequent relations between the two parties.

793. *NYT*, Monday, February 11, 1929, 21:7.

Hoover visited Fort Myers, Florida, on February 9 to join in a tribute to Thomas Edison on the occasion of the inventor's eighty-second birthday.

794. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 12, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "estate talk, with Hoover's influence. Chances" in third and fourth sentences.

Edison, anxious about the declining American supply of natural rubber, had devoted many years researching the subject. He had found more than 1,200 American plants that yielded rubber but only forty worth cultivating on a large scale.

Ford and Firestone (see DT 669) were among the guests at Edison's birthday celebration.

795. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 13, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* ends first sentence "today." omitting last three words/*KCT* gives "schools in…boys—lots…prominent comebacks—told" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "years here" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "would improve every" and *KCT* gives "would aid every" in fifth sentence.

796. *NYT*, Thursday, February 14, 1929, 29:7.

For J. P. Morgan see DT 770; for Owen Young see DT 762.

Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow, daughter of Ambassador and Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, (see DT 366), announced their engagement on February 12. The couple was married on May 27, 1929, at Englewood, New Jersey.

797. *NYT*, Friday, February 15, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* omit second sentence/*KCT* gives "want to" in fourth sentence.

798. *NYT*, Saturday, February 16, 1929, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "If it's too study…behavior, Chicago in third and fourth sentences.

Officials at Yale University announced on February 14 the establishment of the Institute of Human Relations, a unique interdisciplinary endeavor to study human behavior. The institute was founded with gifts and subsidies totaling $7,500,000.

799. *NYT*, Monday, February 18, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "don't want" in fifth sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* have it as here/*NYT* gives "Lake Ochebee" in seventh sentence, but *BDG*, *LAT* and *KCT* have it as here.

Coolidge submitted plans on February 16 to delay construction of new cruisers until the beginning of the next fiscal year on July 1. Pro-navy senators denounced the president's proposals and voted $770,000 to begin work on the ships.

The Greece Relief and Refuge Debt Agreement, executed on May 10, 1929, concerned a principle indebtedness of $48,236,629 to be refunded over a period of sixty-two years.

Florida state officials honored Hoover at a dinner in Clewiston, Florida, on February 16. They called for federal funding of the Lake Okeechobee flood prevention and reclamation project.

800. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 19, 1929, 31:7.

Reed, an antiprohibitionist who was ending his career in the Senate on March 4, called Prohibition a "hypocrisy" during Senate debate on February 16. He also mentioned alleged drinking among dry leaders at the national political conventions and threatened to publish a list of men who drank but voted dry.

801. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 20, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Lindbergh, the only one" and *LAT* and *KCT* give "the only one" in third sentence.

802. *NYT*, Thursday, February 21, 1929, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "where a Denver paper" in second sentence.

Frederick Bonfils, owner and publisher of the *Denver Post*, offered Coolidge $75,000 a year to become editor of the newspaper. The position would require that Coolidge reside in Colorado.

803. *NYT*, Friday, February 22, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "No Republicans, no income" in sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "Tom Heflin" in eighth sentence.

804. *NYT*, Saturday, February 23, 1929, 15:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "Wichita today." in second sentence.

Lindbergh had been appointed technical adviser to the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce, with his appointment so arranged that it would not interfere with his other contracts.

New York City received a seven-inch snowfall during a twenty-four-hour period from February 20 to 22. The storm clogged traffic and public transportation systems and resulted in the deaths of three persons.

805. *NYT*, Monday, February 25, 1929, 25:7.

806. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 26, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "and came around" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "New is" in second sentence.

807. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 27, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits ninth sentence.

808. *NYT*, Thursday, February 28, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "and came around" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "News is" in second sentence.

For Harry New see DT 767.

William D. Mitchell, United States attorney general from 1929 to 1933. Mitchell was appointed attorney general because of his known constitutional support of Prohibition. Hoover had announced that he intended to transfer enforcement of Prohibition from the Treasury to the Justice Department.

809. *NYT*, Friday, March 1, 1929, 27:4-5. Variants: *KCT* gives "just coming down" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "miles, some persons" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "else's life—just" in seventh and eighth sentences/*KCT* gives "So, brave Lindy, you're…lot. And brave little" in twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth sentences.

Lindbergh lost a wheel off his aircraft during a flight from an unknown point in Mexico to Mexico City. He avoided a major catastrophe when he attempted to land his crippled plane on the one remaining wheel but suffered a shoulder dislocation during the maneuver. His fiancée and flight companion, Anne Morrow, was unhurt in the mishap. The next day, February 28, the couple made three short flights in a borrowed plane.

810. *NYT*, Saturday, March 2, 1929, 19:7.

Mrs. Coolidge received an antique desk from members of the Senate Ladies Luncheon Club.

811. *LAT*, Monday, March 4, 1929, 1:8. *NYT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Photographs of Lindbergh's accident (see DT 809) first appeared in newspapers in New York on March 2 via wirephoto from Mexico City.

812. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 5, 1929, 33:7.

enth and eighth sentences/*KCT* gives "So, brave Lindy, you're…lot. And brave little" in twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth sentences.

Lindbergh lost a wheel off his aircraft during a flight from an unknown point in Mexico to Mexico City. He avoided a major catastrophe when he attempted to land his crippled plane on the one remaining wheel but suffered a shoulder dislocation during the maneuver. His fiancée and flight companion, Anne Morrow, was unhurt in the mishap. The next day, February 28, the couple made three short flights in a borrowed plane.

810. *NYT*, Saturday, March 2, 1929, 19:7.

Mrs. Coolidge received an antique desk from members of the Senate Ladies Luncheon Club.

811. *LAT*, Monday, March 4, 1929, 1:8. *NYT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Photographs of Lindbergh's accident (see DT 809) first appeared in newspapers in New York on March 2 via wirephoto from Mexico City.

812. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 5, 1929, 33:7.

NOTES

813. *New York Times* (hereafter cited as *NYT*), Wednesday, March 6, 1929, 31:7. Unless indicated otherwise, the heading of each DT is from *NYT.*

Calvin Coolidge was elected vice president of the United States in 1920 and succeeded to the presidency upon the death of Warren G. Harding in August of 1923. A Republican, Coolidge was elected to a full term in 1924 but declined renomination in 1928. He left office on March 4, 1929.

Herbert C. Hoover, president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. Trained as a mining engineer, Hoover received worldwide acclaim for his humanitarian work in Europe following World War I and in the United States during the 1920s. A Republican, he served as secretary of commerce from 1921 to 1928. He took office as president on March 4, 1929.

Farm relief was a major political and economic issue during the 1920s. A post-World War I depression in agriculture deepened during the decade as crop prices steadily declined and surpluses glutted the market. Farm leaders sought government aid through the control of surplus and the stabilization of prices. President Coolidge raised the ire of many farmers when, on two separate occasions, he vetoed the McNary-Haugen bill, a measure that provided basic federal farm relief.

The National Prohibition Enforcement Act, or the Volstead Act, was passed over President Woodrow Wilson's veto on October 28, 1919. Designed to provide the enforcement apparatus for the Eighteenth Amendment, it went into effect on January 16, 1920. Evasion of the law was evidenced by the rapid growth of an illicit liquor traffic.

814. *NYT,* Thursday, March 7, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* omits seventh sentence, but *Boston Daily Globe, Los Angeles Times*, and *Kansas City Times* (hereafter cited as *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT*, respectively) have it as here.

President Coolidge and his wife Grace left Washington, D. C., and returned to their old home, a rental duplex, in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The Oklahoma House of Representatives impeached Governor Henry S. Johnston on eleven charges on January 20, 1929. The house then sent the charges to the state senate which on March 20 sustained a charge of incompetency and acquitted Johnston on all other counts. Lieutenant Governor William J. Holloway became governor.

Northhampton with a population of 24,381 in 1930, traditionally voted Democratic. In 1910, however, local voters elected Coolidge, a Republican, as mayor of their city.

815. *NYT,* Friday, March 8, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "figurin' whether we" in second sentence of postscript.

In Mexico various military chiefs, unhappy with the imposition of the official presidential candidate, rebelled against the government and especially the strong arm rule of the former president, Plutarco Elías Calles. Calles took charge of federal military operations and by mid-April had quelled most revolutionary activity.

José Gonzalo Escobar, a former general in the Mexican army and commander-in-chief of the rebellious movement in Mexico. Rogers had visited Mexico in late November and early December of 1927.

816. *NYT,* Saturday, March 9, 1929, 12:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Mrs. Coolidge took" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "to the numbers" in third sentence.

Coolidge as photographed on March 7, while walking the family pet dog, a red chow named Tiny Tim.

Charles Curtis, vice president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. A Republican, Curtis previously had served as United States senator from Kansas from 1907 to 1913 and 1915 to 1929.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., holder of 15 percent of the voting stock of Standard Oil Company, the billion-dollar firm his father had founded in 1870, had requested in May of 1928 the resignation of Robert W. Stewart as chairman of the board because of contradictions in Stewart's testimony before a Senate committee investigating the leasing of government oil lands. On March 7 at the annual stockholders' meeting, Rockefeller's representatives secured enough votes to remove Stewart from the board of directors.

Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., American aviator who in May of 1927 made the first non-stop solo transatlantic flight. Lindbergh, son and namesake of a Minnesota congressman, and Anne S. Morrow, daughter of Dwight W. Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico, were married on May 27, 1929.

817. *NYT*, Monday, March 11, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* omit postscript.

Juarez, located across the border from El Paso, Texas, was seized by Mexican rebel forces during a five-hour skirmish on March 8.

Republicans won the electoral votes of nine southern and border states, Virginia, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas, in the presidential election of 1928.

Two El Paso residents were struck by stray bullets during the fighting between rebel and federal forces in nearby Juarez. Other shots hit buildings along the border, narrowly missing occupants and passersby.

Coolidge, writing in the April issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine, revealed his grief over the loss of his father and son while in the White House.

818. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 12, 1929, 31:7.

The Jones "Five and Ten" Act, which went into effect on March 1, raised the federal penalties for liquor offenses to maximum sentences of five years or $10,000.

819. *NYT,* Wednesday, March 13, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "They don't" in seventh sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "can come over" in eighth sentence.

The Texas legislature had passed and sent to the governor for his signature the so-called bolter bill, a measure that would give the executive committee of the state Democratic party the power to oust from membership the estimated 250,000 Democrats who had bolted the party in 1928 to vote for Hoover.

Dan Moody, Democratic governor of Texas from 1927 to 1931.

820. *NYT*, Thursday, March 14, 1929, 29:7. Variant: BDG gives "afternoon teas saying," in second sentence.

Charles G. Dawes, vice president of the United States from 1925 to 1929; recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1925. Dawes, a wealthy Chicago financier whose favorite expression was "Hell 'n Maria," spent four weeks in Santo Domingo where, at the invitation of the Dominican government, he was engaged in the establishment of a national budget system. On April 9, Hoover appointed him ambassador to Great Britain, a position he held from 1929 to 1932.

821. *NYT*, Friday, March 15, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "Mrs. Willebrandt" in first sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "don't want to be in same jail" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "go back there again." in seventh sentence.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general of the United States from 1921 to 1929 who specialized in cases arising out of federal tax laws, prohibition, and the Bureau of Federal Prisons. In early 1929, Willebrandt placed undercover agents in federal prisons to determine the extent of illicit activities within the penal institutions. Attorney General William D. Mitchell, who approved of Willebrandt's operations, removed John W. Snook as warden of the Atlanta Federal Prison on March 18 because of his opposition to the spy system.

822. *NYT*, Saturday, March 16, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "tax pay day." in first sentence/*BDG* gives "tax on it." in seventh sentence/*BDG* gives "gasoline taxes" in eighth sentence.

The federal income tax was not withheld from personal payroll checks at this time; it had to be paid in full when it came due in March of each year.

823. *NYT*, Monday, March 18, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Fifth av" in fourth sentence.

824. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 19, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Governor Bob Graves" and *LAT* gives "Gov. Bibb Graves" and *KCT* gives "Governor Bibgraves" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "at Brockton Mass." in seventh sentence/*LAT* gives "in Mexico Sunday," in postscript.

Tammany Hall, a powerful Democratic organization in New York City. Officials and members of Tammany Hall wielded considerable political influence through patronage and bribery.

Alfred E. "Al" Smith, governor of New York from 1919 to 1921 and 1923 to 1929. Smith, the *de facto* leader of Tammany Hall, was the Democratic presidential nominee in 1928. His attempts during the campaign to improve the image of Tammany Hall mostly failed.

Bibb Graves, Democratic governor of Alabama from 1927 to 1931 and 1935 to 1939. Graves requested a minimum of $250,000 from private donors to relieve the suffering in southern Alabama after torrential rains in early March had caused flooding that resulted in the deaths of at least thirteen persons and in property damage of $10,000,000.

J. Thomas Heflin, Sr., Democratic United States Ssnator from Alabama from 1920 to 1931. Heflin, virulently anti-Catholic and a fierce champion of white supremacy, spoke at two Ku Klux Klan rallies in Brockton, Massachusetts, on March 18. A bottle hurled by a demonstrator narrowly missed Heflin as he departed one of the meetings.

For the rebellion in Mexico see Note 815.

825. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 20, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "leader is different, some claiming that Smith," in first and second sentences/*LAT* gives "Smith while Governor" and *KCT* gives "that when Smith was governor he gave" in second sentence/*LAT* omits last nine words of third sentence/*LAT* gives "fifty-fifty, that Walker don't care" in third and fourth sentences.

The president of Tammany Hall (see Note 824), George W. Olvany, resigned unexpectedly on March 15, throwing the organization into confusion as it searched for a successor. Reports circulated that a powerful faction within Tammany Hall would oppose the choice of anyone whose election would allow former Governor Smith (see Note 824) to return to power in the organization.

James J. "Jimmy" Walker, mayor of New York City from 1925 to 1932, typified the sophisticated spirit of the city during the 1920s.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York from 1929 to 1933. The state chief executive position became a springboard to the presidency for Roosevelt in 1932. The Republicans controlled both branches of the New York state legislature in 1929, although by reduced margins from previous years.

826. *NYT*, Thursday, March 21, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "with his government" in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "how they got in there;" in fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "that's the problem." and *KCT* gives "out is our problem." in sixth sentence.

William Howard Taft, Republican president of the Unites States from 1909 to 1913; chief justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1921 until his death in 1930. A thirteen-year-old New York schoolgirl claimed that when Taft administered the oath of office to Hoover at the latter's inauguration he had used the words "preserve, maintain, and defend" instead of the correct "preserve, protect, and defend." A re-run of sound newsreels of the ceremony substantiated her claim.

Vice President Curtis (see Note 816) claimed one-sixteenth Kaw Indian ancestry.

827. *NYT*, Friday, March 22, 1929, 29:7.

Miguel M. Acosta, federal military commander of the Mexican state of Veracruz.

Emilio Portes Gil, provisional president of Mexico from December of 1928 to February of 1930.

Jesús M. Aguirre, leader of the revolutionary forces in the state of Veracruz. Aguirre was captured on March 19; he was executed two days later.

Coolidge arrived in New York City on March 21 for a two-day visit. Speculation arose that he would accept a position as editor of the *New York Herald Tribune* or as managing director of the American Electric Railways Association. Coolidge denied both rumors.

The Oklahoma state senate voted to remove Governor Henry S. Johnston from office on March 20 on a charge of general incompetency (see Note 814). Lieutenant Governor William J. Holloway succeeded Johnston.

828. *NYT*, Saturday, March 23, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Mr. Coolidge here in town, didn't...anything." and *LAT* gives "Mr. Coolidge left for home today. Didn't...anything;" and *KCT* gives "Mr. Coolidge still is here in town. Don't...anything." in third sentence.

Smith opened the new season of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus with a loud blast on a whistle, the cue for the circus performers and animals to commence the opening parade.

Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 1925 to 1931. Longworth and Vice President Curtis, chief officer of the House and Senate respectively, were preparing for the first session of the Seventy-first Congress, scheduled to open on April 15.

Coolidge denied a rumor that he would become editor of a New York City newspaper although press reports indicated that the position had been offered to him (see Note 827). In 1927, President Coolidge had appointed Hoover, then secretary of commerce, as director of flood relief operations in the Mississippi Valley.

Flood waters had begun to recede in Alabama and neighboring states by March 21. Many persons remained homeless, however, and property damage continued to increase.

829. *NYT*, Monday, March 25, 1929, 27:7.

Hoover announced on March 22 his decision to decommission the presidential yacht, the *Mayflower*, as part of his program to cut expenses. He had traveled aboard a battleship, the U.S.S. *Maryland*, in November and December of 1928 during a good will mission to Latin America.

830. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 26, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "Secretary of State's arrival," in first sentence.

A British-owned rum boat was intercepted and sunk off the Louisiana coast by a United States Coast Guard patrol boat on March 22. The rum runner carried a cargo of more than 2,400 cases of liquor.

Henry L. Stimson, United States secretary of war from 1911 to 1913 and secretary of state from 1929 to 1933. Stimson arrived in New York City on March 25 from the Philippines where he had served as governor general since 1927. He was en route to Washington, D. C., to take his seat in the cabinet.

Joseph R. Grundy, Republican United States senator from Pennsylvania from 1929 to 1930. Grundy, a textile manufacturer and the president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, was an ardent champion of high protective tariffs. The Smoot-Hawley Tariff of 1931, the highest in American history, so closely reflected his views that it often was referred to as "the Grundy tariff."

George H. "Babe" Ruth, popular American baseball player and renowned home run slugger who is considered one of the greatest players in the history of the sport, played for the New York Yankees from 1920 to 1934.

831. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 27, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "the Senate and" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "the suckers in" postscript.

Hoover earlier had discarded the presidential yacht *Mayflower* in order to cut expenses (see Note 829). Another economy move was taken on March 25 when the White House gave the War Department the seven horses quartered at the executive mansion.

For exercise, Hoover and a number of his aides had begun tossing about an eight-pound medicine ball early in the morning before breakfast.

President Taft (see Note 826) weighed in excess of 300 pounds.

Coleman L. "Cole" Blease, Democratic United States senator from South Carolina from 1925 to 1931. Blease and Heflin (see Note 824) often joined forces to champion white supremacy.

George H. Moses, Republican United States senator from New Hampshire from 1918 to 1933.

David A. Reed, Republican United States senator from Pennsylvania from 1922 to 1935. Reed and Moses usually supported the policies of Coolidge and Hoover while Blease and Heflin usually opposed the pro-big business character of Republican administrations.

The stock market underwent one of its sharpest declines in the prices of securities on March 26. On that day, many speculators, concerned that the Federal Reserve Board would raise the rediscount rates, unloaded their holdings on the market.

832. *NYT*, Thursday, March 28, 1929, 31:7.

Hoover warned southern Republicans that his administration would not recognize them in party and patronage matters until they had reorganized and had selected respectable committeemen. Although local discriminatory voting laws minimized their electoral strength, blacks long had denominated the Republican party in the South.

Arnold Rothstein, a well-known gambler and underworld figure, was shot in New York City on November 4, 1928. He refused to name or describe his assailant; he died two days later. George A. McManus, a former bookmaker charged with Rothstein's murder, was released on bail on March 27 pending trial. Authorities later dismissed the murder charge against McManus.

833. *NYT*, Friday, March 29, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "searched the baggage of one and found" in seventh sentence and "The same day a woman was shot for having" in eighth sentence.

Hoover set a White House precedent by installing a desk phone. Previous chief executives had used telephones located in an adjoining office or in a second floor study.

Fourteen of fifteen congressmen who returned to the United States on March 28 from a fact-finding mission to the Panama Canal Zone were included on a free entry list that gave them immunity from inspection of baggage. The fifteenth, Representative William M. Morgan, an ardent prohibitionist, was omitted inadvertently from the list. When asked to declare whether his luggage contained liquor, Morgan reportedly replied that he had four bottles. Customs inspectors, who in the meantime had recognized the congressman, returned his baggage without search. Morgan later denied the entire story.

Prohibition agents in Illinois killed a woman, beat her husband into unconsciousness, and drove the couple's nine-year-old child into hysteria during a raid on the family's home on March 25. The agents claimed that a half-gallon of wine found on the premises justified their action.

834. *BDG (*AM), Saturday, March 30, 1929, 1:8; heading from *KCT*, 19:2. Variants: *KCT* gives "up that even" in fourth sentence and "market players, but Saws, Incorporated." in postscript/*NYT* did not print the DT.

835. *NYT*, Monday, April 1, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "Embassy" in fourth sentence.

Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the board of National City Bank of New York City from 1929 to 1933. On March 28 a number of New York City banks, including National City, offered their financial resources in an effort to bolster the stock market following several days of frantic selling (see Note 831).

The British Embassy received 95 cases of imported liquor while 665 additional cases went to seven other foreign missions in Washington. The Treasury Department recently had given foreign diplomats immunity from United States prohibition laws following a controversial incident on March 15 when 60 cases of whiskies and wines destined for the Siamese Legation had been seized by federal agents.

836. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 2, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *LAT* omits second paragraph.

Myron T. Herrick, United States ambassador to France from 1912 to 1914 and 1921 until his death on March 31, 1929. Herrick hosted Rogers in Paris in the summer of 1926 during the humorist's European tour.

837. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 3, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "is now two" in first sentence of postscript/*KCT* gives "federal reserve board." to end postscript.

The yacht of Stuyvesant Fish, a prominent New York City social figure and a cousin to Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., was halted in New York City harbor on April 1 by a patrol boat of the Customs Enforcement Bureau. Agents searched the yacht, but failed to find any liquor.

For the *Mayflower* see Note 829.

James J. "Gene" Tunney, world heavyweight boxing champion from 1926 until his retirement in 1928. A quoter of William Shakespeare, Tunney often was chided for his interest in the classics.

Queen Marie, queen consort of Romania from 1914 until the death of her husband, King Ferdinand I, in 1927. Accompanied by a retinue of seventeen, Queen Marie conducted a highly publicized good will tour of the United States in the fall of 1926. She and Tunney were among the spectators at a bullfight in Madrid on March 31.

838. *NYT*, Thursday, April 4, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Washington cannot go to" to begin second sentence/*NYT* gives "to who and at the" in second sentence.

Vice President Curtis asked Secretary of State Stimson (see Note 830) to reverse a ruling that Frank B. Kellogg made before he retired as secretary of state. Kellogg had ruled that at official functions the seating of wives of foreign ambassadors would precede that of Mrs. Dolly C. Gann, the half-sister of Curtis and the official hostess for the widowed vice president.

Rogers attended the annual winter dinner on December 8, 1928, of the Gridiron Club, an organization of Washington correspondents. The affair was held as a special farewell for President Coolidge.

839. *NYT*, Friday, April 5, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* omit final sentence.

Emily Post, writer of books and columns on good manners. Her widely read book, *Etiquette*, was published in 1922.

Dwight W. Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico from 1927 to 1930. Charles Lindbergh had made several trips to Mexico to visit his fiancée, Anne S. Morrow and her family. He was there again, having arrived on April 2.

The Federal Reserve Board announced on April 4 that it would continue its policy of credit restriction as a means of reducing the number of loans used to finance speculative activities in securities.

840. *NYT*, Saturday, April 6, 1929, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits second sentence.

Coolidge's second article for *Cosmopolitan* (see Note 817) appeared in the May issue of the magazine and concerned his decision not to run for reelection in 1928.

841. *NYT*, Monday, April 8, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "through all the towns first and" in second sentence.

Rebel troops in Mexico attacked a government stronghold at Naco in Sonora state on April 7 but failed to defeat the federal forces there.

The French liner *Paris*, bound for Le Havre with more than 1,000 passengers, went aground near Brooklyn. United States prohibition agents tried to board the ship, but officers of the vessel insisted that the on-ship bar was sealed tight. Tugs managed to free the *Paris* thirty-six hours later.

Ruth (see Note 830) hit his first home run of the exhibition season on April 5.

The first session of the Seventy-first Congress was scheduled to open on April 15. Republican leaders had agreed to confine the session to farm relief and tariff legislation.

842. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 9, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "carried ashore into an alley" in first sentence.

Sixteen congressmen arrived in New York City on April 9 from the Canal Zone. No liquor was found in their baggage. For William M. Morgan see Note 833.

Harry F. Sinclair, oilman involved in the Teapot Dome oil lease pay-off scandal. On April 8, Sinclair received a three-month sentence and a fine of $500 for his refusal to answer questions asked him by a Senate committee investigating the scandal.

The United States Supreme Court on April 8 reversed a lower court decision that restrained the City of New York from interfering with the collection of a seven-cent subway tariff by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. The court held that the existing five-cent fare was not excessive.

843. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 10, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "centre Court" in seventh sentence.

J. Thomas Heflin, Jr., son of the vigorously dry senator from Alabama (see Note 824), created a mild sensation on April 9 when he arrived in New York City from Panama in an apparent drunken condition

Hoover appointed former Vice President Dawes as ambassador to Great Britain on April 9 (see Note 820).

Helen Wills Moody, American tennis star of the 1920s and 1930s who because of her quiet, reserved demeanor, both on and off the court, became known as "Little Poker Face." Moody was one of 350 women presented to Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace on May 17. In June of 1929, she captured her third consecutive women's singles championship at Wimbledon.

Mary L. "Texas" Guinan, Texas-born entertainer who left the stage in the 1920s to buy and operate a night club in New York City. She became renowned for her conflicts with prohibition agents and her brash greeting to each customer: "Hello, sucker!" Guinan appeared in federal court in early April on nuisance charges. Newspapers reported that during the trial she "smiled, sniffed smelling salts, and sparkled with jewels." She was acquitted.

844. *LAT*, Thursday, April 11, 1929, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Coolidge joined New York Life Insurance Company as a member of its board of directors on April 10. Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the firm, explained that Coolidge would help maintain "human contacts" between the company and its agents and agencies.

845. *NYT*, Friday, April 12, 1929, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* omits third, fourth, and fifth sentences.

Smith was elected to the board of directors of Consolidated Indemnity & Insurance Company on April 10. In late March of 1929, a press report indicated that Smith had joined the board of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The social precedence controversy involving the half-sister of Vice President Curtis continued (see Note 838). On April 10, Secretary of State Stimson asked the British ambassador, Esme W. Howard, for a formal opinion on the question. The ambassador announced the next day that the diplomatic corps believed that Dolly C. Gann should have the same status as a vice president's wife.

The American luxury liner *Leviathan* left New York City on April 10 bound for Europe. A company edict provided that when the ship passed the twelve-mile limit, its medical liquor stores were to be opened for sale to passengers.

846. *LAT*, Saturday, April 13, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 17:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

The Chilean ambassador to the United States, Carlos G. Davila, hosted a lavish, well-attended dinner on April 11 in honor of Pablo Ramirez, the Chilean minister of finance. Dolly C. Gann, Vice President Curtis' "official hostess" and the center of a controversy regarding social precedence, was escorted to the dinner table by Davila and set next to him in the place of honor.

For Mary L. "Texas" Guinan see Note 843.

Marion Talley, opera singer from Kansas City, Missouri, who created a minor sensation in 1926 by being selected at the age of nineteen to sing a soprano role for the New York Metropolitan Opera. Talley announced on April 11 that she would end her four-year singing career on May 4, buy a farm, and retire on her savings. She later purchased a farm in western Kansas but eventually settled in California.

"Maud Muller," a romantic poem written by John Greenleaf Whittier in 1854, had no real foundation in fact.

847. *NYT*, Monday, April 15, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "today" to begin first sentence and gives "ends today" in third sentence.

848. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 16, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "apple came between" in seventh sentence.

A farm relief bill pending in the Senate featured an export debenture plan for the disposal of surplus crops. Provisions of a House bill included the creation of a federal farm board to supervise the dispensing of public funds as loans to farm cooperatives.

Albert Einstein, prominent German physicist who evolved the theory of relativity.

849. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 17, 1929, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* omits seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "horse, what" in ninth sentence.

Winston L. S. Churchill, chancellor of the exchequer of Great Britain from 1924 to 1929 and a leader of the Conservative party. In a speech in the House of Commons on April 15, Churchill presented the national budget, which included the abolition of the betting tax and tea tax, a levy that had been imposed more than three centuries earlier during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

David Lloyd George, British statesman and a Liberal party leader who served as prime minister from 1916 to 1922. Lloyd George's radical plan to ease unemployment provided the basis of the Liberal platform for the general election scheduled for May 29.

Hoover presented on April 16 his long-awaited message outlining the legislative program of his administration. He noted the depressed conditions in agriculture and industry but insisted that federal aid should be "limited" and, in the case of agriculture, should be managed and distributed chiefly by the farmers themselves through cooperatives.

850. *NYT*, Thursday, April 18, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "farm message" in fourth sentence.

Babe Ruth (see Note 830) and Claire Hodgson, a young widow and an ex-actress from New York City, were married shortly before 6:00 A.M. on April 17 in New York City. Ruth's first wife, Helen, had perished in a fire in January of 1929.

For Marion Tally see Note 846.

Frank W. Stearns, Boston businessman who supported and promoted Coolidge's political career and became his closest associate and confidant.

851. *NYT*, Friday, April 19, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "holiday today." to end first sentence.

Clarence H. De Mar, veteran long-distance runner who won seven Boston Marathons between 1911 and 1930 and competed in three Olympics. On April 19 he finished ninth in the Boston Marathon.

Democratic party leaders met at the Carlton House in New York City from April 19 to 21 to discuss finances and methods of meeting a $1,500,000 deficit from the unsuccessful presidential campaign of Al Smith in 1928.

852. *NYT*, Saturday, April 20, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "prominent person" and *KCT* gives "someone to some prominent position" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "sends along the names" in first sentence.

Hoover sent to the Senate on April 18 a list of his nominees for eleven federal judgeships and in an unprecedented move released the names of those who had endorsed his selections.

Johnny Miles, running for the Olympic Club of Hamilton, Ontario, set a record in winning the Boston Marathon on April 19.

853. *NYT*, Monday, April 22, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "us, when you . . . to it. Most" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "statements" in first sentence/*BDG* omits "and the Senate" in first sentence.

Andrew W. Mellon, United States secretary of the treasury from 1921 to 1932. In early 1929, several Democratic and maverick Republican members of Congress pressed for Mellon's resignation because of the secretary's extensive corporate connections and holdings, including ownership of Overholt Distillery Company. Mellon claimed that he owned less than a majority interest in any company, had resigned from all directorships, and had disposed of his Overholt holdings.

854. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 23, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Boston could tell" in second sentence.

Under the debenture plan for farm relief, exporters of agricultural products would receive debenture certificates that would equal one-half the tariff duty assessed upon a comparative import. Supporters suggested the plan as an optional idea in handling surplus farm crops.

855. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 24, 1929, 31:7.

Hoover addressed members of the Associated Press at a luncheon in New York City on April 22. He told the journalists that crime and disrespect for the law threatened the future of the nation. He called upon every citizen to obey all laws and to aid in their enforcement.

Ruth went one for four as the Yankees lost to the Boston Red Sox, 4 to 2, on April 23.

856. *NYT*, Thursday, April 25, 1929, 31:7.

Tammany members elected John Curry as leader on April 23. His election, considered a victory for Mayor Walker, marked the passing of influence of former Governor Smith and his associates.

Elinor Smith, seventeen years old, stayed aloft in a monoplane twenty-six hours, twenty-one minutes, and thirty-two seconds from April 23 to 24, setting a record for a solo endurance flight by a woman. Her father, Thomas Smith, was an actor and amateur pilot.

Fred Stone, vaudeville and musical comedy star who was a close personal friend of Rogers and an aviation enthusiast. When Stone was disabled in an airplane accident in August of 1928, Rogers canceled his own engagements for several months and took over his friend's role in *Three Cheers*.

857. *NYT*, Friday, April 26, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "anyway." to end seventh sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "see where a lot of real dry people are traveling on wet boats now." as fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "They claim it's to get drunkenness on the dry votes." as fifth sentence.

Hoover's right hand had become sore and swollen from countless hours shaking hands. In early April, Hoover, who was unable even to use his hand to sign papers, had requested that congressmen issue fewer letters of introduction that entitled their constituents to meet the president.

Charles S. "Charlie" Chaplin, legendary English-born comedian hailed for his work in American films and for his screen portrayal of the Little Tramp. Because of his film work, Chaplin had the graying streaks about his temples dyed black.

858. *NYT*, Saturday, April 27, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "by, which denounces men" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "handing 'em to 'em." to end first sentence/*LAT* gives "this session." to end second sentence/*NYT* gives "will pass it. They" in fourth sentence.

Heflin introduced into the Senate on April 24 a resolution that condemned the person who allegedly tossed a bottle at him following a Ku Klux Klan meeting in Massachusetts in March (see Note 824). The Senate rejected the resolution.

The *Leviathan* (see Note 845) arrived in New York City from France on April 26 after its first official "wet" crossing. Company officials had adopted a policy that permitted the sale of liquor only during a westbound voyage.

859. *NYT*, Monday, April 29, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "for cigarettes that those" and *KCT* gives "Lucky Strikes and Old Golds that these" in second sentence/*NYT* omits second sentence.

Horton Smith, American golfer noted for his expertise as a putter. On April 27, Britain defeated the United States, 7 to 5, to win the Ryder Cup for 1929. Smith, in his first of three appearances in Ryder Cup competition, and Leo Diegel recorded the only singles victories for the United States team.

860. *LAT*, Tuesday, April 30, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 11:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

George W. Norris, United States senator from Nebraska from 1913 to 1943. An unbending progressive Republican, Norris bolted the party in 1928 to support the candidacy of Al Smith. For Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853.

Jackie Coogan, American child star who began his acting career in 1916 at the age of sixteen months. He performed in vaudeville and later starred in motion pictures and television.

861. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 1, 1929, 33:7.

862. *NYT*, Thursday, May 2, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* omits "in '32." in first sentence/*BDG* gives "in 40 states" in third sentence.

863. *NYT*, Friday, May 3, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "(only the children)" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "hard earned day of the year" in seventh sentence.

During May Day observances in New York City, 27,000 persons attended a mass meeting sponsored by the Socialist party, and 5,000 took part in a parade staged by communist sympathizers.

864. *NYT*, Saturday, May 4, 1929, 21:7.

For Frank W. Stearns see Note 850; for Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853.

865. *NYT*, Monday, May 6, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "in U.S. Democrats" and *LAT* gives "in Democrats' lives" in first sentence.

Owen D. Young, chairman of the Second Committee of Experts of the Reparations Commission from 1929 to 1939, developed the Young Plan for payment of German war debts (see Note 888).

Mark Sullivan, American writer who began his career as a journalist in 1900 as a supporter of the muckrakers; later he became a chief spokesman for conservative Republican tradition.

866. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 7, 1929, 33:7.

With the blessing of Senator Grundy (see Note 830), a revised tariff bill was offered to the House on May 7 by members of the Ways and Means Committee. Democrats and farm-bloc Republicans assailed the measure as "super protection," while Hoover protested its high rates.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, wife of Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth (see Note 828), and famous Washington hostess. Longworth, renowned for her influence and bluntness, reopened the social precedence controversy (see Note 838) when she refused to attend a dinner on May 5 at which Vice President Curtis' half-sister was to have precedence.

867. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 8, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "corps, Judge." to end eighth sentence, omitting next eleven words.

868. *NYT*, Thursday, May 9, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "among those hyenas" in seventh sentence.

The Preparatory Disarmament Commission, which had met intermittently since 1926, recessed on May 6 for an indefinite period, postponing consideration of the few remaining sections of a draft of a treaty until the commission members had studied American proposals for naval disarmament.

Benito Mussolini, founder and leader of the Fascist movement and dictator of Italy from 1925 to 1943.

869. *NYT*, Friday, May 10, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "dog, spit in his coffee, or question" in third sentence.

870. *NYT*, Saturday, May 11, 1929, 21:7.

Dr. Freeland, ridden by Louis Schaefer, won the Preakness at Pimlico with a time of 2:01 3/5. Bettors wagered more than $1,300,000 on the race.

Cary T. Grayson, former medical director of the United States Navy. Rear Admiral Grayson, the physician to President Wilson, retired from service in 1928.

Albert Ritchie, Democratic governor of Maryland from 1920 to 1935.

871. *NYT*, Monday, May 13, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "the papers right. At Baltimore" in first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "lord is with us" in eleventh sentence.

The order of finish for the Preakness: 1. Dr. Freeland, 2. Minotaur, 3. African, 4. The Nut, 5. Beacon Hill, 6. Folking, 7. Grey Coat, 8. Essare, 9. Leucite, 10. Soul of Honor (owned by Audley Farms of Oklahoma; quit in the stretch), 11. Hermitage (ridden by Earl Sande; stopped suddenly).

Earl Sande, known as the "Prince of Jockeys," achieved his greatest renown in the post-World War I era. Sande rode three Kentucky Derby winners—Zev in 1923, Flying Ebony in 1925, and Gallant Fox in 1930.

872. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 14, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Sunday and this afternoon." in first sentence/*BDG* gives "fed 'em so when they got full there was nothing doing." in second sentence of postscript.

For the roles of Alice Roosevelt Longworth and Dolly C. Gann in the social precedence controversy, see Notes 838 and 866.

For the Senate debenture bill see Note 854.

Simeon D. Fess, Republican United States senator from Ohio from 1923 to 1935.

Smith W. Brookhart, progressive Republican United States senator from Iowa from 1922 to 1926 and 1927 to 1933.

Hoover hosted Senator Fess at dinner on Sunday, May 12, in an attempt to conciliate a dispute which had arisen when Fess, in a letter on May 9 to a friend in Ohio, referred to Senator Brookhart as a "pseudo-Republican" for voting for the debenture plan against Hoover's wishes.

After his meeting with the president, Fess decided not to make a speech in the Senate against anti-administration Republicans. Brookhart, however, took the floor on May 13 to answer Fess' earlier charges.

873. *NYT,* Wednesday, May 15, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *KCT* omits sixth and seventh sentences.

Louisiana, with an illiteracy rate of 21.9 percent, the highest in the nation, began a campaign in the spring of 1929 to improve its educational program. With the encouragement of the state government and the work of the National Literacy Crusade headed by Cora Wilson Stewart, founder of the "moonlight schools," 64,355 persons had enrolled in the literacy program by May 1.

874. *NYT*, Thursday, May 16, 1929, 33:7.

The new tariff bill introduced into the House exceeded Hoover's wish for a limited tax revision and included duties on some articles that farmers needed, such as lumber and shingles. On May 14, Hoover used the flexible clause of the tariff law to increase the duty on flaxseed from forty cents to fifty-six cents per bushel.

875. *NYT*, Friday, May 17, 1929, 29:7.

The dirigible *Graf Zeppelin* left Friedrichshafen, Germany, on May 15 bound for the United States, but mechanical failure over Spain forced the commander of the airship to cancel the remainder of the flight. The *Zeppelin* landed safely near Toulon, France, on May 17.

Grover A. Whalen, the dapperly attired police commissioner of New York City from 1928 to 1930 and former official greeter for the city. Whalen announced on May 12 the creation of an advisory commission, composed of businessmen, bankers, and social workers, to report periodically on the extent of crime in the city.

Hoover increased the duty on window glass on May 14 from ⅝ cents per pound to 1-½ cents per pound. He cited heavy importations from Belgium and a decline in American production as justification.

876. *NYT,* Saturday, May 18, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "front blew into our" in first and second sentences, omitting "well, in...revolutions, but he."

Alphonse "Al" Capone, Italian-born gangster whose crime syndicate terrorized Chicago from 1920 until Capone's conviction for federal income tax evasion in 1931. On May 17, Capone was sentenced in Philadelphia to one year in prison for carrying a concealed weapon.

The *Graf Zeppelin* (see Note 875) had departed Friedrichshafen, Germany, on May 15 bound for the United States. The passenger list included only one woman, Mary Pierce of New York City, while the mascot of the *Zeppelin* on its second transatlantic voyage was a female gorilla, Susi. The German dirigible, however, encountered mechanical difficulties soon after its departure. It was forced to land at Toulon, France, and the remainder of the trip was canceled.

877. *NYT*, Monday, May 19, 1929, 27:7.

Helen Wills Moody, American tennis star (see Note 843), was one of 350 women presented to Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace on May 17.

Clyde Van Dusen, son of Man 'o War, won the fifty-fifth running of the Kentucky Derby on May 18. Naishapur placed second; Panchio, ridden by Frank Coltiletti, ran third; and Blue Larkspur finished fourth. Graham McNamee and Charles L. "Clem" McCarthy, veteran announcers for the National Broadcasting System, called the race for radio fans.

Exterminator, one of the great horses of the twentieth century, won the Kentucky Derby in 1918.

For May L. "Texas" Guinan see Note 843.

Black Bess, memorialized in song and poem, was the magnificent black mare of the Confederate raider and cavalry officer General John H. Morgan.

878. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 21, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *KCT* omits fifth and sixth sentences.

President Hoover, Secretaries Mellon and Stimson, and other government officials agreed on May 19 to modify United States claims against Germany by reducing slightly annuities due the United States and by extending the repayment period.

Lindbergh's prospective sister-in-law, Constance Morrow, daughter of the Dwight W. Morrows and younger sister of Anne Morrow, had received several threatening letters that demanded an extortion payment under the penalty of death. Police later arrested a woman suspected of the extortion threats.

879. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 22, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "her should have" and *LAT* and *KCT* give "he would have" in last sentence.

Hoover appointed the National Law Enforcement Commission on May 20 to study the failures of prohibition enforcement. The commission included George W. Wickersham, United States attorney general from 1909 to 1913 who was selected to chair the group, nine other men, and one woman.

880. *NYT*, Thursday, May 23, 1929, 31:7.

881. *NYT*, Friday, May 24, 1929, 29:7. Variant: *BDG* omits postscript.

The Federal Reserve Advisory Council recommended on May 21 that the rediscount rate be raised from 5 to 6 percent. Members of the board met in an all-day session to discuss the widespread diversion of funds for use in the speculative market.

Katherine "Kate" Fogarty, divorced wife of a Fort Worth plumber, brought suit for $500,000 against Gene Tunney (see Note 837) on May 21 for breach of promise, based on the claim that he had failed to keep his vow to marry her. The case was dismissed in December of 1929.

George Bernard Shaw, British playwright, novelist, and literary critic. Shaw and Tunney recently had vacationed together on the Adriatic isle of Brioni.

882. *NYT*, Saturday, May 25, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* omits postscript.

Hoover signed two bills on April 30; the first was an appropriations bill to cover expenses for the special session of Congress, and the second authorized the secretary of commerce to dispose of a marine biological station at Key West, Florida.

Henry Ford, founder of Ford Motor Company.

883. *LAT*, Monday, May 27, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 2:5. Variants: *BDG* gives "record and then went out after Heflin's." and *KCT* gives "record and threatened Heflin's." in last sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

James Kelly, former cowboy from Texas, and Reginald L. Robbins, one-time railroad mechanic and self-taught flier, ended their world-record-setting endurance flight in the *Fort Worth* on May 26 after 172 hours, 32 minutes, and 2 seconds in the air. Two Army fliers, piloting the *Question Mark*, had established the previous record in January of 1929.

Amon G. Carter, publisher of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* from 1909 until his death in 1955; powerful and energetic booster of Fort Worth and West Texas.

For J. Thomas Heflin, Sr., see Note 824.

884. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 28, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "They threw" to begin first sentence/*BDG* ends second sentence "board and schooling." omitting last seven words/*LAT* gives "fall; they break" and *KCT* gives "fall. They'll break" in third sentence/*BDG* omits third sentence.

The University of Iowa was expelled from the Western Conference (later known as the Big Ten Conference), effective January 1, 1930, on a charge of violating the rule against subsidizing athletes. The school was reinstated one month later.

885. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 29, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "The papers and photographers" and *KCT* gives "Everything was pulling" to begin third sentence, omitting first thirteen words.

Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow were married on May 27 in a private service at the Morrow home in Englewood, New Jersey. After the ceremony the couple managed to elude the numerous reporters and photographers who had besieged the estate for weeks.

886. *NYT*, Thursday, May 30, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "children alike?" to end eighth sentence/*BDG* gives "over here to us." and *KCT* gives "to us over here." in last sentence.

Nancy L. Astor, one of the beautiful Langhorne sisters from Virginia, wife of Lord W. Waldorf Astor, and as a British subject the first woman to sit in the House of Commons, serving from 1919 to 1945. During the latter part of May, Lady Astor, famous for her sharp tongue and quick wit, was involved in a whirlwind election campaign in Plymouth. On May 30 she was elected to her fifth term in Parliament.

887. *NYT*, Friday May 31, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "we can't blame...criminals here. Everybody has been looking for Charley" in first and second sentences/*BDG* gives "outlaw for years." to end last sentence, omitting last five words.

The Lindberghs continued to elude the press (see Note 885). Reports were received from various sources placing the newly married couple here and there along the eastern seaboard. They finally were located in June, cruising along the Atlantic Coast.

Yaphank, a village on Long Island, New York, was the site of Camp Upton, a United States Army induction center used in World Wars I and II.

888. *NYT*, Saturday, June 1, 1929, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Memorial Day speeches" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "I won't talk peace until" to begin fourth sentence.

Owen D. Young, chairman of the Reparations Commission (see Note 865), effected an accord on May 29 between Germany and the Allied nations whereby Germany agreed to pay a total of $27,000,000 over a period of fifty-nine years. This, the so-called Young Plan, effectively moved the reparations question out of the political realm and into the financial.

889. *NYT*, Monday, June 3, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Lindbergh while he is honeymooning. I am" in first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "midnight, caught" in third sentence.

For Fred Stone see Note 856.

Lindbergh served as an adviser for Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., a combination of train and airplane companies that provided fifty-one-hour cross-country passenger service. Patrons left New York City in the evening, spent two nights on railway "sleepers," flew during the day, and reached Los Angeles the evening of the second day. The union of rail and air service proved unprofitable and eventually led to all-air service in 1930.

890. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 4, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* omit seventh sentence.

891. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 5, 1929, 31:7.

Movies with sound made their first real appearance when Warner Brothers premiered the initial all-talking film *Lights of New York* in 1928. The introduction of sound prompted Hollywood studios to hire theater talent from Broadway. Thus, hundreds of individuals experienced in vocal entertainment moved to the West Coast.

892. *NYT*, Thursday, June 6, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* omit "300 out of 600." in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "fool away with" in second sentence.

In the British parliamentary election of May 30, the Labour party had captured 288 of 615 seats, the Conservative party 256, the Liberal party 58, and splinter groups 7, with 6 seats still undetermined by June 5. With a mere plurality, Labourites formed a new coalition government with the Liberals to replace the incumbent Conservative government.

Lindbergh and his bride continued to avoid newspaper reporters during their honeymoon (see Notes 885 and 887).

For the Federal Reserve Board see Notes 831, 839, and 881.

893. *NYT*, Friday, June 7, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "The best humor" to begin first sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "The best inconspicuous" to begin first sentence.

Esme W. Howard, British ambassador to the United States from 1924 to 1930. On June 5, Sir Esme announced that he would relinquish his right as a foreign diplomat to import liquor for his embassy. London considered Sir Esme's announcement as a personal decision not binding upon his successor.

894. *NYT*, Saturday, June 8, 1929, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "to re-district some" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "A cigar store chain has" to begin second sentence/*BDG* omits second sentence.

The House passed a bill on June 6 that provided for the census of 1930 and for the reapportionment of the House for the first time since 1911. President Hoover signed the measure into law on June 18.

Hoover had called an extra session of Congress to consider "further agricultural relief" and "limited changes in the tariff." He also had recommended the passage of a census enabling act and a reapportionment measure and the postponement of repeal of the national origins provisions of the Immigration Act of 1924.

United Cigar Stores, a nationwide chain of 3,700 small tobacco shops located on street corners and in railway stations, announced on May 24 that it would discontinue a twenty-eight-year-old custom of giving its patrons gift coupons with every five-cent purchase.

895. *NYT*, Monday, June 19, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "our problem here" in first sentence.

The Republican party celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary in 1929; thus, the issue of its birthplace had particular significance. Although towns in New England, the Mideast and the Midwest claimed to have brought the party into life, Ripon, Wisconsin, and Jackson, Michigan, held the most valid claims. Ripon staged a celebration on June 8, and Jackson held a birthday party on July 6.

896. *LAT*, Tuesday, June 11, 1929, I:1; heading from *KCT*, 13:3. Variants: *KCT* omits third sentence/*KCT* gives "some bohunk rapid-fire typewriter. That's" in sixth sentence/*BDG* omits sixth sentence/*KCT* gives "shipped-some C.O.D." to end seventh sentence.

Hoover spent the weekend fishing at his favorite lodge on the Rapidan River in Madison County, Virginia. Despite a heavy downpour, Hoover reeled in a large quantity of trout.

Coolidge continued to contribute articles to magazines (see Notes 817 and 840). The second installment of a five-part autobiography appeared in *International-Cosmopolitan* on June 6.

897. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 12, 1929, 31:7.

George E. Vincent, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, issued a report on June 10 on the activities of the organization during 1928. Chartered in New York state in 1913, the foundation had expended $144,189,000 from 1913 through 1928 to aid medical research and services, study international relations, and improve worldwide health programs.

898. *NYT*, Thursday, June 13, 1929, 31:7.

Prince Edward Albert, the Prince of Wales and the British royal heir-apparent who succeeded to the throne after the death of his father in 1936. American newspapers reported on June 12 that the prince would announce his engagement to Princess Ingrid of Sweden on June 14 or 23. The British royal family, however, denied the story.

899. *NYT*, Friday, June 14, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "emanations from both are" in fourth sentence/*KCT* omits fourth sentence.

Although Senate leaders sought a summer recess, President Hoover continued to press for passage of his program of farm relief and tariff revision. Debate regarding his proposals created such discord in the Senate that work was stopped in mid-afternoon of June 12 to calm the situation.

Queen Victoria, reigning monarch of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from 1837 to 1901.

900. *NYT*, Saturday, June 15, 1929, 19:7.

The House defeated a Senate-sponsored agricultural debenture bill, 250 to 113, on June 13. Two days later President Hoover signed an agricultural marketing measure that resembled a bill introduced into the House at the beginning of the special session in April (see Notes 848 and 854).

901. *NYT*, Monday, June 17, 1929, 25:7.

A stowaway, twenty-two-year-old Arthur Schreiber of Portland, Maine, hid aboard a plane flown by three Frenchmen bound from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to Paris, France. A fuel shortage, possibly caused by the extra weight of the stowaway, forced the aircraft, the *Yellow Bird*, to land near Comillas, Spain, on June 14. The next day the plane, its three fliers, and Schreiber landed in Paris amidst much fanfare. Schreiber conceded that he had pulled the stunt "purely for the spirit of adventure."

Matteawan State Hospital for the criminally insane was located at Beacon, New York.

Charles C. "Cash and Carry" Pyle, colorful sports promoter who staged the so-called bunion derbies of 1928 and 1929, marathons in which contestants walked and ran across the United States. Andrew "Andy" Payne, a young farmer from Claremore, Oklahoma, and a friend of the Rogers family, won the first contest and Johnny Salo, a policeman from New Jersey, outdueled Peter Gavuzzi of Italy to capture the renewal running in 1929. Pyle ended the second venture supposedly "broke" and on the wrong end of court suits that were estimated at one time at $50,000.

902. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 18, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "refueled his pipe at 15,...reloaded at his own expense his own and also MacDonald's pipe and decided...disarm. At 5:30 P.M., both" and *BDG* gives "Ramsey" and *LAT* gives "10:15" grabbing...disarm at 5:30 P.M., both" in first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "tobacco. By 6: P.M." and *KCT* gives "at 6 P.M.;" in second sentence.

Charles G. Dawes, former vice president and an inveterate pipe smoker (see Note 820), arrived in London on June 14 to assume his new duties as ambassador to Great Britain. The next day he had a thirty-minute chat with King George V at Windsor Castle and two long, serious conversations with British Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson. He then journeyed to Forres, Scotland, for lunch and a conference with Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald.

J. Ramsay MacDonald, Scottish-born Labour party leader and British statesman who served as prime minister of Great Britain in 1924 and from 1929 to 1935.

903. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 19, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first sentence/*NYT* gives "pounds, and the only person" in second sentence/*NYT* omits third sentence.

Arthur Brisbane, American newspaper and syndicated columnist and editor of the *New York Journal* from 1897 to 1921. His "Today" column was syndicated in more than 1,000 newspapers from 1917 to 1936.

Jean Assollant, pilot of the *Yellow Bird* (see Note 901), reportedly was indebted to stowaway Schreiber for arranging the Frenchman's marriage to an American, Pauline Parker. Assollant repaid Schreiber by allowing the youth to secret himself aboard the plane.

Lou H. Hoover, gracious and entertaining wife of the president. Mrs. Hoover hosted a tea on June 13 for the wives of members of Congress, including Mrs. Oscar De Priest, wife of a black representative from Illinois. White supremacist groups protested the appearance of Mrs. De Priest, and some southern congressmen offered resolutions condemning the incident.

904. *NYT*, Thursday, June 20, 1929, 27:7.

905. *NYT*, Friday, June 21, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* omits third sentence/*BDG* gives "Congress had finally adjourned." for fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "sugar beets was declared unlawful." to end eighth sentence/*NYT* omits ninth sentence.

Congress began a two-month summer recess on June 19.

Reed Smoot, Republican United States senator from Utah from 1903 to 1933. Smoot, an expert on tariff, taxation, and public finance, was a proponent of high protective tariffs and a duty on Philippine sugar.

For William Howard Taft see Notes 826 and 831.

906. *NYT*, Saturday, June 22, 1929, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* omits sixth sentence.

Residents of New York City had suffered from extreme heat and high humidity during much of June. By June 20, eight persons had died, and more than forty had collapsed from heat prostration.

Prime Minister MacDonald's flight from Scotland to London marked the first time that a British prime minister had traveled by air in the cource of his official duties (see Note 902).

J(ohn) P(ierpont) Morgan, Jr., chairman of the board of J. P. Morgan & Company, one of the most influential banking houses in the world, and of United States Steel Corporation. Morgan was a member of the International War Reparations Commission (see Note 888) and had helped to formulate the Young Plan for repayment of war debts.

907. *NYT*, Monday, June 24, 1929, 23:7.

908. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 25, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* omits first four sentences.

Hoover spent the previous weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia with Mrs. Hoover and guests.

909. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 26, 1929, 27:7.

Kuno F. von Westarp, a spokesman for the right-wing Nationalist party, protested the heavy burden entailed in the Young Plan in a speech in the Reichstag on June 24.

910. *NYT*, Thursday, June 27, 1929, 27:7.

The Lindberghs left New York City on June 25 in a Curtiss Falcon biplane for a cross-country inspection tour sponsored by Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., the air-rail passenger line (see Note 889).

Henry P. Fletcher, United States ambassador to Italy from 1924 to 1929. After more than twenty-five years service in the diplomatic corps. Fletcher decided to return to New York City to renew his law practice.

911. *NYT*, Friday, June 28, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "Among all...males" in fifth sentence.

Dawes had obtained official permission to appear at the royal court at Buckingham Palace on June 26 in long trousers instead of the traditional silk knee breeches. His plain evening attire contrasted sharply with the medieval grandeur of the uniforms and costumes of other diplomats and dignitaries.

912. *NYT*, Saturday, June 29, 1929, 19:7.

Although Congress had recessed on June 19 for a summer vacation, many members continued to debate publicly the tariff revisions proposed in the spring.

913. *NYT*, Monday, July 1, 1929, 29:7.

Hoover announced on June 27 the first of six appointments to the Farm Board, the Federal Marketing Agency provided for in the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929 (see Note 900). Named to the board were Alexander Legge, president of International Harvester Company; James C. Stone, Louisville tobacco merchant; Charles S. Wilson, New York farmer and fruit grower; Charles C. Teague, California fruit grower; Cyrus B. Denman, Missouri rancher and president of the National Livestock Producers Association; and William F. Schilling, Minnesota dairy man.

914. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 2, 1929, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* omits last two sentences.

Al Espinosa, American professional golfer who was runner-up in the United States Professional Golfers Association championship tournament of 1928 and a member of the American Ryder Cup teams of 1929 and 1931.

Robert T. "Bobby" Jones, Jr., Georgia-born amateur golfer who is considered one of the greatest players in the history of the sport. Before his retirement in 1930 at the age of twenty-eight, Jones won four United States Open championships, three British Open crowns, and five United States Amateur titles. Jones, who had tied Espinosa for the United States Open championship in 1929, won a thirty-six-hole play-off and the title on June 30 by a lopsided margin of twenty-three strokes.

French Premier Raymond Poincaré had asked the Chamber of Deputies to ratify the Allied debt accord, the Young Plan. According to newspaper reports of June 30, the Chamber was expected to pass a motion that the French government begin paying its $4,025,000,000 obligation to the United States after Germany commenced its debt payments under the Young Plan.

915. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 3, 1929, 25:7.

Mustafa Kemal (later known as Kemal Ataturk), founder and first president of the Turkish republic, serving from 1923 to 1938, was noted for his mostly successful efforts to westernize Turkish society and the economy. During the campaign of 1921 and 1922, he repulsed and defeated an invading Greek army. A special dispatch on July 9 from Constantinople denied reports that Kemal had planned to visit the United States.

William E. Borah, Republican United States senator from Idaho from 1907 until his death in 1940; powerful and outspoken chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. A political maverick, Borah often opposed the national leadership of the Republican party.

Aimee Semple McPherson, American evangelist who preached a Pentecostal fundamentalist, faith healing doctrine. McPherson opened the Angelus Temple, the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, in Los Angeles in 1923.

916. *NYT*, Thursday, July 4, 1929, 17:7.

Treasury Secretary Mellon revealed on June 30 that as a result of widespread prosperity and an unexpected rise in the security market the government had ended the fiscal year with a surplus of $185,000.000. As a result congressional leaders predicted that an effort would be made by the spring of 1930 to reduce taxes.

917. *NYT*, Friday, July 5, 1929, 19:7.

918. *NYT*, Saturday, July 6, 1929, 15:7.

One hundred and fifty-nine persons lost their lives in 1929 in connection with Fourth of July observances, forty-six less than in 1928.

Ambassador Dawes spoke at a Fourth of July dinner of the American Society in London. In his speech, Dawes noted that "past differences" between the United States and Great Britain had given way to a mutual sense of duty during an era of reconstruction.

919. *NYT*, Monday, July 8, 1929, 21:7.

Governor Roosevelt cautioned against the increasing number of large-scale mergers in the United States and the partnership of government and business. Roosevelt delivered his warning before 1,500 cheering partisans at a Fourth of July celebration at Tammany Hall.

920. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 9, 1929, 31:7.

A new size of currency, approximately two-thirds as large as the old notes, went into general circulation on July 10.

921. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 10, 1929, 29:7.

The Department of Agriculture began broadcasting "The National Farm & Home Hour" on July 3. The forty-five-minute radio program broadcast daily over a network of thirty-one stations, featured economic news, farm-related information, and household hints.

922. *NYT*, Thursday, July 11, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "place near enough" in third sentence.

Two fliers from the West Coast, Loren W. Mendell and Roland B. Reinhart, stayed aloft 246 hours, 43 minutes, and 32 seconds in the biplane *Angeleno*, setting a world record for endurance flying. The flight ended on July 12 when the tail of the plane started fluttering, making it impossible to continue the thirty-eighth refueling.

Charles and Anne Lindbergh inaugurated service of Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., on July 8 (see Note 889). They arrived in Los Angeles on July 10 with the first passengers from the East Coast.

Two American fliers, Roger Q. Williams and Lewis A. Yancey, took off from Old Orchard, Maine, on July 8 bound for Rome, Italy. Fuel shortage forced the pair to land near Santander, Spain, on July 9. After refueling the fliers resumed their trip, landing in Rome the next day. A month earlier three French aviators on a transatlantic flight from the United States to France also had made a forced landing in Spain (see Note 901).

923. *NYT*, Friday, July 12, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "sho" in first sentence.

A diet craze that swept the country in the late 1920s included several "get-thin-quick" schemes. According to a widespread rumor, the famous Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota, had sanctioned one of the most popular reducing plans, which featured an eighteen-day diet of grapefruit and lettuce. The clinic denied the story, however, and claimed no responsibility for the diet.

For Reed Smoot, see Note 905.

924. *NYT*, Saturday, July 13, 1929, 17:7. Variant: *BDG* inserts "They ain't coming down till a Democrat is elected." between fourth and fifth sentences.

A poultry enthusiast in Nebraska, Dr. R.T. Renwald, announced on July 11 that he had developed a breed of chickens without wings. The egg production of normal hens declines during the time their wing feathers moult; thus, the new type of chicken, having no wings, could lay year around, producing on the average of 300 eggs annually.

Luther Burbank, American horticulturist who first took up market gardening in 1868 and who developed the Burbank potato and new and improved varieties of other cultivated plants.

Thomas Alva Edison, American inventor best-known for the development of the phonograph and the improvement of the incandescent lamp.

925. *NYT*, Monday, July 15, 1929, 23:7.

Smedley D. Butler, veteran of fifteen military campaigns and expeditions, former director of the Department of Public Safety in Philadelphia, winner of two Congressional Medals of Honor, and the youngest general officer in the Marine Corps, was promoted to the rank of Major General on July 13.

John Philip Sousa, American bandmaster, composer, and musician, served as conducter of the United States Marine Band from 1880 to 1892. He later formed his own marching band, which toured the world with great success.

The Soviet government issued an ultimatum on July 13 to the *de facto* ruler of Manchuria, Chang Hsueh-liang, and to the Chinese national government, giving the Chinese three days to vacate the Russian-controlled Chinese Eastern Railway, recently seized by Manchurian forces.

Soviet-Chinese diplomatic relations officially were severed on July 17. In November of 1929, a Soviet army repossessed the railway.

926. *LAT*, Tuesday, July 16, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:3. Variants: *KCT* gives "give up a fat" in fifth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

British Prime Minister MacDonald announced on July 2 that an effort would be made to renew diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union that had been severed in 1927. The two countries resumed normal diplomatic and trade relations in November of 1929.

927. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 17, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* omits third sentence.

An American missionary reported that while in Africa he had observed a bird of unknown species bury fruit in a clay river bank. The missionary recounted that after several days the bird would return, reopen the hole, sip the fermented juice of the fruit, and then go forth "fearless as the king of the forest."

James Cannon, Jr., a leading prohibitionist and reformer and a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A Virginian, Cannon broke with the Democratic party in 1928 to oppose the candidacy of Al Smith and to campaign for Hoover.

The wheat market closed on July 15 at $1.30 per bushel, an increase of $.37 since May of 1929. Some agriculture officials believed that the increase was due largely to the psychological effect of the creation of the Farm Board (see Note 913).

928. *NYT*, Thursday, July 18, 1929, 25:7.

929. *NYT*, Friday, July 19, 1929, 23:7.

930. *NYT*, Saturday, July 20, 1929, 17:7.

George W. Wickersham, attorney general of the United States from 1909 to 1913. As chairman of President Hoover's commission to study crime and law enforcement (see Note 879), Wickersham had addressed an open letter to a conference of governors meeting in Connecticut. In the letter he proposed a plan for improved cooperation between federal and state governments in the enforcement of prohibition laws. While some of the state executives believed that Wickersham's reference to modification of enforcement laws held out a promise for liberalization of prohibition, the others regarded it merely as implying modification of enforcement methods.

Thaddeus H. Caraway, Democratic United States senator from Arkansas from 1921 until his death in 1931. A staunch prohibitionist, Caraway demanded the resignation of Wickersham as head of the Law Enforcement Commission.

Senator Borah, an advocate of strict enforcement of prohibition, believed that Wickersham's letter showed that the former attorney general considered the present law unenforceable.

931. *NYT*, Monday, July 22, 1929, 21:7.

Coolidge attended ceremonies in Washington, D.C., on July 24 at which representatives of forty-three nations formally proclaimed the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact, an anti-war treaty negotiated and ratified during Coolidge's administration.

Ford's minimum wage increase from six to seven dollars a day was to go into effect on December 2, 1929.

932. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 23, 1929, 27:7.

At least five separate endurance flights with mid-air refueling were attempted in July of 1929, including the flights of Mendell and Reinhart (see Note 922) and Jackson and O'Brine (see Note 937).

933. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 24, 1929, 27:7.

Herald Bromley, Canadian-born flier who had enlisted the financial aid of his adopted city of Tacoma, Washington, in an attempt to make a non-stop solo flight from Tacoma to Tokyo. The effort failed when the overloaded *City of Tacoma* crashed on July 28 during takeoff.

934. *NYT*, Thursday, July 25, 1929, 27:7.

935. *NYT*, Friday, July 26, 1929, 23:7.

Hoover signed the Kellogg-Briand Pact (see Note 931) during a ceremony at the White House on July 24. At the same time Prime Minister MacDonald announced that Britain would suspend work on two cruisers. Hoover reciprocated by discontinuing construction of three cruisers authorized in the naval program of 1929.

936. *NYT*, Saturday, July 27, 1929, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "to Senator Ed" in sixth sentence.

Walter E. Edge, Republican United States senator from New Jersey from 1919 to 1929. Edge, a former governor of New Jersey, was appointed ambassador to France on July 25; he served in that post until 1933.

937. *NYT*, Monday, July 29, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* omits second sentence/*NYT* gives "your sympathy on" in fourth sentence.

Two fliers, Dale "Red" Jackson and Forest O'Brine, landed in St. Louis on July 30 after a world record endurance flight of 420 hours, 21 minutes, and 30 seconds—with mid-air refueling.

938. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 30, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "July 28" in dateline/*NYT* gives "wise man." in last sentence.

Rogers met and interviewed Mussolini in Italy in the summer of 1926. See Rogers' *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to His President*.

939. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 31, 1929, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits seventh sentence.

940. *LAT*, Thursday, August 1, 1929, I:1:4; heading from *KCT*, 15:3. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Endurance fliers Jackson and O'Brine (see Note 937) landed their plane in compliance with a request made by the sponsor of the flight, Curtiss-Robertson Airplane Manufacturing Company. Together, the two men earned $31,255, not including $2,756 paid them in salary.

Swarms of Mediterranean fruit flies caused widespread damage to fruit and vegetable crops in Florida in the spring and summer of 1929. On August 26, the Department of Agriculture asked Congress for an emergency appropriation of $26,000,000 to carry out a program of eradication. The department also increased border inspection designed to prevent carrying of the fly into neighboring states.

Soviet troops and White Russian dissidents clashed on July 31 at Iman, a city on the Trans-Siberian railroad north of Vladivostok. Other White Russian forces, under the command of a former czarist colonel, overran Soviet frontier outposts and raided into China.

941. *NYT*, Friday, August 2, 1929, 23:7.

Jones (see Note 914) refused a suggestion that he run for Congress from his hometown of Canton, Georgia. He had few political ambitions and preferred to continue his two-year-old law practice.

Walter "The Haig" Hagen, flamboyant professional golfer well-known for his colorful dress and carefree lifestyle, was one of the most popular players of the game during the 1910s and 1920s.

942. *NYT*, Saturday, August 3, 1929, 17:7. Variant: *KCT* omits third sentence.

The German dirigible *Graf Zeppelin* arrived in Lakehurst, New Jersey, on August 4 after a four-day flight from Friedrichshafen, Germany. The *Zeppelin* carried nineteen passengers and one

stowaway, a young German baker. The airship left Lakehurst on August 7 and returned on August 28, setting a record for a round-the-world flight.

A sixteen-year-old Seattle schoolboy, Walter Huston, won the first annual Thomas Alva Edison Scholarship after scoring the highest marks on a test of the sciences, general knowledge, morals, and common sense. Huston received all-expenses-paid tuition to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for four years. Charles Brunissen of West Redding, Connecticut, finished second, followed by Ivan Getting of Pittsburgh, James Seth of Santa Fe, and Bernard Sturgis of Butler, Indiana.

Clara Bow, vivacious film actress who symbolized the flapper age and "the roaring 20s." As the "It" girl of the 1920s, Clara Bow personified playful feminine allure.

943. *NYT*, Monday, August 5, 1929, 23:7.

Senator Smoot (see Note 905) arrived at Hoover's summer retreat on August 3 for a planned conference on the tariff bill. He later admitted that at the president's insistence he had not mentioned the tariff during the weekend vacation.

944. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 6, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "forty-two different nations" in second sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* omit third sentence/*NYT* omits "and everybody remain as is" in last sentence.

Fifty thousand Boy Scouts from seventy-one nations gathered at Birkenhead, England, from July 31 to August 13 for a world jamboree to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of the organization. On August 4, jamboree Scouts held services to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the entry of Great Britain into World War I.

Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, British military officer who founded the Boy Scouts in 1908 and, with his sister, Agnes, the Girl Guides in 1910, received a peerage in 1929 for his lasting work in those international youth organizations.

The problem of naval disarmament and reduction on the part of the great powers partially was solved by the adoption of the 5-5-3-1.75-1.75 battleship ratio for the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France, and Italy at the Washington Conference of 1921-1922. The Washington treaty, however, allowed nations to construct an unlimited number of cruisers. By 1929, the United States had ten cruisers, Britain fifty-four, and Japan twenty-six.

945. *LAT*, Wednesday, August 7, 1929, I:1:6. Variants: *LAT* gives "NEW YORK" as place of origin/*BDG* gives "hint, adds Flo. In fact" in tenth sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Dorothy Stone, daughter of Fred Stone (see Note 856), made her theatrical debut in 1923. She co-starred with Will Rogers in *Three Cheers* in 1928 and 1929. Because the leading lady in *Show Girl* had quit the role, theatrical producer Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld asked Miss Stone to take the part of "Dixie Dugan." She accepted and scored a personal hit in the production.

946. *NYT*, Thursday, August 8, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "prosperity, though we are struggling" in second sentence.

Prisoners rioted at two state penitentiaries in New York in July and at a federal prison in Leavenworth, Kansas, on August 1. Thousands of inmates were involved in the incidents in which six persons were killed and scores injured. Prison officials placed blame on overcrowded and unsanitary conditions and the "desperate attitude of the convicts."

947. *LAT*, Friday, August 9, 1929, I:1:3, heading from *KCT*, 13:2. Variants: *KCT* omits first two sentences/*BDG* begins fifth sentence "It's true our system"/*KCT* gives "mergers of big money—politics, and bootleggers." and *BDG* gives "big mergers, big money, politics..." in last sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt, former assistant United States attorney general in charge of prohibition cases (see Note 821), revealed the record of her eight years' experience in prohibition enforcement in a series of twenty-one articles published exclusively in the *New York Times*, beginning on August 5.

Coolidge had written in the latest issue of *American Magazine* that organized minorities led by adept lobbyists were expensive for the government and, if unchecked, would double the cost of government within two years.

948. *NYT*, Saturday, August 10, 1929, 15:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "but tomorrow is the birthday" in first sentence.

Hoover was born on August 10, 1874, at West Branch, Iowa; he graduated from Stanford University in 1895.

949. *NYT*, Monday, August 12, 1929, 21:7.

Philip S. Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer and a representative of Britain at the war reparations conference at The Hague, insisted during a speech on August 6 that his country should receive a larger share of the German war payments because of the early involvement of Britain in the war. Prime Minister MacDonald issued a statement on August 12 in support of Snowden's stand.

950. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 13, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "have shuddered at the mere" and *NYT* gives "Wall Street seemed to fall the other way on the mere" in first sentence.

The Federal Reserve Bank raised the rediscount rate on August 8 by 1 percent in order to ease the commercial credit situation and to check the supply of speculative credit for securities. The rise in the rediscount rate stirred a storm of apprehensive selling on American stock markets, beginning on August 9. Several millions of dollars were erased from the market value of stocks in the decline.

951. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 14, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "said, 'No, New Yorkers would'" in sixth sentence.

Lindbergh had been a guest at President Hoover's summer camp near Rapidan, Virginia.

Earth shocks that ranged in intensity from mild tremors to sharp disturbances occurred over an area embracing five eastern states on August 12; only slight damage resulted.

Duncan U. Fletcher, Democratic United States senator from Florida from 1909 until his death in 1936.

952. *LAT*, Thursday, August 15, 1929, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 15:3. Variants: *BDG* gives "Zeppelin will be on its way on its round-the-world trip tomorrow;" and *KCT* gives "Zeppelin has started on its round" in first sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

The *Graf Zeppelin* left Friedrichshafen on August 15 for Tokyo on the second leg of its trip around the world (see Note 942).

The *Bremen*, a new German liner, broke the record on July 31 for an eastward crossing of the Atlantic, traversing the 3,096 miles from New York City harbor to Plymouth, England, in four days, fourteen hours, and thirty minutes at an average speed of 27.91 knots.

953. *NYT*, Friday, August 16, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "Barbara on fiesta" and *KCT* gives "Barbara fiesta" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "It is the only town...is being unique" in second sentence.

Santa Barbara annually hosted thousands at its presentation of Old Spanish Days, a three-day fiesta highlighted by a colorful pageant parade that emphasized events in the history of the city.

954. *NYT*, Saturday, August 17, 1929, 15:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "drew out millions of dollars" and *KCT* gives "drew out 2 million dollars" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit "(Saturday)" in third sentence.

A Brooklynite, who has been denied a loan by a local savings bank, vented his anger by spreading false rumors about the solvency of the firm and the health of its chief officers. The stories caused a brief panic, but bank officers, neighborhood merchants, and community leaders reas-

sured most of the would-be withdrawers about the excellent condition and management of the financial institution. Only $2,000,000 of the total deposits of $30,000,000 was withdrawn.

955. *NYT*, Monday, August 19, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "many missuses I" and omits "wayward soul" in fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "the Farburtors." in last sentence.

Twenty women fliers took off on August 18 from Santa Monica on the first leg of the National Women's Air Derby of 1929, the first of the so-called Powder Puff Derbies. Fifteen of the planes reached the finish line at Cleveland. The winner of the first prize of $25,000 was Louise M. Thaden, a pilot for an American airplane manufacturer.

956. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 20, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "feeding three autos and 25" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "to fly it their way." in second sentence of P. S.

Lieutenant Alford J. "Al" Williams, Jr., one of the leading fliers in the United States Navy, had planned to pilot the American entry in the International Schneider Trophy Race for seaplanes, which was held at Cowes, England, in September. Mechanical difficulties during a long series of trial flights forced him to withdraw the plane, however. The winning entry, piloted by Henry Waghorn of England, averaged 328.64 miles per hour.

957. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 21, 1929, 29:7.

Hoover left his mountaintop fishing camp on the Rapidan River on August 17 to address 5,000 Virginians who had assembled at the fairgrounds in nearby Madison. During his speech, he philosophized about his favorite recreation, fishing.

The Senate met briefly on August 19 in order that the Senate Committee on Finance could offer its revision of the tariff rates passed earlier by the House of Representatives. Less than one-third of the full membership was present, prompting an immediate adjournment until September 4.

958. *NYT*, Thursday, August 22, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "Mrs. Poindexter has shattered the first page." as first sentence.

Elizabeth P. Poindexter wrote several revealing articles about the social affairs in the national capital during the time her husband, Miles Poindexter, served as United States senator from Washington (1911 to 1923). When Miles Poindexter resigned in 1928 as ambassador to Peru, he and his wife returned to the United States with a native male servant. The man soon quit the service of the Poindexters to join the staff of Alfredo Gonzales Prada, Peruvian *chargè d' affaires*.

The body of Marval Crosson, a participant in the Powder Puff Derby (see Note 955) and sister of famed Alaskan bush pilot Joe Crosson, was found in western Arizona near the wreckage of her plane. Apparently when the craft began to malfunction, Crosson jumped at too low an altitude for her parachute to open.

959. *NYT*, Friday, August 23, 1929, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits "everywhere but here" in first sentence/*KCT* omits first two sentences/*BDG* omits last two sentences.

A Soviet force of cavalry, infantry, and artillery, several hundred strong, attacked and occupied Dalainon, a coal mining station on the Chinese Eastern Railway, on August 16.

Anne Lindbergh made her first solo flight on August 23 after only three lessons from her husband, Charles.

Control of United Cigar Stores Company, operators of the largest retail cigar system in the country (see Note 894), passed to a syndicate headed by the chairman of Gold Dust Corporation, a diversified firm specializing in food and personal care products.

960. *NYT*, Saturday, August 24, 1929, 15:7. Variant: *BDG* omits last sentence.

Bobby Jones (see Note 914) arrived in California to defend his title in the National Amateur Golf championship, which was played at Del Monte from September 2 to 7.

The itinerary for the National Women's Air Derby included stops at seventeen cities where Exchange Clubs entertained the racers.

For Charles C. "Cash and Carry" Pyle and the Bunion Derby see Note 901; for Amon G. Carter see Note 883.

961. *NYT*, Monday, August 26, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "as a man a man would be" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "4,000 watching him" in third sentence/*KCT* omits "and ten years...but real estate" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "lands here tonight." in sixth sentence.

The *Graf Zeppelin* made a nonstop crossing of the Pacific Ocean in a record-shattering three and one-fourth days. The airship landed in Los Angeles on August 26 and was refueled for its flight to Lakehurst, New Jersey, the last leg of its journey around the world (see Note 942).

962. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 27, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "'Boys'" in fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "Them so-called" to begin last sentence.

For Philip S. Snowden see Note 949.

963. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 28, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "twenty-four local" in first sentence/*KCT* begins second sentence "The hot air rushed"/*BDG* and *LAT* omit third sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* omit "Mr. Hearst...of the voyage" in fourth sentence/*KCT* omits last four sentences.

Hugo Eckener, German airship pioneer and aeronautical engineer. Eckener built and commanded the *Graf Zeppelin*, the dirigible that circled the globe in 1929 (see Notes 942 and 961).

William Randolph Hearst, editor, publisher, and political figure and owner and controller of a huge newspaper empire based in California. Heart's group of daily newspapers financed much of the flight of the *Graf Zeppelin*.

Louise M. Thaden, winner of the Powder Puff Derby of 1929 (see Note 955), was born in Bentonville, Arkansas, on November 12, 1905. News reports during the air race had identified her as a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Rogers' wife, Betty Blake Rogers, was a native of Benton County, Arkansas. The couple had married on November 25, 1908, in the Blake home in Rogers, Arkansas.

964. *NYT*, Thursday, August 29, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *NYT*, omits "follow it...tension one." in fourth sentence.

965. *NYT*, Friday, August 30, 1929, 23:7.

Hoover addressed an open letter to the governors of states with public lands in which he outlined a proposal to transfer more than 2,000,000 acres of such lands to the states and to restrict the activities of the Federal Reclamation Service. He hoped that by his plan, individual states would assume irrigation and other water rights, functions then exercised by the federal government.

966. *NYT*, Saturday, August 31, 1929, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Aug. 31." in dateline/*KCT* gives "the Arabs have" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "those Arabs with" in fourth sentence.

Fighting had erupted on August 23 between Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem following clashes at the Wailing Wall, a holy place held in sanctity by both groups. By August 29, British troops and native police had quelled the disturbances, but not before 249 persons had died and 571 had been injured.

967. *NYT*, Monday, September 2, 1929, 17:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "364" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "let them act...promise them to let them" in sixth sentence.

Labor Day was initiated by the Knights of Labor in 1882 and declared a legal holiday by Congress in 1894.

968. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 3, 1929, 29:7.

Arizonans maintained that construction of Boulder Dam (later known as Hoover Dam) on the Colorado River would limit water for irrigation. Senators Henry F. Ashurst and Ralph H.

Cameron of Arizona led opposition to the dam, delaying the start of construction until 1931. When completed in 1936, it became the primary supplier of hydroelectric power for southern California.

969. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 4, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "come clean," in fifth sentence/*BDG* gives "liquor they certainly would come under heading of bootleggers." in fifth sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

Defending champion Bobby Jones had been picked to win the thirty-third United States Amateur Golf championship, which was scheduled to begin with qualifying rounds on September 2.

The sale of so-called wine tonics had come under attack in Los Angeles. A city councilman had proposed an ordinance to ban the sale of the tonics because evidence showed they were of high alcoholic content and were sold in large quantities for beverage purposes. Some Californians feared that the ordinance would hurt the wine industry in the state.

970. *NYT*, Thursday, September 5, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* begins third sentence "But boys"/*KCT* gives "fraternity is finally" in fifth sentence.

Gibson Dunlap, a senior at the University of California at Los Angeles, scored a sixty-nine on September 3 in the first qualifying round of the United States Amateur Golf championship. Jones scored a seventy in the first round and a seventy-five in the second to tie for medalist qualifying honors with twenty-one-year-old Eugene V. "Gene" Homans, a student at Princeton University. Veteran Harrison J. Johnston won the tournament; Jones was defeated in the first round of match play.

971. *NYT*, Friday, September 6, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "politics up in" in first sentence.

Frederick H. Gillett, Republican United States senator from Massachusetts from 1925 to 1931; former speaker of the House of Representatives.

Marcus A. Coolidge, a Massachusetts industrialist and Democratic party official, who was elected to the United States Senate in 1930 and served from 1931 to 1937.

B. Patton "Pat" Harrison, Democratic United States senator from Mississippi from 1919 to 1941. Witty and unpretentious, Harrison was a favorite among his colleagues in the Senate.

James A. Reed, Democratic United States senator from Missouri from 1911 to 1929. Reed, combative and sharp-tongued, chose not to run for a fourth term in 1928.

972. *NYT*, Saturday, September 7, 1929, 19:7.

The World Court, the popular name of the Permanent Court of International Justice, was established in 1921 as part of the League of Nations.

Elihu Root, American politician and statesman who served the United States in several important domestic and diplomatic posts; winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1912. Root helped bring the World Court into existence but failed in a persistent effort to win Senate approval of American membership in the judicial organization.

973. *NYT*, Monday, September 9, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "will soon be taken" in sixth sentence/*KCT* omits third, sixth, and seventh sentences.

The City of San Francisco, a Transcontinental Air Transport airliner, crashed on Mount Taylor in western New Mexico during a storm on September 8. All eight persons aboard perished in the accident.

974. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 10, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* give "'agree to your over 9000,'" and *LAT* gives "thousand we will agree to our over-nine-thousand." in second sentence/*KCT* omits second sentence/*BDG* omits "or battle axes" in sixth sentence.

975. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 11, 1929, 31:7.

976. *NYT*, Thursday, September 12, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "368 miles an hour" in second sentence.

A British flier, Augustus H. Orlebar, set a world speed record for seaplanes on September 10 near Southampton, New England. He flew a distance of 1,863 miles at an average speed of 355.8 miles per hour.

977. *NYT*, Friday, September 13, 1929, 31:7.

Premier Aristide Briand of France had asked fellow delegates to a session of the League of Nations in July of 1929 to consider his ideas about European union or "a federal bond." The Pan-European movement flourished for the next few years, but Briand's death in 1932 and the rise of a strongly nationalistic government in Germany caused its popularity to diminish.

978. *NYT*, Saturday, September 14, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "of his eight cabinet" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "seriously" in fourth sentence.

Mussolini reorganized his cabinet on September 12 and appointed nine new ministers. He retained the position of premier and the portfolio of interior but relinquished seven other ministries, including those of foreign affairs, war, aviation, corporations, marine, colonies, and public works.

979. *NYT*, Monday, September 16, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "reparation money" in first sentence.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden had demanded at The Hague in August that Britain receive a larger share of German reparations (see Note 949). He was received enthusiastically upon his return home, in part because other creditor nations agreed in late August to allot Britain an additional $9,600,000 annually.

980. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 17, 1929, 33:7.

Union veterans attending the sixty-third national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic defeated a resolution favoring a joint meeting of the soldiers of the North and South. The reunion plan, supported by President Hoover and the governors of thirty-one states, caused spirited debate among the aging war veterans.

981. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 18, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "picture tomorrow night in Los Angeles" in fourth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* omit "tomorrow night" in fifth sentence.

Rogers' first sound motion picture, *They Had to See Paris*, a musical comedy set in Claremore, Oklahoma, and Paris, France, concerned a poor American family striking oil and setting out to see the world.

982. *NYT*, Thursday, September 19, 1929, 33:7.

Will's father, Clement Vann Rogers, attained prominence as a rancher, banker, and political figure during the territorial years and early statehood era of Oklahoma. He was one of the original signers of the state constitution of 1907. He died in 1911.

983. *NYT*, Friday, September 20, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *BDG* begins third sentence "In effect it is this—'The future'"/*NYT* omits "Class A" in third sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Gilmour Dobie, head football coach at Cornell University from 1920 to 1935, directed his team to undefeated seasons in 1921, 1922, and 1923. Dobie's dour personality and perpetual pessimism earned him the nickname of "Gloomy Gil."

984. *NYT*, Saturday, September 21, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* omits first two sentences.

William S. Vare, leader of a powerful Republican political machine in Philadelphia. Vare won a seat in the United States Senate in 1926, but that body refused to seat him because of excessive campaign expenditures. In municipal elections in Philadelphia on September 17, Vare Republicans swept most wards, but "Vare Wing" Democrats suffered a small setback.

985. *NYT*, Monday, September 23, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* omits first four sentences/*NYT* gives "have struck big" in fifth sentence/*BDG* omits last two sentences.

Frank W. Phillips, Oklahoma banker, oilman, and philanthropist. Phillips' 4,000-acre ranch near Bartlesville, which includes the Woolaroc Lodge and Museum and herds of buffalo, elk, and deer, attracts thousands of tourists each year.

Fort Reno was erected in 1876 to serve the Cheyenne and Arapaho Agency at Darlington, Indian Territory, and as an outpost for the United States Cavalry along the Chisholm Trail. It was transferred to the Bureau of Prisons in 1931 and later became the site of a United States reformatory.

986. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 24, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "the old outfit which" in second sentence/*BDG* omits "without relief" and *LAT* gives "making it produce without" in third sentence.

The XIT Ranch, established on the High Plains of the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s, encompassed the largest fenced range in the world. Its 3,050,000 acres was patented by the state to a Chicago firm in exchange for money to build a capitol at Austin. Pressing obligations during the next twenty years forced the syndicate to sell most of the original grant.

The Mashed O Ranch, which encompassed more than 120,000 acres in the Panhandle of Texas, was owned by the Halsell Cattle Company of Oklahoma.

John C. Coolidge, son of President Coolidge, and Florence Trumbull, daughter of Governor John H. Trumbull of Connecticut, were married on September 23.

For Fred Stone see Note 856.

987. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 25, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "and fished when people thought" in second and third sentences/*NYT* gives "Congressman Howell" in fourth sentence/*KCT* ends last sentence "other congressman."

Robert B. Howell, Republican United States senator from Nebraska from 1923 until his death in 1933. Howell had lambasted officials in the District of Columbia for failing to enforce the prohibition law. A carefully worded, unsigned statement from the White House issued on September 23 upheld the work of prohibition agents in Washington and requested more substantial proof of non-enforcement.

988. *NYT*, Thursday, September 26, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Senator Howell" and *BDG* and *KCT* omit "What Congressman Howell...evidence" in first sentence/*NYT* omits "that Grundy...henchmen" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit last sentence.

Jim Minnick, a Texas cattlemen credited with introducing dude ranching into his home state. A long-time friend of Rogers, Minnick rode with the Oklahoman in the Mulhall Wild West Show in the early 1900s and introduced Rogers to the sport of polo.

989. *NYT*, Friday, September 27, 1929, 29:7.

990. *NYT*, Saturday, September 28, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "keener than athletics" in fifth sentence.

Scientists at the University of California at Berkeley had conducted experiments with rats to determine whether they could "use their heads." The animals were placed in a maze in which they encountered open and locked doors in their attempts to reach a food container. Few experiments of this type had been conducted previously.

991. *NYT*, Monday, September 30, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "man with influence can change" in second sentence.

William B. Shearer, a self-styled naval expert and proponent of United States preparedness, had attended the Geneva disarmament conference in 1927 as an observer for three American shipbuilding companies. In late 1929, American newspapermen had charged that Shearer's activities

as a lobbyist at Geneva had led to the "breaking up of the Conference." The Senate Naval Affairs Committee conducted an investigation and early in 1930 cleared Shearer of all allegations.

992. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 1, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "the last Republican there is" in third sentence.

993. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 2, 1929, 33:7.

Samuel M. Shortridge, Republican United States senator from California from 1921 to 1933. Shortridge chaired the Senate committee which probed the activities of William Shearer (see Note 991) at the Geneva disarmament conference.

994. *NYT*, Thursday, October 3, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "cheapest insurance...he had been what" in second sentence.

Henry J. Allen, Republican United States senator from Kansas from 1929 to 1930.

Joseph T. Robinson, Democratic United States senator from Arkansas from 1913 until his death in 1937. Robinson and Allen served on the Senate committee which investigated allegations against Shearer.

Prime Minister MacDonald (see Note 901) arrived in the United States on October 4 for a one-week visit to promote world peace.

995. *NYT*, Friday, October 4, 1929, 29:7.

996. *NYT*, Saturday, October 5, 1929, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "was bass singing" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "ignorant quails" and *NYT* gives "Senator Doran and the Democrats." in sixth sentence.

Hoover had insisted that the authority to lower or raise tariff rates and adjust duties should remain with the president, but the Senate voted on October 2 to retain exclusive authority in the matter.

The bobwhite quail was among only five items affected by a downward revision of duties from 1922 to 1929.

Borah, a maverick Republican (see Note 915), generally opposed the tariff policies of the Coolidge and Hoover administrations.

997. *LAT,* Monday, October 7, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. Variants: *KCT* gives "same country as Prime Minister Baldwin."/*KCT* adds after signature: "(In case Will has forgotten, J. Ramsay MacDonald is the British Prime Minister.)"/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Stanley Baldwin, British Conservative statesman and former prime minister had been defeated by J. Ramsay MacDonald in the general election of May 30, 1929. Although *KCT* and *LAT* imply that Rogers had erred in inserting Baldwin for MacDonald, it appears that Rogers intended to contrast the American popularity of Baldwin with that of the British royal house. The Shearer investigation (see Notes 991 and 993) had reminded many Americans of the frustrations at Geneva—at which time Baldwin was prime minister—that had contributed to ill will in Anglo-American relations. In contrast, both George V and the Prince of Wales enjoyed immense popularity in the United States.

998. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 8, 1929, 33:7.

MacDonald and Hoover talked at length about world peace. The climax came on October 7 when Britain issued formal invitations to a disarmament conference at London. The five-power conference, which included Britain, the United States, France, Italy, and Japan, began in January of 1930 but resulted in only a limited victory for arms limitation.

Ishbel A. MacDonald, public-spirited daughter of Prime Minister MacDonald and his official hostess and traveling companion. Miss MacDonald had disclosed during an interview that during her stay in the United States she would neither smoke nor drink, simply because she disliked either habit.

999. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 9, 1929, 33:7.

The question of social precedence at formal functions once again bothered Washington sophisticates (see Notes 838 and 845). Officials who were arranging MacDonald's visit debated whether the British ambassador should outrank the prime minister and what place should be accorded Miss MacDonald.

1000. *NYT*, Thursday, October 10, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "country that knows enough" in last sentence.

Howard J. Ehmke, veteran right-handed pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics. In the opening game of the World Series on October 8, he set a record by striking out thirteen Chicago Cub batters during an impressive 3 to 1 victory.

1001. *NYT*, Friday, October 11, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Lindy and wife discover" in second sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit fourth and fifth sentences.

Lindbergh, his wife Anne, two scientists from the Carnegie Institute, and two flight crewmen discovered five previously unknown Mayan cities during an aerial expedition to the Yucatan Peninsula in October. The flight constituted an attempt to locate ancient cities hidden in the dense vegetation of the region and to determine the practicality of studying the sites from the air.

Arthur Brisbane (see Note 903) wrote in his daily syndicated column on October 10 that a baby could be cured of thumb-sucking with the use of a mirror. According to Brisbane, a Detroit psychologist had discovered that a child could break the habit if forced twice a day to view himself in a mirror with his thumb in his mouth.

1002. *NYT*, Saturday, October 12, 1929, 21:7.

Cornelius McGillicuddy, "Connie Mack," baseball catcher who became manager of the Philadelphia Athletics in 1901; he served in that position until 1950. The Athletics defeated the Chicago Cubs in the first two games of the World Series but lost the third game, 3 to 1, on October 11.

Banker Charles Waggoner was given an unusually severe fifteen-year sentence on October 10 for using the mails to defraud six New York City banks of $500,000. Waggoner had deposited the money in a Colorado bank of which he was president.

1003. *NYT*, Monday, October 14, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "'in a small way for you.'" in last sentence, omitting "'after which . . . Catsup Hour'."

Graham McNamee, a sports and general announcer for the National Broadcasting Company and one of the best known broadcasters in the industry. McNamee was the chief commentator for the radio broadcasts of the World Series.

1004. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 15, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "21,000,000 baseball fans" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "no alma mater." to end last sentence.

President and Mrs. Hoover were among 30,000 spectators who watched the Philadelphia Athletics defeat the Chicago Cubs, 3 to 2, in the fifth and final game of the World Series.

1005. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 16, 1929, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* and *BDG* give "Nobel peace prize" in first sentence.

In the bottom of the ninth inning of the fifth game of the World Series, Philadelphia rallied for three runs to overcome a two-run Chicago Cub lead, thereby winning the game and the series.

1006. *NYT*, Thursday, October 17, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *LAT* ends last sentence "none in that part of the world."

Within a five-day period, from October 12 to 16, all five nations invited to the disarmament conference in London scheduled for January of 1930 had issued formal acceptances or had indicated their willingness to participate (see Note 998).

1007. *NYT*, Friday, October 18, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "Why, two truck drivers" in fifth sentence.

Federal prohibition agents made thirty-five simultaneous raids along the East Coast in an attempt to smash a liquor smuggling syndicate that maintained its own radio station and an extensive arsenal at Highlands, New Jersey. Thirty-two persons were arrested.

1008. *NYT*, Saturday, October 19, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *BDG* omits last sentence.

A bull elephant, which had become enraged while en route to the circus grounds in Corsicana, Texas, seized and fatally injured a woman on October 13. Three days later, marksmen shot and killed the crazed animal.

Hiram Bingham, Republican United States senator from Connecticut from 1924 to 1933. Bingham was censured by the Senate on November 4, 1929, for having placed Charles Eyanson, paid assistant to the president of the Connecticut Manufacturers' Association, on the Senate payroll as his tariff adviser.

1009. *NYT*, Monday, October 21, 1929, 29:7.

The Golden Jubilee of Light celebration on October 21 at Dearborn, Michigan, commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the incandescent lamp. Thomas Alva Edison, who in 1929 celebrated his eighty-second birthday, was the honored guest. The event was internationally broadcasted and marked the formal dedication of the Edison School of Technology, founded by Henry Ford.

1010. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 22, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* omits "said 'My...control'" in third sentence/only *NYT* gives "my favorite boss...players, Mr. Firestone." in third sentence/*BDG* gives "Miss. Wilderbrandt; my favorite boss, Mr. Ochs; and my favorite father of polo players, Mr. Firestone." and *LAT* gives "Mrs. Willebrandt. My favorite boss, Mr. Ochs. My favorite father of polo players, Mr. Firestone" and *KCT* gives "Willebrandt, my favorite boss." in sixth sentence/*KCT* begins seventh sentence "Mr. Firestone had horses and carriages"/*NYT* gives "where Ford got" in eighth sentence/*KCT* omits eleventh sentence.

For Owen D. Young see Note 865.

Julius Rosenwald, retail clothing merchant from Chicago and noted philanthropist who contributed millions of dollars in the 1910s and 1920s for the construction of Y.M.C.A. buildings and schools for blacks.

Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of Bethlehem Steel Corporation from 1913 until his death in 1939 who was noted for his annual New Year's Day forecasts of business prosperity.

James W. Gerard, diplomat and lawyer who served as treasurer of the Democratic National Committee from 1920 to 1932.

Charles Dana Gibson, illustrator who created the fashion-setting "Gibson girl." His work, which depicted and glorified the American woman, enjoyed its greatest popularity from the 1890s to about 1914.

Jane Addams, humanitarian and social reformer who in 1889 cofounded the Hull House, a settlement project devoted to the improvement of community life in the slums of Chicago. She was a corecipient of a Nobel Peace Prize in 1931.

Adolph S. Ochs, publisher of the *New York Times* from 1896 until his death in 1935. The *Times* was the first newspaper to publish Rogers' Daily Telegrams.

Harry S. Firestone, founder, president, and chairman of the board of Firestone Tire and Rubber Company serving with the firm from 1900 until his death in 1938. Firestone had five sons, all active outdoorsmen.

For Mable Walker Willebrandt see Note 821.

At Dearborn, Michigan, Henry Ford had developed an early American village, complete with various types of horse-drawn vehicles, to recreate the scenes of his boyhood. Included in the display, which annually attracts thousands of tourists, is a reproduction of Edison's laboratory at Menlo Park, New Jersey.

1011. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 23, 1929, 31:7.

Orville Wright, aviation pioneer who, in 1903 with his brother Wilbur, made the first piloted flights in a powered airplane.

William B. Mayo, chief engineer for the Ford Motor Company from 1913 to 1933 and general manager and vice president of the firm for 10 years.

1012. *NYT*, Thursday, October 24, 1929, 31:7.

James J. "Jimmy" Walker (see Note 825) won re election as mayor of New York City on November 5 by an overwhelming majority of nearly 500,000 votes.

1013. *NYT*, Friday, October 25, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "'day.' When Wall Street...spin, beat the rest. You had to stand in line" in third sentence/*KCT* omits seventh sentence.

On October 24, historically known as "Black Friday," the New York Stock Exchange recorded a new high in trading as sales approached 13,000,000 shares. Losses were staggering, estimated in the billions of dollars. Fear gripped Wall Street as once prosperous brokerage firms collapsed and rumors flew that as many as eleven speculators had committed suicide.

1014. *NYT*, Saturday, October 26, 1929, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* ends last sentence "call the rest of us rubes."

J. P. Morgan, Jr. (see Note 906), Thomas L. Lamont, a senior partner in the Morgan firm, and three other prominent New York City bankers met in conference on October 24 to decide what steps to take to arrest the decline in the stock markets. Exclusive of the vast Morgan holdings, the group of bankers represented more than $6,000,000,000 of massed financial resources, considered sufficient to bolster the market.

1015. *NYT*, Monday, October 28, 1929, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits second and third sentences.

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching issued a report on October 23 that revealed that one of every seven athletes engaged in intercollegiate competition was "subsidized" to the point of professionalism.

1016. *LAT*, Tuesday, October 29, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Albert B. Fall, United States secretary of the interior from 1921 until his resignation in 1923. Fall was found guilty on October 25 of accepting, while secretary of the interior, a $100,000 bribe from a California oilman in exchange for a lease on government oil lands. A defense attorney blamed jury-room statements by three of the jurors for turning a majority for acquittal into a verdict of guilty.

1017. *LAT*, Wednesday, October 30, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

For Charles E. Mitchell see Note 835.

George F. Baker, Jr., an executive officer of the First National Bank of New York City who in 1931 succeeded his father as head of the bank. Following the plunge of the stock market on October 29, Baker and other prominent New York City bankers met in three successive conferences to discuss measures to bolster the market (see Note 1014). As word spread that the financiers had met, the tenseness on Wall Street subsided somewhat.

1018. *NYT*, Thursday, October 31, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS." in dateline.

An eastbound Western Air Express passenger plane arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 29 after a blizzard had forced it to land the previous day in western New Mexico.

1019. *NYT*, Friday, November 1, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS." in dateline.

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., founder of Standard Oil Company and at one time considered the wealthiest man in the world. Rockefeller announced on October 30 that panic-selling on the stock exchanges was unwarranted. To prove his faith in the market, he continued to accumulate substantial quantities of common stock.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 903.

1020. *NYT*, Saturday, November 2, 1929, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* omits fourth sentence.

Hoover continued to battle the Senate regarding modification of the flexible provision of the Fordney-McCumber Act, which would allow Congress rather than the president the right to adjust tariffs (see Note 906).

1021. *NYT*, Monday, November 4, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *NYT*, gives "from airplane carriers" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "Ramsay MacDonald" in seventh sentence.

David S. Ingalls, assistant secretary of the navy for aeronautics from 1929 to 1932. Ingalls, a lawyer and former Ohio state legislator, achieved widespread fame as an American naval air "ace" in World War I.

For J. Ramsay MacDonald see Note 902.

1022. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 5, 1929, 31:7.

Free substitution in college football was not allowed until 1942. Some coaches, however, employed a system initiated at Notre Dame whereby heavier linemen were replaced by faster and more mobile players after the first few minutes of the first and third quarters. This circumvented the substitution rule that prohibited the return of a player during a period in which he had been replaced.

For George H. "Babe" Ruth see Note 830.

Tristram E. "Tris" Speaker, unusually gifted outfielder who awed fans with his speed and great range of play. Speaker retired as a player in 1928 after twenty-two seasons with four American league clubs.

1023. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 6, 1929, 27:7.

For the censure of Senator Hiram Bingham see Note 1008.

1024. *NYT*, Thursday, November 7, 1929, 29:7.

In an election in Virginia on November 5, Democrat John G. Pollard defeated William M. Brown, the candidate of the Republicans and anti-Smith Democrats, to win the governorship. In 1928, Hoover had been the first Republican presidential candidate to win a majority in Virginia since Reconstruction.

James J. "Jimmy" Walker, with the support of fellow Democrats and Tammany Hall, won a second term as mayor of New York City by an overwhelming margin on November 5 (see Note 1012).

Senator Smith W. Brookhart (see Note 872) issued a report on November 5 that alleged that liquor had been served at a party given three years earlier by a New York City stockholder in a Washington hotel.

1025. *NYT*, Friday, November 8, 1929, 27:7.

Otto H. Kahn, German-born American banker and corporation executive who recently had been appointed treasurer of the Republican Senate Campaign Committee. In his statement, Senator Brookhart (see Notes 872 and 1024) inferred that Kahn had been one of the party-goers who had imbibed liquor.

Hiram W. Johnson, United States senator from California from 1921 until his death in 1935. Johnson, a maverick Republican progressive, had been omitted from a list of members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee invited to a dinner given by Hoover. After the president apologized for the omission in a letter on November 6, Johnson declared the matter closed.

1026. *NYT*, Saturday, November 9, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

For the dieting craze of the 1920s see Note 923; for Hiram Bingham see Note 1008.

1027. *NYT*, Monday, November 11, 1929, 25:7.

Senator George H. Moses (see Note 831) had called progressive Republicans "sons of wild jackasses" during a heated debate on the floor of the Senate on November 9. The insurgents responded by referring to the lawmaker from New Hampshire as the "sage of Concord."

1028. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 12, 1929, 33:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

1029. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 13, 1929, 29:7.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange dropped sharply on November 12. The slump, which mystified market analysts, caused declines up to thirty-five points in most active issues.

1030. *NYT*, Thursday, November 14, 1929, 29:7.

Joseph R. Grundy, Pennsylvania textile manufacturer (see Note 830), told Senate lobby investigators on November 2 and again on November 12 that certain "backward" states which contributed negligible amounts to the national income were not entitled to equal representation in the Senate with the great industrial states.

1031. *NYT*, Friday, November 15, 1929, 29:7. Variant: *BDG* omits second and third sentences.

York County, Pennsylvania, had attracted national attention as an alleged center of witchcraft and voodooism.

1032. *NYT*, Saturday, November 16, 1929, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "not in a Presidential" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "Five thousand people" to begin fifth sentence.

The Senate defeated on November 14 a concurrent resolution to adjourn the special session of Congress on November 23. Democrats and young Republicans then forced an agreement to hold night sessions in an effort to dispose more rapidly of the tariff question.

Congressional leaders predicted action in early December on a proposed joint resolution to cut personal income and corporation taxes by 1 percent. Supporters believed that the tax cuts would restore confidence in the business sector.

At the National Corn Husking championship at Platte City, Missouri, an Illinois farm boy, Walter Olson, husked 25.27 bushels in eighty minutes to win his second consecutive national title.

1033. *NYT*, Monday, November 18, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin/*NYT* omits sixth and seventh sentences/*BDG* omits sixth, seventh, and eighth sentences.

Transcontinental Air Transport, Inc., an air-rail line between the east and west coasts, announced on November 16 a rate reduction of $70 for cross-country flights.

1034. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 19, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Italians" to end first sentence/*NYT* gives "Italians playing football," in second sentence.

Notre Dame defeated the University of Southern California, 13 to 12, on November 6, marking its seventh successive victory of the season. All-American Frank Carideo kicked the game-winning extra point for Notre Dame.

James F. "Jim" Thorpe, widely-hailed all-around athlete of American Indian descent. A native of Oklahoma, Thorpe starred as a running back at Carlisle Institute, winning all-American honors in 1911 and 1912. He won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon at the Olympics of 1912.

Pilot Fred Work was forced to land on the roof of the Bon Marché department store in downtown Seattle when the engine of his monoplane failed. No one was injured.

1035. *LAT*, Wednesday, November 20, 1929, I:1:3; heading from *KCT*, 15:2. Variants: *BDG* gives "to Mr. President" in seventh sentence/*KCT* gives "yours for service," in closing/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Railroad officials met with Hoover in Washington, D. C., on November 19 and announced that they were prepared to expend $1,000,000,000 on capital improvement projects in 1930. This marked the first in a series of conferences between the president and leaders of American industry for the purpose of restoring confidence in American business.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located on Broadway at Wall Street in New York City.

1036. *NYT*, Thursday, November 21, 1929, 27:7.

For the railroad executives' conference see Note 1035.

Nineteen persons died in clashes during the national elections in Mexico. Pasqual Ortiz Rubio, the candidate of the National Revolutionary party, was elected president.

1037. *NYT*, Friday, November 22, 1929, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "country is it's got" and *LAT* gives "country isn't its" in fourth sentence.

For Mary L. "Texas" Guinan see Note 843; for Clara Bow see Note 842.

Elinor Glyn, author and script writer. Glyn's short novel and screen play, *It* (1927), made the word "it" for many years synonymous with personal magnetism.

Fanny Brice, American comedienne, master of comic awkwardness, and star of burlesque, vaudeville, legitimate theatre, radio, and motion pictures.

For Aimee Semple McPherson see Note 915.

1038. *NYT*, Saturday, November 23, 1929, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "When they" to begin ninth sentence.

Ford surprised fellow industrialists who attended a presidential conference in Washington on November 21 with an announcement that he would increase the wages of his employees. He also advocated higher wages for workers in other industries and a possible reduction in the prices of consumer products.

1039. *NYT*, Monday, November 25, 1929, 25:7.

1040. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 26, 1929, 31:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "pilot flew just now down" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "talk of a problem between us and Mexico about using the water of this" and *LAT* gives "between United States and Mexico of this" and *KCT* gives "U.S. and Mexico." in second sentence/*NYT* gives "river won't have any mouth and will leave us no problem." to end third sentence/*BDG* gives "few remarkable spots" in fourth sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "have few" in fourth sentence.

Tutankhamen, an ancient Egyptian king whose tomb was discovered in 1922 in the Valley of the Kings along the Nile.

1041. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 27, 1929, 25:7.

Raymond "Hitchy" Hitchcock, a leading musical and revue comedian who starred on the American stage for almost forty years. Hitchcock died suddenly of heart disease on November 24, 1929, at the age of sixty-four.

Lieutenant George Cuddihy, flight test officer at the Anacostia Naval Air Station in Washington, D. C., was killed on November 25 when the British fighter plane he was flying failed to pull out of a routine test dive. Cuddihy had returned to Anacostia only a week earlier after having piloted David S. Ingalls, assistant secretary of the navy for aeronautics (see Note 1021), on a tour of air bases on the West Coast.

1042. *NYT*, Thursday, November 28, 1929, 27:7.

Agriculture leaders representing the Farm Board and national farm organizations, conferred with President Hoover on November 25 and agreed on a program to advance agriculture that would include lower interest rates for farmers on loans extended by government credit agencies.

1043. *NYT*, Friday, November 29, 1929, 21:7.

1044. *NYT*, Saturday, November 30, 1929, 19:7.

Soldier Field, with a seating capacity of 125,000, had attracted several record-setting crowds for athletic events, including the second world heavyweight championship bout between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey in 1927, the Army-Navy football contest of 1926, and the Southern California-Notre Dame game of November 16, 1929 (see Note 1034).

For Alphonse "Al" Capone see Note 876.

1045. *NYT*, Monday, December 2, 1929, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "These Four-H Clubs" and *LAT* gives "These four H clubs" and *KCT* gives "There 4-H clubs" to begin third sentence.

Knute K. Rockne, Norwegian-born head football coach at Notre Dame University from 1918 until his death in an airplane accident in 1931. During his thirteen seasons as head coach, Rockne directed his team to 105 wins, 12 losses, and 3 ties.

Richard E. Byrd, an American naval officer and arctic explorer. Byrd, accompanied by three crewmen, flew over the South Pole on November 29, 1929, on a flight that began at Little America, the base camp of the expedition, a day earlier.

The champion non-collegiate judging team at the International Livestock Show in Chicago in 1929 included Cleat Willhoite, 18, and John Ramsey, 16, both of Claremore, Oklahoma, and Otis Munson, 18, of Talala, Oklahoma.

1046. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 3, 1929, 31:7.

The first regular session of the Seventy-first Congress opened at noon on December 2. It followed a special session that had met from March to November, during which Congress completed farm relief legislation.

1047. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 4, 1929, 31:7.

For Walter "The Haig" Hagen, see Note 941.

Leo Diegel, professional golfer who was famous for a contorted, but usually effective putting style. Diegel won his second consecutive Professional Golfers' Association championship on December 7. The tournament was held at Hillcrest Country Club in Los Angeles.

Eugene "Gene" Sarazen, American golfer who in a thirty-year career won several major titles, beginning with the United States Open championship in 1922 at the age of twenty.

For Horton Smith see Note 859.

J. Beauchamp "Champ" Clark, Democratic United States representative from Missouri from 1893 to 1895 and 1897 to 1921; speaker of the House of Representatives from 1911 to 1919; a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1912.

John "Johnny" Farrell, Irish-American who won the United States Open championship in 1928 and who was a member of the American Ryder Cup teams of 1927, 1929, and 1931. Farrell placed second in the P.G.A. tournament in 1929.

Johnny Golden, veteran professional golfer of the 1920s and 1930s noted for his flashy and colorful attire.

Abe Espinosa, brother of fellow golf professional Al Espinosa (see Note 914). Six members of the Espinosa family made golf their careers, but only Abe and Al earned national reputations.

1048. *NYT*, Thursday, December 5, 1929, 29:7.

Hoover's first annual "State of the Union" message was read in the Senate and House on December 3.

1049. *LAT*, Friday, December 6, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 15:2. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "Italians, Jewish, Swedes" in fifth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

St. Mary's College of Morago, California, ended the football season of 1929 with a record of eight wins, no losses, and one tie. In nine games, St. Mary's tallied 198 points while its opponents scored only 6.

For Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1050. *NYT*, Saturday, December 7, 1929, 21:7.

For Walter "The Haig" Hagen see Note 941; for Leo Diegel see Note 1047.

Thomas P. Nelson, an air mail pilot for National Air Transport, vanished in a snowstorm over western Pennsylvania on December 1. His body was found three days later. Nelson was the tenth flier to perish on the Cleveland-to-New York mail route, considered the most treacherous in the country.

1051. *NYT*, Monday, December 9, 1929, 27:7.

American marines had occupied the island nation of Haiti since July of 1915. Strikes by university students and customs employees in November and December of 1929 prompted the ranking American military officer to declare martial law. By December 19 the situation had calmed, and some marines had been ordered home.

1052. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 10, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "of a war, but it may lead into" in fifth sentence.

Patrick J. Hurley, United States secretary of war from 1929 to 1933. Hurley, a Republican and a Choctaw Indian from Oklahoma, took office as secretary of war on December 9 to fill a vacancy caused by the death of James W. Good.

1053. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 11, 1929, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "shot, but the exact means of" in third and fourth sentences/*BDG* omits seventh sentence.

Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow (see Note 839) was appointed on December 17 to the United States Senate to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey. Preferring to continue as ambassador, Morrow, at first declined to take the Senate seat, but in 1930 he sought and won the position in the general election. He took office in December of 1930 and served until his death the next October.

1054. *NYT*, Thursday, December 12, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "NEW YORK" in dateline.

1055. *NYT*, Friday, December 13, 1929, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives 'BEVERLY, Calif.," in dateline.

Joseph R. Grundy (see Note 830) continued to be assailed by insurgent Republican and Democratic members of the tariff coalition for his lobbying activities in the Senate.

Fifty convicts, armed with smuggled weapons, rioted at the Auburn State Prison in New York on December 11. Eight prisoners and one guard were killed, and the warden held hostage during the outbreak.

1056. *NYT*, Saturday, December 14, 1929, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "finally is asked" in second sentence/*NYT* omits fifth sentence.

Grundy (see Notes 830 and 1055) was appointed to the United States Senate on December 11 to fill a vacancy caused by the refusal of the Senate to seat William S. Vare of Pennsylvania (see Note 984).

For Clara Bow see Note 942.

1057. *NYT*, Monday, December 16, 1929, 27:7.

Professor Horace Day, a teacher at Howard College in Alabama, made the remarks during chapel exercises at the Baptist institution.

Major General Butler, commander of American marines in Nicaragua (see Note 925), criticized United States policy in Nicaragua in a speech in Pittsburgh on December 5. According to Butler, pro-American candidates for public office in Nicaragua attempted to win votes by labeling their opponents as "bandits."

1058. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 17, 1929, 31:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "profession Mr. Eddie Cantor, my very good friend." to end first sentence.

H(erbert) G(eorge) Wells, English novelist, historian, and popularizer of new ideas, wrote syndicated articles for newspapers and other publications.

For George Bernard Shaw see Note 881.

Tunney, world heavyweight champion (see Note 837), wrote numerous magazine articles on boxing and the psychology of fighting.

For Coolidge's writing career see Notes 817, 840, and 896; for George H. "Babe" Ruth see Note 830.

Eddie Cantor, a popular comedian who starred in vaudeville, motion pictures, and radio for more than fifty years and who delighted audiences with his rolling eyes, lively movement, and inimitable singing voice.

Roger W. Babson, American businessman, statistician, and business prognosticator.

1059. *LAT*, Wednesday, December 18, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:6. Variants: *BDG* gives "King of Something-or-Other." and *KCT* gives "King of South Carolina." to end third sentence/*LAT* gives "That a girl, Mary." to begin eighth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Mary McCormic, an American concert and opera star, had announced in November that she would marry Serge Mdivani, a prince from the Caucasian state of Georgia, as soon as his divorce from Polish-born film actress Pola Negri was finalized. On December 18, Negri and Mdivani met in divorce court and announced that they had reconciled.

1060. *NYT*, Thursday, December 19, 1929, 3:2.

Japanese delegates to the London Five Power Naval Conference, scheduled to open in January of 1930, indicated in talks with Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson (see Note 830) and other American government officials that Japan would be willing to sacrifice a few 10,000-ton cruisers if its submarine force could be augmented accordingly.

Plutarco Elías Calles, president of Mexico from 1924 to 1928. Calles, who had been visiting in the United States, had intended to reenter Mexico through Laredo, Texas, but local district attorney John Valls threatened to arrest Calles in connection with the slaying of two Mexicans in Laredo in 1922. American government officials intervened, and Calles passed safely through Laredo on December 16.

1061. *NYT*, Friday, December 20, 1929, 3:5. Variant: *KCT* gives "are recovering their dead." in sixth sentence.

Fifty-nine miners died in a coal mine blast near McAlester, Oklahoma, on December 17; five others survived. State inspectors blamed dust ignited by a cutting machine for having caused the explosion.

1062. *NYT*, Saturday, December 21, 1929, 3:2.

The Research Council on Social Trends, chaired by Professor Wesley C. Mitchell of Columbia University, was established to study the status of the family in the modern industrial age.

1063. *NYT*, Monday, December 23, 1929, 21:7.

1064. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 24, 1929, 2:5.

Hoover was accused of instructing his personal secretary to act as a liaison between members of the House Ways and Means Committee and spokesmen for Cuban sugar interests. Herbert C. Larkin, president of the Cuba Company and a Republican, made the charges in testimony before the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee on December 18.

For Richard E. Byrd see Note 1045.

1065. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 25, 1929, 3:5. Variants: *NYT* omits first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "yours" in closing.

1066. *NYT*, Thursday, December 26, 1929, 17:7.

A fire caused more than $60,000 damage to the office wing of the White House. Valuable papers were saved from the blaze, which fire officials blamed on defective wiring.

1067. *NYT*, Friday, December 27, 1929, 23:7.

1068. *NYT*, Saturday, December 28, 1929, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* omits fifth sentence/*NYT* gives "Thus Russell...malamute dog" in sixth sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

Russell Owen, correspondent for the *New York Times* from 1920 to 1948. Owen won a Pulitzer Prize for his articles covering Admiral Byrd's Antarctica expedition of 1929 to 1930.

For Adolph S. Ochs see Note 1010.

1069. *NYT*, Monday, December 30, 1929, 19:7.

For William E. Borah see Note 915.

1070. *LAT*, Tuesday, December 31, 1929, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 2:2.

For Clara Bow see Note 942; for John D. Rockefeller, Sr. see Note 1019; for Charles W. Schwab see Note 1010; for Owen D. Young see Note 865; for Charles E. Mitchell see Note 835; for Otto H. Kahn see Note 1025; for Amon G. Carter see Note 883; for Dwight W. Morrow see Note 839; for Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045; for Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853; for James Cannon, Jr. see Note 927; for Mary L. "Texas" Guinan see Note 843.

1071. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 1, 1930, 3:2. Variants: *BDG* gives "future of Standard Oil,...Madam Ginsberg's" and *LAT* gives "bottles, Bull Durham, Mme." and *KCT* gives "bottles, Bull Durham, Madam Ginsberg's" in first sentence.

1072. *NYT*, Thursday, January 2, 1930, 25:7.

The University of Southern California crushed previously undefeated University of Pittsburgh, 47 to 14, in the annual Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on January 1.

Southern California ended its affiliation with the Methodist Church in 1929. The University of Pittsburgh was founded as Pittsburgh Academy in 1787 by a Presbyterian minister.

For Graham McNamee see Note 1003.

Mary Pickford, motion picture actress who in the heyday of silent films achieved renown as "America's sweetheart"; wife of film star Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.

William S. Hart, solemn-faced western hero of the silent screen who was the prototype of the strong, quiet man of the old West. Hart retired as an actor in 1926.

1073. McNaught Syndicate (hereafter cited as McN), Friday, January 3, 1930; heading from *KCT*, 2:3. *NYT* did not print the DT.

John and Charles Wesley, eighteenth century clergymen of the Church of England; founders, evangelists, and missionaries of the Methodist movement in England and the American colonies.

Russell "Russ" Saunders, a quarterback for the Southern California Trojans, passed for three touchdowns and ran for another in the Trojans' 47 to 14 win over the University of Pittsburgh (see Note 1072). A record crowd of 72,000 attended the game in the Rose Bowl.

For Joseph R. Grundy see Notes 830 and 1056.

1074. *NYT*, Saturday, January 4, 1930, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "sunshining" in first sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* give "vacant lots to sell it" and *KCT* gives "it be called a prayer. Take it" in third sentence/*KCT* omits postscript.

Rain, a drama that playwright John Colton adapted from "Miss Thompson," a short story by W. Somerset Maugham. The play was first produced in 1922 in New York City.

The great Johnston flood of 1889 claimed more than 2,200 lives when thirty feet of water, following heavy rains, completely inundated the southwestern Pennsylvania community.

1075. *NYT*, Monday, January 6, 1930, 27:7.

A fire, apparently caused by a smoldering cigarette, resulted in $30,000 damage to the west wing of the Capitol on January 3. The blaze came only ten days after a more serious fire at the White House on Christmas Eve (see Note 1066).

For J. Thomas Heflin, Sr., see Note 824.

1076. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 7, 1930, 31:7.

Smith, Coolidge, and Rosenwald (see Note 1010) acted as a joint committee to select the beneficiaries of the estate of Conrad Hubert, pioneer manufacturer of electric flashlights. The committee divided the estate of $6,000,000 among thirty-four local and national charitable institutions.

1077. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 8, 1930, 27:7.

Grundy refrained from voting on a Senate bill that would raise the tariff on wool products from 40 to 45 percent. The measure was approved by a vote of thirty-five to twenty-nine.

The United States delegation to the London Five Power Naval Conference was headed by Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson and included Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams, Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson, Republican Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, and Democratic Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas.

For William Randolph Hearst see Note 963; for William E. Borah see Note 915.

1078. *NYT*, Thursday, January 9, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits second sentence.

Princess Marie José, the only daughter of the King and Queen of the Belgians, and Prince Humbert, heir to the Italian throne, were married during lavish, colorful ceremonies in Rome on January 8.

For J. Ramsay MacDonald see Note 902.

Ruth refused the New York Yankees' initial contract offer for the new season of $75,000 a year for two years. Ruth had demanded $85,000 annually for three years, $15,000 more than he had made in 1929. He later accepted an offer of $80,000 annually for two years.

Lindbergh informed city officials of St. Louis that, although he had no particular objection to a movement to erect a statue of him in a city park, he preferred to be remembered simply as "the boy who flew the air mail."

1079. *NYT*, Friday, January 10, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "It's not a boast," in second sentence.

In Chicago 1,100 city employees including 473 policemen, were dismissed, and 1,000 others were asked to resign as the municipal government underwent severe budgetary cuts in January. Following the dismissals, crime in the city increased by 60 percent.

1080. *NYT*, Saturday, January 11, 1930, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "breath was strong." in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "claims" instead of "statements" in fifth sentence.

Coolidge, a member of the board of directors of New York Life Insurance Company, spoke at a banquet given for insurance executives on January 9 in St. Petersburg, Florida. The address, which was broadcast nationally, dealt mainly with the economic progress of the United States.

1081. *NYT*, Monday, January 13, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "ABOARD THE STEAMSHIP BREMEN" as origin/*NYT* omits third and fifth sentences.

Rogers covered the proceedings of the London Five Power Naval Conference for the McNaught Syndicate.

On its maiden voyage in July of 1929, the *Bremen*, a Germany luxury liner, had set a speed record for crossing the Atlantic.

Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States from 1913 to 1921. The *George Washington*, a former German liner, carried Wilson and his entourage to and from the Versailles Peace Conference following World War I.

1082. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 14, 1930, 27:7.

Charles A. Levine, millionaire aviation executive and promoter who had accompanied Clarence D. Chamberlin during the latter's epic flight from Long Island, New York, to Eisleben, Germany, in June of 1927. The feat marked the first successful United States-to-Germany flight and the first transatlantic flight with a passenger.

1083. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 15, 1930, 25:7.

1084. *NYT*, Thursday, January 16, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "after leaving New York." and *BDG* gives "by daylight, making it in four days and five hours." to end first sentence/*LAT* gives "the frivolous. Us serious thinkers and ones with a purpose go on to London" and *BDG* gives "the frivolous United States, serious thinkers and one with a purpose. Go on to London" and *KCT* gives "the frivolous. Us serious thinkers go on to London" in second sentence.

The Army Air Corps awarded Keystone Aircraft Corporation of Pennsylvania a contract for seventy-three bombers, spare parts, and engineering data at a total cost of $2,208,137. The corps also ordered fifty fighter planes from Curtiss Aeroplane Company.

1085. *NYT*, Friday, January 17, 1930, 25:7.

For Joseph T. Robinson see Note 994.

George V, reigning monarch of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 1910 until his death in 1936.

1086. *NYT*, Saturday, January 18, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fifth and sixth sentences/*LAT* gives "some information and see if Joe" in seventh sentence.

The young women secretaries of the American delegation attracted such wide-spread interest that the London press daily devoted entire columns to describe the charm of the American "typists."

For Charles G. Dawes see Note 820.

1087. *NYT*, Monday, January 20, 1930, 23:7.

Prime Minister MacDonald (see Note 902) announced on February 4 that Britain and the United States had agreed to scrap a total of eight battleships and build no more until 1936. He also indicated that France would reduce its submarine tonnage by 30,000.

1088. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 21, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Mrs. Robinson helped me with Joe." as the fifth sentence/*KCT* omits seventh sentence.

Ewilda M. Robinson, wife of Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas.

For Dwight W. Morrow see Notes 829 and 1053.

1089. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 22, 1930, 4:2-3. Variants: *NYT* gives "nothing but a Democratic convention. With a silk hat on, the" in first sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

For Henry L. Stimson see Notes 830 and 1077.

Charles B. Warren, lawyer, prominent Republican, and former ambassador to Japan and Mexico. In 1925 President Coolidge appointed Warren as United States attorney general. The nomination was sent to the Senate where a furious debate ensued regarding Warren's qualifications. At the critical moment when the roll was called, Vice President Dawes was taking a nap in a hotel near the Capitol. After approval failed by one vote, Dawes never completely overcame the suspicion that he deliberately had been absent.

Henry VIII, king of England from 1509 to 1547. He was married six times. He divorced two of his wives and beheaded two; one other died of natural causes, and the last survived him.

Elizabeth C. Morrow, educator, civic leader, and poet. The wife of Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, she served as acting president of Smith College from 1939 to 1940.

For Stanley Baldwin see Note 997.

Mabel W. Stimson, wife of Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson.

Ynés R. Gibson, Belgian-born wife of Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson.

1090. *NYT*, Thursday, January 23, 1930, 3:2.

For Nancy L. Astor, see Note 886.

Mary Baird Bryan, widow of William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state and three-time Democratic presidential nominee, who because of his outspoken defense of the individual was known as the "Great Commoner." Bryan, a non-practicing attorney, was a constant companion and valued adviser to her husband.

1091. *NYT*, Friday, January 24, 1930, 3:4-5. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "American" in second sentence/*NYT*, *BDG*, and *LAT* give "Chatterlee" in nineteenth sentence.

At the London Five Power Naval Conference, which formally ended on April 22, 1930, the United States, Great Britain, and Japan adopted a program of cruiser limitation that restricted Japan to a ratio of 10-6. The capital ship ratio remained at 10-10-6, but no new vessels were to be built until 1936. Because France contested the demands of Italy for parity, neither nation signed the more important provisions of the treaty. President Hoover secured Senate approval of the pact on July 21, 1930.

James E. Fenton, minister of trade and customs for the Australian Commonwealth; acting prime minister in 1930; Australian delegate to the London Five Power Naval Conference.

James L. Ralston, Canadian minister of national defense from 1926 to 1930 and 1940 to 1944, was the only official Canadian delegate to the naval conference.

André P. Tardieu, premier of France from 1929 to 1930 and again in 1932, headed a five-man delegation from France.

Atul C. Chatterjee, high commissioner for India in London from 1925 to 1931, represented India at the London Five Power Naval Conference.

Timothy A. Smiddy, Irish Free State commissioner in London from 1929 to 1930; formerly minister to the United States; noted economic adviser and educator; one of three Irish Free State delegates to the conference.

Dino Grandi, minister of foreign affairs for Italy from 1929 to 1932, headed a five-man delegation from Italy.

Reijiro Wakatsuki, former prime minister of Japan, was chief delegate of his country at the naval conference.

1092. *NYT*, Saturday, January 25, 1930, 17:7.

A British judge sentenced forty-year-old Clarence Hatry, a business executive, to fourteen year's penal servitude on January 24 for his part in a conspiracy to sell forged securities. Three accomplices received lesser sentences.

For George Bernard Shaw see Note 881.

1093. *NYT*, Monday, January 27, 1930, 3:3. Variants: *NYT* gives "behind a check plaid suit with knee breeches. In happy discord," in third sentence/*KCT* omits "Wakatsuki's" in fifth sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* omit postscript.

Hugh S. Gibson, United States ambassador to Belgium from 1927 to 1933 and 1937 to 1938. A career diplomat, Gibson also served in ambassadorial posts in Poland, Switzerland, and Brazil.

Senator David A. Reed, an American delegate at the naval conference (see Notes 831 and 1077), was a staunch supporter of the policies of super protectionist Joseph R. Grundy (see Note 830).

1094. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 28, 1930, 3:4. Variant: *BDG* gives "good one. 'We are...will do.'" in seventh and eighth sentences.

Britain announced on January 27 that it had canceled building orders for the 10,000-ton cruisers *Surrey* and *Northumberland* and that it was prepared to scrap four smaller cruisers.

1095. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 29, 1930, 3:2.

William H. Thompson, Republican mayor of Chicago from 1915 to 1923 and 1927 to 1931. A flamboyant figure, Thompson attracted much attention during the mayoralty campaign of 1927 by his tirades against England and English royalty. His attack on pro-British history textbooks used in Chicago schools faded in October of 1929 when a prominent Thompson supporter retracted charges that he had made against the author of one of the texts.

1096. *NYT*, Thursday, January 30, 1930, 25:7.

David Lloyd George (see Note 849) led Liberal party opposition in the House of Commons to the "Empire Free Trade" plan, a proposal that would create a tariff wall around the British Empire. Lloyd George's arguments during debate on January 29 completely routed most supporters of the plan.

For Nancy L. Astor see Note 886.

Miguel Primo de Rivera y Orbaneja, military dictator of Spain from 1923 to 1930. Economic failures and the withdrawal of King Alfonso's support caused Primo de Rivera to resign suddenly in January. While on a tour of Europe in the summer of 1926, Rogers met and interviewed the Spanish dictator. See *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to His President.*

1097. *NYT*, Friday, January 31, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "Japanese" in sixth sentence/*NYT* and *BDG* give "Takhira" and *LAT* gives "Takehira" in ninth sentence.

Takeshi Takarabe, Japanese admiral and minister of the navy; plenipotentiary delegate of Japan at the London Five Power Naval Conference.

1098. *NYT*, Saturday, February 1, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "the Ile de France" in first sentence.

The *Ile de France* entered into passenger service in 1927 as the first of the giant-class ships to be designed and built after World War I. Its startingly modern décor and use of catapulted mail planes created an immediate sensation.

For Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1099. *NYT*, Monday, February 3, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "best air-shes." and *KCT* gives "best air women." to end third sentence.

Jessie M. "Chubbie" Miller, Australian aviatrix and wife of Keith Miller, a journalist. Miller completed a 13,000-mile, five-month flight from London to Melbourne in March of 1928 and established two United States transcontinental flying records for women in October of 1930.

1100. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 4, 1930, 27:7.

H(enry) L(ouis) Mencken, American editor, author, and publisher; social and political critic well-known for his acid pen.

Hyde Park, Westminster borough, London, was renowned as a public park where soapbox orators could gather to express freely their opinions on public issues.

1101. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 5, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "saloon was for...time." and *KCT* gives "saloon was for...time." in first and second sentences/*KCT* omits fourth sentence.

Coolidge was asked in January of 1930 to write a 500-word history of the United States to be inscribed on Mount Rushmore. He wrote a text, but sculptor Gutzon Borglum disliked it and asked him to contribute another history. Coolidge's death in 1933 left the project unfinished.

"Yes, We Have No Bananas," a nonsense song of the 1920s made popular by Eddie Cantor; words and music by Frank Silver and Irving Cobb.

1102. *NYT*, Thursday, February 6, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Hughes, who was aboard on my last one. No one" in first and second sentences/*LAT* gives "himself when we landed." in second and third sentences/*BDG* and *KCT* give "When we landed" in third sentence.

Charles Evans Hughes, United States secretary of state from 1921 to 1925. In 1930, Hughes was appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court, a post that he held until his retirement in 1941. Rogers and Hughes returned from Europe together in 1926 aboard the *Leviathan*. During the crossing, they staged a charity benefit to raise funds for victims of a hurricane in Florida.

1103. *NYT*, Friday, February 7, 1930, 23:7.

1104. *NYT*, Saturday, February 8, 1930, 17:7.

For J. Ramsay MacDonald's announcement see Note 1078.

1105. *NYT*, Monday, February 10, 1930, 25:7.

The bill to transfer prohibition enforcement from the Treasury Department to the Justice Department was supported by President Hoover as a move to achieve more effective organization. The House passed the measure on February 8, the Senate cleared the bill on May 14, and Hoover signed it on May 27, 1930.

For Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853.

1106. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 11, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "WASHINGTON, D. C.," in dateline.

For William E. Borah see Note 915.

Vice President Charles Curtis (see Note 816) claimed 1/16 Kaw Indian ancestry. Rogers was 3/32 Cherokee.

James E. Watson, Republican United States senator from Indiana from 1916 to 1933; titular leader of Senate Republicans during much of the Hoover administration.

James Couzens, Republican United States senator from Michigan from 1922 until his death in 1936. A former stockholder and executive officer of Ford Motor Company, Couzens allied with other independent, progressive Republican senators in support of public ownership of utilities and high, graduated income taxes.

For B. Patton "Pat" Harrison see Note 971; for Alice Roosevelt Longworth see Note 866.

1107. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 12, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "My wife and I have just come back" to begin fifth sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit "of course...Paris." in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "shattered (in an airplane accident)—all but" in eighth sentence.

Fred Stone (see Note 856) opened on Broadway on January 1, 1930, in *Ripples*, a light-hearted comedy based on the character Rip Van Winkle, Stone's wife, Allene, and eldest daughter, Dorothy, also appeared in the show as did another daughter, Paula, who made her stage debut in the hit production.

1108. *NYT*, Thursday, February 13, 1930, 32:7. Variants: *NYT* omits dateline/*LAT* and *KCT* give "mind after their appointment. If" in fifth and sixth sentences.

1109. *NYT*, Friday, February 14, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives dateline "New York, Feb. 14." beneath signature/*KCT* inserts "It ran four days of talk" between sixth and seventh sentences.

Royal S. Copeland, Democratic United States senator from New York from 1923 to 1938. A physician, Copeland formerly had served as dean of a New York City medical college.

Senator George W. Norris (see Note 860) and other progressive Republicans had challenged the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes as chief justice of the Supreme Court (see Note 1102). They objected to Hughes' conservative interpretation of the Constitution, his opposition to government control of oil production and transportation, and his generally strong support of the rights of property. The Senate confirmed Hughes' nomination on February 13.

1110. *NYT*, Saturday, February 15, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "finally halted" in second sentence.

For "sons of wild jackasses" see Note 1027.

Ford's announcement on February 13 that he would spend $100,000,000 to build vocational schools for young men in various parts of the country received an enthusiastic response. He established a number of the schools after 1930, primarily in Michigan and Georgia, but the depression and his advancing age kept him from completing the ambitious project.

1111. *NYT*, Monday, February 17, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "run. Cracked ice and charged water" in fourth sentence.

Ulysses S. Grant, general and supreme commander of the Union Army during the Civil War, served as President of the United States from 1869 to 1877.

Jesse W. James, notorious Missouri outlaw of the post-Civil War era.

The Will Rogers Hotel in Claremore opened in 1930.

The Rice Hotel in Houston served as headquarters of the Democratic National Committee during the national convention in 1928.

1112. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 18, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*LAT* gives "El Paso to Phoenix in three hours, lunch there and in Beverly Hills by 5 o'clock" in second sentence.

The heavy passenger business at the Tulsa Municipal Airport in 1929 established a record for the United States and Europe.

President and Mrs. Coolidge arrived in Los Angeles on February 18 on a sightseeing tour. They had traveled by train from the East Coast.

1113. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 19, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Calvin and Grace" in first sentence.

Grace G. Coolidge, gracious and popular former first lady.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson (see Note 1025), a progressive Republican from California, had challenged Coolidge for the party presidential nomination in 1924 and often had opposed Coolidge's policies as president.

For Dwight W. Morrow see Note 839.

1114. *NYT*, Thursday, February 20, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "weeks, now this for only one." and *LAT* gives "weeks, now this one for only one." and *KCT* gives "weeks. Now it's only for one." to end second sentence.

The London Five Power Naval Conference adjourned on February 19 for one week because of the absence of the French delegation due to a governmental crisis in Paris.

For Joseph T. Robinson see Note 994.

1115. *NYT*, Friday, February 21, 1930, 21:7.

Harry Chandler, publisher of the *Los Angeles Times* from 1927 to 1941: Southern California rancher, land developer, and agriculturist; a Republican.

1116. *NYT*, Saturday, February 22, 1930, 17:7.

The government of Premier André P. Tardieu, head of the French delegation to the London Five Power Naval Conference, was defeated in a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies on February 17. Eight days later Tardieu again was asked to form a new government.

1117. *NYT*, Monday, February 24, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "countries for poor" in seventh and eighth sentences.

For Nancy L. Astor see Note 886.

1118. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 25, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "following item" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "After Nov. 1 I" to begin fourth sentence.

Mabel Normand, highly successful film comedienne who first achieved stardom in the Keystone comedies of the early 1900s and who later won critical acclaim in dramatic roles. Normand's private life often was marked by tragedy. Although cleared of any wrongdoing, she was mentioned prominently in the murder of movie director William Desmond Taylor in early 1922.

1119. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 26, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Mrs. Coolidge in second sentence/*LAT* and *KCT* give "chamber of commerce speech." to end eighth sentence.

1120. *NYT*, Thursday, February 27, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Reed Smoot," in third sentence/*LAT* gives "hysterical day" in fourth sentence.

Rudy Vallee, composer, band leader, and singer who influenced the trend of the late 1920s and early 1930s toward crooning. Vallee became the "Dream Boy" in 1929 for his film *The Vagabond Lover*, for which the trailer announced: "Men hate him—women love him!" He performed at a party given by wives and daughters of congressmen in honor of Mrs. Hoover.

For David A. Reed see Note 831; for Reed Smoot see Note 905; for Samuel M. Shortridge see Note 993; for J. Thomas Heflin, Sr. see Note 824; for James E. Watson see Note 1106; for Nicholas Longworth see Note 828.

John Nance Garner, Democratic United States representative from Texas from 1903 to 1933; minority floor leader from 1929 to 1931; speaker of the House of Representatives from 1931 to 1933.

For Clara Bow see Note 942; for Mary L. "Texas" Guinan see Note 843.

For the French government crisis see Note 1116.

1121. *NYT*, Friday, February 28, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "education, by sound" in sixth sentence.

Lady Astor (see Note 886) told unemployed and disgruntled miners in Durham, England, in December of 1926 that "if any fit out-of-work man among you believes that Russia is a paradise and is prepared to live under Bolshevik rule for two years, I will pay his passage to Russia." Thirty applications were received, but only one man and his family were awarded free passage.

1122. *NYT*, Saturday, March 1, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "lovely old soul he has been." and *KCT* gives "lovely old soul. Fat and good natured." in first sentence/*BDG* gives "Taft will leave us with" and *KCT* gives "Taft will come to his end with more downright and fewer enemies" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "He has always" to begin fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "He has felt solid charity for everybody,...all of his" in seventh sentence/*KCT* omits seventh sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

William Howard Taft, former president of the United States and chief justice of the Supreme Court, died on March 8, 1930, following a long illness.

1123. *NYT*, Monday, March 3, 1930, 23:7. Variant: only *LAT* printed last sentence.

Independent oil producer Wirt Franklin revealed in testimony before the Senate Lobby Committee that a powerful oil lobby had conducted a whirlwind campaign to influence senators to vote for a proposed tariff duty on imported petroleum. Franklin alleged that senators and representatives had traded votes in the interest of oil, sugar, and lumber groups.

1124. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 4, 1930, 29:7.

Coolidge Dam, located 130 miles southeast of Phoenix on the Gila River, was designed to furnish water for 1,000,000 parched acres, including the San Carlos Apache Indian reservation.

Geronimo, famed American Indian warrior and a leader of the Chiricahua Apache during the 1870s and 1880s.

1125. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 5, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* omits second sentence/*LAT* gives "dedicated the dam" in fifth sentence.

1126. *NYT*, Thursday, March 6, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits fourth sentence.

Anti-prohibitionists presented their final arguments on March 4 before the House Judiciary Committee, which had conducted hearings on several repeal and modification bills. Later the same day, dry advocates began their testimony in defense of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act.

1127. *NYT*, Friday, March 7, 1930, 25:7.

Telegrams from Ford and Edison in support of prohibition were read before the House Judiciary Committee on March 5.

The Senate adopted the Smoot amendment to the tariff bill, increasing the duties on sugar by as much as thirty cents a pound. Nine senators had vacated their position in opposition to the higher tariff in order to vote for the amendment.

1128. *NYT*, Saturday, March 8, 1930, 19:7.

James Rolph, Jr., mayor of San Francisco from 1911 to 1931; Republican governor of California from 1931 until his death in 1934.

The Communist International had called for "revolutionary mass actions" to be held throughout the world on March 6. Demonstrations by Communists in leading cities in the United States resulted in approximately 100 arrests and injuries to more than sixty persons. Peaceful demonstrations, however, were held in San Francisco, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

Vasco Núñez de Balboa, Spanish explorer who was credited with discovering the Pacific Ocean in 1513.

1129. *NYT*, Monday, March 10, 1930, 23:7.

Lindbergh lost part of a wing of his glider during a one-hour and ten-minute flight near Del Monte, California, on March 8. He continued his descent from 200 feet and made a near-perfect landing.

1130. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 11, 1930, 29:7.

Edward T. Sanford, associate justice of the Supreme Court, died suddenly on March 8, only five hours before the death of former Chief Justice William Howard Taft (see Note 1122). A protracted debate in the Senate followed Hoover's nomination of Circuit Judge John J. Parker of North Carolina to replace Sanford. The Senate rejected Parker on May 7; thirteen days later it confirmed the nomination of Owen J. Roberts to the court bench.

1131. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 12, 1930, 21:7.

Hundreds of persons in Oklahoma and Tennessee in early March suffered swollen feet and paralysis of the legs attributed to alcohol poisoning. Adulterated Jamaica ginger known as "black

light" was blamed, also a mixture of ginger and creosote or crude carbolic acid employed in the Southwest as a sheep-dip for vermin.

1132. *NYT*, Thursday, March 13, 1930, 27:7.

1133. *NYT*, Friday, March 14, 1930, 23:7.

Literary Digest magazine conducted an extensive 20,000,000-ballot straw poll from March to May of 1930 to ascertain the sentiment of Americans on the question of prohibition. Final figures showed 40 percent for repeal, 29 for modification, 30 for enforcement. Prohibitionists criticized the magazine for unduly favoring "wets" in the distribution of ballots.

1134 *NYT*, Saturday, March 15, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Gandi" in first sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* give "Lindy. He had been" in fourth sentence.

Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader known as the Mahatma, or Great Soul, was the principal leader of the Indian struggle for independence from Britain, a goal attained in 1947. Instrumental in his campaign for independence was the technique of nonviolent action, or passive resistance.

Lindbergh had made several glider flights along the California coast since February (see Note 1129).

1135. *NYT*, Monday, March 17, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "You must have grown up" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "we must have" to begin fifth sentence.

Aguascalientes, a city in central Mexico, had gained popular favor as a health resort because of its many hot springs and its mild climate.

They Had to See Paris (1929) and *So This Is London* (1930) were two of Rogers' earliest sound films.

1136. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 18, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *BDG* omits postscript.

1137. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 19, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "his usual life's work," in second sentence/*LAT* gives "lived near neighbors" in third sentence.

Al Capone, Chicago gang leader (see Note 876), and his bodyguard, Frank "Slippery" Cline, were released from a federal penitentiary on March 17 after serving ten months for carrying loaded guns.

Edward L. Doheny, multimillionaire oil operator who was involved in the Teapot Dome scandal of the Harding administration. He was charged with giving a $100,000-bribe to Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall for the award of leases on naval oil reserves. Doheny testified on March 17 that the money was a loan. Five days later the jury acquitted him on the first ballot.

1138. *NYT*, Thursday, March 20, 1930, 29:7.

1139. *LAT*, Friday, March 21, 1930, I:1:6; heading from *KCT*, 13:4. Variants: *BDG* gives "'Popular—appeared" in fifth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

"Smellies," "tasties," and "feelies" were among the many half-humorous, half-serious innovations that followed the advent of "talkies" in the late 1920s. John Lovell of Los Angeles received a patent in March of 1930 for a device to transmit odors to audiences appropriate with scenes on the screen. His idea of smells on film failed to attract the interest of movie makers.

John "Handsome Jack" Gilbert, leading man of silent films whom fans worshipped as Greta Garbo's ardent lover in *Flesh and the Devil* (1926) and in *Love* (1927). A squeaky voice doomed his talkie career; he later became a film producer and director.

1140. *NYT*, Saturday, March 22, 1930, 21:7.

Arthur J. Balfour, prime minister of Great Britain from 1902 to 1905. Lord Balfour held numerous other governmental positions and headed the British delegation at the Washington Disarmament Conference of 1921 to 1922. He died on March 20, 1930, following a long illness.

1141. *NYT*, Monday, March 24, 1930, 23:7.

For J. Ramsay MacDonald see Note 902; for William Randolph Hearst see Note 962.

1142. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 25, 1930, 31:7. Variants: *BDG* omits seventh sentence/*LAT* gives "been like this for fifty years." to end tenth sentence.

The Senate passed the tariff bill on March 24 after nearly ten months of consideration. The House passed a version of the measure on May 28, 1929. The two bills were sent to a conference committee for final deliberation.

For Joseph R. Grundy see Notes 830 and 1030.

1143. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 26, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "hope came...speech up in Berkeley, where" and *KCT* gives "hope, Owen D. Young, come through in...and 'to financial'" in first sentence.

Owen D. Young (see Notes 865 and 888) spoke in San Francisco on March 24, on the occasion of the sixty-second anniversary of the University of California. In describing the reparations plan that bore his name, Young emphasized the need to keep economic machinery free from political domination.

1144. *NYT*, Thursday, March 27, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "tariff passes, about sixty" in fifth and sixth sentences.

1145. *NYT*, Friday, March 28, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "cots, and the water there cured...paralysis O. K., but of" in fourth sentence/*KCT* omits fifth sentence/*NYT* omits "now I am...Jake," in fifth sentence.

For Jamaica ginger see Note 1131.

1146. *NYT*, Saturday, March 29, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* omits first three sentences.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 903.

1147. *NYT*, Monday, March 31, 1930, 23:7.

Joseph P. Cotton, Sr., United States undersecretary of state from 1929 until his death in 1931.

1148. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 1, 1930, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Hoover may say" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "'mouthful.' Yours, in envy, WILL." to end DT.

The telephone conversation on April 1 between Presidents Herbert C. Hoover, Hipólito Irigoyen of Argentina, Carlos Ibáñez del Campo of Chile, and Juan Campísteguy of Uruguay marked the official opening of phone service among their respective countries.

1149. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 2, 1930, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* omits second sentence.

James J. Davis, United States secretary of labor from 1921 to 1930. Davis had challenged Senator Joseph R. Grundy, leader of the high tariff forces in the Senate (see Note 830), in the Republican primary in Pennsylvania (see Note 1193).

William Penn, English Quaker who as founder of Pennsylvania in 1681 sought to create an ideal Christian commonwealth devoted to civil and religious liberty. Penn established harmonious relations with the Indians and arranged the peaceful transfer of lands to his colonists.

1150. *NYT*, Thursday, April 3, 1930, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "goody" in first sentence.

The Gold Star mothers, the mothers of American soldiers who died in World War I, had indicated in 1929 their desire to visit the European battlefields on which their sons fought. In February of 1930 Congress appropriated $5,386,000 to finance the pilgrimage of the mothers and also the widows of war veterans. The first group sailed for France on May 7, 1930.

1151. *NYT*, Friday, April 4, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "and" in sixth sentence.

Coolidge paid $45,000 for "The Beeches," considered one of the most elegant estates in Northampton, Massachusetts. The transaction for the sixteen-room mansion, complete with swimming pool and tennis courts, was finalized on April 1.

1152. *NYT*, Saturday, April 5, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* add "10-10-7" instead of "10-10-6" at end of fourth sentence/*NYT*, *BDG*, and *LAT* give "Takahari" in first sentence.

For Takeshi Takarabe see Note 1097. Japanese negotiators in London announced on April 2 that their government had accepted, with reservations, the American-British ratio proposals for cruisers. The reservations were minor and had little effect on the soon-to-be-signed naval disarmament treaty.

1153. *NYT*, Monday, April 7, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* substitutes "Senate" for "august body" in seventh sentence.

Ruth Hanna McCormick, Republican United States representative from Illinois from 1929 to 1931. McCormick, who failed in 1930 in a bid for a Senate seat, was the daughter of Ohio industrialist and politician Marcus A. "Mark" Hanna and the widow of publisher and congressman Joseph Medill McCormick.

1154. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 8, 1930, 31:7.

The radio broadcast by Ambassador Gibson (see Note 1093) on April 6 was intended to convince the American public not to expect great reductions in the naval fleets of the United States, Britain, and Japan.

1155. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 9, 1930, 29:7.

John J. Raskob, former du Pont and General Motors executive who chaired the Democratic National Committee from 1928 to 1932. Raskob appeared before the Senate Lobby Committee on April 4 to refute charges that he had used the post of Democratic chairman to aid the anti-prohibition campaign.

1156. *NYT*, Thursday, April 10, 1930, 29:7.

Primo Carnera, heavyweight boxer known as the "Ambling Alp;" reigned as world champion from 1933 to 1934. Carnera won his fourteenth match in the United States on April 8 by knocking out Neil Clisby of Riverside, California, in the second round. The Italian giant scored sixty-five other career knock-outs.

1157. *NYT*, Friday, April 11, 1930, 29:7.

Ruth Hanna McCormick (see Note 1153) won the Republican primary nomination for the United States Senate on April 9. She opposed United States membership in the World Court (see Note 972) because of the close relation of the tribunal with the council and assembly of the League of Nations.

1158. *NYT*, Saturday, April 12, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Talk about," in second sentence.

In an article published in *Cosmopolitan* magazine in April of 1930, Coolidge declared that he was through with public office, that he found his retirement "an incomprehensible relief." He even ruled out a career in the Senate: "To have a former President in Washington exercising political power would result in all kinds of uncomfortable complications."

For Dolly C. Gann and the social precedence controversy see Notes 823 and 866; for William E. Borah see Note 915.

1159. *NYT*, Monday, April 14, 1930, 23:7.

The United States Army Air Corps set a new world record for altitude combat formation flying on April 12 when nineteen planes of the 95th Pursuit Squadron commanded by Captain Hugh M. Elmendorf reached 30,000 feet, 13,000 feet higher than the previous mark.

Delegates to the London Five Power Naval Conference had drafted a plan to scrap the United States battleships *Utah* and *Florida* and four British battleships. Two other American capital ships, the *Arkansas* and *Wyoming*, were to become training vessels.

1160. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 15, 1930, 33:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "indicted for bigamy" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "confirmed" for "ratified" in sixth sentence.

John J. Parker, judge of the United States Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit from 1925 until his death in 1958. Parker was nominated for a position on the Supreme Court in March of 1930 but on May 7 failed by two votes to win approval by the Senate. Labor union leaders had deplored his decision in sustaining a "yellow dog" contract and had fought successfully to block his nomination.

For Charles Evans Hughes, see Notes 1102 and 1109.

1161. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 16, 1930, 31:7.

The annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held in Washington, D. C., from April 14 to 19. President Hoover spoke at the opening night banquet and received applause when he praised the results achieved at the London Five Power Naval Conference. Earlier in the day, Edith L. Hobart, president-general of the D.A.R. from 1929 to 1932, had spoken in favor of a strong national defense system.

1162. *NYT*, Thursday, April 17, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "small towns," in closing.

Census figures released on April 15 showed that 60 percent of 161 small towns counted in the Middle West had suffered a reduction in population from 5 to 100 percent between 1920 and 1930.

1163. *NYT*, Friday, April 18, 1930, 27:7.

As a result of the new census, California recorded a gain of nine representatives in the Seventy-third Congress.

1164. *NYT*, Saturday, April 19, 1930, 19:7.

For the *Literary Digest* poll on prohibition see Note 1133.

1165. *NYT*, Monday, April 21, 1930, 25:7.

Umberto "Albert John" Capone, younger brother of Chicago gangster leader Al Capone (see Note 876), was arrested on vagrancy charges in Miami Beach, Florida, on April 11, 1930. Police had received complaints from patrons of a golf course at which Capone was playing.

1166. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 22, 1930, 31:7.

"*The Pioneer Woman*," a bronze statue sculpted by English-born Bryant P. Baker of New York City, was unveiled in Ponca City, Oklahoma, on April 22. The monument, commemorating the role of the frontier woman in the settlement of the West, was erected by oilman E(rnest) W(hitworth) Marland on land given by him to the state. Rogers spoke at the ceremony.

Charles and Anne Lindbergh flew from Glendale, California, to Long Island, New York, on April 20 in fourteen hours, forty-five minutes, and thirty-two seconds. The couple stopped briefly in Wichita, Kansas. The Lindberghs' flight broke the transcontinental record set by Captain Francis M. "Frank" Hawks in a nonstop flight in June of 1929.

1167. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 23, 1930, 29:7.

Hoover spoke briefly from his office in the White House *via* a national radio network; Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley (see Note 1052) spoke from a study at his home in Washington, D. C.

1168. *NYT*, Thursday, April 24, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "when it all has water, and the proper name of newspapers." and *LAT* gives "when it all has water and the proper number of

newspapers." to end second sentence/*KCT* omits second sentence/*KCT* omits "and, speaking...his hand." in fifth sentence.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 903.

1169. *NYT*, Friday, April 25, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* omits one "mighty" in first sentence.

1170. *NYT*, Saturday, April 26, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "some of his person" in second sentence/*NYT* and *KCT* omit eighth sentence.

Rockne, football coach at Notre Dame (see Note 1045), had suffered a severe attack of phlebitis in 1929 and thus had to work from a wheelchair much of that fall. In the spring of 1930, he was treated at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for a slight bronchial illness. He underwent a minor nasal operation and recovered in time for the spring football drills.

1171. *NYT*, Monday, April 28, 1930, 23:7.

James E. Fechet, major general and chief of the Army Air Corps from 1927 to 1931. The provisional wing of the Air Corps conducted maneuvers on the West Coast in late April.

1172. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 29, 1930, 29:7.

The telephone conversation on April 27 between Sir Henry W. Thornton, president of Canadian National Railways, and Robert P. Lamont, United States secretary of commerce, initiated two-way telephone communication as a regular service on a moving train.

1173. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 30, 1930, 27:7.

Secretary Stimson and other American delegates to the London Five Power Naval Conference (see Notes 1077 and 1089) returned to New York City on April 29 after three months of disarmament negotiations.

1174. *NYT*, Thursday, May 1, 1930, 31:7.

1175. *NYT*, Friday, May 2, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "NEW YORK" as origin.

Charles W. "Charley" Paddock, American journalist and track star. After Paddock won the 100-meter event in the Olympics of 1920, sports writers dubbed him the "world's fasted human;" by the time of his death in 1943, he was credited with having broken or equaled ninety-four world records. On December 11, 1930, Paddock married Neva J. Prisk, daughter of a California publisher.

Ford challenged his personal secretary, Frank Campbell, to a 100-yard dash following an after-breakfast stroll. The sixty-six-year-old automobile manufacturer outran the younger man by several yards. Ford and his party had been touring Virginia during the flower garden season.

For Thomas Alva Edison, see Note 924; for John D. Rockefeller, Sr., see Note 1019.

1176. *NYT*, Saturday, May 3, 1939, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* omits first two sentences/*LAT* omits sixth sentence.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States held its annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in early May. President Hoover addressed the businessmen on May 1 and assured them that the United States had "passed the worst of the great economic storm."

1177. *NYT*, Monday, May 5, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "telling that he had" in first sentence.

The New York Stock Exchange was rocked on May 3 by the heaviest Saturday trading in the history of the market; 4,867,530 shares changed hands in two hours. As a result, stock prices dropped sharply, some by as much as eighteen points.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 903; for Mary L. "Texas" Guinan see Note 843.

1178. *LAT*, Tuesday, May 6, 1930, I;1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the nationalist civil disobedience campaign in India (see Note 1134), protested in 1930 against the British salt monopoly by leading a 200-mile march to the sea where he extracted salt against British regulations. During this period, he was in and out of jail repeatedly, often engaging in fasts.

1179. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 7, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "like this that they" in fourth sentence.

The Supreme Court ruled on May 5 that persons who offered liquor-related items for sale so as to attract purchasers who would want the articles for illegal purposes had violated the national prohibition act. The court decision allowed prohibition agents more latitude in their enforcement operations.

1180. *NYT*, Thursday, May 8, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* omits sixth sentence.

For Gold Star mothers see Note 1150.

Ethel Geller of Columbus, Ohio, shot and killed seven of her eleven children on May 6 and then attempted to commit suicide. Officials believed that she had become despondent because of the family's acute poverty and her husband's confinement in a state penitentiary.

1181. *NYT*, Friday, May 9, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "17,528" in third sentence.

The Census of 1930 showed that in ten years Beverly Hills had recorded the largest percentage gain in population of any California city and one of the largest in the country.

1182. *NYT*, Saturday, May 10, 1930, 21:7.

Fire at the Ohio State Penitentiary on Monday, April 21, 1930, killed 317 inmates and injured 231 others. Many of the 4,300 prisoners in the presumably fireproof prison, which was designed to hold 1,500 persons, were kept locked up until flames made rescue impossible. On May 8, Ohio national guardsmen accidentally shot and killed two convicts asleep in their cells. One other inmate was wounded in the shooting.

Golfing great Bobby Jones (see Note 914) and the Prince of Wales (see Note 898) were paired on May 8 in a foursome at Sunningdale, England, where a United States team was practicing for an upcoming Walker Cup match. Jones and Prince Edward played their opponents to a draw.

1183. *NYT*, Monday, May 12, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "she has breakfast in bed," in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "This is Hospital Way" in eighth sentence.

Father's Day was first observed in Spokane, Washington, in 1910.

1184. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 13, 1930, 31:7.

The office of Senator Hiram W. Johnson (see Note 1025) in the Senate Office Building was ransacked twice in two nights, May 10 and 11, by unidentified intruders. The senator's correspondence files were rifled, but no important papers were missing.

Cleveland gained 13 percent in population between 1920 and 1930 and maintained its fifth place ranking among the largest cities in the United States. Los Angeles, however, experienced a greater growth rate and climbed ahead of Cleveland into fourth place, displacing Detroit.

1185. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 14, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* omits sixth sentence.

Hoover announced on May 9 plans to visit several national parks in the Rocky Mountains during his summer vacation. By August of 1930, an acute drought had blighted much of the country, forcing Hoover to abandon his western trip in order to supervise relief operations.

1186. *NYT*, Thursday, May 15, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "U.S. Army" in first sentence.

Christian "Red" Cagle, an all-American running back on the Army football team from 1926 to 1929. Cagle, who would have graduated from West Point in June of 1930, suddenly resigned

from the academy on May 13 following the disclosure that he was married, a direct violation of West Point regulations. He later returned to his native Louisiana to coach college football and to enter business.

Navy and Army did not meet on the gridiron in 1928 and 1929 because Navy, which allowed its athletes only three years of eligibility, had refused to accept the six-year rule then practiced by Army.

For Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1187. *NYT*, Friday, May 16, 1930, 25:7.

The Senate began public hearings on the London naval disarmament treaty on May 14. Various members of the American delegation appeared as witnesses. The treaty faced only limited opposition in the Senate and was ratified on July 21, 1930.

1188. *NYT*, Saturday, May 17, 1930, 19:7.

Garner (see Note 1120) believed that the division of Texas into five states would transfer the balance of political power to the South. According to his study of the law, such a division was possible under a privilege granted by Congress when Texas became a state in 1845. Garner's idea met with only mild approval in Texas.

For Joseph R. Grundy see Note 830.

1189. *NYT*, Monday, May 19, 1930, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 2:3. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Raymond Recouly posthumously published in late 1929 the memoirs of Ferdinand Foch, the commander-in-chief of the Allied armies on the Western Front in World War I. Many readers were amazed and shocked by the slighting remarks hurled at Georges Clemenceau, wartime prime minister of France and long-time foe of Foch. Clemenceau responded with equally bitter commentary in his *The Grandeur and Misery of Peace*, which also received posthumous publication, appearing in early 1930s, about four months after Clemenceau's death. Thus, the feud between the two Frenchmen continued long after their deaths.

1190. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 20, 1930, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "If we had never conferred" in ninth sentence.

Hoover boarded the U.S.S. *Salt Lake City* on May 18 to review the fleet as it conducted maneuvers thirty-five miles off the Virginia Capes.

1191. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 21, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* omits third and sixth sentences.

Bishop Cannon (see Note 927) was cleared by the Episcopacy Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church on May 19 of charges regarding stock market speculation.

1192. *NYT*, Thursday, May 22, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "he must be queer," and *KCT* gives "He must be funny. He can't be human." in eighth sentence.

Owen J. Roberts, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1930 to 1945. Earlier, the Senate had questioned at length the nominations of Charles Evans Hughes and John J. Parker to the Supreme Court (see Notes 109 and 1160). In contrast, on May 20 the Senate unanimously and without debate approved Roberts' nomination to the high court.

1193. *NYT*, Friday, May 23, 1930, 25:7.

James J. Davis (see Note 1149) defeated Joseph R. Grundy by a margin of three to two in the Republican primary in Pennsylvania.

For Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1194. *NYT*, Saturday, May 24, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "two knew enough to work 'em and both" in second and third sentences/*LAT* and *KCT* give "and baited his with cheese, so they are going" in fourth and fifth sentences.

Some senators believed that the recent installation of dial phones in the Capitol and the Senate Office Building represented an attempt by the phone company to reduce the number of operators and thus to increase unemployment. Others complained that the new machinery was more difficult to operate. Subsequently, more than 300 dial phones in the Senate wing of the Capitol were replaced with manual equipment.

Carter Glass, Democratic United States senator from Virginia from 1920 until his death in 1946. Glass, who complained that he had been made "an employee of the telephone company without compensation," led a revolt in the Senate against the new dial phones.

1195. *NYT*, Monday, May 26, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "they were all marvelous; we got to" in third and fourth sentences/*NYT* and *KCT* give "knocking these young folk. They may be raising Cain," in fourth sentence/*BDG* gives "Oklahoma" in fifth sentence.

Edmund A. Guillion, a seventeen-year-old high school student from Washington, D. C., won the national oratorical contest, which was held on May 24 in Washington, with a six-minute prepared speech and a four-minute extemporaneous oration on topics related to John Marshall. The champion of Oklahoma and the Midwest zone, Gloria Gulager of Muskogee, finished fourth in the contest. Gloria's father, William Gulager, was a nephew of Rogers' mother, Mary Schrimsher Rogers.

1196. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 27, 1930, 31:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "Even" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "bitin'" in third sentence/*BDG* omits "We shouldn't elect a President;" in sixth sentence.

1197. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 28, 1930, 27:7.

The Supreme Court ruled on May 26 that purchasers of intoxicating liquors were not guilty of violating prohibition law. The decision came at a time when attempts were made to find the buyer as equally guilty as the seller.

1198. *NYT*, Thursday, May 29, 1930, 25:7.

John Hays Hammond, Jr., electronics genius whose hundreds of patents contributed significantly to the development of radio, television, and radar. The radio eye that Rogers mentioned enabled a pilot to "see" the ground, *via* a television screen in his plane. Hammond's device was a forerunner of radar.

1199. *NYT*, Friday, May 30, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "for the twelfth time!" in fifth sentence.

Wesley L. Jones, Republican United States senator from Washington from 1909 until his death in 1932. Jones, author of a law enacted in 1929 that stiffened federal penalties for prohibition offenses (see Note 818) and a candidate for reelection in 1930, declared on May 27 that he would vote for repeal or modification of the Eighteenth Amendment if the citizens of Washington were similarly inclined.

Thomas J. Walsh, Democratic United States senator from Montana from 1913 until his death in 1933. Walsh, a champion of dry legislation and like Jones and Sheppard a candidate for re-election in 1930, stated on May 28 that he would willingly support a prohibition referendum in Montana and would abide by its outcome.

Morris Sheppard, Democratic United States senator from Texas from 1913 until his death in 1941. Sheppard, who led the fight in Congress that resulted in the passage of the prohibition amendment and its subsequent ratification in 1919, said on May 28 that he would give "serious consideration" to any desire by the citizens of his state to repeal or modify the Eighteenth Amendment.

Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, insurance executive and former United States senator from New Jersey who ran against Dwight W. Morrow and Franklin W. Fort in the Republican primary of 1930 for a seat in the Senate (see Note 1053). Frelinghuysen and Morrow favored repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment; Fort, a member of the Anti-Saloon League, urged its enforcement.

1200. *LAT*, Saturday, May 31, 1930, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 15:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Sawtelle, a division in western Los Angeles, was the site of a Veterans' Administration facility, the largest soldiers' home in the country.

1201. *NYT*, Monday, June 2, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Just read" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "Tex., Jesse Jones's town, showed" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "rascals take their" in twelfth sentence.

Jesse H. Jones, Houston civic leader, financier, and political figure; owner of the *Houston Chronicle* and chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic National Committee.

For Amon G. Carter see Note 883.

1202. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 3, 1930, 31:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "The Supreme Court" and *KCT* gives "News today is that the supreme court" to begin the DT/*NYT* gives "as a member today and then" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "for months." and *LAT* gives "until October;" to end first sentence.

For Owen J. Roberts see Note 1192.

Chicago police arrested 200 reputed gunmen and gangsters in a series of raids in the Little Sicily quarter of the city on June 2. The wholesale arrests followed the slaying of three gangsters on June 1 and the deaths of five others in the previous three days.

The *Graf Zeppelin* took off from the naval air station at Lakehurst, New Jersey, on June 2 for a 5,500-mile return flight to Friedrichshafen, Germany, home port of the German dirigible. The *Zeppelin* arrived at Friedrichshafen on June 6.

Grace M. H. Drummond-Hay, British aviatrix and journalist who was the only woman aboard the *Graf Zeppelin* on its first flight across the Atlantic in 1928 and on its historic around-the-world flight in 1929. Lady Drummond-Hay was a correspondent for the Hearst newspapers for many years and was author of several articles for the *New York Times* and other publications.

Karl H. von Wiegand, chief foreign correspondent of the Hearst newspapers from 1917 until his death in 1961. Von Wiegand covered twelve armed conflicts during his colorful newspaper career, but one of his most publicized feats was making the first lighter-than-air flight across the Atlantic on the *Graf Zeppelin* in 1928.

1203. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 4, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "you were stuck with it" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "try to get all" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "than them." and *KCT* gives "than they made." to end sixth sentence.

Miniature golf, often called "Tom Thumb" golf, sprang from the ingenuity of Garnet Carter, a Tennessean who built the first American course in 1927 on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga. His innovation spread through the southern resorts, took fire in California, and by 1931 had resulted in the establishment of 25,000 of the Lilliputian links throughout the country.

1204. *LAT*, Thursday, June 5, 1930, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 15:6. Variants: *BDG* and *KCT* give "won't let me count" in eighth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Ruth Bryan Owen, Democratic United States representative from Florida from 1929 to 1933. In the Florida primary on June 4, Owen, daughter of William Jennings Bryan (see Note 1090), won nomination for a second term in Congress. She ran unopposed in the general election in November.

For Ruth Hanna McCormick see Note 1153.

1205. *NYT*, Friday, June 6, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "Escaped Convicts." to end first sentence/*BDG* gives "treaty investigation" and *KCT* gives "senate investigators" in sixth sentence/*NYT* gives "They never asked" to begin seventh sentence.

Thirteen prisoners, five of them reputed murderers, escaped on June 3 from the Michigan State Hospital for Insane Criminals. Three of the men were recaptured within hours of the breakout.

Nevada was the first state to inflict capital punishment by asphyxiation. On June 2, 1930, convicted murderer R. H. "Bob" White became the first individual to die in the newly-installed lethal gas chamber at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations had asked President Hoover to surrender all documents, public and private, which were related to the negotiations of the London Naval Disarmament Treaty. Hoover refused to do so on the basis of confidentiality.

Bishop Cannon, a leader of opposition forces to Al Smith in 1928 (see Note 927), was questioned at length by the Senate Lobby Committee on June 2 concerning his political and prohibitionist activities.

1206. *NYT*, Saturday, June 7, 1930, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Beverly Hills" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "record. In May, just past, they" and *BDG* gives "just passed. They handled" in third and fourth sentences.

1207. *NYT*, Monday, June 9, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* omits second and third sentences/*KCT* gives "to 'em socially, anyway." in second sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit third sentence.

Carol II, king of Romania from 1930 to 1940. In 1925, after Carol had renounced the right of succession to the throne, he deserted his wife and went to Paris to live in exile with his mistress, Madame Magda Lupescu. In June of 1930, he returned to Romania and supplanted his nine-year-old son, Michael, as king. Ten years later, pro-German Romanians forced Carol to abdicate and restored Michael to the throne.

1208. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 10, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *BDG* omits fifth sentence.

Evalyn W. McLean, gold mining heiress, Washington socialite, and owner of the famous Hope diamond; wife of Edward B. McLean, wealthy owner and publisher of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Washington Post*.

The Hawley-Smoot tariff bill passed the Senate on June 13 and the House one day later. In its way through Congress, the bill was subjected to frequent vote trading and logrolling, but despite some revision it continued in modified form many aspects of the previous tariff.

Robert L. Ripley, American cartoonist who in 1918 created the newspaper series "Believe It or Not," a popular cartoon feature that illustrated unusual facts and feats.

1209. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 11, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "but he is going" in seventh sentence.

For David A. Reed see Note 831.

The Senate met in a special session in July of 1930 to consider the naval disarmament treaty. Despite the limited opposition of some isolationist members, including Hiram W. Johnson of California (see Note 1025), the Senate ratified the treaty on July 21; Hoover signed it the next day.

1210. *NYT*, Thursday, June 12, 1930, 25:7.

For Grace G. Coolidge see Note 1113.

Smith is a woman's college located in Northampton, Massachusetts. There is no record that Rogers ever received an honorary degree from Smith; he long had claimed that all such honors were "hooey" and "applesauce."

1211. *NYT*, Friday, June 13, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "committee's demand for every" in first sentence/*BDG* gives "court, but would be made" and *LAT* and *KCT* give "court, but being made" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "they are of the" in fourth sentence.

Hoover continued to deny the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations access to his private correspondence (see Note 1205).

For J. Ramsay MacDonald see Note 902; for James Cannon, Jr. see Notes 927 and 1205.

1212. *NYT*, Saturday, June 14, 1930, 17:7. Variants: *BDG* omits dateline/*NYT* gives "seem the champion is appropriately named." to end postscript/*LAT* gives "I know" in last sentence of postscript.

Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico, had declined in December of 1929, an appointment to fill a vacancy in the Senate (see Note 1053). In the spring of 1930 he entered the New Jersey primary to run as Republican for the still vacant Senate seat. He handily defeated his primary opposition in the election on June 17 and his Democratic opponent in the general election in November. He took office on December 3, 1930.

Maximilian "Max" Schmeling, German professional boxer who won the German heavyweight title in 1928 and Gene Tunney's vacated world championship title in 1930 by virtue of a victory over Jack Sharkey who fouled him in the fourth round in New York City on June 12.

1213. *NYT*, Monday, June 16, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits dateline/*KCT* gives "you should not be allowed" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "pretty low." to end fifth sentence.

Several newspapers ran a photo on June 15 of an American hunter, Mrs. Herman Cron, posing with the carcass of a banting bull, a wild oxen native to southeastern Asia.

1214. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 17, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* omits dateline/*LAT* gives "was the old swimmin' hole" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "wanted to revise not" in eighth sentence.

President Hoover signed the Hawley-Smoot tariff act on June 17 (see Note 1208). Hoover considered the bill unsatisfactory, but the best he could obtain from a protectionist majority in Congress.

Senator George W. Norris (see Note 860) was one of the few Republicans, progressive or otherwise, who had supported Governor Al Smith in 1928 and one of the very few who actively campaigned for the New York Democrat. Later, Norris emerged as the leading figure in the Senate fight against the Hawley-Smoot tariff.

For William E. Borah see Note 915.

1215. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 18, 1930, 27:1. Variants: *BDG* omits dateline/*LAT* gives "the opening address," in second sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "He wrote his own." in fourth sentence.

Daniel Webster, American orator, lawyer, and statesman of the nineteenth century whose verbal abilities carried many debates during his service in the national House of Representatives and the Senate. Rogers mistakenly confused Daniel Webster with the compiler of one of the first dictionaries in the United States, Noah Webster.

Daniel Webster delivered one of his most memorable orations on June 17, 1825, at the laying of the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill Monument. Webster's address at the memorial ceremony, which marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Revolutionary War battle, has been noted since for its classic dramatic simplicity.

The American Revolutionary War battle that became known popularly as the Battle of Bunker Hill actually was fought on nearby Breed's Hill, which in 1775 was located outside the limits of Boston.

1216. *NYT*, Thursday, June 19, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* omits dateline/*NYT* and *KCT* give "thing will keep" in fourth sentence.

For Dwight W. Morrow's primary victory in New Jersey see Note 1212.

1217. *NYT*, Friday, June 20, 1930, 25:7.

The Senate voted on June 18 to direct the Tariff Commission to investigate the differences in the cost of production of farm implements in the United States.

1218. *NYT*, Saturday, June 21, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Charles Dawes," in fourth sentence.

Bobby Jones (see Note 914) won his third British Open Golf championship on June 19 and thus became the first man in history to hold three major golfing titles at one time—the British Open, the British Amateur, and the United States Open. Later in the year he added a fourth, the United States Amateur championship.

Ambassador Charles G. Dawes returned from London on June 13 for a two-week visit. Upon his arrival in New York speculation arose that he would accept an offer by Chicago civic leaders to head a special crime strike force to rid the city of its gangster lawlessness. Dawes refused the position on June 15, but he expressed support for the anti-crime campaign.

1219. *NYT*, Monday, June 23, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "banks about two and a half" in second sentence.

The Federal Reserve Bank in New York City lowered its rediscount rate to 2½ percent on June 21 in an apparent effort to provide inexpensive and abundant credit and to stimulate a business recovery.

For Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853.

1220. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 24, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "NEW YORK." in dateline/*NYT* gives "Commerce in a" in fourth sentence.

Charles and Anne Lindbergh announced the birth of their first child, a son, on June 22. The infant, Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., was born at the home of his maternal grandparents, the Dwight W. Morrows, in Englewood, New Jersey.

1221. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 25, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "have pretty" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "Lindy taking that" in last sentence.

The International Rotary held its silver jubilee convention in Chicago from June 24 to 27.

1222. *NYT*, Thursday, June 26, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Kingsford-Smith" in first sentence.

Charles E. Kingsford-Smith, Australian aviator, war veteran, and pilot of the *Southern Cross*, the first plane to fly from the United States to Australia (1928). Kingsford-Smith, with a crew of three, left Ireland on June 24, 1930, in an attempt at a westward flight across the Atlantic. Against the customary western headwinds and with the aid of their radio, the fliers landed at Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, on June 25. Later that day they flew on to New York City and thus completed the first transatlantic flight in a westward direction in which the participants made a landing on United States soil.

For Hugo Eckener and the *Graf Zeppelin* see Notes 942 and 963.

1223. *NYT*, Friday, June 27, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "murdered since" in second sentence/*KCT* gives "world's fair." in second sentence/*LAT* gives "for double-crossing." to end fourth sentence.

1224. *NYT*, Saturday, June 28, 1930, 17:7.

1225. *NYT*, Monday, June 30, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "just waits and waits" the first sentence/*NYT* gives "know. For instance," in second sentence/*KCT* gives "had it announced...money for" in second sentence.

On June 24 the Senate reduced to $50,000 President Hoover's request of $250,000 to continue the work of the National Committee on Law Observance and Enforcement, a special committee that Hoover had created early in his administration to deal with various legal problems, especially in regard to prohibition. Headed by former Attorney General George W. Wickersham, the committee was criticized frequently for overstepping its legal grounds. The Senate reversed itself in early July and granted the full appropriation (see Note 930).

1226. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 1, 1930, 31:7.

1227. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 2, 1930, 27:7.

Coolidge began writing a series of daily articles, each about 200 words, for the McClure Newspaper Syndicate on June 30, 1930. Nearly 100 newspapers subscribed at one of the highest prices ever paid for feature articles. The essays, which ran for one year, were written in the style of "Poor Richard." In the first one, dated July 1, 1930, Coolidge had encouraged Americans to place more faith in themselves, as well as in their political, economic, and religious institutions.

For Joseph R. Grundy see Note 830; for Hiram W. Johnson see Note 1025; for William E. Borah see Note 915; for Reed Smoot see Note 905.

1228. *NYT*, Thursday, July 3, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits last sentence.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States from 1901 to 1909.

1229. *NYT*, Friday, July 4, 1930. Variants: *NYT* gives "Walker ain't like" in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "Whelan and his cutaway are not like" in fourth sentence.

Bobby Jones (see Note 914) arrived in Minneapolis on July 4 to prepare to defend his United States Open title. In the tournament, which in 1930 was played at suburban Interlachen Country Club from July 9 to 12, Jones shot a seventy-two-hole score of 287, three shots better than his closest competitor. It was his fourth career United States Open championship.

Jones had received an unparalleled rousing reception in New York City on July 2 upon his return from Great Britain, where he had won the British Open title on June 19 (see Note 1218).

For James J. "Jimmy" Walker see Note 825; for Walter "The Haig" Hagen see Note 941; for Grover A. Whalen see Note 875; for Horton Smith see Note 859.

Two brothers from Illinois, John and Kenneth Hunter, set a world endurance record with in-flight refueling of 553 hours, 41 minutes, and 30 seconds on July 4. They had flown their airplane, *City of Chicago*, at Sky Harbor, Illinois, for twenty-three consecutive days to beat the previous endurance mark by more than 133 hours.

1230. *NYT*, Saturday, July 5, 1930, 15:2. Variant: *LAT* gives "sixteen months" in fifth sentence.

1231. *NYT*, Monday, July 7, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "one marriage and" in third sentence/*KCT* omits last three sentences.

Jay Norwood "J. N. Ding" Darling, political cartoonist who illustrated primarily for the *Des Moines Register* and the *New York Tribune*; won Pulitzer prizes in 1924 and 1943.

For Calvin Coolidge as a columnist see Note 1227.

1232. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 8, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Some of us laugh" to begin first sentence/*NYT* gives "happy. After all about" and *KCT* gives "happy. After all, all there" in first sentence/*KCT* omits second sentence/*KCT* ends fifth sentence with "guns for parachutes."/*NYT* and *LAT* give "all against" in eighth sentence/*NYT* gives "laws, but one against women parachute jumpers we" in eighth sentence.

Several women—and men—barnstormed the country during the 1920s and early 1930s as parachutists. On July 2 one such hardy soul, Rita Shoemaker of New York City, a mother of a two-year-old, jumped from 16,000 feet to establish a new record for female parachutists.

1233. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 9, 1930, 25:7.

The Senate again requested all documents related to the naval disarmament negotiations, including the correspondence between President Hoover, American negotiators, and foreign diplomats (see Note 1205). Once more Hoover refused to comply, although he modified his position by offering to let the Senate view the documents in strict confidence. The Senate rejected the offer.

For Charles G. Dawes see Note 820.

1234. *NYT*, Thursday, July 10, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "general competitor" in first sentence/*KCT* omits last six sentences.

1235. *NYT*, Friday, July 11, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "July 11." in dateline.

The Lindberghs waited more than two weeks before naming their newborn son Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr. (see Note 1220).

A matinee performance at the New Amsterdam Theatre, which once had been managed by Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld (see Note 945), was raided by police on July 9. Officers arrested nine women members of the cast of *Vanities*, a burlesque show that had opened in New York City only a week earlier. The women were charged with indecent performance and released on bail.

1236. *NYT*, Saturday, July 12, 1930, 15:7.

Claudius H. Huston of Tennessee resigned as chairman of the Republican National Committee on August 7, 1930, following several months of controversy and speculation. After submitting his resignation, Huston charged that he had been persecuted and that he had been the "target" of anti-administration members of the party.

1237. *NYT*, Monday, July 14, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "find a Stone Mountain" in fourth sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit last sentence.

Bobby Jones added the United States Open championship to his bag of golfing laurels on July 12 (see Note 1229).

Stone Mountain Memorial near Atlanta, Georgia, commemorates Confederate leaders Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. Carved on the northern face of Stone Mountain, the equestrian figures were commissioned in 1916. Disagreement over design of the sculptures delayed completion of the project until 1970.

Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America during the American Civil War.

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, commander of the victorious Confederate forces at the first and second battles of Bull Run and at Chancellorsville. His death after Chancellorsville deprived the South of one of its greatest generals.

Robert E. Lee, chief military officer of the Confederate armies in the Civil War. Lee, considered by many historians as the greatest general in the war, was loved and idolized by southerners and respected in the north. He became the southern ideal and an American hero.

For Ulysses S. Grant see Note 1111.

Philip H. Sheridan, major general in the Union Army and one of General Ulysses S. Grant's most valuable officers. As commander of the Army of the Shenandoah, Sheridan won control of the valley and forced the Confederate Army to evacuate key positions and retreat to Appomattox.

Walter Hagen (see Note 941), Leo Diegel (see Note 1047), and Gene Sarazen (see Note 1047) finished far back of Jones in United States Open competition. Jones took first place with a seventy-two-hole score of 287, but none of the other three golfers finished higher than a tie for tenth place. Diegel shot a 301, Hagen 303, and Sarazen 306.

Coca Cola made its debut at soda fountains in Atlanta in 1886; thereafter Coca Cola Bottling Company maintained its national headquarters in Atlanta.

1238. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 15, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "recall our" in second sentence.

Senator George W. Norris (see Notes 860 and 1214) had indicated initially that he favored the naval disarmament treaty, but he withdrew his support when President Hoover refused to release all treaty-related documents (see Notes 1205 and 1233). Norris then offered a resolution, which when adopted on July 13, put the Senate on record as having ratified the treaty on the "distinct and explicit understanding" that no secret agreement with any nation had accompanied the negotiations of the pact.

1239. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 16, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "did in my game last" in third sentence/*BDG* omits third sentence.

1240. *NYT*, Thursday, July 17, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "you don't make" in second sentence/*BDG* gives "Senator has to be." to end fourth sentence.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson, an opponent of the naval treaty (see Note 1025), and Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, an administration spokesman and a member of the American negotiating team in London, verbally sparred on the floor of the Senate on July 15 regarding confidentiality of the documents.

1241. *NYT*, Friday, July 18, 1930, 21:7.

Kenneth D. McKellar, Democratic United States senator from Tennessee from 1917 to 1953. On July 16 McKellar, foe of the treaty, offered two resolutions, each of which failed to be adopted by the Senate. The first called for a guarantee among signatory nations of absolute freedom of the seas for belligerents and neutrals. The second called for the dismantling of British naval bases in the western Atlantic and eastern Pacific.

1242. *NYT*, Saturday, July 19, 1930, 15:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "peace for this" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "is forming. Europe, with" in first sentence.

Aristide Briand, foreign minister of France from 1925 to 1932 and former prime minister; recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1926. For the pan-European movement and the proposed United States of Europe, see Note 977.

1243. *NYT*, Monday, July 21, 1930, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "by cow-punchers" in second sentence.

For miniature golf see Note 1203.

1244. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 22, 1930 23:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "The Senate" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "The treaty passed and we knew it would. Wish they would have adopted the following reservation:" in first and second sentences.

The Senate ratified the London Naval Treaty on July 21, 1930, with only one reservation, that of Senator Norris (see Note 1238). President Hoover signed the pact the next day (see Note 1209).

1245. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 23, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "(...princess) said she was" in sixth sentence/*BDG* omits "Marconi father of a baby." in ninth sentence.

A record heat wave blanketed much of the east and midwest, causing hundreds of deaths and countless cases of heat prostration. For more than a week in mid-July, temperatures soared as high as 112 degrees in Missouri, and extreme humidity added to everyone's discomfort. Rain on July 22 brought relief to most sections of the heat-afflicted area.

Guglielmo Marconi, inventor who initiated and developed wireless telegraphy and who in 1901 transmitted the first wireless message across the Atlantic. Marconi, who had three children by an earlier marriage, became a father for the fourth time on July 20 when his second wife, the former countess Cristina M. Bezzi-Scali, gave birth to a girl, Elettra.

For John and Kenneth Hunter see Note 1229.

1246. *NYT*, Thursday, July 24, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "signed. Now" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "resink them for the weeklies." to end fifth sentence.

1247. *NYT*, Friday, July 25, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "ones that really settled down" in second sentence.

The British House of Commons ratified the naval pact on July 24 without division. By August of 1930 the treaty had passed the House of Lords and had received King George's signature.

1248. *NYT*, Saturday, July 26, 1930, 15:7.

Congress appropriated $94,000.00 to cover the living expenses of employees of the Foreign Service. This marked the first time that Congress had made allowances for living quarters, light, and fuel for American diplomats abroad.

1249. *NYT*, Monday, July 28, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "one of the observations he turned out for me:" in sixth sentence.

For George Bernard Shaw see Note 881.

1250. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 29, 1930, 23:7.

Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson, Democratic governor of Texas from 1925 to 1927 and 1933 to 1935. Her husband, James E. "Pa" Ferguson, served as governor of Texas from 1915 until his impeachment and removal from office in 1917 for various reasons, including misappropriation of state funds. He attempted to run again in 1924, but a court ruled he could not be a candidate. Ma Ferguson promptly entered the race and won with the open support of her husband. On July 26, 1930, she led a field of eleven candidates in the Democratic primary contest for governor, but a month later she was defeated in a runoff election.

1251. *LAT*, Wednesday, July 30, 1930, I:1:3; heading from *KCT*, 2:4. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Gertrude Ederle, twenty-four-year-old American swimmer who on August 6, 1926, became the first woman to swim the English Channel. Ederle denied a widespread news story that she had lost her hearing as a result of the Channel swim.

For Helen Wills Moody see Note 843.

"Amos 'n Andy," a popular radio comedy, which starred Freeman F. Gosden as Amos and Charles J. Correll as Andy. The lighthearted show, which was aired form 1928 to 1958, concerned the bumbling misadventures of two black men from Harlem who owned a taxi business, the Fresh Air Taxi Company.

1252. *NYT*, Thursday, July 31, 1930, 21:7.

1253. *NYT*, Friday, August 1, 1930, 21:7.

For the Farm Board see Note 913.

1254. *NYT*, Saturday, August 2, 1930, 15:7.

1255. *NYT*, Monday, August 4, 1930, 17:7.

A civil war erupted in China in the late 1920s after the Nanking government of Chiang Kai-shek reversed an earlier policy of cooperation with communists and began to execute Red leaders. The war raged through the 1930s and World War II and climaxed with the communist overthrow of the Nationalist government in 1949.

Five American sailors were wounded on July 30 during a Chinese communist attack on the U.S.S. *Palos*, one of several American gunboats in China assigned to protect United States citizens and property there.

1256. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 5, 1930, 25:7.

Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., swashbuckling American actor and hero of numerous silent spectaculars; husband of film actress Mary Pickford (see Note 1072). A youthful burglar entered the Fairbanks' Santa Monica Beach home on the night of August 3. Fairbanks surrendered $35 in cash but saved several thousands of dollars' worth of precious jewelry when he convinced the robber of the danger of ransacking the house.

1257. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 6, 1930, 23:7.Variant: *KCT* gives "In two or more...hanging down. We" in sixth sentence.

For miniature golf see Note 1203.

Charles R. Darwin, British naturalist who suggested the evolutionary theory of man in *The Descent of Man*, published in 1871. Darwin derived the human race from an animal of the anthropoid, or man-like ape group.

1258. *NYT*, Thursday, August 7, 1930, 23:7.

The heat and rainless days of July and August of 1930 (see Note 1245) proved to be an omen for the disastrous "Dust Bowl" conditions of the mid-1930s.

1259. *NYT*, Friday, August 8, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "so it would seem that...all that wheat." and *LAT* and *KCT* give "that farm board" in fourth sentence.

For Claudius H. Huston see Note 1236.

1260. *NYT*, Saturday, August 9, 1930, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "The South is moving" in third sentence/*BDG* omits third sentence/*LAT* gives "ten year." to end fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "The Republicans have" to begin fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "bad in three" in sixth sentence.

The Allied armies first occupied the German Rhineland in 1920, citing as justification the German default on reparations incurred during World War I. In 1929, Britain and Belgium announced, after accepting the Young Plan for repayment of debts, that they would withdraw their troops. By May of 1930 France had also acceded to withdrawal efforts, and on June 30, 1930, the last French soldiers, the remainder of the occupying troops, left the Rhineland.

1261. *NYT*, Monday, August 11, 1930, 17:7.

A schoolboy from Pennsylvania passed the 700-hour mark in tree-sitting at noon on August 12, 1930. Fifteen days later, two other youngsters marked their one-thousandth hour of tree-sitting.

1262. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 12, 1930, 23:7.

James D. Phelan, prominent banker, businessman, and political figure from San Francisco who served as mayor of the city and as a United States senator. Phelan died at his country estate, "Villa Montalvo," on August 7.

1263. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 13, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "and that's an alibi for my ignorance." in first sentence.

1264. *NYT*, Thursday, August 14, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "to the Rockies." in first sentence.

Hoover canceled a planned vacation in the Rocky Mountains in order to remain in Washington to direct relief and rehabilitation operations in the drought-stricken areas of the country.

Incumbent Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas (see Note 994) defeated Tom W. Campbell of Little Rock by a three-to-one majority in the primary election on August 12 for the Democratic senatorial nomination.

1265. *NYT*, Friday, August 15, 1930, 19:7.

The Chrysler Building, the tallest building in the world when completed in 1929, was opened to the public in May of 1930.

1266. *NYT*, Saturday, August, 16, 1930, 15:7.

For Fred Stone see Note 856.

Yosemite National Park, which includes 1,200 square miles on the west slope of the Sierra Nevada, has many spectacular attractions, including the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoia trees and El Capitan, a granite mass that rises almost perpendicularly more than 3,600 feet above the valley floor.

For Calvin Coolidge's efforts to write a 500-word history of the United States for inscription on Mount Rushmore, see Note 1101.

John W. Davis, a former ambassador to Great Britain and congressman from West Virginia who was known as a "lawyer's lawyer." Davis was the Democratic presidential nominee in 1924.

1267. *NYT*, Monday, August 18, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "years, it is not a poem, it's not an editorial" in first sentence.

Bequests from the will of James D. Phelan (see Note 1261) included $20,000 for tennis star Helen Wills Moody (see Note 843) in appreciation of her efforts in the sport, $1,000,000 to establish a foundation to relieve the sick and poor of San Francisco, $160,000 to four universities in California for scholarships and research work, and the remainder of the $3,000,000 in gifts to be distributed among friends, associates, and charities as designated by Phelan.

1268. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 19, 1930, 23:7.

Miniature golf invaded Hoover's camping area near Orange, Virginia, during the week of August 17. United States marines constructed one of the "pony" golf courses adjacent to the presidential retreat.

Two aviators from St. Louis, Forest O'Brine and Dale "Red" Jackson (see Note 937), cruised above Lambert Field for 647 hours, 28 minutes, and 30 seconds to set a new world endurance record with in-flight refueling and to break the previous mark established by the Hunter brothers six weeks earlier (see Note 1229). O'Brine and Jackson earned $7,000 for breaking the old mark and signed contracts for $30,000 to appear at state fairs.

The coronation of Carol II of Romania (see Note 1207) was postponed on August 16 after several days of speculation. Originally, Carol's crowning had been set for October 15, but the failure of all efforts to reconcile Princess Helen with her husband, King Carol, and other personal and political problems had caused the coronation to be reset for the spring of 1931.

Senators Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, Bronson M. Cutting of New Mexico, and Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky arrived in Moscow on August 11 for two weeks of discussions with the State Planning Commission, Council of Trade Unions, and education authorities.

1269. *LAT*, Wednesday, August 20, 1930, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 2:4. Variant: *BDG* gives "girl he would marry it. Just" in third and fourth sentences/*NYT* did not print the DT.

The Duchess of York gave birth to her second child on August 21, 1930. The baby, Princess Margaret Rose, was the third heir-presumptive to the British throne behind her father, who became King George VI in 1936, and her sister, Princess Elizabeth who was crowned the reigning monarch in 1952. The baby's uncle, Edward, the Prince of Wales, the heir apparent, assumed the throne in January of 1936 after the death of his father, George V, but Edward's insistent desire to marry an American divorcée led to his abdication on December 11, 1936.

1270. *NYT*, Thursday, August 21, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "versus Ma Kennedy." and *LAT* gives "versus Kennedy" and *KCT* gives "today—Sister McPherson." in sixth sentence.

Charles G. Dawes (see Note 820), an archeological enthusiast, who once had financed an archeological excursion of the Smithsonian Institution to Central America, made an expedition in August of 1930 to southern France and northern Spain where he explored several famous centers of prehistoric man.

Minnie "Ma" Kennedy, an evangelist and mother of Aimee Semple McPherson (see Note 915), was credited with much influence in the development of her daughter's early career. She broke with Aimee in July of 1927 regarding control of the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. On August 18, 1930, Kennedy showed up at the Brentwood Sanitarium in Los Angeles with a broken nose. The press reported that Aimee had inflicted the injury during an altercation with her mother at the temple on July 31.

1271. *NYT*, Friday, August 22, 1930, 17:7. Variant: *BDG* omits fifth sentence.

Lightnin', the film Rogers was working on in August at Lake Tahoe, opened in New York City in late November of 1930. A talkie comedy about the antics that occur at a hotel which straddles the California-Nevada line, the movie starred Rogers in the lead role as the hotel proprietor and featured Louise Dresser, Joel McCrea, and Helen Cohan.

John Barrymore, celebrated American actor whose "great profile" made him the matinee idol of numerous film fans during the 1920s and 1930s. Although popular as a motion picture performer, Barrymore achieved greater renown for his stage portrayal of Hamlet.

1272. *NYT*, Saturday, August 23, 1930, 15:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "we are and at" in fourth sentence.

For the birth of Princess Margaret Rose see Note 1269.

H(enry) L(ouis) Mencken, critic and magazine editor who had been known as "the bachelor sage of Hollins Street," married novelist Sara P. Haardt of Baltimore in a private ceremony on August 27.

1273. *NYT*, Monday, August 25, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "Big bootleggers in Seattle on trial. Calls up some" and *LAT* gives "Big Bootlegger" and *KCT* gives "Big bootleggers" to begin fourth sentence.

Roy Olmstead, convicted leader of northwestern rumrunners, appeared as a witness at a trial in Seattle involving an alleged conspiracy between federal prohibition officers in Washington state and members of a local rum ring. Olmsted corroborated previous testimony that $6,000 had been contributed by liquor runners to the senatorial campaign of Wesley L. Jones in 1926.

1274. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 26, 1930, 23:7.

1275. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 27, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "A motor car is" to begin fourth sentence.

1276. *NYT*, Thursday, August 28, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "his administration," in sixth sentence.

Lon Chaney, successful American character actor whose unusually expressive gestures and adeptness at make-up earned him the appellation "the man of a thousand faces." Chaney died on the morning of August 26 after a long bout with cancer.

Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco (see Note 1128) defeated incumbent Governor C(lement) C(alhoun) Young of California for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in the primary election held on August 6. Rolph went on to win the general election in November; he served as governor from 1931 to 1934.

1277. *NYT*, Friday, August 29, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "for somebody's pickles," in first sentence.

James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany and Democratic party official (see Note 1010), named a group of fifty-nine on August 20 as the "men who rule the United States." Gerard's list included John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Andrew W. Mellon, J. P. Morgan, Jr., and other major capitalists and financiers but did not include individuals holding political office. The ambassador's remarks evoked wide editorial comment and several critics suggested additions to the list. Among the omissions mentioned were James Cannon, Jr. (see Note 927), and Al Capone (see Note 876).

1278. *NYT*, Saturday, August 330, 1930, 15:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "New York," in dateline/*LAT* gives "wasn't for him. The Democrats almost decided not to nominate an opponent" in fourth and fifth sentences.

Idaho Republicans met in convention on August 26 and renominated William E. Borah for United States senator. Borah (see Note 915) handily defeated his Democratic opponent, Joseph Tyler, in the general election.

1279. *NYT*, Monday, September 1, 1930, 15:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "freedom's best stand" in fourth sentence.

1280. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 2, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "Peru just put theirs in prison to await trial;" in DT.

Argentine soldiers surrounded the presidential palace in Buenos Aires on August 28 as a precaution against a possible assassination attempt on the life of President Hipólito Irigoyen. The attack never occurred, but a revolt in early September of 1930 by military and naval troops dissatisfied with Irigoyen's record as an administrator precipitated the overthrow of the civilian government and the rise to power of General José F. Uriburu.

Augusto B. Leguía y Salcedo, Peruvian dictator who had fostered close ties with the United States, resigned on August 25 on demand of a military junta that a few days earlier had seized control of the government. On September 1 Leguía was shipped to an island prison where he was jailed with hundreds of his political foes; he died in prison in Lima in February of 1932.

Brazil was in turmoil throughout much of the 1920s as a result of a protracted revolt by junior military officers (*tenantes*) seeking social justice and honest, efficient government. Their largely unsuccessful protest exposed the inequities in Brazilian society and brought about the revolution of 1930 and the emergence of modern Brazil under the rule of Getulio D. Vargas.

In Great Britain the ruling Labour party, under attack because of widespread unemployment and a deepening depression, had shown signs of weakening as early as July of 1930. The Conservatives gained scattered seats in by-elections during the fall and winter, but the Labourites held firm until a new general election was called in October of 1931. In that contest the Conservatives scored a major landslide, but the Labour party retained a slight majority.

Publisher William Randolph Hearst's longtime pro-German sympathies and generally "hostile" attitude toward France led him to arrange the theft and subsequent publication in 1928 of secret French papers that concerned an agreement for cooperation between British and French fleets in European waters. French officials arrested Hearst in Paris in early September of 1930 and immediately expelled him from the country. Upon his return to the United States he was acclaimed by pro-German elements from coast to coast.

Arthur Brisbane (see Note 903), writing in his column, "Today," on September 1, expressed doubts about the accuracy of a rumor that Russian dictator Joseph V. Stalin had deposited $100,000,000 in foreign banks as a financial cushion in the event of his overthrow. Brisbane considered the story spurious simply because few men in power ever realized they may fall.

1281. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 3, 1930, 29:7.

Salomon A. Andrée, Swedish balloonist and explorer who disappeared during a flight to the north polar region in 1897. On August 21, 1930, a Norwegian ice cutter landed in Tromsoe, Norway, with the bodies of Andrée and Nils Strindberg, one of Andrée's two companions on the ill-fated expedition. A diary found with the bodies revealed that the explorers' balloon had wrecked after a short flight and that the men had attempted to walk across the arctic ice to civilization. Contrary to Rogers' statement, the French had played no role in the original expedition or in the discovery and retrieval of the bodies.

Grover A. Whalen (see Note 875) had served Mayor Walker as the official greeter for New York City.

1282. *NYT*, Thursday, September 4, 1930, 25:7 Variants: *KCT* gives "yesterday" in first sentence/*KCT* omits third, fourth and fifth sentences.

Captain Dieudonné Coste and J. Maurice Bellonte, French airmen who had attempted a transatlantic flight in 1929, left Paris on September 1, 1930, in the airplane *Question Mark*. Thirty-seven hours and eighteen minutes later they landed at Curtiss Field on Long Island, New York, having completed the first nonstop flight from Paris to New York.

For William Randolph Hearst see Notes 963 and 1280.

1283. *NYT*, Friday, September 5, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* omit first two sentences.

Coste and Bellonte (see Note 1282) spent one night in New York City and then flew to Dallas, Texas, on September 3 to claim a $25,000 prize for the first Paris-New York-Dallas flight. Colonel William E. Easterwood of Dallas had been trying since 1927 to have his city connected

with a famous flight and recently had posted the large cash award for any pilot who would fly from Paris to Dallas, allowing for a stop in New York City.

Charges of fraud in New York City government prompted Mayor Walker (see Note 825) to meet with more than 100 civil and commercial leaders in August and September of 1930 to seek their assistance in halting corruption. Despite Walker's action, the state legislature ordered an investigation. Extensive corruption was revealed and fifteen charges were leveled at the mayor. Walker resigned in September of 1932 before the hearings ended.

1284. *NYT*, Saturday, September 6, 1930, 17:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "next" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "goals ain't even" in fourth sentence.

The Westchester Cup matches, an international competition held irregularly from 1886 to 1939, featured the best polo players from the United States and Great Britain. In 1930 the United States won the best two-out-of-three contest, held at Meadow Brook in New York City on September 6 and 10, by scores of 10 to 5 and 14 to 9. The American team included Eric L. Pedley, thirty-year-old California stockbroker and the first westerner even named to an international team; Earle A. S. Hopping, twenty-two-year-old native of New York City who received his formal education at Cambridge and his polo training at the best clubs in America and England; Winston F. C. Guest, English-born American whose father starred in international cup competition for Great Britain; and Thomas "Tommy" Hitchcock, Jr., society figure who eventually was rated as the greatest polo player of all time.

1285. *NYT*, Monday, September, 8, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits "Mr. Coolidge and all the other" in first sentence/*KCT* omits first sentence.

For José F. Uriburu and the revolutionary situation in Argentina see Note 1279.

For Rogers' film work in Nevada see Note 1271.

1286. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 9, 1930, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "Brazil" in first sentence.

1287. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 10, 1930, 27:7.

The results of the biennial election in Maine on September 8 proved to be the first signs of the general weakening of the Republican party in the country. Although voters in Maine returned a Republican to the United States Senate, elected four Republicans to Congress, and also filled every important state office with Republicans, party nominees received a smaller than usual plurality.

1288. *NYT*, Thursday, September 11, 1930, 29:7.

For *Lightnin'* see Note 1271.

1289. *NYT*, Friday, September 12, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* and *KCT* give "Gosgrove" in first sentence.

Luke Cosgrave, veteran character actor who appeared in such films as *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (1928), *The Squaw Man* (1931), and, with Rogers, in *Lightnin'* (see Note 1271).

Governor Roosevelt (see Note 825), in a letter to Senator Robert F. Wagner in September of 1930, stated his opposition to national prohibition and his support for the restoration of liquor control to the states.

1290. *NYT*, Saturday, September 13, 1930, 17:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "cracked up. I think the least we can do" in first and second sentences.

Edward C. "Eddie" Rickenbacker, American war hero, automobile racer, and airline executive who in World War I became the leading United States ace pilot by destroying twenty-six enemy planes. In the years following the war Rickenbacker frequently suffered from sleepwalking. During one such attack on September 7, 1930, he broke several vertebrae as the result of a twenty-five-foot fall from the balcony of his New York City home.

For Arthur Brisbane see Notes 903 and 1280.

1291. *NYT*, Monday, September 15, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* omits first sentence/*KCT* gives "the experts" in third sentence.

Rogers visited Russia in the summer of 1926. For his impressions see *There's Not a Bathing Suit in Russia, and Other Bare Facts*.

1292. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 16, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "home of Mark Twain." in second sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* gives "prowling" in third sentence/*KCT* omits last sentence.

Samuel Clemens, "Mark Twain," celebrated American author and humorist. Clemens spent five and one-half years in California and Nevada, from 1861 to 1866 as a prospector, journalist, and writer. In Angel's Camp, California, in 1864, he first heard the legend of a famous jumping frog, the subject of Clemens' first widely distributed and popular short story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

F. Brett "Bret" Harte, American writer of humorous short stories. In 1868 Harte co-founded the *Overland Monthly*, a literary magazine published in his adopted California and in which appeared the first of his celebrated stories of local western color, "The Luck of Roaring Camp."

Thomas Lipton, British tea merchant and international yachtsman who spent more than $5,000,000 of his vast fortune on five unsuccessful attempts between 1899 and 1930 to capture the America's Cup, the supreme yachting trophy. In 1930, in his eightieth year, Sir Thomas met defeat for the fifth time when his *Shamrock V* lost in successive races to *Enterprise*, the American defender. Sir Thomas died the following year.

Rising gold prices in 1930, caused in part by a worldwide shortage, prompted several short-lived gold rushes to the mining regions of the West. Once thriving mining camps, such as Jackson and Bodie (see DT 1293) in California, again overflowed with prospectors and speculators, but the high cost of modern mining and the scarcity of precious metal brought an early end to the boom times.

1293. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 17, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "lately furnished with" and *KCT* gives "lately revived with" in third sentence/*BDG* gives "real live western town" in fifth sentence/*NYT* gives miner happy on" in eighth sentence.

For Bodie and the gold rush of 1930 see Note 1292; for Betty Blake Rogers see Note 963.

1294. *NYT*, Thursday, September 18, 1930, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fifth and sixth sentences.

Ray L. Wilbur, United States secretary of the interior from 1929 to 1933. In ceremonies at Las Vegas on September 17, Wilbur formally started work on the long-embattled Boulder Dam (see Note 968) by driving a spike of Nevada silver into the tie of a construction-line railroad. The structure, which Wilbur renamed Hoover Dam, was completed and dedicated in 1936.

For William E. Borah see Note 915.

Harold S. "Mike" Vanderbilt, American yachtsman. Originator of contract bridge, and railroad financier whose yacht *Enterprise* outdueled Sir Thomas Lipton's *Shamrock V* to retain the America's Cup for the United States in 1930 (see Note 1292).

1295. *NYT*, Friday, September 19, 1930, 1:2. Variants: *NYT* gives "Let everybody" in second sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* omit "send it to" in third sentence.

Rogers' idea of a consolation cup for Sir Thomas Lipton (see Note 1292) was taken up by Mayor Walker (see Note 825), who launched a subscription campaign to buy the trophy. More than $5,000 was contributed, and on December 4, 1930, Walker presented Sir Thomas with a golden loving cup.

1296. *NYT*, Saturday, September 20, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* gives "New York" in dateline/*KCT* gives "your government" in second sentence.

The United States extended formal recognition to the provisional governments of Argentina, Bolivia, and Peru on September 18. Although the governments of each of the three South

American countries had risen to power by revolution (see Note 1280), the Hoover administration had concluded that recognition was warranted because the new governments were in *de facto* control of their countries and that there was no active resistance to their rule.

The United States issued formal recognition of the Soviet Union on November 16, 1933.

1297. *NYT*, Sunday, September 21, 1930, 3:2. *BDG* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-McRae, later Scripps-Howard, newspaper chain from 1921 to 1936 and former president and manager of the United States Press Association.

For the Lipton Cup fund see Note 1295.

1298. *NYT*, Monday, September 22, 1930, 21:7.

Burton K. Wheeler of Montana was one of the three United States senators who returned to New York City in early September from an unofficial trip to Russia (see Note 1268). On his arrival from abroad, Wheeler renewed his longtime campaign for recognition of Russia, citing as sufficient reason the great potential market in the Soviet Union for American goods.

Representative Fred A. Britten of Illinois, who returned on September 20 from a two-month tour of Central Europe, reported that he had observed increased military preparedness. To counteract the tendency toward belligerence between European nations, Britten urged the development of a larger and stronger American navy.

1299. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 23, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT*, gives "Now, they are coming here" in second sentence/*LAT* did not print the DT.

A troupe of performers from the New York Metropolitan Opera made a tour of the West Coast in the fall of 1930. The group appeared in San Francisco in September and in Los Angeles from September 29 to October 13.

1300. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 24, 1930, 25:7.

The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Philadelphia Phillies on September 23 by a score of 19 to 16. Although pursued closely by the Chicago Cubs, the Cardinals went on to claim their third National League pennant. They met the American League champion Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series but lost the baseball classic, four games to two.

For Cornelius McGillacuddy, "Connie Mack," see Note 1002.

Bobby Jones, champion amateur golfer from Atlanta (see Note 914) who earlier in 1930 had won the British Open and Amateur titles and the United States Open championship (see Notes 1218 and 1229), won the United States Amateur championship on September 27. He was the first player in the history of the sport to win four major titles in the span of a single year.

1301. *NYT*, Thursday, September 25, 1930, 29:7.

1302. *NYT*, Friday, September 26, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "and he didn't even have a ticket to it." in third sentence.

For Arthur Brisbane see Notes 903 and 1289.

Leonardo da Vinci, Florentine painter, sculptor, architect, engineer, and scientist of the Italian Renaissance era.

1303. *NYT*, Saturday, September 27, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "was managing him" in first sentence.

Hoover had scheduled three speeches in late September and early October in Massachusetts and Ohio, two traditional electoral battlegrounds of the parties. In addition the president was to deliver a speech at Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and to make a short campaign appearance in one of the more competitive congressional districts in the state (see Note 1311).

Calneva, a popular gambling resort near Lake Tahoe. Calneva, which is half in California and half in Nevada, provided the setting for *Lightnin'*, the film comedy that Rogers completed in August of 1930 (see Note 1270).

1304. *NYT*, Monday, September 29, 1930, 23:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

The National University of Mexico, which was founded in 1553, only recently had begun to play American-style football. The trip to the United States in September of 1930 was the first such journey for the university team and included games at Occidental College in Los Angeles and Louisiana College in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Christopher Columbus, Genoese sailor, explorer, and discoverer of the New World. He discovered the island of Puerto Rico in 1493.

1305. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 30, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *KCT* omits seventh sentence/*KCT* gives "in the ash can." to end DT.

Adolph Hitler, chancellor and fuehrer of Germany from 1933 until his death in 1945. By 1930 Hitler's fascist National Socialist (Nazi) party had grown sufficiently to raise a serious challenge to the established German government. In the Reichstag elections of September 15, 1930, the Nazis attracted nearly 5,000,000 new voters and increased their representation in the Reichstag to 107 members, second only to the ruling Socialist party.

1306. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 1, 1930, 31:7. Variants: *KCT* omits third sentence/*NYT* and *BDG* omit fifth sentence.

Heywood C. Broun, widely read columnist for the *New York World* from 1921 to 1928 and the Scripps-Howard newspapers from 1928 until his death in 1939. Noted for his generally unkempt appearance, Broun was a candidate for Congress in 1930 on the Socialist ticket from a district in New York City. He ran third in an election won by the incumbent Republican, Ruth P. Pratt.

1307. *NYT*, Thursday, October 2, 1930, 27:7. *KCT* did not print the DT.

Burleigh A. Grimes, rugged right-handed pitcher who played for several major league baseball clubs, including the St. Louis Cardinals in 1930 and 1931. On October 1 in the first game of the World Series, Grimes allowed the American League champion Philadelphia Athletics only five hits, but he lost the game, 5 to 2. Al Simmons and Mickey Cochrane hit home runs for the Athletics, and Jimmie Foxx contributed a triple.

1308. *NYT*, Friday, October 3, 1930, 29:7.

The Philadelphia Athletics won the second game of the World Series, 6 to 1.

Transcontinental & Western Air, a predecessor of Trans World Airlines (TWA), was formed on October 2 by officials of leading passenger and airmail service lines. Within two weeks the new company began carrying passengers, mail, and express between New York City and the West Coast on a thirty-six-hour, all-air schedule, an improvement over an existing forty-eight-hour, air-rail service.

1309. *NYT*, Saturday, October 4, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "before the Shylocks" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "said he was doing" in fourth sentence.

Hoover addressed the American Bankers' Association on October 2. In his speech he first surveyed the developing depression and then condemned the "psychology of fear" that had swept the business sector after the stock market crash.

1310. *NYT*, Monday, October 6, 1930, 25:7.

The Notre Dame football schedule for 1930, Rockne's last season as coach (see Note 1045), included games with such national powers as Navy, Army, Northwestern, and Southern California. On October 4 in its opening game of the season, Notre Dame defeated Southern Methodist University, 20 to 14. The Irish ended the season with a perfect record of ten wins and no losses.

The St. Louis Cardinals won the fourth game of the World Series on October 4 and evened the series at two games each.

1311. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 7, 1930, 31:7.

Walter Scott, "Death Valley Scotty," self-styled prospector and miner who left his native Kentucky in the 1890s to travel through the West. Scott eventually settled in Death Valley, California, where his publicity stunts and money-making schemes earned him a small fortune and a legendary reputation.

Hoover delivered three speeches within a period of thirty-six hours. On the morning of October 6, he spoke at the annual convention of the American Legion in Boston and later the same day, also in Boston, he addressed a meeting of the American Federation of Labor. The next morning Hoover was the principal speaker at the sesquicentennial celebration of the Battle of Kings Mountain in North Carolina.

1312. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 8, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth sentence/*KCT* omits "but it was a new reason at that." in sixth sentence/*KCT* omits last sentence.

Longworth (see Note 828) charged that the Democrats had deliberately blocked passage of the tariff bill during the previous session of Congress and thereby had prolonged the business uncertainty. Longworth delivered his remarks on October 5 during a national radio broadcast sponsored by the Republican party.

1313. *NYT*, Thursday, October 9, 1930, 29:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "hard to beat," and *LAT* gives "hard to clean after," in fourth sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "East of the Rockies," in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits last four sentences.

The St. Louis Cardinals lost the sixth and deciding game of the World Series, 7 to 1, on October 8. They had lost all three games played in Philadelphia.

George L. "Moose" Earnshaw, right-handed pitcher who played for five major league teams, including the Philadelphia Athletics from 1929 to 1932. Earnshaw recorded two victories over the Cardinals in the World Series of 1930; he pitched twenty-two consecutive scoreless innings in the series and had an earned-run-average of 0.72.

For Cornelius McGillicuddy, "Connie Mack," see Note 1002.

An unusual play by Athletics third baseman James J. "Jimmie" Dykes in the third inning of the fifth game of the World Series almost cost Philadelphia the game. The Cardinals had a runner on second base with Taylor L. Douthit at the plate. Douthit hit a grounder that Dykes fielded perfectly. Noticing that he had the Cardinal runner Charles M "Charley" Gelbert trapped between second and third, Dykes began to chase him back towards second. But instead of throwing to his teammate covering the bag, Dykes allowed Gelbert to escape untagged, which resulted in the Cardinal runners being safe at first and second. The Athletics recovered from Dykes' miscue, however, and went on to win the game, 2 to 0. In a similar incident in the World Series of 1917, Henry "Heinie" Zimmerman, third baseman for the New York Giants, chased Chicago White Sox second baseman Edward T. "Eddie" Collins, Sr., across an unguarded home plate with an important run. The White Sox won the game 4 to 2.

John P. "Honus" Wagner, mild-mannered baseball star who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1900 to 1913. Many experts rate Wagner as the greatest shortstop in baseball history and one of the finest players of the game. Wagner hit better than .300 in a fourteen-year career with the Pirates.

1314. *NYT*, Friday, October 10, 1930, 25:7.

Jesse L. Livermore, stock market speculator who won and lost several fortunes during a thirty-five-year career as a stock market trader in New York City. Livermore's speculative dealings in copper in 1907 made him, at the age of thirty, a millionaire and earned for him the nickname "Boy Plunger of Wall Street."

Edward F. Hutton, self-made multimillionaire who founded the stock brokerage firm of E. F. Hutton & Company in 1904 and who served as chairman of the board of General Foods Corporation from 1923 to 1935.

Marshall Field III, the president of a New York City investment banking firm from 1919 to 1935; founder in 1941 of the *Chicago Sun* newspaper. A noted philanthropist, Field was the grandson of Chicago merchandising magnate Marshall Field, Sr.

Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, Sr., wealthy financier and cattleman from New Jersey who had been a member of the Hoover Food Commission in 1915 and 1916.

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of General Motors Corporation from 1923 to 1937; chairman of the board from 1937 to 1956.

James A. Farrell, president of United States Steel Corporation from 1923 to 1932; chairman of the board from 1927 to 1932.

Government investigators revealed on October 8 that Richard Lehne, a highly respected antique dealer from New York City, had sold to scores of socially and financially prominent persons newly-made English furniture that he had labeled as genuine antique. Lehne was penalized $20,000 in lieu of unpaid duties and fines.

1315. *NYT*, Saturday, October 11, 1930, 19:7.

1316. *NYT*, Monday, October 13, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *NYT*, *BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* give "the dinner party was our" in the first sentence/*BDG* gives "learned of this case crossing the divide from Utah to Colorado." in second and third sentences.

The Donner Party, a group of American pioneers who while snowbound in the California Sierra Nevada in the winter of 1846 and 1847 resorted to cannibalism in order to survive. The emigrants' tragic story, one of the most famous in western American history, was mentioned by Rogers in his weekly newspaper article of September 28, 1930.

Alfred Packer, the legendary "man-eater," was the only man convicted of cannibalism in the United States. In February of 1874, Packer led a party of five prospectors into the snowy San Juan Mountains in western Colorado. Nine weeks later Packard strode into Los Pinos, Colorado, and told of a blinding blizzard in which all five of his companions perished and from which he alone survived. The following spring local miners found the remains of Packer's friends. Packer was arrested for robbery, murder, and cannibalism. He was convicted in 1883 and sentenced to hang. By a technicality his case was retired, and in 1886 he received a forty-year prison sentence.

1317. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 14, 1930, 27:7.

1318. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 15, 1930, 25:7.

Dwight W. Morrow (see Note 839) opened his campaign for the United States Senate at Newark, New Jersey, on October 13. In a speech before 5,000 supporters, Morrow lauded Hoover's economic policies, blamed World War I and its aftermath for the depression, and mentioned only briefly his controversial, well-known opposition to prohibition.

1319. *NYT*, Thursday, October 16, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "feline" in first sentence.

Eleanor M. Patterson, editor-in-chief of the *Washington Post Herald* from 1930 to 1937 and a member of the Medill family, a family famous in American journalism. Patterson, the former wife of Count Josef Gizycki of Poland, assumed editorship of the *Herald*, a newspaper which she later bought and combined with the *Washington Times*, in July of 1930. Shortly thereafter she began the first of several spectacular stunts designed to build circulation, the first of which was an editorial that disparaged the political influence of a former friend, Alice Roosevelt Longworth (see Note 866).

1320. *NYT*, Friday, October 17, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* and *LAT* give "work markets." in seventh sentence/*KCT* gives "but no work;" in seventh sentence/*BDG* gives "coffee, but not peace." in twelfth sentence.

For the civil war in China see Note 1255; for Adolph Hitler see Note 1305; for Alphonse "Al" Capone see Note 876.

"Blackshirts," the name given to the fascist, black-shirted supporters of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

For the revolutionary situation in Brazil see Note 1280.

1321. *NYT*, Saturday, October 18, 1930, 19:7.

The thirty-fourth annual women's national golf championship was played in 1930 at the Los Angeles Country Club. Glenna Collett of New York won the title, her fifth in nine years.

1322. *NYT*, Monday, October 20, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "than anywhere else in the United States." in first sentence.

Hoover graduated from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, in 1895.

1323. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 21, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "with 'em. But there was a real barometer of business in the news yesterday." in fourth sentence/*KCT* gives "with 'em. But here is" in fourth sentence.

Haile Selassie I was crowned emperor of Ethiopia on November 2, 1930. Haile Selassie ruled Ethiopia for forty-four years, except for an interregnum during the Italian occupation (1936 to 1941); he was deposed in a military coup in 1974.

1324. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 22, 1930, 25:7.

Longworth was challenged for reelection in 1930 by Democrat John W. Pattison, a Cincinnati insurance executive and son of a former governor of Ohio. Longworth escaped defeat by a narrow margin.

For John Nance Garner see Note 1120.

1325. *NYT*, Thursday, October 23, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "They are sure worth" in first sentence.

Hoover appointed Colonel Arthur Woods, former police commissioner of New York City, as chairman of the newly-established Emergency Relief Organization (ERO) on October 21. The ERO was formed to find work for the estimated 3,500,000 unemployed people in the United States by bringing all public and private agencies into cooperation with the federal government.

The submarine *V-5* established a record for the United States Navy with a dive of 332 feet on October 21.

Germany unveiled in late 1930 the experimental seaplane *DO-X*, nicknamed "the Duck." The unusual design of the aircraft prompted some observers to remark at the time that the plane appeared to be flying backward when aloft. The builders of the *DO-X* hailed the craft as the largest and safest seaplane in the world.

1326. *NYT*, Friday, October 24, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Shaw is the most" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "experiment and America is trying everything that comes along," and *KCT* gives "experiment and we are trying everything that comes along. He said that we" in eighth sentence.

George Bernard Shaw (see Note 881) spoke in London on October 28 at a dinner given in honor of physicist Albert Einstein (see Note 848). Before 1,000 banquet guests and an international radio audience, Shaw praised the German scientist as one of only eight men in human history who were "makers of universes."

1327. *NYT*, Saturday, October 25, 1930, 19:7.

1328. *NYT*, Monday, October 27, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "New York" in dateline.

Rogers was born on November 4, 1879, at the Rogers family ranch near Oologah. The citizen of Oologah staged a lavish celebration on October 25, 1930, in honor of Rogers, but the humorist was unable to attend the festivities.

The Stanford University, football team was defeated, 41 to 12, by the University of Southern California on October 25. U.S.C. rolled up 481 yards from scrimmage, compared to 141 yards for Stanford.

1329. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 28, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "New York." in dateline.

1330. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 29, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "what to drink." in third sentence.

Henrik Shipstead, United States senator from Minnesota from 1923 to 1947. In 1922 Shipstead became the first Farmer-Labor party member elected to the Senate; he remained with the party until 1940 when he filed for reelection as a Republican.

Charles Francis Adams, United States secretary of the navy from 1929 to 1933. A member of the famous Adams family of Massachusetts, Secretary Adams served as an American delegate to the London Five Power Naval Conference of 1930 (see Note 1077).

Coolidge delivered a brief radio address on October 28 in support of the Republican candidates for governor and United States senator in Massachusetts. The broadcast was Coolidge's first political speech as a former president.

1331. *NYT*, Thursday, October 30, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *KCT* omits seventh, eighth, and ninth sentences.

For George Bernard Shaw and his tribute to Albert Einstein see Note 1326.

1332. *NYT*, Friday, October 31, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "that get drunk" in fourth sentence.

Governor Roosevelt (see Note 825) was challenged for reelection by Charles H. Tuttle, United States attorney who won wide acclaim in the summer of 1930 for exposing and prosecuting several Tammany-related officeholders in New York City for corrupt practices. Tuttle attempted to make corruption in New York City a major issue in the election, but his generally ineffective campaign and the governor's refusal to debate the issue limited his chances for victory. Roosevelt won reelection by a plurality of 725,000 votes.

Roosevelt had suffered from the crippling effects of poliomyelitis since August of 1921. In early 1927 he formed the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, a nonprofit institution that operated a hydrotherapeutic center at Warm Springs, Georgia, for the treatment of polio.

1333. *NYT*, Saturday, November 1, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*LAT* gives "old friend Gov. Bulow" and *NYT* gives "who is cut for the Senate" in fourth sentence.

For Coolidge's radio address see Note 1330.

William J. Bulow, Democratic governor of South Dakota from 1927 to 1931. Bulow, an earthy, likeable man whom Rogers first met at a Democratic party function in 1928, defeated incumbent Republican William H. McMasters for the United States Senate in 1930. Bulow served in the Senate from 1931 to 1943.

1334. *NYT*, Monday, November 3, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*NYT* gives "big hole" in third sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "what liars they are." in fourth sentence.

1335. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 4, 1930, 25:7.

For John J. Raskob see Note 1155; for J. Thomas Heflin, Sr., see Note 824; for William E. Borah see Note 915.

1336. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 5, 1930, 21:7. Variants: *BDG* gives "LOS ANGELES" and *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

1337. *NYT*, Thursday, November 6, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "and the wets—why they just saturated everything they got their hands on." in last sentence.

As a result of the election of 1930, the regular Republican membership in the Senate was reduced to thirty-six. With the support of twelve progressive Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite, the Republicans were able to organize the Senate in the Seventy-second Congress, but

they failed to achieve a working majority. The voters' general disenchantment with the administration also enabled the Democrats to gain control of the House.

James Rolph, Jr., the Republican mayor of San Francisco (see Note 1128), defeated incumbent C. C. Young by a 540,000-vote plurality in the California gubernatorial election.

For Franklin D. Roosevelt see Notes 834 and 1332.

1338. *NYT*, Friday, November 7, 1930, 25:7.

Representative Ruth Hanna McCormick (see Note 1153), in an attempt to become the first woman elected to the Senate, was defeated by Democrat James H. Lewis, an avowed wet, by a landslide plurality of 600,000 votes.

For Alice Roosevelt Longworth see Note 866; for Nicholas Longworth see Notes 828 and 1324.

1339. *NYT*, Saturday, November 8, 1930, 19:7.

1340. *NYT*, Monday, November 10, 1930, 19:7.

1341. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 11, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "Now in December Congress meets," in third sentence.

1342. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 12, 1930, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits "and this country sure is advertised." in third sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "dues to organizations that" in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits last two sentences.

Hoover addressed the annual banquet of the Association of National Advertisers in Washington, D. C., on November 10.

United Artists Film Corporation had accused Fox West Coast of an attempt to monopolize theaters in California. In turn, Fox charged that United Artists had demanded excessive guarantees and percentages on rental of its films. Such clashes between studios and theatrical houses were commonplace in the movie industry during the 1920s and 1930s.

1343. *NYT*, Thursday, November 13, 1930, 25:7.

1344. *NYT,* Friday, November 14, 1930, 23:7.

For Alphonse "Al" Capone see Note 876.

1345. *NYT*, Saturday, November 15, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "U.S.S. LANGLEY (San Diego)" in dateline/*NYT* gives "that can fly is almost like" the fifth sentence.

The *Langley* was the first aircraft carrier commissioned by the United States Navy. Known as the "Covered Wagon," the *Langley* joined the fleet in 1922.

The Curtiss Command Helldiver was built for the use of officers and officials of the navy for observing maneuvers and for fast military transportation. One of the first of the new planes was flown on a tour of the West Coast in late 1930 by Assistant Secretary of the Navy David S. Ingalls (see Note 1021).

1346. *NYT*, Monday, November 17, 1930, 21:7.

The carriers *Lexington* and *Saratoga* were commissioned into the United States fleet in 1927. The giant 36,000-ton ships, for which special provision had been made in the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922, provided the United States with the largest and most powerful warships afloat at the time.

1347. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 18, 1930, 25:7.

Eddie Rickenbacker (see Note 1290) was presented the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Hoover on November 6, 1930, for his feat in attacking seven German planes at once and shooting down two of them in action over France in 1918.

1348. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 19, 1930, 23:7.

Notre Dame lost one of its star running backs on November 17 when Italian-born Joseph A. "Jumpin' Joe" Savoldi was expelled from the university for having broken school rules forbidding marriage. The loss of Savoldi did not seriously undermine the effectiveness of the Irish in 1930, however; they finished the season undefeated.

For Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1349. *NYT*, Thursday, November 20, 1930, 27:7.

Bobby Jones, amateur golfer who won four major championships in 1930 (see Notes 914 and 1300), announced his retirement from competition on November 17. Shortly thereafter, Jones made a series of motion pictures related to golf; he then returned to his flourishing law practice and soft drink business. He later became vice president of a sporting goods firm.

Mayor Thompson (see Note 1095) proposed the lottery as a means of bringing "unprecedented prosperity" to Chicago. In Thompson's "prosperity drive," merchants would buy coupons from the city and give one with each twenty-five-cent purchase. Holders of winning tickets would receive up to $100,000 in prize money while Thompson hoped to raise $1,000,000 through the sale of coupons. Few merchants participated in the scheme, however, and the drive netted only $50,000 for the city treasury.

1350. *NYT*, Friday, November 21, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "child welfare people" in first sentence.

Hoover began to organize a national conference on the health and protection of children soon after he became president. He raised $500,000 for the project from private sources and enlisted the assistance of several thousand men and women. From their voluminous findings, Hoover prepared what he called "the Children's Charter," a short outline of what he considered the responsibilities of society to its youth.

The Chicago Plan for undergraduates was introduced in the early 1930s by Robert M. Hutchins, the young, innovative president of the University of Chicago. The plan encouraged liberal education at an early age and measured achievement by comprehensive examinations, rather than by classroom time served.

1351. *NYT*, Saturday, November 22, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "that whole crew" in sixth sentence.

1352. *NYT*, Monday, November 24, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* omits second sentence.

Harvard defeated Yale, 13 to 0, on November 22 in the final game of the season for both teams. Yale entered the game with a record of five wins, one loss, and two ties; Harvard was three, four, and one.

1353. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 25, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* omits second, third, and fourth sentences.

For Albert Einstein see Note 848.

1354. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 26, 1930, 21:7.

1355. *NYT*, Thursday, November 27, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

1356. *NYT*, Friday, November 28, 1930, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "a monument to a pleased jawbone." in fifth sentence/*BDG* did not print the DT.

William Wrigley, Jr., American manufacturer and distributer of chewing gum. Wrigley bought much of Catalina Island, located about twenty miles off the California coast, and developed it as a resort in the 1920s.

1357. *NYT*, Saturday, November 29, 1930, 19:7.

For Edward, Prince of Wales, see Note 898; for Robert T. "Bobby" Jones see Notes 914 and 1347; for Alphonse "Al" Capone see Note 876.

1358. *NYT*, Monday, December 1, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

Notre Dame defeated Army, 7 to 6, before a crowd of 100,000 in Chicago on November 29.

A Russian court indicted eight engineers and professors in early November of 1930 on counterrevolutionary charges involving an alleged international plot to overthrow the Soviet government. Five of the accused received death sentences, and three others were given ten-year prison terms. Later, the death sentences were commuted to ten-year terms at hard labor, and the original prison sentence were reduced to eight years.

1359. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 2, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits last four sentences.

The crime statistics Rogers mentioned appeared in a report issued on November 30 by the Bureau of Investigation (later known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

1360. *LAT*, Wednesday, December 3, 1930, I:1:2; heading from *KCT*, 13:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Mexican divorce laws in the early 1930s allowed individuals without actual residence in Mexico to sue for divorce through Mexican lawyers. A New York court issued a ruling on December 1 that invalidated the so-called mail order divorces, many of which had been obtained by residents of New York state. The court decision in New York did not affect divorces granted in Reno, Nevada.

1361. *NYT*, Thursday, December 4, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*NYT* omits "any more" and *KCT* omits "to him" in first sentence/*BDG*, *LAT*, and *KCT* omit "in refusing to recognize divorces in other states and countries" in first sentence/*BDG* and *KCT* give "Tomorrow" in second sentence/*BDG* omits fourth sentence.

For Sir Thomas Lipton and the Lipton Cup see Notes 1292 and 1295; for Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1362. *NYT*, Friday, December 5, 1930, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS", in dateline/*LAT* gives "only one of the papers" in first sentence.

Hoover communicated his annual message on the "State of the Union" to both houses of Congress on December 2.

The Notre Dame football team played the University of Southern California on December 6 in the Los Angeles Coliseum (see Note 1364), which in 1930 could seat 75,000; it later was rebuilt to accommodate 105,000 for the Olympic Games of 1932.

1363. *NYT*, Saturday, December 6, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*KCT* gives "last week." in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits "O. R. Weed" after fifth sentence.

Golda M. Kenyon of Annapolis, Maryland, announced on December 4 that for the fifth time she would marry a naval officer, Commander Charles C. Gill. Kenyon's first three husbands had died after marriage; she divorced the fourth.

For Knute K. Rockne see Note 1045.

1364. *NYT*, Monday, December 8, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *BDG* gives "splendid weather. But—" to end DT.

The University of Southern California, which had ended its affiliation with the Methodist church in 1929, was favored to beat undefeated Notre Dame on December 6 in the last football game of the season for both teams. Despite the predictions, the Irish won the game, 27 to 0.

1365. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 9, 1930, 27:7. Variants: *BDG* omits "we all have" in first sentence/*KCT* gives "you kinder keep" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "promiscuous, too." in sixth sentence/*KCT* gives "it must be awful." in eighth sentence.

1366. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 10, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

Joseph V. Stalin, communist dictator of Russia from 1929 until his death in 1953. For the trial and conviction of eight alleged counterrevolutionaries in Russia, see Note 1358.

1367. *NYT*, Thursday, December 11, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Judge Lindsey is for freer marriage" in first sentence.

Benjamin B. Lindsey, judge of the juvenile court in Denver from 1901 to 1927 and noted social reformer, Lindsey drafted numerous legislative proposals and lectured widely for the juvenile court movement. His most controversial stance was his advocacy of "companionate marriage," which called for easier divorces and birth control.

William T. Manning, American Protestant Episcopal cleric who served as bishop of New York City from 1921 to 1946. Manning denounced companionate marriage and Lindsey in a sermon delivered on December 7 at a cathedral in New York City. Lindsey, who was present, protested vehemently and was ejected from the church. He received a summons for disorderly conduct, but the case was dismissed.

1368. *NYT*, Friday, December 12, 1930, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* omits last sentence.

The federal government previously had used wood alcohol for industrial purposes in order to discourage the diversion of industrial alcohol by bootleggers. Public accusations that the denaturing formula used by the government had been responsible for hundreds of deaths spurred the development in late 1930 of the California formula that allegedly produced the disagreeable taste described by Rogers.

1369. *NYT*, Saturday, December 13, 1930, 13:9. Variant: *NYT* gives "make a different finish." in second sentence.

All Quiet on the Western Front, the American-made screen version of Erich M. Remarque's German war novel, was banned on December 11 by a German censorship board that found the film to be a "one sided presentation of war experiences" likely to have a "painful depressing effect" on the German nation. The movie, which won an Academy Award for best picture in 1930, opened in Germany on December 5 and immediately provoked violent protests by young Nazis.

The Preparatory Commission on Disarmament met in Geneva from the spring of 1926 to December of 1930 and produced a framework for an international treaty for limitation of armaments. The draft of the treaty became the basis for a general disarmament conference that met in Geneva from 1932 to 1934. Rogers attended sessions of the Preparatory Commission in the summer of 1926; his observations of the conference are included in his *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to His President*.

1370. *NYT*, Monday, December 15, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "denouncing it at once." in third sentence.

1371. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 16, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "what it is or" in second sentence.

Einstein (see Note 848) and his wife, Elsa, spent the winters of 1930 to 1931 and 1931 to 1932 in the United States, where Einstein served as visiting professor at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

1372. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 17, 1930, 27:7 Variants: *LAT* gives "lot of actors and firms" in first sentence/*KCT* omits "We are bad off, but" in last sentence.

1373. *NYT*, Thursday, December 18, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "forbid it." in second sentence.

Josephus Daniels, editor and publisher of the *Raleigh News and Observer* from 1894 to 1933 and secretary of the navy from 1913 to 1921.

Anthony J. "Mac" McKevlin, sports editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer* from 1926 to 1941 and managing editor from 1941 until his death in 1946. McKelvin "scheduled" the "Duke-North Carolina Charity Football Game—ALL CHARITY, not football" on December 23, but only a few hundred tickets were sold and less than $1,000 was collected for charity. Nevertheless a local radio station provided "play-by-play" broadcast of the mythical game, which ended in a 33 to 33 tie.

1374. *NYT*, Friday, December 19, 1930, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

Hoover had urged United States membership in the World Court (see Note 972) in his inaugural address in March of 1929, and in December of that year an American representative signed the protocol of adherence with revisions agreed to both by the United States and Court members. Hoover submitted the protocol to the Senate on December 10, 1930, but isolationist senators blocked ratification. Uncertainty continued to cloud the issue until 1935 when the Senate finally rejected membership.

1375. *NYT*, Saturday, December 20, 1930, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*LAT* gives "Congress" in first sentence.

1376. *NYT*, Monday, December 22, 1930, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

Congress passed a $155,000,000 employment aid bill on December 20.

1377. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 23, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

Cameron A. Morrison, Democratic United States senator from North Carolina from 1930 to 1932. Morrison, a former governor who had been appointed to a vacancy in the Senate, took his seat on December 13. Four days later he created a sensation when he took to the floor of the Senate—an unprecedented move for a newcomer—to defend Frank R. McIntosh of North Carolina, a friend and one of Hoover's nominees to the Federal Power Commission whose credentials and character had been questioned by Senator Thomas J. Walsh.

1378. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 24, 1930, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

1379. *NYT*, Thursday, December 25, 1930, 3:7.

For Charles M. Schwab see Note 1010.

1380. *LAT*, Friday, December 26, 1930, I:1:6. *NYT* and *KCT* did not print the DT.

1381. *NYT*, Saturday, December 27, 1930, 15:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*BDG* gives "22 years" in fourth sentence.

Frank McKinney "Kin" Hubbard, humorist and cartoonist for the *Indianapolis News* from 1891 until his death on December 26, 1930. Hubbard created "Abe Martin," a rustic character who appeared in daily syndicated line drawings, each with two sentences of current, universal comment.

1382. *NYT*, Monday, December 29, 1930, 23:7.

Robert H. Lucas, the executive director of the Republican National Committee, admitted in late December of 1930 that he had sought to defeat Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska (see Note 860) for reelection in 1930. Although widely-criticized for his actions, Lucas defended his course, insisting that Norris was not truly a Republican because he had supported Democratic presidential ticket in 1928 and long had opposed regular Republican policies.

1383. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 30, 1930, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

1384. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 31, 1931, 4:2. Variants: *KCT* gives "cocky nation." to end fifth sentence/*KCT* omits sixth, seventh, and eighth sentences.

1385. *NYT*, Thursday, January 1, 1931, 3:5. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*BDG* omits "and find where Pocahontas was Jewish" in third sentence.

For Albert Einstein's visit to the United States see Note 1371.

Historians long had deplored Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's inaccuracies in his ballad *Paul Revere's Ride*. In late December of 1930 Professor Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr., of Harvard, in the tradition of earlier historians, attempted to dispel the belief made popular by Longfellow that Revere had aroused the patriots at Concord during his famous ride of April 18, 1775. According to Schlesinger, Revere never reached Concord but was captured by the British shortly after warning the Minutemen at Lexington.

1386. *NYT*, Friday, January 2, 1931, 21:5.

For Charles M. Schwab see Note 1010; for Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., see Note 1314.

Thomas W. Lamont, an officer of J. P. Morgan & Company, bankers, from 1911 to 1940; chairman of the board from 1943 until his death in 1948. Thomas W. Lamont did not issue a business forecast on January 1. Rogers confused the New York City banker with Robert P. Lamont, United States secretary of commerce, whose New Year's forecast of prosperity appeared in several newspapers throughout the country.

For J(ohn) P(ierpont) Morgan, Jr., see Note 906; for Dwight W. Morrow see Note 839.

1387. *NYT*, Saturday, January 3, 1931, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

The University of Alabama football team defeated Washington State College, 24 to 0, in the sixteenth annual Rose Bowl game played on January 1.

Oscar W. Underwood, Democratic United States senator from Alabama from 1915 to 1927. At the Democratic National Convention of 1924, each of the 103 nominating ballots for president opened with the chairman of the Alabama delegation intoning, "Alabama casts twenty-four votes for Oscar W. Underwood."

William W. Wade, football coach at the University of Alabama from 1923 to 1931. A serious, but highly successful football strategist, Wade resigned as head coach at Alabama in 1931 to take a similar position at Duke University.

For Albert Einstein's visit to the United States see Note 1371.

1388. *NYT*, Monday, January 5, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* omits "that the way it looked, Rockefeller and Ford would be on the 'dole before July 4th.'" in third sentence.

For Thomas W. Lamont see Note 1386; for J(ohn) P(ierpont) Morgan, Jr., see Note 906; for John D. Rockefeller, Jr., see Note 816; for Henry Ford see Note 882.

Joseph J. C. Joffre, French military officer who served as commander-in-chief of the French armies from 1911 to 1916. Affectionately known to his fellow countrymen as "Papa," the portly Joffre was hailed as the hero of the Battle of the Marne, which stopped the German advance upon Paris during World War I. He died in the French capital on January 3, 1931, after a long illness.

1389. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 6, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "don't want to kill" in third sentence.

Five people were killed in a riot that erupted at the end of an international soccer match between teams from Uruguay and Peru. The controversy began when an official attempted to deliver a trophy to the victorious Uruguayan team. Peruvian troops in attendance at the game began to protest and soon were joined in a violent demonstration by the remainder of the predominantly Peruvian crowd.

George E. Akerson, former newspaperman who served as press secretary to president Hoover from 1929 to 1931. Akerson resigned on January 3 to take an executive position in public relations with Paramount, the motion picture firm.

1390. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 7, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline/*NYT*, gives "who come to a country town store" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "to hit the heart" and *KCT* gives "few hundred people" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "As Paul Revere woke up Concord," in first sentence/*BDG* omits second and third sentences.

Five hundred farmers marched through the business sector of the small community of England, Arkansas, on January 3, demanding food for their hungry, drought-stricken families. The widely publicized demonstration prompted the state Red Cross to send aid and stirred the emotions of many Americans.

For Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853.

1391. *NYT*, Thursday, January 8, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *BDG* omits last two sentences.

The Senate voted on January 5 to add $25,000,000 to a $45,000,000 drought relief appropriation bill passed earlier by the House. The additional monies were intended to provide loans for food, but the House refused to approve the amended version of the relief bill (see DT 1398). On January 14 the Senate finally relented and voted to adopt the original drought relief appropriation of only $45,000,000.

1392. *NYT*, Friday, January 9, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *KCT* omits first sentence.

1393. *NYT*, Saturday, January 10, 1931, 17:7.

Pope Pius XI, chief prelate of the Roman Catholic Church from 1922 until his death in 1939, issued an encyclical on January 8 that included a strong condemnation of trial marriage, divorce, and birth control.

"The Peanut Vendor" (*El Manisero*), a song of Cuban origin composed by Moises Simons, became an exceedingly familiar and popular tune with Americans after its introduction in the United States in 1931. Many persons particularly were intrigued by the "irregular regularities" of its typical Latin American rhythm.

1394. *NYT*, Monday, January 12, 1931, 3:5.

Although Hoover's nominees for the Federal Power Commission had been confirmed by the Senate in 1930, that body attempted to rescind its action in January of 1931 after the newly-confirmed chairman of the commission, George O. Smith, discharged an employee who worked closely with progressives in Congress. Hoover informed the Senate that it had no authority to recall the confirmation, and in 1932 the Supreme Court ruled that the Senate lacked the power to reconsider its vote.

1395. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 13, 1931, 3:4. Variant: *KCT* omits last sentence.

For Amon G. Carter see Note 883; for Garner's support of the plan to subdivide Texas, see Notes 1120 and 1188.

1396. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 14, 1931, 6:2.

William H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, former United States congressman, was inaugurated as governor of Oklahoma on January 12, 1931; he served from 1931 to 1935.

1397. *NYT*, Thursday, January 15, 1931, 3:5. Variants: *BDG* gives "And me in my" and *KCT* gives "suit—the cut is perfect, but surgically it's uninhabitable—flying" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "anemic-looking rented houses." in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits sixth sentence.

1398. *NYT*, Friday, January 16, 1931, 3:5.

Rogers visited Washington, D. C., in mid-January of 1931 to confer with Hoover about the drought crisis and to elicit government financial support for the Red Cross. Hoover, however, disapproved of government funding of private, voluntary relief projects (see Note 1399). Rogers departed Washington for a cross-country tour of the most critically depressed areas of the country.

For the drought relief bill see Note 1391.

1399. *NYT*, Saturday, January 17, 1931, 11:5. Variants: *KCT* omits "on what they asked for." in seventh sentence/*KCT* omits last three sentences.

John Barton Payne, former secretary of the interior of the United States who served as chairman of the American Red Cross from 1921 to 1935.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas (see Note 994) had offered an amendment to an agricultural appropriation bill that would allot $25,000,000 to the Red Cross for food relief. The Senate passed the amendment on January 17, but the House defeated it after the Red Cross had announced that it would reject any government funds. A compromise, however, was achieved, whereby $20,000,000 was appropriated for farmers in the drought area with part of the money to be used for food under the clause "farm rehabilitation."

The Red Cross began a $10,000,000 fund-raising drive on January 13, 1931, for drought relief. Rogers made a $5,000 contribution on January 22 and then embarked on a cross-country tour to help raise funds and to visit stricken towns.

1400. *NYT*, Monday, January 19, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* omits last sentence.

John F. Lucey, regional director of employment for President Hoover's Emergency Committee for Employment and formerly a member of the Commission for the Relief of Belgium, one of Hoover's World War I relief organizations. Lucey had just completed an inspection of conditions in England, Arkansas, and had reported his findings to the president at the White House on January 17.

1401. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 20, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* and *BDG* omits first sentence/*NYT* gives "our other hard luck," in second sentence/*KCT* did not print the DT.

The Wickersham Commission (see Notes 930 and 1225) issued a report on January 21 that said in effect that federal prohibition had been unenforceable but should be enforced, that it had failed but should not be abandoned. Two years later the Eighteenth Amendment was repealed.

1402. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 21, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "through our great Red Cross organization" in third sentence.

For the Wickersham Commission see Note 1401.

1403. *NYT*, Thursday, January 22, 1931, 25:7.

Francis M. "Frank" Hawks, a veteran of the United States Army Air Corps who by 1931 held almost all speed records in the United States and had established several international marks. In 1931 Hawks piloted Rogers about the United States during the latter's effort to raise money for the relief of the victims of the drought. They visited fifty-seven cities in seventeen days and raised $250,000 for the Red Cross.

Charles S. "Casey" Jones, president of the Curtiss Flying Company and vice president of the Curtiss-Reed Metal Propellor Company. Jones, an early-day sponsor of air races and events, founded a well-known school for mechanics and aviation engineers in 1932.

J. W. Elmer Thomas, Democratic United States senator from Oklahoma from 1927 to 1951. Thomas addressed the Senate on January 22 regarding an appropriations bill for the Interior Department related to Indian funds.

Needy, unemployed veterans had demanded immediate enactment of a bill that authorized a loan of 50 percent on their adjusted compensation, or "bonus," certificates provided for by an act passed in 1924. Congress passed such a bill, but Hoover vetoed it on February 26, 1931, on the basis that it would be a blow to government economy. Congress enacted the measure on February 27 over Hoover's veto (see Note 1435), but the veterans' insistence that cash be paid for the entire bonus led to the "Bonus March" in 1932.

1404. *NYT*, Friday, January 23, 1931, 25:7.

For Francis M. "Frank" Hawks see Note 1403; for David S. Ingalls see Note 1021.

1405. *NYT*, Saturday, January 24, 1931, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* and *KCT* give "seems mighty peaceful" in second sentence.

1406. *NYT*, Monday, January 26, 1931, 19:7.

For the Wickersham Commission see Note 1401.

1407. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 27, 1931, 3:6. Variant: *KCT* gives "San Antone where history" in first sentence.

For James E. "Pa" Ferguson see Note 1250; for Dan Moody see Note 819.

Pat M. Neff, former governor of Texas who in 1931 served as chairman of the state railroad commission. Neff later served as president of Baylor University.

Ross S. Sterling, founder of Humble Oil Company, won election as governor of Texas in 1930 and served in that office from 1931 to 1933. Rogers was a luncheon guest of Governor Sterling on January 26.

For Rudy Vallee see Note 1120.

1408. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 28, 1931, 23:7.

1409. *NYT*, Thursday, January 29, 1931, 25:7.

For the congressional debate regarding food relief appropriations see Note 1399.

1410. *NYT*, Friday, January 30, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Don't believe he" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "all of America" in last sentence.

Houston hosted the Democratic National Convention in 1928. Rogers attended the convention as a special correspondent.

Houston opened a shipping channel in 1914 that allowed ocean-going vessels to reach the heart of the city and firmly established Houston as a leading port city.

Major General Butler (see Note 925) provoked a minor international incident in January of 1931 when he referred in a public address to Benito Mussolini, the Italian dictator, as a "hit-and-run" driver and as a "mad dog" for war, prompting a protest by the Italian ambassador, an apology by the United States government, and an order for a court-martial trial. This later was revoked when Butler issued a retraction. He retired from the Marine Corps in October of 1931.

1411. *NYT*, Saturday, January 31, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "people know it." in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits "Frank Hawks is our monologist." in sixth sentence/*BDG* gives "the singing quartet, Jimmy Rodgers, the yodeler," in seventh sentence/*KCT* omits seventh sentence.

For Francis M. "Frank" Hawks see Note 1403.

The Revelers Male Quartet, one of the first "precision" singing groups on radio, featured James Melton and Lewis L. James as tenors, Elliott Shaw as baritone, and Wilfred Glenn as bass.

James C. "Jimmie" Rodgers, popular recording artist of the 1920s and 1930s who became known as the "Father of Country Music." Many of the 111 songs that Rodgers recorded featured a yodel; it was this vocal phenomenon that catapulted him to fame.

Chester Byers, world champion roper and rodeo performer from Oklahoma. Rogers, who had given Byers some of his first lessons in roping, wrote the foreword to Byers' *Roping: Trick and Fancy Rope Spinning*, which was first published in 1928.

1412. *NYT*, Monday, February 2, 1931, 19:7.

For the veterans' bonus bill see Note 1403.

1413. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 3, 1931, 25:7.

By early 1931 the oil industry in the United States was crippled severely by overproduction and the loss of markets as a result of the depression. By March of 1931 the price of crude oil had fallen to seventy-five cents per barrel—compared to three dollars per barrel in 1919.

For William H. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray see Note 1396.

1414. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 4, 1931, 23:7.

For Smedley D. Butler see Notes 925 and 1410.

1415. *NYT*, Thursday, February 5, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "dollars in administration." in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits "first" in last sentence.

Rogers took his drought relief campaign to the Oklahoma communities of Norman, Chickasha, and Ardmore on February 4. He raised $11,435 in the three cities.

1416. *NYT*, Friday, February 6, 1931, 21:7.

For Francis M. "Frank" Hawks see Note 1403.

Oklahoma A. & M. was renamed Oklahoma State University in 1957.

For Smedley D. Butler see Notes 925 and 1410; for the Wickersham Commission report see Note 1401.

1417. *NYT*, Saturday, February 7, 1931, 17:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "fast and everything." in second sentence.

Malcolm Campbell, a British racing driver, established a world land speed record of 245 miles per hour on February 5 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Knighted in 1931, Campbell became in 1935 the first man to travel more than 300 miles per hour.

Michele Schirru, a naturalized American citizen and well-known anarchist, was arrested by Italian police in Rome on February 6 for plotting to assassinate Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator. Schirru was found guilty by an Italian tribunal on May 25, 1931, and executed by a firing squad three days later.

1418. *NYT*, Monday, February 9, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "and Tulsa tonight." in second sentence.

1419. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 10, 1931, 21:7.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 963.

1420. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 11, 1931, 25:7.

Hoover announced on February 10 that he would contribute $7,500, or 10 percent of his annual salary of $75,000, toward the Red Cross drought relief fund of $10,000,000.

1421. *NYT*, Thursday, February 12, 1931, 21:7.

Rogers' appeal to help the circus generated contributions from throughout the country. The mayor of Fort Smith refused to accept the money, however. He explained that the circus people were not stranded, the animals were not hungry, and if anyone were in need, the people from Fort Smith could take care of their own destitute citizens.

1422. *NYT*, Friday, February 13, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* omits fourth sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "from the people" and *KCT* gives "from the movie people" in last sentence.

John S. Parks, publisher of the *Fort Smith Southwest American* and the *Times Record* and regional chairman of the State Emergency Unemployment Committee. Parks sent Rogers the following message on February 11: "Appreciate appeal in morning papers re stranded circus and lack of peanuts for lonely elephant. Your informant undoubtedly a jest artist. The one elephant in question is well housed with sufficient food for his needs. Several contributions by wire already received by mayor. These are being returned to donors. In view of fact that some wag unfortunately threw you a fast one, am wondering if in justice to yourself you should not make correction to erroneous story."

1423. *NYT*, Saturday, February 14, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "We made Ft. Worth, then" in second sentence/*KCT* omits sixth, seventh, and eighth sentences/*LAT* omits last four sentences.

For Francis M. "Frank" Hawks see Note 1403; for David S. Ingalls see Note 1021.

The United States fleet engaged in maneuvers near Panama in mid-February of 1931 and in the Pacific a month later.

1424. *NYT*, Monday, February 16, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *KCT* omits second sentence/*BDG* and *LAT* give "give us a postoffice" in sixth sentence.

The House passed the naval construction bill for 1932 on February 14, but maverick Republicans in the Senate who opposed a large navy delayed consideration of the measure, causing the bill finally to be dropped on February 22.

1425. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 17, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* omits seventh sentence/*LAT* omits "now you see" in eighth sentence/*KCT* omits "and when they raise it, the last one is still in this country." in tenth sentence/*KCT* omits eleventh sentence.

For the $20,000,000 drought relief loan see Note 1399.

1426. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 18, 1931, 21:7.

1427. *NYT*, Thursday, February 19, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *KCT* omits "and a half," in fourth sentence/*NYT* omits "if we don't draw anything out" in fifth sentence/*NYT* omits "good" in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits last sentence.

Louis Wolheim, American-born character actor who, despite his soft-spoken, scholarly manner, appeared in mostly semi-brutish roles. He first appeared on the stage in 1918 at the age of thirty-seven and in movies in 1919.

For the veterans' bonus bill see Note 1403.

Spain experienced great social and economic unrest in the post-World War I period. Colonial rebellions and domestic outbreaks were a recurring problem, resulting in the establishment of a military dictatorship in 1923 under Primo de Rivera (see Note 1096). Widespread dissatisfaction forced Primo de Rivera's resignation in 1930. On April 14, 1931, after a great republican victory in municipal elections and several months of political uncertainty, King Alfonso XIII was deposed and a second Spanish republic established.

1428. *NYT*, Friday, February 20, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "I am not speaking" in third sentence.

1429. *LAT,* Saturday, February 21, 1931, I:1:6; heading from *KCT* 17:7. Variants: *BDG* omits third and fourth sentences/*KCT* gives "most of the papers" in third sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Editors of the *Los Angeles Times* altered the third sentence in Rogers' column of February 19 to read "I am not speaking of the Senate and Congress of these United States." The *Times* printed the column of February 20 without editorial changes.

1430. *NYT*, Monday, February 23, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" in dateline.

1431. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 24, 1931, 21:7.

For the Wickersham Commission report see Note 1401.

A resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to eliminate "lame duck" sessions of Congress was passed by the Senate on February 12 and by the House twelve days later, but the bill died when Senate and House conferees deadlocked over an amendment for mandatory ending of the short session of March 4. Resubmitted in 1932, the proposal was ratified as the Twentieth Amendment less than a year later.

1432. *NYT*, Wednesday, February, 25, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *KCT* gives "somebody else" in sixth sentence.

Muscle Shoals, Alabama, was the site of a dam, hydroelectric power plant, and two nitrate manufacturing plants, constructed by the federal government during World War I. During the 1920s the government failed in efforts to sell the Tennessee River facilities to private interests. On February 23 a group of legislators headed by George W. Norris secured passage of a bill that would have provided for federal operation of Muscle Shoals, but President Hoover vetoed the measure on March 3, 1931. Two years later Muscle Shoals became an integral part of the then newly-established Tennessee Valley Authority.

1433. *NYT*, Thursday, February 26, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Coolidge do a skit with" in fifth sentence/*KCT* gives "Coolidge box with" in fifth sentence/*KCT* omits "to get 'em" in fifth sentence.

Greta Garbo, Swedish-born film actress whose sultry sexuality and beautiful features made her one of the greatest star personalities ever to appear on the screen. She was "discovered" by film producer Louis B. Mayer who took her to Hollywood in 1926 where she soon became one of the highest paid stars in the business; she retired suddenly in 1941 at the age of thirty-six.

1434. *NYT*, Friday, February 27, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "old" in fifth sentence/*NYT*, gives "way" in fifth sentence/*LAT* omits "away" in fifth sentence.

The Auburn, by 1931, had evolved into one of the speediest, sportiest, and most expensive automobiles manufactured in the United States.

1435. *NYT*, Saturday, February 28, 1931, 19:7.

For the veterans' bonus bill see Note 1403; for Andrew W. Mellon see Note 853.

1436. *NYT*, Monday, March 2, 1931, 21:7.

Hog Island Shipyard near Philadelphia was one of the largest of 341 ship-building plants authorized and built by the United States Shipping Board during World War I. The Hog Island plant, which had a capacity of seventy-eight ships, cost the United States $65,000,000 and employed 34,000 workers.

1437. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 3, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *KCT* omits fourth sentence.

Plus fours were baggy knickers popular with many golfers and other sportsmen during this period.

For George Bernard Shaw see Note 881.

1438. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 4, 1931, 27:7.

Paul Y. Anderson, national correspondent for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* from 1914 until shortly before his death in 1938. Anderson's story "Who Got the Bonds?" in the *Post-Dispatch* of November 12, 1927, led to the reopening of the Senate oil investigation and earned for Anderson a Pulitzer Prize in 1928.

1439. *NYT*, Thursday, March 5, 1931, 25:7.

For James Rolph, Jr., see Note 1128.

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NOTES

1440. *New York Times* (hereafter cited as *NYT*), Friday, March 6, 1931, 23:2. The editors throughout used *NYT* as the main source; however, variations appeared when other papers were checked. In that event, we relied upon the *Los Angeles Times* (hereafter cited as *LAT*) primarily and the *Tulsa Daily World* and the *Kansas City Times* secondarily. Unless otherwise indicated, variants come from *LAT* but the *NYT* version is given in the footnotes. Also unless otherwise indicated, the heading of each DT is from the *NYT*.

The Seventy-first Congress adjourned on March 4, 1931. In three sessions, it had set a record for peacetime appropriations—$10 billion.

Albert Einstein, German physicist whose theory of relativity earned for him a Nobel Prize in 1921. He served as a visiting professor at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena during the winter of 1930-31.

1441. *NYT*, Saturday, March 7, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "of the split" in first sentence.

Prohibition of the sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcoholic beverages became law in the United States in 1920 after the ratification of the Eighteenth Amendment. The Volstead Act (1919) provided for the enforcement of prohibition, but control of the liquor traffic proved difficult to maintain.

A division in the Democratic National Committee between northern-urban "wets" and southern-rural "drys" was heightened in early March of 1931 by a suggestion that repeal of prohibition be made part of the Democratic platform for 1932.

1442. *NYT*, Monday, March 9, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "relief there is a polo game between youth and some older boys." to end third sentence/*NYT* gives "myself makes" in fifth sentence.

Arthur Brisbane, American newspaper editor and syndicated writer whose column "Today" appeared in more than 1,400 newspapers.

Max C. Fleischmann, chairman of the board of Fleischmann Company from 1925 to 1929. In 1930, after selling his interest in the Cincinnati-based yeast firm, Fleischmann moved to Santa Barbara, California, where he engaged in extensive philanthropy.

James A Wigmore, Cleveland realtor and sportsman. An accomplished polo player, Wigmore was a member of the Cleveland side which won the National Twelve Goal Intercircuit championship in 1927.

Reginald L. Baker, Australian amateur boxer and fight promoter who was active for several years in athletic organizations in California.

1443. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 10, 1931, 25:7.

Jamaica ginger, popularly known as "jake," was a dangerous homemade liquor that had a crippling, paralyzing effect on the hands and lower legs of its victims.

1444. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 11, 1931, 25:7.

The Arkansas and Idaho legislatures passed laws in February of 1931 that allowed a petitioner to file for divorce after residing in the state for ninety days. Nevada lawmakers, fearful that the lucrative divorce business might be stolen from Reno, the "nation's divorce capital," hurriedly passed a measure that reduced the state residence requirement from ninety days to six weeks.

1445. *NYT*, Thursday, March 12, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "caused naturally by" in first sentence.

James Eli Watson, Republican United States senator from Indiana from 1916 to 1933; majority leader from 1929 to 1933.

Progressives, claiming that the needs of the nation had been neglected by the major parties and President Hoover, met in Washington D.C., on March 11-12 to formulate a program for the next session of Congress. Senator Watson, a conservative Republican, sent a list of fourteen questions to the leaders of the conference, requesting clarification of their positions on several issues.

1446. *NYT*, Friday, March 13, 1931, 23:7.

1447. *NYT*, Saturday, March 14, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "can get" in third sentence.

Robert Marion La Follette, Jr., Republican United States senator from Wisconsin from 1925 to 1947. Son and namesake of "Fighting Bob" La Follette, he was one of the leaders at the conference of progressives (see Note 1445).

1448. *NYT*, Monday, March 16, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "hero, you wonder if" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "there are no" in last sentence.

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the extremely popular leader of the Indian struggle for independence from Great Britain; called Mahatma, or Great Soul.

Charles Spencer Chaplin, English comedian and motion picture star who won international acclaim for his film portrayal of the human condition as The Tramp. Chaplin was bestowed knighthood in 1975 at the age of eighty-five.

Herbert Clark Hoover, president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. A Republican, Hoover served as secretary of commerce from 1921 to 1928. He boarded the battleship *Arizona* on March 19 to begin an eleven-day vacation and business trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

1449. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 17, 1931, 31:7. Variants: *NYT* and *LAT* give "pay tax" in sixth sentence.

The withholding of federal income taxes from payrolls was introduced during World War II.

1450. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 18, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Ireland of all" in first and second sentences.

1451. *NYT*, Thursday, March 19, 1931, 25:7.

College students representing three generations of graduates of Harvard University and three generations of graduates of four eastern women's colleges were the subjects of a study in evolution by an anthropology student at Harvard.

1452. *NYT*, Friday, March 20, 1931, 27:7.

William Edgar Borah, Republican United States senator from Idaho from 1907 until his death in 1940. Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an outspoken critic of the Hoover administration, Borah met with Hoover at the White House on March 18 to discuss international affairs and domestic agrarian problems.

Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator and leader of the Fascist party from 1922 to 1943. Although Mussolini officially held only the position of premier, he in fact exerted total control of the Italian government.

1453. *NYT*, Saturday, March 21, 1931, 19:7.

In 1931 Nevada became the first state in modern history to legalize gambling. The action was taken to stimulate business and to generate revenue in the wake of the depression.

1454. *NYT*, Monday, March 23, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

Theodore Dreiser, novelist whose *Sister Carrie* and *An American Tragedy* are classic examples of naturalism in American writing.

Sinclair Lewis, novelist whose satiric portrayals of middle-class American life in *Main Street* and *Babbitt* helped him gain prominence in American literature and allowed him to become, in 1930, the first American to win the Nobel Prize in literature.

Dreiser slapped Lewis repeatedly during an argument at the Metropolitan Club in New York City on March 19. The disagreement stemmed from Lewis's charge that Dreiser had plagiarized from a book written in 1928 by Mrs. Lewis, the former Dorothy Thompson.

George Bernard Shaw, Irish novelist, playwright, and literary critic noted for his satirical wit; winner of the Nobel Prize in literature in 1925.

The Agua Caliente Handicap, which was won by Mike Hall in an upset, attracted a crowd of 25,000 spectators.

1455. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 24, 1931, 29:7.

1456. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 25, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "(Sealyham)" in fourth sentence.

Oscar Odd McIntyre, syndicated writer whose column "New York Day by Day" appeared in more than 550 newspapers from 1912 until his death in 1938. McIntyre's frequent stories about his dogs had a wide appeal.

Thomas Robert Dewar, British distiller and sportsman. When Rogers and his family were in Europe in 1926, Lord Dewar presented the Rogers children with a pedigreed Sealyham pup, which they named "Jock."

1457. *NYT*, Thursday, March 26, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "wanted impart" in fifth sentence.

Hoover spoke at San Juan, Puerto Rico, on March 24. He cited the difficulties caused by an increase in population during a depression while praising the perseverance of the Puerto Ricans and offering general encouragement for the future.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., governor of Puerto Rico from 1929 to 1932; son and namesake of the former president of the United States.

Hoover spent five hours at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, on March 25, before returning to the mainland.

1458. *NYT*, Friday, March 27, 1931, 27:7.

Gangster warfare raged in Los Angeles during March, with several brutal murders of members of rival criminal factions. The funerals of the slain gangsters featured the lavish displays of flowers and long motorcades of crime figures.

1459. *NYT*, Saturday, March 28, 1931, 15:2. Variants: *NYT* gives "Ghandi" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "'Ye-ah? Ye-ah?'" and *NYT* gives "'and then we…you?'" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "to, for their" in sixth sentence/*NYT* omits sixth sentence.

Gandhi (see Note 1448) was attacked outside Karachi on March 25 by a member of an angry crowd of extremists opposed to his leadership and influence in the nationalist movement in India.

For Charles Spencer Chaplin see Note 1448.

Tammany Hall, a Democratic political organization in New York City that controlled party politics in the city and wielded much influence in municipal affairs. On March 24, the New York state legislature ordered an investigation of the administration of James John "Jimmy" Walker, the Tammany-backed mayor of New York City.

1460. *NYT*, Monday, March 30, 1931, 23:7.

Charles A. Otis, Cleveland investment banker and civic leader whose Otis & Co. ranked as one of the leading securities firms in the Middle West.

Hoover remarked on his return voyage that the United States had obtained "an effective poorhouse" by its "unfortunate" acquisition of the Virgin Islands. Hoover's statements provoked considerable protest by residents of the islands.

1461. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 31, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "It gives " in third sentence/*NYT* gives "have to eat" in fifth sentence.

Massacre, written by American educator Robert Gessner, appeared in 1931 and depicted personal hardships as well as administrative difficulties on American Indian reservations. Reviewers noted that despite Gessner's bias his portrayal was well founded in fact.

The Osage Indians of northern Oklahoma had acquired a reputation as the wealthiest tribe in the United States as a result of the discovery of oil on their land in the early 1900s.

The wretched condition of the Sioux Indians at the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota was the subject of a revealing article in the *New York Times* on March 15, 1931. The story described the pathetic life of a Sioux family who because of their extreme poverty were forced to subsist on horsemeat.

1462. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 1, 1931, 31:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

Knute Kenneth Rockne, football coach at Notre Dame University from 1918 to 1931. Personable and popular, Rockne compiled a record of 105 wins, 12 losses, and 5 ties as coach of the Fighting Irish. He and seven other persons perished in an airplane crash in southeastern Kansas on March 31.

1463. *NYT*, Thursday, April 1, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "but was" in first sentence.

Robert C. Gillis, Los Angeles land developer and realtor.

Liberty Bonds were sold by public subscription, providing loans to help finance the Allied effort during World War I. One of the most effective sales techniques occurred when volunteer speakers delivered concise, brief speeches of about three minutes to groups such as movie audiences. These "three-minute" speakers exhorted their listeners to support the war effort through the purchase of Liberty Bonds.

John Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States from 1923 to 1929. A Republican, Coolidge was emphatically pro-business. His policies contributed to the speculative mood of the 1920s.

1464. *NYT*, Friday, April 2, 1931, 27:7.

Charles Augustus Lindbergh, American aviator who received international acclaim in May of 1927 for making the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight.

Francis Monroe "Frank" Hawks, American aviator who established numerous transcontinental and point-to-point speed records in the 1920s and 1930s.

James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle, American flier noted for his speed marks set in the 1920s and 1930s, his interests in commercial aviation, and his heroism during World War II.

Alford Joseph "Al" Williams, Jr., research pilot with the United States Navy from 1917 to 1930 and holder of several aviation records and awards.

David Sinton Ingalls, United States assistant secretary of the Navy for aeronautics from 1929 to 1932.

Federal aeronautical inspectors determined that the plane crash in which Rockne (see Note 1462) had died occurred when an accumulation of ice on a wing caused the wing to separate from the fuselage.

1465. *NYT*, Saturday, April 3, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Representative to Congress." to end first sentence.

California gained nine additional seats in Congress as a result of a reapportionment based on the census of 1930. Controversy between the northern and southern sections of the state centered on whether to redistrict according to population figures, which would give the more populous south an advantage, or to divide the seats equally between the two sections.

1466. *NYT*, Monday, April 6, 1931, 23:7.

Harold J. Kelsey, American barnstormer and veteran commercial aviator who joined American Airways as a pilot in 1930.

Rogers was on his way to Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, where an earthquake on March 31 had devastated the city, leaving hundreds dead and thousands homeless (see DT and Note 1469).

1467. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 7, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "This country" to begin sixth sentence.

Mexico was the scene of considerable political unrest and recurrent rebellions during the late 1920s.

Joshua Reuben Clark, Jr., United States ambassador to Mexico from 1930 to 1933.

Dwight Whitney Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico from 1927 to 1930; Republican United States senator from New Jersey from 1930 until his death in 1931. Morrow retired as ambassador to seek election to the Senate.

1468. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 8, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "ABOARD PLANE BOUND FOR SAN SALVADOR" as place of origin/*NYT* gives "run with bug…pilots. Passed today" in first and second sentences/*LAT* gives "three-motored planes" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "New York and the whole" in ninth sentence, omitting ten words.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442.

1469. *NYT*, Thursday, April 9, 1931, 18:2-3. Variants: *LAT* gives "Cross combined" in seventh sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* gives "8,000. Now we" in eighth and ninth sentences/*NYT* gives "Hanna, just appointed" in ninth sentence/*NYT* gives "He lost…he had…his back." in tenth sentence/*LAT* gives "back—he and…Cross. If Through" in tenth and eleventh sentences/*LAT* gives "place. We are" in twenty-first sentence.

The earthquake that struck Managua, Nicaragua, on March 31, 1931, was a national disaster that cost 1,450 lives. Relief assistance flowed from many countries, including the United States. Untied States Army engineers stationed in Nicaragua rendered valuable service, and extensive medical supplies were flown in from American bases in the Canal Zone and Cuba. Rogers spent three days in Managua and personally contributed at least $5,000 to the relief cause.

Matthew Elting Hanna, United States minister to Nicaragua from 1929 to 1933. The Nicaraguan government awarded Hanna its Presidential Medal of Merit for his relief assistance in Managua.

President Hoover took immediate action upon hearing of the disaster: he ordered Army and Navy units in the area to assist in the relief operations.

United States Marines were sent to Nicaragua in 1912 to restore order during a rebellion against a pro-American ruler. A small detachment remained in the Central American republic until 1933, despite stubborn opposition from insurgent guerrillas.

A canal across Nicaragua had been desired for many years by American shippers and military strategists. Army engineers conducted surveys in 1930 and 1931 to determine possible routes and construction costs.

1470. *NYT*, Friday, April 10, 1931, 27:4-5. Variants: *NYT* gives "some news for" in fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "money and" in fourteenth sentence/*NYT* gives "Money is needed to help feed 'em and restore some sort of roof over their heads." for sixteenth sentence/*LAT* gives "Chic Sale" in sixteenth sentence.

José María Moncada, president of Nicaragua from 1929 to 1932.

For Matthew Elting Hanna see Note 1469.

Ralph Johnson Mitchell, American naval aviator stationed in Nicaragua with the Second Brigade, United States Marine Corps.

Charles Partlow "Chic" Sale, American character actor and comedian who first appeared in vaudeville in 1908 and later wrote syndicated newspaper articles.

1471. *NYT*, Saturday, April 11, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Gardner" in eighth sentence/*NYT* gives "by Democrats" in ninth sentence.

Costa Ricans celebrate April 11 as the anniversary of the defeat of William Walker, an American soldier of fortune who led an unsuccessful filibustering expedition against Costa Rica in 1856.

Nicholas Longworth, Republican United States representative from Ohio from 1903 to 1913 and from 1915 until his death in 1931. Longworth, who had served as speaker of the House of Representatives since 1925, died of pneumonia on April 9 in Aiken, South Carolina.

John Nance Garner, Democratic United States representative from Texas from 1903 to 1933; speaker of the House from 1931 to 1933. Although Garner was the minority leader in Congress at the time, he enjoyed a close personal friendship with Longworth.

1472. *NYT*, Monday, April 13, 1931, 21:7.

Smith Wildman Brookhart, Republican United States senator from Iowa from 1922 to 1925 and from 1927 to 1933. Brookhart had returned from a tour of the Canal Zone on April 16, incensed about the freedom allowed American servicemen in the zone area. He considered the habits of the troops as a disgrace to their uniforms.

The Panama Canal, built across a parcel of land leased by Panama, was completed by the United States in 1914. The Canal Zone, extending five miles on either side of the canal, was administered by the United States under terms of a treaty made with the Panamanian government in 1903 and revised in 1978.

1473. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 14, 1931, 28:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "'us tomorrow,' Tuesday is" in fourth and fifth sentences/*NYT* gives "than the other" in seventh sentence.

The U.S.S. *Pennsylvania*, a 30,000-ton battleship, left Philadelphia on March 24 bound for San Diego.

Pan American Day—April 14—commemorates the spirit of cooperation and solidarity between the United States and other Western Hemispheric nations. The date marks the anniversary of the creation of the International Union of American Republics at the Pan-American Conference of 1890.

The American cruisers *Rochester* and *Sacramento* were among numerous ships and planes ordered to Nicaragua to assist in relief operations.

1474. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 15, 1931, 29:7.

Alfonso XIII, king of Spain from 1886 to 1931. Alfonso was forced to flee Spain in the face of a significant electoral victory by Republicans on April 12. He died in exile in 1941.

For Benito Mussolini see Note 1452.

1475. *NYT*, Thursday, April 16, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "then they get to" in fifth sentence.

Alfonso XIII and Rogers met during the Oklahoman's tour of Europe in 1926. For Rogers' impressions of the Spanish monarch, see *Letter of a Self-Made Diplomat to His President*.

1476. *NYT*, Friday, April 17, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "not Sam—but" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "You can land and" to begin third sentence/*LAT* gives "dark, due to his foresight; they" in fourth and fifth sentences/*NYT* omits seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "I am nearing Venezuela. Will stop" in eighth sentence.

The San Blas Islands, near the northeastern coast of Panama, are inhabited by the Cuna Indians who have attempted to retain the culture and isolation of their ancestors. Until the 1950s few outsiders were allowed to visit the islands.

1477. *NYT*, Saturday, April 18, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "ON PAN AMERICAN AIRPLANE" as place of origin.

Juan Vicente Gómez, supreme dictator of Venezuela from 1908 to 1935, held absolute control over the country through harsh rule, strict censorship, and effective propaganda. Venezuela prospered economically, however, because Gómez welcomed and encouraged foreign investment.

William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, Democratic governor of Oklahoma from 1931 to 1935. Noted for his quick temper and eccentric behavior, Murray frequently summoned the Oklahoma National Guard to enforce his decisions.

For Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., see Note 1457.

1478. *NYT*, Monday, April 20, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "MIAMI" as place of origin/*LAT* gives "Morrow: He had brought" in fifth and sixth sentences.

For Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., see Note 1457; for Dwight Whitney Morrow see Note 1467.

1479. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 21, 1931, 31:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "at Charleston… (where Uncle…)" in third sentence.

Josephus Daniels, editor of the *Raleigh News and Observer* from 1894 to 1933 (see also Note 1911).

For the Managua earthquake see Note 1469.

1480. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 22, 1931, 27:7.

The Daughters of the American Revolution held their annual congress in Washington, D.C., from April 20 to 27. Rogers addressed the second session of the convention on April 21.

For William Edgar Borah see Note 1452.

Augusto César Sandino, Nicaraguan revolutionary leader who violently and stubbornly opposed the intervention of the United States in Nicaraguan affairs. At a press conference on April 21, Hoover condemned Sandino as a cold-blooded murderer and announced that the Nicaraguan government had committed more than 1,300 troops to a campaign to capture the rebel chief. Sandino was assassinated in 1934.

James John "Jimmy" Walker, Democratic mayor of New York City from 1925 until his resignation in 1932. The popular and debonair mayor was the subject of a state investigation of corruption in his administration (see Note 1459). On April 21 Walker responded to charges regarding his personal conduct by offering to match his private life with that of any of his accusers and by dismissing the charges as slanderous attempts to discredit his administration. The investigation, nevertheless, prompted his resignation the following year.

1481. *NYT*, Thursday, April 23, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Siamese—I am" in third and fourth sentences/*NYT* gives "somebody in New York" in ninth sentence.

Prajadhipok, king of Siam from 1925 to 1935. Accompanied by Queen Rambai Barni, Prajadhipok traveled to the United States in early 1931 to undergo eye surgery.

Siamese twins, conjoined twins who derived this name from the celebrated Chang and Eng Bunker, born at Maklong, Thailand (Siam), on May 11, 1811. They were joined by a cartilaginous band at the chest. They died within hours of each other on January 17, 1874.

Patrick Jay Hurley, United States secretary of war from 1929 to 1933. A native Oklahoman, Hurley flew to Tulsa on April 21 for several business conferences.

References to the private life of Mayor Walker (see Note 1480) were eliminated from a report of the City Affairs Committee at a meeting of the National Republican Club on April 21. Club members voted to adopt the remainder of the seventy-page report and to send it to the governor and the legislative investigating committee (see Note 1459).

1482. *NYT*, Friday, April 24, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Newspaper publishers from " and *NYT* gives "last night was" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "I were" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "Charley made 'em…I brought 'em" in third sentence.

The American Newspaper Publishers Association held its forty-fifth annual meeting in New York City from April 23-24.

Charles Michael Schwab, founder and chairman of the board of Bethlehem Steel Corporation. A major spokesman for the American steel industry and big business, Schwab was noted also for his annual New Year's Day predictions of business prosperity.

King Alfonso XIII (see Note 1474), whose wife Victoria was a cousin of George V of Great Britain, left Spain in April to live in exile in France.

Hawks (see Note 1464) set a new record of five hours and twenty-four minutes for a London-to-Rome flight on April 23, breaking the previous mark by more than seven hours.

For Rambai Barni see Note 1481.

1483. *NYT*, Saturday, April 25, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "here yesterday" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "folks. All over the country they" in third and fourth sentences.

Pynchon & Company, one of the oldest brokerage firms in the United States, was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange on April 24 because of a severe decline in the value of its securities.

1484. *NYT*, Monday, April 27, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "horses; never…writes. He told" in fifth and sixth sentences.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442.

William Joseph Donovan, assistant to the United States attorney general from 1925 to 1929. A New York City lawyer, Donovan was mentioned often in early 1929 as the leading candidate for attorney general in Hoover's cabinet.

Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith, governor of New York from 1919 to 1921 and from 1923 to 1929. A candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1920 and 1924. Smith finally won the nomination in 1928 only to lose the general election to Hoover. He again sought the nomination in 1932, but the honor fell that year to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

1485. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 28, 1931, 29:7. Variants: *LAT* omits fifth and sixth sentences/*NYT* gives "plunder." to end sixth sentence, omitting last five words.

The Gridiron Club, an organization of newspaper correspondents in the national capital, held its annual spring banquet on April 27. Hoover and Rogers were among the more than 400 guests who watched a lighthearted performance of skits and songs parodying contemporary problems and personalities.

For Daughters of the American Revolution see Note 1480.

Amon Giles Carter, publisher of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* from 1923 until his death in 1955. A generous philanthropist and an energetic civic leader, Carter often lobbied for government projects and new industries for Fort Worth and west Texas.

Henry Lewis Stimson, United States secretary of state from 1929 to 1933. In 1927 while serving as special emissary to Nicaragua, Stimson helped to negotiate a temporary halt to the civil strife in the Central American country.

1486. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 29, 1931, 27:7.

Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones, one of the best loved and most successful American golfers in the history of the sport. In 1930 he became the first player to win the so-called grand slam of golf—the United States and British amateur and open championships. Shortly thereafter, he announced his retirement from competitive golf. He returned to his law practice in Atlanta and also made a series of short instructional films on golf.

Stone Mountain Memorial near Atlanta commemorates Confederate leaders Robert Edward Lee, Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, and Jefferson Davis. The equestrian figures were commissioned in 1916, but disagreement about the sculptures, carved on the northern face of the granite mountain, delayed completion of the project until 1970.

John Sanford Cohen, publisher and editor of the *Atlanta Journal* from 1917 until his death in 1935.

Clark Howell, publisher and editor-in-chief of the *Atlanta Constitution* from 1897 until his death in 1936.

1487. *NYT*, Thursday, April 30, 1931, 25:7.

Herbert "Herb" Kindred, war veteran and barnstormer who flew for several years as a commercial pilot fro Texas Air Transport.

John Davison Rockefeller, American industrialist and philanthropist. Born in 1839, Rockefeller had risen to dominate the American petroleum industry by 1882. Involved in other successful enterprises, the patriarch of the Rockefeller empire died in 1937 at the age of ninety-eight.

The East Texas oil field, discovered in late 1930, embraced more than 150 square miles and by 1931, included more than 3,500 wells. Flush production of up to 1,000 barrels of crude oil daily caused the field to be closed in August of 1931 and reopened later under a restrictive production quota.

1488. *NYT*, Friday, May 1, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "I don't want" in ninth sentence.

For Augusto César Sandino see Note 1480.

1489. *NYT*, Saturday, May 2, 1931, 21:7.

1490. *NYT*, Monday, May 4, 1931, 21:7.

1491. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 5, 1931, 29:7.

The League of Nations, an international organization for peace and security, was established in 1919 by the peace treaty that ended World War I. The League proved ineffective, however, in dealing with the aggressive actions of some member nations. It was superceded in 1946 by the United Nations.

The Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations received a report on May 3 on moral and social dangers in the United States. The author of the study, Marie Chaptal of France, reported a noticeable disintegration of family life and a collapse of morals in the United States as a result of prohibition.

1492. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 6, 1931, 27:7.

Hoover addressed delegates from thirty-five nations at the International Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., on May 4. He stated that limitation of armaments would help alleviate the depression by freeing nations from the financial strain of maintaining huge standing armies and by relieving instability resulting from the constant threat of war.

1493. *NYT*, Thursday, May 7, 1931, 25:7.

Andrew William Mellon, United States secretary of the treasury from 1921 to 1931. An industrialist and financier, Mellon addressed foreign bankers at the International Chamber of Commerce Congress on May 5 (see Note 1492). He called for maintenance of a high standard of living and for individual effort in restoring financial stability in the wake of the worldwide depression.

The Panic of 1873, precipitated by the failure of several prominent eastern financial firms, led to a severe business depression in the United States in the 1870s.

The Department of the Treasury reported on May 6 a deficit of $903,320,757, which compared unfavorably with a deficit of only $152,950,984, recorded a year earlier.

1494. *NYT*, Friday, May 8, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "wife and I" in first sentence.

Betty Blake Rogers, a native of northwestern Arkansas, married Rogers on November 25, 1908.

Walker (see Note 1480) spent several days in March of 1931 vacationing at the desert resort of Palm Springs, California.

1495. *NYT,* Saturday, May 9, 1931, 19:7.

The Maternity Center Association began a national drive in 1931 to educate the public about the importance of complete medical and hospital care for expectant mothers. The campaign was inaugurated at a special Mother's Day luncheon on May 6 in New York City.

Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt, second wife of former president Theodore Roosevelt and one of the principal speakers at the Mother's Day banquet.

Lou Henry Hoover, wife of President Hoover, delivered a brief, extemporaneous appeal in behalf of the work of the Maternity Center Association.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh, wife of aviator Charles Lindbergh and daughter of the Dwight W. Morrows.

Elsie Nicoll Sloane, president of the Maternity Center Association from 1929 to 1933 and a member of its board of directors from 1920 to 1947.

Belle Wyatt Willard Roosevelt, wife of Kermit Roosevelt, youngest son of former president Theodore Roosevelt.

1496. *NYT*, Monday, May 11, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "he had gone to" in sixth sentence.

Carlsbad Caverns, limestone caves in southeastern New Mexico whose stalactite and stalagmite formations are a major tourist attraction in the Southwest. Carlsbad Caverns National Park was established in 1930.

1497. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 12, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "off old accounts and" and *LAT* gives "off their losses and" in sixth sentence.

James Blake "Jimmy" Rogers, third child of Will and Betty Rogers. Jimmy, an expert polo player, attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell.

1498. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 13, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "New Mexico." to end first sentence, omitting last word.

The Petrified Forest in eastern Arizona includes the largest collection of petrified wood in the world. The area was made a national park in 1962.

Frederick Henry Harvey, founder in the 1870s of a chain of dining establishments along railroad routes in the West. Harvey Houses were noted for their cleanliness, decorum, good food, and efficient service.

1499. *NYT*, Thursday, May 14, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Navy Adams is" in eighth sentence, omitting five words.

The provisional government of Spain, following the overthrow of Alfonso XIII (see Note 1474), continued to encounter severe difficulties in implementing social and political reforms.

Hawks (see Note 1464) made a record flight of two hours and fifty-seven minutes from London to Berlin on May 12, arriving in the German capital minutes before a telegram from London that announced his departure.

Edward Albert, the Prince of Wales, eldest son and heir apparent to the throne of George V of Great Britain. The prince, who recently had returned from South America, informed English businessmen on May 12 that British goods and selling methods were outdated and that the British should copy American methods of advertising to regain their share of the South American market.

Charles Francis Adams, United States secretary of the Navy from 1929 to 1933. A New England banker and philanthropist, Adams was descended from the famed Adams family of Massachusetts, which included two American presidents among its members.

Thomas Adams, a pioneer in the chewing gum industry and founder of the American Chicle Company in New York City in 1899.

1500. *NYT*, Friday, May 15, 1931, 25:7.

George Fisher Baker, chairman of the board of the First National Bank of New York City from 1909 until his death on May 2, 1931. Baker's worth had been estimated by outsiders at from $200-$500 million, but his will, which was probated on May 13, revealed an estate valued at only $75 million. Transfers of stock and the decline of the market caused much of the difference.

For John Calvin Coolidge see Note 1463.

Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone, Italian-born American gangster whose crime syndicate terrorized Chicago from 1920 until Capone's conviction for federal tax evasion in 1931.

1501. *NYT*, Saturday, May 16, 1931, 19:7.

Pius XI, chief prelate of the Roman Catholic Church from 1922 until his death in 1939. On May 15 in a worldwide broadcast from the Vatican, Pope Pius called for a return to Christian principles in the economic community and for a fairer distribution of wealth.

Takamatsu, younger brother of Japanese Emperor Hirohito, was enroute to Los Angeles on the last stage of a honeymoon around the world. He and his bride were accorded a festive reception by local civic officials and by members of the local Japanese community.

Aimee Semple McPherson, American evangelist, faith healer, and founder of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel based in Los Angeles. The highly successful and controversial revivalist returned to the United States on May 12 from a four-month world tour.

1502. *NYT*, Monday, May 18, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "home and all that, but do" in first and second sentences, omitting eleven words.

Clara Bow, American actress whose sex appeal and gay manner made her one of the most popular stars of the 1920s. As the "It" girl of the decade, Miss Bow personified playful feminine allure. A series of scandals in 1930 and 1931 destroyed her career, although she continued to appear in films for a time afterwards. A revealing biography written by colunist Louella Parsons appeared in newspapers beginning in May of 1931.

1503. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 19, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "exhausted itself yesterday." to end second sentence.

The North Carolina legislature met in session for 123 days in 1931, compared to the customary 60 days.

James Rolph, Jr., Republican governor of California from 1931 until his death in 1934. The California legislature denied Rolph's request for $70,000 to buy an airplane, which he intended to use during statewide promotional tours.

1504. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 20, 1931, 27:7.

For the League of Nations see Note 1491.

1505. *NYT*, Thursday, May 21, 1931, 29:7.

Sawtelle, located in western Los Angeles, was the site of the largest veterans' home in the United States. The American Legion sponsored an annual poppy drive to raise funds for disabled veterans in soldiers' institutions nationwide.

1506. *NYT*, Friday, May 22, 1931, 27:7.

1507. *NYT*, Saturday, May 23, 1931, 19:7.

Mayors of eighteen American cities visited France in May of 1931 as guests of the French government and the city of Paris.

John Clinton Porter, Republican mayor of Los Angeles from 1929 to 1933. On May 22 at the first official reception for the visiting mayors, Porter, in protest against the consumption of liquor, left the party with his wife when champagne toasts were offered.

1508. *NYT*, Monday, May 25, 1931, 21:7.

Mayors from the South joined in a rendition of "Dixie" during ceremonies at Rouen, France, on May 23. Motion picture cameras recorded their performance.

For Charles Spencer Chaplin see Note 1448; for John Clinton Porter see Note 1507.

1509. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 26, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "'The Boss.'" in fourth sentence.

Hoover maintained a mountain retreat on the Rapidan River in Virginia to which he made frequent trips to fish and to relax.

For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

Walter Folger Brown, United States postmaster general from 1929 to 1933. Brown and other high-level government officials conferred with Hoover at Rapidan Camp during the weekend of May 23-24.

1510. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 27, 1931, 29:7.

The World Grain Conference opened in London on May 18. Delegates from eleven wheat-exporting nations, including the United States and Russia, met to seek a solution to the worldwide wheat surplus that had glutted the grain market. The conference adjourned on May 23 with no agreement reached on marketing quotas.

1511. *NYT*, Thursday, May 28, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* omits third sentence.

Claremore, Oklahoma, which Rogers claimed as his hometown, had been a popular health spa since the discovery of radium water in the vicinity in 1903. In an effort to attract more health seekers, the city fathers proclaimed May 25-30 as Radium Water Bath Week in Claremore.

For William Henry Murray see Note 1477.

1512. *NYT*, Friday, May 24, 1931, 23:7.

Los Angeles politico Charles Crawford and local publishing executive Herbert Spencer were shot and killed in Crawford's real estate office on May 20. Five days later, authorities revealed that the two men had formulated plans to purchase a radio station in order to extend and strengthen their political influence. They had intended to hire a well-known minister to discuss state and national affairs. David H. Clark, a former deputy district attorney, initially was charged with the slayings; he was acquitted in October of 1931.

1513. *NYT*, Saturday, May 30, 1931, 17:7

1514. *NYT,* Monday, June 1, 1931, 19:7.

Hoover addressed a Memorial Day crowd of 20,000 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. He urged Americans to persevere in the face of economic adversity in the same manner as the patriots at Valley Forge had endured the winter of 1777.

For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

1515. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 2, 1931, 31:7.

Mary Louise Cecilia "Texas" Guinan, American actress and nightclub hostess about their conduct. Mayor George L. Baker of Portland, Oregon, violated the traditional silence at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris on May 8 by delivering an extemporaneous speech.

1516. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 3, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

Los Angeles voters rejected sewer bonds totaling $6 million in municipal elections on June 2.

National Cotton Week was endorsed by major cotton manufacturers, dry goods retailers, and the Department of Agriculture. American cotton producers, however, continually suffered from low prices caused in part by overproduction.

For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

1517. *NYT*, Thursday, June 4, 1931, 29:7. Variants: *NYT* omits fourth sentence/*LAT* gives "had been accused of bumping off" in fourth sentence.

In elections in Los Angeles on June 2, attorney David Clark (see Note 1512) lost a race for a municipal judgeship while in jail awaiting trial for murder.

Rogers politely refused an offer on May 19 of an honorary doctorate from Oklahoma City University. He long had considered all such awards as "hooey" and "applesauce."

George Woodward Wickersham, former chairman of the National Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement, a Hoover-appointed body which in 1929 conducted an extensive investigation of the federal system of jurisprudence and administration of laws. Its final report, which called for the continuation of prohibition while providing evidence that it could not be enforced, generated much criticism and discussion. Wickersham received an honorary degree from Syracuse University on June 1, 1931.

1518. *NYT*, Friday, June 5, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

"Normalcy," a term coined by presidential candidate Warren Gamaliel Harding in 1920, signified a shift from the Democratic policies of President Woodrow Wilson and a return to the Republican doctrines of free enterprise and governmental support of big business.

1519. *NYT*, Saturday, June 6, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "there would be considerable political" to begin first sentence/*ALT* gives "and in saying…day he took" in third and fourth sentences.

Coolidge, who contributed several articles to magazines after his return to private life in 1929, also wrote a series of daily columns for the McClure newspaper syndicate, beginning in June of 1930. McClure, however, announced in early June of 1931 that the former president had decided to end his writing chores in July.

Presidential pensions were first authorized in 1958.

1520. *NYT*, Monday, June 8, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Every national and" in second sentence.

1521. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 9, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "floated another" in first sentence.

The Treasury Department announced on June 7 that nearly $820 million in recently offered bonds had been purchased. The eighteen-year certificates were to provide funds to operate the government and to retire maturing treasury notes.

A bonus bill, which provided for adjusted compensation for World War I veterans, was passed in 1924. Payments averaging $1,000 were to be paid in 1945, but pressure by veterans led to passage of a bill in February of 1931 that authorized a loan of 50 percent of the anticipated payment.

For Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone see Note 1500.

1522. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 10, 1931, 27:7.

Mellon (see Note 1493) and Stimson (see Note 1485) both announced in early June their plans to spend the summer in Europe. While on vacation, the two cabinet members were expected to meet with foreign officials and to discuss the payment of debts to the United States stemming from loans made during World War I.

The Conference for Limitation of the Manufacture of Narcotic Drugs, sponsored by the League of Nations, opened at Geneva, Switzerland, on May 27. Delegates from fifty nations, including the United States, discussed international cooperation to control illicit drugs.

1523. *NYT*, Thursday, June 11, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin/*NYT* gives "forget, thinkers, that" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "So this is a reminder just" in fifth sentence.

The Los Angeles Parent Teacher Association announced on June 2 that funds for free school lunches for needy children in the city were exhausted. A plea for help was met by significant contributions from radio sponsors, movie studios, and dairy companies, as well as private citizens.

1524. *NYT*, Friday, June 12, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Mexicans, so" in second sentence.

Two Mexican college students, returning from Kansas, were shot and killed by a deputy sheriff as they stood beside their parked cars in Ardmore, Oklahoma, on June 8. The officer was tried and acquitted on the grounds that the students were carrying weapons at the time of the shooting. The incident nearly precipitated an international crisis when authorities discovered that one of the youths was a cousin of Mexican President Pascual Ortiz Rubio.

John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing, general who led United States troops into Mexico in 1916 in an unsuccessful attempt to capture the Mexican bandit leader Francisco "Pancho" Villa. Pershing also commanded the American Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War I and served as Army chief of staff from 1921 to 1924.

1525. *NYT*, Saturday, June 13, 1931, 17:7.

Mary Amelia Rogers, only daughter of Will and Betty Rogers, graduated from Marlborough Preparatory school in Beverly Hills on June 11.

Douglas Fairbanks, American stage and screen actor famous for his agile acrobatics and flashy smile who starred in numerous silent spectaculars during a highly successful twenty-year film career.

Wallace Beery, American screen actor noted for his dynamic portrayals of hard-nosed villains and blustery tough guys. He won an Academy Award in 1931 for his performance in *The Champ*.

Frank Lloyd, Scottish-born American film director who began his career in England as an actor but worked in Hollywood from 1910 until his death in 1960. He won Academy Awards for best direction in 1929 and 1933.

1526. *NYT*, Monday, June 15, 1931, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "finally (after years of delay)" in first sentence/*NYT* omits second, third, and fourth sentences.

Brisbane (see Note 1442) noted in his daily newspaper column on June 16 that he admired Rogers' writings but that the Oklahoman's "early training at Eton and Oxford" made it difficult for him to maintain the "cowboy style." Brisbane's comments were prompted by Rogers' "surprise" that his daughter had received a degree in English (see DT 1525).

1527. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 16, 1931, 29:7.

1528. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 17, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "finally (after years of delay)" in firsts sentence/*NYT* omits second, third, and fourth sentences.

Warren Gamaliel Harding, Republican president of the United States from 1921 until his death in 1923. Harding placed unquestioning faith in subordinates and cabinet officers. After his death, it was revealed that several of these men had used their positions for financial gain. Although Harding was unaware of the illicit activities, the resultant scandals obscured the positive achievements of his administration.

Coolidge served as vice president from 1921 to 1923, succeeding to the presidency upon Harding's death. He won election to a full term in 1924.

Hoover served as secretary of commerce from 1921 to 1929 in the cabinets of both Harding and Coolidge. Hoover and Coolidge addressed a crowd of 20,000 at Harding's hometown of Marion, Ohio, on June 16 during the dedication of their predecessor's tomb. The two men praised Harding's character and integrity and spoke of the accomplishments of his administration.

1529. *LAT*, Thursday, June 18, 1931, I:1:3. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Hoover addressed a crowd of 40,000 in Springfield, Illinois, on June 17 at the dedication of the reconstructed mausoleum of President Lincoln.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Democratic governor of New York, from 1929 to 1933. Since his reelection as governor in 1930, the personable Roosevelt had been a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1932. He won the nomination and the election in 1932 and served as president from 1933 until his death in 1945.

1530. *NYT*, Friday, June 19, 1931, 25:7.

Capone (see Note 1500) pleaded guilty on June 16 to federal charges of income tax evasion and violation of the prohibition law. He entered a guilty plea on the assumption that he would receive a mild sentence in return. On June 30, when the possibility of a bargain with federal authorities was blocked by a judge, Capone withdrew his original plea; his trial was rescheduled for September.

Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, located in northeastern Kansas, in a maximum security prison. Originally a military prison, it was taken over by the Department of Justice in 1895.

1531. *NYT*, Saturday, June 20, 1931, 19:7.

"Amos 'n Andy," a radio serial that began in 1928 and was aired five times weekly until 1943. The creators and stars were Freeman Fisher Gosden and Charles J. Correll, blackface comedians who played every male part and wrote every script. The escapades of two Harlem taxi drivers and their friends captivated an enormous and faithful listening audience.

For the Wickersham Commission report see Note 1517.

In Reno, Nevada, noted cartoonist Peter Arno reported to police that he had been threatened with a gun by Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., a journalist and socialite who blamed Arno for the breakup of his marriage. No arrests were made after Vanderbilt's attorney asserted that the gun was not loaded.

1532. *NYT*, Monday, June 22, 1931, 21:7.

Hoover, in a move to ease the financial situation in Europe, proposed on June 20 a one-year moratorium on both interallied debts and German reparations.

For Rogers' debt plan see DT 1520.

James Ramsay MacDonald, prime minister of Great Britain from 1929 to 1935. A member of the Labour party since 1894, MacDonald took an activist role in foreign affairs, constantly seeking international harmony, disarmament, and arbitration.

Paul Ludwig Hans Anton von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg, president of Germany from 1925 to 1934. Born in 1847, von Hindenburg served as German Army Chief of Staff during World War I. He held the presidency during a time of extreme economic distress and political factionalism in Germany.

For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

1533. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 23, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "pass as" in fifth sentence.

1534. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 24, 1931, 25:7.

Morrow (see Note 1467) received an honorary doctorate from Syracuse University on June 22. Earlier in the month, he had received similar honors from Dartmouth and Bowdoin colleges.

1535. *NYT*, Thursday, June 25, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "solution." to end first sentence, omitting last word/*NYT* gives "Young Vanderbilt" in P.S.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., and his wife, the former Mary Weir Logan, filed separate divorce actions in Reno in June. Vanderbilt's charge that his wife was romantically involved with cartoonist Peter Arno (see Note 1531) was denied on grounds of mental cruelty. She won her suit on August 4, 1931.

1536. *NYT*, Friday, June 26, 1931, 25:7.

Hoover was suggested as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize of 1931 by the mayor of Berlin. The recommendation was made in recognition of Hoover's contribution to world peace by

his debt moratorium proposal of June 20 (see Note 1532). Americans Jane Addams and Nicholas Murray Butler were the co-recipients of the award in 1931.

1537. *NYT*, Saturday, June 27, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "has to explain" in first sentence, omitting four words/*NYT* gives "'What you are…do is shorten…year?'" in sixth sentence.

Mellon (see Note 1493) arrived in Paris on June 25 to confer with French officials about Hoover's moratorium on debts (see Note 1532). The French were apprehensive about accepting the plan because of its possible effect on their payment of debts to the United States and on German reparations payments to France.

1538. *NYT*, Monday, June 29, 1931, 19:4-5. Variants: *LAT* gives "worst statement" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "d___ foolishness" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "Presidential, Senator" in eighth sentence/*NYT* gives "years. Just go get" in eighteenth sentence.

Rogers "ran" for president in 1928 as the candidate of the Anti-Bunk party. His candidacy was suggested by Robert Sherwood, editor of *Life*. Rogers' articles in the weekly humor magazine set forth his platform and contained observations on the campaign and the issues, all of which he labeled "bunk."

George Creel, American journalist, government administrator, politician, and author who was a major contributor to *Collier's* magazine during the 1930s under the pseudonym of "The Gentleman at the Keyhole." In a recent issue, Creel had boosted Rogers for the presidency in 1932, asserting that the Oklahoman was more popular than any other candidate and would restore humor to American public life.

Charles Curtis, vice president of the United States from 1928 to 1933.

For Franklin Delano Roosevelt see Note 1529.

Owen D. Young, American lawyer and corporate officer who served on several government advisory boards for economic matters. In 1929 he assisted in the formation of the Young Plan, a proposal that scaled down German reparations payments.

Will Harrison Hays, former chairman of the Republican National Committee and postmaster general of the United States who became chairman of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America in 1922. During his twenty-three-year chairmanship, Hays became known as the "czar" of the motion picture industry.

1539. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 30, 1931, 27:7.

Wiley Hardeman Post, Oklahoma aviator who won the National Air Race for long-distance flight in 1930 and also set records for round-the-world and stratospheric flights. Post lost his left eye in an oil field mishap in 1926.

Harold Gatty, expert Australian navigator who began his study of flight navigation after his arrival in the United States in 1927. On June 23 Post and Gatty left Roosevelt Field in New York City in the *Winnie Mae* on the first leg of a round-the-world flight. The fourteen-stage flight was completed on July 1, setting a record of eight days, fifteen hours, and fifty-one minutes.

1540. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 1, 1931, 25:7.

For the Post-Gatty world flight see Note 1539.

Methodist ministers in southern California met in Long Beach in late June and overwhelmingly adopted a resolution to petition Congress for an exemption from military service for all church members who believed that war violated their religious principles.

For Andrew William Mellon see Notes 1493 and 1537.

1541. *NYT*, Thursday, July 2, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "schools in Maine." to end third sentence, omitting last ten words.

Florence Hale, state supervisor of rural education in Maine from 1916 to 1932, was elected president of the National Education Association at its annual meeting in Los Angeles in July.

1542. *NYT*, Friday, July 3, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Robinson" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "loved the veterans and" in fourth sentence.

Alice Mary Robertson, Republican United States representative from Oklahoma from 1921 to 1923. Robertson was the first woman from Oklahoma and only the second in history to serve in Congress. She died of cancer in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on July 1.

For Nicholas Longworth see Note 1471; for the veterans' bonus bill see Note 1521.

1543. *NYT*, Saturday, July 4, 1931, 15:7.

Isaac Alfred Isaacs, governor-general of Australia from 1931 to 1936.

Florence C. Hall, Oklahoma oilman who provided the financing for the Post-Gatty flight (see Note 1539). Post was Hall's executive pilot during the late 1920s. On July 2, 1931, Post and Gatty were accorded the largest ticker tape parade in the history of New York City in recognition of their historical flight.

1544. *NYT*, Monday, July 6, 1931, 19:7.

For the Post-Gatty world flight see Note 1539; for Florence C. Hall see Note 1543.

1545. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 7, 1931, 23:7.

1546. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 8, 1931, 25:7.

Joe Crail, Republican United States representative from California from 1927 to 1933.

John Quillen Tilson, Republican United States representative from Connecticut from 1907 to 1913 and from 1915 to 1932. Tilson was House majority leader from 1925 to 1931 and a staunch supporter of the Hoover administration.

For Nicholas Longworth see Note 1471; for Hoover's debt moratorium see Note 1532.

1547. *NYT*, Thursday, July 9, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "our Oklahoma" and *NYT* gives "world, outside the Tempelhof Field in Berlin, just" in fourth sentence.

Citizens of Claremore responded to Rogers' jibes about the lack of air facilities in the Oklahoma community by buying an 80-acre oat field and constructing an airport in less than one week. The new installation was dubbed the Will Rogers Airport and was completed in time for the visit of world fliers Post and Gatty (see Note 1539).

Tempelhof Airport in Berlin, Germany, was one of the busiest airfields in Europe, handling more than 750,000 passengers in 1929, the first year of its operation.

For Francis M. "Frank" Hawks see Note 1464.

1548. *NYT*, Friday, July 10, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "received" in second sentence.

Hesitation by France to accept Hoover's debt moratorium (see Note 1532) was based on the French contention that payment of debts to the United States depended on the payment of German reparations to France. Hoover refused to recognize the connection, however.

Vanilla was one of more than 100 characters on the popular radio show "Amos 'n Andy" (see Note 1531).

1549. *NYT*, Saturday, July 11, 1931, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Every man" to begin fifth sentence, omitting first three words.

1550. *NYT*, Monday, July 13, 1931, 19:7.

The German economy in the post-World War I era was marked by mass unemployment and rampant currency inflation, brought about in part by huge reparations payments. German officials attempted to obtain short term credit from international sources in July of 1931 in an effort to avoid economic ruin.

The Federal Farm Board was established in 1929 to buy agricultural surpluses in order to stabilize farm prices. In March of 1931, the board announced that it had exhausted its funds.

Hoover, afraid that the board would disrupt prices by placing surplus crops on the market, asked for and received assurances that it would not pursue unlimited sale of the surpluses.

Doles, payments to unemployed individuals by the British government, created much controversy because of abuses of the system by system by recipients and administrators.

The Crusaders, an antiprohibition organization, won the top award for floats in a Fourth of July parade in Santa Barbara, California. Local members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union asked the city council to bars such "unpatriotic" exhibits from future parades.

For Charles Curtis see Note 1538.

1551. *LAT*, Tuesday, July 14, 1931, I:1:6. Variants: *LAT* gives "EN ROUTE TO TULSA" as place of origin/*LAT* gives "passengers" in tenth sentence/*NYT* did not print the DT.

Rogers returned to Claremore to dedicate the new Will Rogers Airport (see Note 1547) and to honor world fliers Post and Gatty (see Note 1539).

Hamilton Lee, veteran airmail pilot for Bowen Airlines of Fort Worth, Texas.

1552. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 15, 1931, 21:7.

For the Post-Gatty world flight and the *Winnie Mae* see Note 1539.

1553. *NYT*, Thursday, July 16, 1931, 21:7.

A severe drought in 1931 cut crop production in the spring wheat states of the Upper Northwest by more than one half of the annual average.

1554. *NYT*, Friday, July 17, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "LOS ANGELES," as place of origin/*NYT* gives "and we will" and *LAT* gives "and here at" in third sentence.

Shady Oak Farm, a lakeshore resort and retreat near Fort Worth, Texas, was owned by publisher Amon G. Carter (see Note 1485).

1555. *NYT*, Saturday, July 18, 1931, 15:7.

Pedro Leon, veteran Mexican-born stuntman and motion picture performer.

1556. *NYT,* Monday, July 20, 1931, 19:7.

Mate won the Arlington Classic on July 18 in an upset over Twenty Grand. It was Mate's second victory over Twenty Grand in three meetings in 1931, with Mate winning the Preakness of May 9 and Twenty Grand taking the Kentucky Derby a week later.

For the overseas trips of cabinet members see Note 1522.

Clarence Hungerford MacKay, chairman of the board of Postal Telegraph and Cable Corporation, married American opera star Anna Case on July 18.

1557. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 21, 1931, 21:7.

Minnie Pearce "Ma" Kennedy, mother of evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson (see Note 1501), was examined in Los Angeles on July 18 by two psychiatrists in response to a complaint filed by an officer at her daughter's Angelus Temple. Also an evangelist, Kennedy had worked closely with McPherson until July of 1927, at which time the two disagreed about control of the temple and ended their association. The doctors dismissed the complaint against Kennedy.

Albert Bacon Fall, United States secretary of the interior from 1921 to 1923. While serving as secretary, Fall secretly leased naval oil reserves to Edward Laurence Doheny, an American oil producer who previously had loaned Fall $100,000 to buy a ranch in New Mexico. Fall was convicted of bribery and received a sentence of one year and a fine of $100,000. His prison term began on July 20, 1931. Doheny purchased Fall's ranch at a sheriff's sale in May of 1929 for $168,250.

1558. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 22, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "it, even, and Andy" in fourth and fifth sentences.

MacDonald (see Note 1532) delivered the opening address on July 20 at an international conference in London, held to discuss the financial problems of Germany. Secretaries Mellon and Stimson (see Notes 1492 and 1485) represented the United States.

1559. *NYT*, Thursday, July 23, 1931, 19:7.

Hoover believed that Germany needed long-term loans in order to have time to solve immediate financial problems.

1560. *NYT*, Friday, July 24, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "fine German" in last paragraph.

For the Post-Gatty world flight see Note 1539.

Nancy Langhorne Astor, American-born English viscountess who was the first woman to sit in the House of Commons, serving from 1919 to 1945. Noted for her caustic and irreverent comments on virtually any subject, Lady Astor accompanied Shaw (see Note 1454) on a well-publicized tour of Russia in July of 1931.

The Apple Cart, a play by Shaw first produced in 1929, concerns the humorous struggle for power between a crafty prime minister and an equally crafty monarch.

Germany received assurances of short-term credits on July 21 from the countries attending the economic conference in London (see Note 1558). The loans helped to steady German finances.

1561. *NYT*, Saturday, July 25, 1931, 15:7.

For Andrew William Mellon see notes 1493 and 1522; for Henry Lewis Stimson see Notes 1484 and 1522.

McIntyre (see Note 1456) left New York City on July 12 for a trip to Paris and London.

1562. *NYT*, Monday, July 27, 1931, 21:7.

Plutarco Elías Calles, president of Mexico from 1924 to 1927 and the dominant force in Mexican politics during the early 1930s. As president of the Bank of Mexico, Calles helped to develop a plan under which Mexico was placed on a silver monetary standard in an effort to stem the rapid decline in value of the precious metal.

1563. *NYT* Tuesday, July 28, 1931, 21:7.

Carlos Ibáñez del Campo, president of Chile from 1927 until mobs protesting his dictatorial rule forced his resignation on July 26, 1931. The deposed dictator fled to Argentina. He later returned to Chile and regained the presidency in 1952.

Harry Carr, reporter and columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* from 1897 until his death in 1936. Three American women tourists, two of whom were Carr's sisters, were robbed by bandits near Peiking (Bejing), China, on July 25.

1564. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 29, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "We ought to take…practice, then Arkansas and then" in third sentence.

Murray (see Note 1477) called out the Oklahoma National Guard in mid-July after Texas authorities had blocked access to the Texas end of a free bridge across the Red River. In further retaliations, Murray ordered the Oklahoma end of a toll bridge blocked. The trouble stemmed from a suit by owners of the latter facility who had sued the state of Texas for losses incurred because of the operation of the free bridge. The incident ended when the toll bridge proprietors received compensation for their losses.

Murray named Rogers a colonel on his staff in February of 1931. Rogers took command of the "nut brigade."

1565. *NYT*, Thursday, July 30, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "dig one there. It will cost" in fifth and sixth sentences.

Daniel Isom Sultan, lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Sultan conducted a survey from 1929 to 1931 of the feasibility of an inter-oceanic canal across Nicaragua. He found that the canal was constructible but unnecessary and, at $700 million, pro-

hibitively expensive. Sultan played a major role in relief operations in earthquake-devastated Managua, Nicaragua, in March of 1931 (see Note 1466).

1566. *NYT*, Friday, July 31, 1931, 19:7.

For the Federal Farm Board see Note 1550.

1567. *NYT*, Saturday, August 1, 1931, 15:7.

Capone (see Notes 1500 and 1530) appeared in United States District Court on July 30 to face charges of income tax evasion and liquor conspiracy. Judge James Herbert Wilkerson warned Capone that the court would not necessarily honor a plea bargain made between prosecuting attorneys and Capone. The judge's firm stand prompted Capone to change his plea from guilty to not guilty. His case went to trial in September of 1931.

Two aviators from Boston, Russell N. Boardman and John Polando, set a world distance record for a nonstop flight on July 30. Their 5,014-mile flight from New York, New York, to Istanbul, Turkey, took forty-nine hours.

1568. *NYT*, Monday, August 3, 1931, 19:7.

1569. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 4, 1931, 21:7.

1570. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 5, 1931, 21:7

For Dwight Whitney Morrow see Note 1467.

1571. *NYT*, Thursday, August 6, 1931, 21:7.

Murray (see Note 1477) invoked martial law on August 4 in an attempt to shut-down all oil wells in Oklahoma to stem overproduction and to raise prices. Murray's actions marked the second time in less than a month that he had called out the National Guard to enforce his orders (see Note 1564).

1572. *NYT*, Friday, August 7, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "again." to end seventh sentence, omitting last seven words and eighth sentence.

The Yangtze River in China flooded in late July, leaving thousands of persons dead or homeless. In August, in the worst flood disaster in history, 3,700,000 Chinese perished when the Yellow River burst from its banks.

Mae Murray, American screen actress who reigned as one of the top film stars of the 1920s. On August 5 Murray announced that she had abandoned her much discussed divorce suit against her husband, Prince David Mdivani.

For George Bernard Shaw see Notes 1454 and 1560; for the Wickersham Commission report see Note 1517.

William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey, American boxer who held the world heavyweight title from 1919 to 1926. On August 4 the popular ex-champion announced that he would end a four-year retirement and would tour the United States in a series of exhibition matches. He fought fifty-six bouts in six months and then retired permanently in 1932.

Grace Goodhue Coolidge, wife of former president Calvin Coolidge.

Lindbergh (see Note 1464) and his wife began an aerial journey from Washington, D.C., to the Orient on July 28. During their flight across Canada, atmospheric conditions disrupted radio communications, making contact with many ground stations impossible.

1573. *NYT*, Saturday, August 8, 1931, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "The treasury out to get" to begin fifth sentence, omitting eight words.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494; for Mary Amelia Rogers see Note 1525.

James Alexander Reed, Democratic United States senator from Missouri from 1911 to 1929. An antiprohibitionist, Reed charged in the September issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine that the

federal government operated speakeasies, condoned rum-running, and financed the manufacture of illicit liquor by loaning money to grape growers.

Governor Rolph (see Note 1503) created a furor when he called for a six-day general holiday in California to begin on September 4. Businessmen and bankers flooded the governor's office with a deluge of protests, prompting Rolph to cancel the planned "fiesta."

1574. *NYT*, Monday, August 10, 1931, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "back to where it belonged." to end third sentence/*NYT* gives "Well, there you go Hoover," in sixth sentence.

Helen Wills Moody, American amateur tennis star of the 1920s and 1930s. As Helen Wills she won numerous national and foreign titles before her marriage in 1929 to stockbroker Fred Moody. In 1931 she continued her domination of women's tennis, winning several prestigious tournaments, including the United States Open championship at Forest Hills in August.

American fliers Hugh Herndon, Jr., and Clyde Pangborn left New York City on July 28 in an attempt to break the record for a round-the-world flight. They were detained in Tokyo on August 6, however, on charges that they had violated Japanese espionage laws when they flew over fortified areas. The fliers claimed innocence but were forced to pay $2,050 in fines before they were allowed to leave the country on September 29, too late to break any records.

1575. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 11, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "out of the picnic" in fifth and sixth sentences.

1576. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 12, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "fine, Mabel, and" in third sentence.

Mabel Walker Willebrandt, lawyer who served as United States assistant attorney general from 1921 to 1929 in charge of cases involving tax laws, prohibition, and federal prisons. In 1931, as counsel for a firm that manufactured grape concentrates known as wine bricks, Willebrandt sought a federal loan to offset losses by her client from heat and drought. The sale of wine bricks had caused consternation among anti-liquor forces who charged that the concentrates were being processed into homemade wine.

1577. *NYT*, Thursday, August 13, 1931, 21:7.

The Wickersham Commission (see Note 1517) turned in the last of fourteen reports on August 23. The study criticized the deportation practices of the Bureau of Immigration and exonerated the foreign-born from the widely-held theory that they were responsible for most of the crime in the country. The report also condemned the methods of police when interrogating prisoners.

1578. *NYT*, Friday, August 14, 1931, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "then think of her being simp" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "to block these malsharpers" in fifth sentence.

1579. *NYT*, Saturday, August 15, 1931, 15:7.

England, Arkansas, was the scene of a nationally-publicized demonstration by more than 500 hungry and drought-stricken farmers and their families on January 3, 1931. The protesters demanded food and threatened to take it by force from local merchants. A riot was thwarted when the Red Cross authorized the distribution of relief supplies. In August of 1931, the citizens of England, having improved their condition with government assistance and greater crop production, sent a caravan of food and supplies to unemployed residents of Henryetta, Oklahoma.

1580. *NYT*, Monday, August 17, 1931, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Silence one-third" in sixth sentence.

The Federal Farm Board (see Note 1550) wired the governors of fourteen southern states on August 12 to seek their support for a plan to plow under every third row of cotton in order to avoid overproduction.

1581. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 18, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "made news by" in second sentence/*NYT* omits fourth sentence.

Earth tremors caused slight damage in communities in Texas, New Mexico, and northern Mexico on August 16.

Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill, British statesman who served as chancellor of the exchequer from 1924 to 1929 and as prime minister from 1940 to 1945 and from 1951 to 1955. An ardent anticommunist, Churchill criticized Shaw (see Note 1454) and Astor (see Note 1560) for having expressed pro-Soviet views during their trip to Russia.

For William Edgar Borah see Note 1452.

1582. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 19, 1931, 23:7.

1583. *NYT*, Thursday, August 20, 1931, 21:7.

Russia implemented a five-year plan in 1928 that called for complete governmental planning of the economy.

Samuel Roy McKelvie, former governor of Nebraska and a member of the Federal Farm Board, serving from 1929 until his death in 1935. Long proposed on August 16 that officials of cotton-producing state ban the production of all cotton in 1932. This action, Long predicted, would restore prosperity to cotton farmers and still provide enough of the staple to meet world demand.

1584. *NYT*, Friday, August 21, 1931, 19:7.

Walter Sherman Gifford, president of American Telephone & Telegraph Company from 1925 to 1948. On August 19 Hoover appointed Gifford to head the Organization on Unemployment Relief, a federal agency that would help local and state official meet the unemployment crisis.

1585. *NYT*, Saturday, August 22, 1931, 15:7.

Hoover asked sixty leaders from the business, finance, social, and industrial sectors to serve as an advisory committee to the newly-formed Organization on Unemployment Relief (see Note 1584).

1586. *NYT*, Monday, August 24, 1931, 17:7.

James Couzens, Republican United State senator from Michigan from 1922 until his death in 1936. Couzens offered on August 22 to donate $1,000,000 to the city of Detroit for unemployment relief if local citizens would raise an additional $9,000,000. The local campaign collapsed in November, however, and Couzens replaced his original offer of $1,000,000 with a gift of $200,000.

Samuel Insull II, English-born American utilities and transportation magnate. Insull contributed $300,000-$400,000 in 1931 to cover the deficit of the Chicago Civic Opera.

For the Organization on Unemployment Relief see Note 1584; for Andrew William Mellon see Notes 1493 and 1537.

1587. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 25, 1931, 23:7.

For Alphonse “Scarface Al” Capone see Note 1567.

MacDonald (see Note 1532) and other members of the Labour ministry resigned on August 24 because of its inability to meet budgetary crisis. Several Labourites then joined in a coalition government with MacDonald at its head. The Labour party denounced the action and moved to oust coalitionists from party membership.

For Andrew William Mellon and the federal deficit see Note 1493.

Charles and Anne Lindbergh (see Notes 1464 and 1572) landed in Nemuro, Japan, on August 24. Citizens of Nemuro had waited for the couple for almost a week, but fog and mechanical difficulties caused the Lindberghs to delay their arrival. Despite the setback, local residents accorded the famous fliers a hospitable reception.

1588. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 26, 1931, 21:7.

Japanese authorities denied widespread rumors that the Lindberghs (see Note 1572 and 1587) had breached national security by flying over fortified areas of the country. Japan earlier had detained two other American fliers for photographing restricted sectors (see Note 1574).

For the Labour party in Great Britain see Note 1587.

1589. *NYT*, Thursday, August 27, 1931, 19:7.

Violent debate in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies on August 25 led to an exchange of gunfire in which one representative was slain and two others and a spectator were wounded.

Estelle Taylor, American stage and screen actress. After a tonsillectomy in 1931, Taylor underwent such a successful regimen of voice exercises that she aspired to a singing career. Married to Jack Dempsey (see Note 1572) in 1925, she was divorced by the boxer in 1931.

1590. *NYT*, Friday, August 28, 1931, 17:7.

Rogers wrote this column while on the set of *Ambassador Bill*, a film released in 1931 in which Rogers portrayed an Oklahoman serving as ambassador to a small European nation.

1591. *NYT*, Saturday, August 29, 1931, 15:7.

The coalition government of Great Britain (see Note 1587) received assurances of substantial banking credit and other financial support from major New York City banking firms on August 27.

1592. *NYT*, Monday, August 31, 1931, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "their family" in first sentence/*NYT* and *LAT* give "in the kind" in seventh sentence.

For Wiley Hardeman Post and Harold Gatty see Note 1539.

In the National Air Races of 1931, Doolittle (see Note 1464) used a secretly-built Laird biplane to outdistance eight other competitors and win the Bendix Trophy for long-distance flight. Post did not participate in the air races at Cleveland.

1593. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 1, 1931, 25:7.

For floods in China see Note 1572.

The Treasury Department offered $1.1 billion in government securities on August 30 to offset dwindling revenues resulting from the general business depression. The public offering included $800 million in long-term bonds at 3 percent interest and $300 million in short-term certificates at 1.5 percent interest.

1594. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 2, 1931, 23:7.

The United States Golf Association adopted a new, slightly larger and lighter ball in 1931. The rule change generated considerable debate and numerous alibis.

Jones (see Note 1486) joined a large gallery at the Beverly Country Club in Chicago to watch the first qualifying round of the United States Amateur Golf championship on August 31.

1595. *NYT*, Thursday, September 3, 1931, 23:7.

Young was appointed on September 1 to chair a special committee within the Organization on Unemployment Relief (see Notes 1584 and 1585). His group was responsible for the coordination and administration of local fund raising-campaigns.

1596. *NYT*, Friday, September 4, 1931, 21:7.

1597. *NYT*, Saturday, September 5, 1931, 15:7.

The Bureau of the Census announced on September 3 that illiteracy in the United States had decreased from 6 to 4.3 percent during the period from 1920 to 1930.

Sale (see Note 1470) wrote *The Specialist* in 1929 and followed it the next year with another bestseller, *I'll Tell You Why*.

1598. *NYT*, Monday, September 7, 1931, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "a golfer was" in fifth sentence.

George Hubert Wilkins, Australian soldier, aviator, and polar explorer who was knighted in 1928 for having made the first flight over a polar region. In early September of 1931, Wilkins attempted to cross under the North Pole in an old American submarine, the *Nautilus*. He abandoned the effort after losing radio contact and sustaining minor damage to the craft.

Francis de Sales Ouimet, American golfer who became the first amateur to win the United States Open championship (1913). He won his first United States Amateur title in 1914 and his second seventeen years later on September 5, 1931.

Fred Andrew Stone, American vaudeville and musical comedy star and close personal friend of Rogers.

1599. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 8, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* omits seventh sentence.

1600. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 9, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "something. This time he says that" in third sentence.

George V, king of Great Britain and Ireland from 1910 until his death in 1936. George V and his son, the Prince of Wales (see Note 1499), indicated on September 7 that they would donate to the national treasury a significant portion of their personal income to ease the financial crisis in the British government.

Murray (see Note 1477) addressed several thousand labor union leaders and members at a Labor Day celebration in Chicago on September 7. The colorful governor of Oklahoma called for a change in the national administration and urged laborers to vote for those principles that would benefit the ordinary citizen.

Borah (see Note 1452), in a speech in Idaho on September 7, condemned extravagant government spending and warned that, if the wealthy did not help feed the poor and unemployed, taxes would be increased to enable the government to provide assistance.

1601. *NYT*, Thursday, September 10, 1931, 27:7.

Mexico received and accepted an invitation to join the League of Nations (see Note 1491) on September 8. Although over the years the United States participated in many League affairs, it never formally joined the international organization.

For the cotton reduction plan see Note 1583.

Wilkins (see Note 1598) returned the *Nautilus* to its home port in Norway on September 8.

1602. *NYT*, Friday, September 11, 1931, 23:7.

Garfield A "Gar" Wood, American motorboat champion of the 1920s and 1930s. Wood's chief rival, British racer Kaye Don, was disqualified from the Harmsworth Trophy championship in Detroit on September 7 when he crossed the starting line too early. Wood also was disqualified for the same reason, leaving the only competitor in the race, an associate of Wood's, as the automatic winner. Don accused Wood of intentionally having lured him across the starting line, causing the disqualifications.

1603. *NYT*, Saturday, September 12, 1931, 19:7.

Income taxes in Great Britain were raised to 25 percent and numerous other taxes were increased as the result of emergency action taken by the House of Commons on September 10. British lawmakers also drastically pared government expenditures in a move to reduce the budget deficit.

For Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith see Note 1484.

1604. *NYT*, Monday, September 14, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "one continent" in third sentence.

Walker (see Note 1480) was accorded the prestigious rank of Commander of the Legion of Honor by the French government on September 4 during a visit to Paris.

For American mayors in France see Notes 1507 and 1515; for Paul Ludwig Hans Anton von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg see Note 1532; For James Ramsey Mac Donald see Note 1532; for Benito Mussolini see Note 1452.

1605. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 15, 1931, 27:7. McPherson (see Note 1501) married David Hutton, a singer and a member of her Angelus Temple, in Arizona on September 13. She recently had written a sacred opera, *The Iron Furnace*, that depicted the flight of Moses and the Israelites from Egypt.

For Minnie Pearce "Ma" Kennedy see Note 1557.

La Fiesta de Los Angeles, held from September 4 to 13, celebrated the sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the city by Spanish colonizers.

1606. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 16, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "old she-goat goes" in fourth sentence.

Gandhi (see Note 1448) arrived in London on September 12 to confer with British officials about the constitutional status of India.

1607. *NYT*, Thursday, September 17, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* omits sixth sentence.

Walker (see Note 1480), in Europe on vacation, had accepted Gandhi's invitation to visit him at a settlement project in London on September 15. When the moment came, however, the New York City mayor elected to tour London night spots rather than meet the Indian leader.

Hoover announced on September 15 that a conference of representative from every state would meet in Washington, D.C., in December to discuss and study all aspects of home owning, including finance, design, construction, and availability.

Aimee Semple McPherson's new husband, David Hutton (see Note 1605), was sued two days after his marriage by a woman who claimed that he had broken his promise to marry her. McPherson's mother, Minnie Kennedy (see Note 1557), had married G. Edward "Whataman" Hudson on June 28, 1931, but had the marriage annulled the next month because of bigamy charges against Hudson.

1608. *NYT*, Friday, September 18, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Huey Long" in fourth sentence.

For the Texas-Oklahoma bridge dispute see Note 1564.

Long (see Note 1583), angered by opposition in the Texas legislature to his cotton reduction plan, charged on September 15 that the legislators had been bribed to obstruct the proposal. The indignant solons responded by passing a resolution condemning Long as a liar.

1609. *NYT*, Saturday, September, 19, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Washington had" in fourth sentence.

For Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi see Notes 1448 and 1606.

Harry Bartow Hawes, Democratic United States senator from Missouri from 1927 to 1933. Hawes, long an advocate of independence for the American-owned Philippine Islands, coauthored the Hawes-Cutting bill in 1930 which called for independence five years after acceptance of a Philippine constitution. Hawes visited the islands in July of 1931 and assured the inhabitants that he would continue to work for independence. The United States granted independence in 1946.

Hurley (see Note 1481) toured the Philippines from September 1-26 to investigate popular support and conditions for independence. Upon his return to the United States, he stated that the people were unprepared for freedom.

1610. *NYT*, Monday, September 21, 1931, 19:7.

Japan and Russia both maintained commercial interests in northern China. Japanese military activity in the region in the 1920s and 1930s caused considerable apprehension among the Russians, especially after Japanese troops seized the important Manchurian city of Mukden on September 19, 1931. Japanese and Chinese troops clashed repeatedly during the next several months in a bitter struggle for control. The Japanese army completed the occupation of Manchuria in February of 1932 and, soon thereafter, proclaimed the puppet state of Manchukuo.

For the League of Nations see Note 1491.

Manual Andrada, Argentine polo player of the 1920s and 1930s who was considered one of the best of his day at "back." Although injured, team captain Andrada led the national team of Argentina to the United States Open polo title on September 19 by defeating an American team, 11 to 8.

1611. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 22, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "time for" in seventh sentence.

The British government suspended the gold standard on September 21 in an attempt to stabilize the monetary system. The Bank of England, the central depository and issuing facility of the government, had experienced heavy withdrawals of gold by foreign investors who feared the economic collapse of the nation.

For Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi see Note 1448.

1612. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 23, 1931, 25:7.

Hoover addressed the opening session of the annual convention of the American Legion in Detroit on September 21. He told the legionnaires that the federal treasury could not afford additional expenses such as the veterans' bonuses (see Note 1521). The delegates, who were concerned with another issue, interrupted Hoover's speech with chants of "We want beer!"

For war in China see Note 1610; for the English dole see Note 1550; for G. Edward "Whataman" Hudson see Note 1607.

"It," a slang word denoting sex appeal, was popularized in the late 1920s by American movie idol Clara Bow who was billed as the "It Girl."

1613. *NYT*, Thursday, September 24, 1931, 27:7.

Hal E. Roach, American producer of comedy films, including the profitable serials *Lonesome Luke, Our Gang,* and *Laurel and Hardy*.

James B. Dickenson, veteran military and private pilot who served in the United States Army Air Service during the 1920s.

Rogers was visiting his youngest son Jimmy (see Note 1497), a student at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, while on his way to Oklahoma.

1614. *NYT*, Friday, September 25, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "that. Here…section are bins" in second and third sentences.

Oil wells in Oklahoma had been shut down by Governor Murray in August (see Note 1571).

Venezuela was the major exporter of oil to the United States. Leaders of the American petroleum industry had called for a reduction of such imported oil in light of a surplus domestic production.

1615. *NYT*, Saturday, September 26, 1931, 21:7.

Murray (see Note 1477) was in St. Louis in late September to head a conference on unemployment relief in the Mississippi Valley region. The Oklahoma governor was in Little Rock on September 26 on the last leg of a four-state speaking tour to stimulate support for his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1932.

For James John "Jimmy" Walker see Notes 1480 and 1604.

1616. *NYT*, Monday, September 28, 1931, 21:9.

The citizens of Claremore hosted a sports festival in honor of Rogers on September 26. Activities included an air circus, a polo match, a football game, and dances.

1617. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 29, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

The decision by Great Britain to abandon the gold standard (see Note 1611) led several other countries with close financial ties to England to follow suit.

John Jacob Astor, German-born American capitalist who accumulated a vast fortune from the fur trade in the United States during the early nineteenth century.

1618. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 30, 1931, 27:7.

Republican party leaders had sought the assistance of the administration to cut expenses in government in order to forestall a threat by some congressmen to enact higher taxes. In late September of 1931, Treasury Department officials were studying several such expense-cutting plans.

Taxes on incomes, excess profits, corporations, and luxury items were increased dramatically in the United States during World War I to provide revenue for the war effort.

1619. *NYT*, Thursday, October 1, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "In addition to …now yesterday's" and *LAT* gives "In addition to…W.C.T.U.'s) yesterday's" in second and third sentences.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, an international organization that was founded in the United States in 1874 and that sought through education and legislation to prevent the use of alcohol and other dangerous and harmful drugs.

1620. *NYT*, Friday, October 2, 1931, 25:7.

1621. *NYT*, Saturday, October 3, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "entirely in that way. It" in third and fourth sentences.

For Hoover's moratorium on debts see Note 1532.

1622. *NYT*, Monday, October 5, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Say it all too, why us and France will have to take our gold and fill our teeth with it." for the first sentence.

For Plutarco Elías Calles see Note 1562.

1623. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 6, 1931, 27:7.

William Randolph Hearst, American journalist, publisher, and political figure who during a turbulent sixty-year career in journalism fashioned a nationwide newspaper empire based in California. The Hearst-owned Babicora Ranch, headquartered 160 miles south of El Paso, embraced more than 900,000 acres of northern Mexico.

Coolidge, in an article in the October 3 issue of *Saturday Evening Post*, denied rumors that he was a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1932.

1624. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 7, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "came in" in first sentence.

Morrow (see Note 1467) died from a cerebral hemorrhage at his home in Englewood, New Jersey, on October 5.

The Mexico Northwestern Railway Company was incorporated in 1909 to provide commercial rail transportation in the northern Mexican province of Chihuahua. Civil disturbances in the area frequently caused damage to company facilities, leading to severe financial losses for the railroad.

1625. *NYT*, Thursday, October 8, 1931, 25:7.

The World Series of 1931 began on October 1 and matched the Philadelphia Athletics of the American League against the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League. The Cardinals won the fall baseball classic, four games to three.

For Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone see Note 1500.

The average price of securities on the New York Stock Exchange rose sharply on October 6 following reports that Hoover and leading bankers were working together to effect an economic recovery.

Hoover was unable to attend Morrow's funeral (see Note 1624) because of several important conferences that could not be postponed. From such meetings came plans for the National Credit Association (see Note 1627).

1626. *NYT*, Friday, October 9, 1931, 23:7.

Johnny Leonard Roosevelt "Pepper" Martin, Oklahoman who played center field for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1928 to 1944. Martin's aggressive play helped the Cardinals defeat the favored Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series of 1931 (see Note 1625). Martin had twelve hits in twenty-four times at bat and stole five bases in the first five games.

For William Edgar Borah see Note 1452, for Aimee Semple McPherson see Note 1501; for Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone see Note 1500; for Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi see Note 1448; for William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray see Note 1477.

1627. *NYT*, Saturday, October 10, 1931, 19:7.

Martin (see Note 1626) failed to hit safely in for times at bat in the sixth game of the World Series on October 9. The Philadelphia Athletics defeated Martin's St. Louis Cardinals, 8 to 1, and tied the series at three games apiece.

Hoover proposed on October 7 the formation of the National Credit Association, a corporation of private bankers that would establish a $500 million reservoir to stimulate the flow of money in the United States.

1628. *NYT*, Monday, October 12, 1931, 21:7.

For the National Credit Association see Note 1627.

1629. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 13, 1931, 21:7.

Several United States senators suggested on October 10 that disarmament should be a prerequisite for extending the moratorium on intergovernmental debts (see Note 1532). Because some European nations had sought to scale down wartime debts owed to the United States, the senators maintained that there should be a corresponding reduction of armament budgets in those countries.

For the English dole see Note 1550.

1630. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 14, 1931, 23:7.

For war in China see Note 1610; for the League of Nations see Note 1491.

1631. *NYT*, Thursday, October 15, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "We got just as used" in fourth sentence.

Silk underwear, diamond belt buckles, and expensive automobiles were among items mentioned by prosecution witnesses on October 12 during Capone's trial for income tax evasion (see Notes 1530 and 1567). The unusual testimony was part of an attempt by the government to show the ostentatious and lavish lifestyle of the Chicago gangster.

1632. *NYT*, Friday, October 16, 1931, 23:7.

Elizabeth Cutter Morrow, educator, author, and widow of Dwight Whitney Morrow (see Notes 1467 and 1624). Although Mrs. Morrow was mentioned frequently as a possible successor to her husband in the Senate, she denied all such rumors.

1633. *NYT*, Saturday, October 17, 1931, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits first sentence.

The entire cabinet of President Pascual Ortiz Rubio resigned on October 15 during a major shake-up in the Mexican government. A new cabinet was named six days later.

Four convicted murderers died in the electric chair at the Cook County jail in Chicago on October 16.

Harvard University administrators pressured a group of students to withdraw their invitation to McPherson to speak at the school. The students, however, met with the California evangelist at a hotel in Boston.

The League of Nations Council (see Note 1491) voted thirteen to one on October 15 to invite the United States to participate in deliberations concerning the Japanese takeover of Manchuria. The Japanese representative cast the lone dissenting ballot.

1634. *NYT*, Monday, October 19, 1931, 3:3. Variant: *LAT* gives "counts: silk" in first sentence.

Capone was found guilty on October 17 on five counts of evasion of federal income taxes. He was sentenced to eleven years in prison and fined $70,000. He served eight years and then retired to his Florida estate where he died in 1947. For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

1635. *LAT*, Tuesday, October 20, 1931, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Thomas Alva Edison, productive American inventor who was responsible for practical applications of electricity, including the first commercially successful incandescent lamp and the phonograph. Edison, who had grown increasingly deaf since childhood, died on October 18 at the age of eighty-five.

Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld, Jr., American theatrical producer best known for the elaborately-staged *Ziegfeld Follies*. First produced in 1907, these musical revues featured a troupe of beautiful chorus girls and many of the leading stage performers of the day. Rogers performed in the *Follies* from 1916 to 1925.

For Owen D. Young see Note 1538.

Henry Ford, American automobile innovator and manufacturer. An admirer and friend of Edison, Ford held a celebration at Dearborn, Michigan, on October 21, 1929, to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of Edison's incandescent lamp and the formal dedication of the Edison School of Technology, founded by Ford. The auto pioneer also transplanted to Dearborn Edison's laboratory at Menlo Park, New jersey, in which much of the inventor's work had taken place.

1636. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 21, 1931, 21:7.

Charles Cornwallis, British statesman and general who was forced to surrender his troops to a combined American and French army at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1781, effectively ending the American Revolutionary War. On October 19, 1931, representatives of the thirteen original colonies joined other dignitaries to celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the battle.

For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493; for the Philippines see Note 1609.

1637. *NYT*, Thursday, October 22, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin/*NYT* gives "wires, among them Mr. Gifford," in fourth and fifth sentences/*NYT* gives "father." to end seventh sentence, omitting last four words.

Rogers participated in a nationwide radio broadcast on October 18 as part of a national drive for unemployment relief.

For Walter Sherman Gifford see Note 1584; for Owen D. Young see Note 1538.

Edsel Bryant Ford, son of automobile pioneer Henry Ford (see Note 1635) and president of Ford Motor Company from 1919 until his death in 1943.

Hurley (see Notes 1481 and 1609) visited at the Rogers home on October 21 upon his return from the Philippine Islands.

1638. *NYT*, Friday, October 23, 1931, 23:7.

For the Philippine Islands see Note 1609; for war in China see Note 1610; for the Russian five-year-plan see Note 1583.

1639. *NYT*, Saturday, October 24, 1931, 19:7.

Shaw (see Note 1454), in an address to the World Prohibition Federation in London on October 22, asserted that prohibition had succeeded in the United States. He also stated that the growth of criminal elements in America since the advent of prohibition only revealed the necessity for more effective law enforcement procedures.

For Nancy Langhorne Astor see Note 1560; for Thomas Alva Edison see Note 1635; for Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442.

1640. *NYT*, Monday, October 26, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin.

Pierre Laval, premier and minister of foreign affairs of France from 1931 to 1932. Laval arrived in Washington, D.C., on October 22 to discuss with Hoover war debts, national security, and the flow of gold. The talks ended on October 25, and Laval departed for France two days later.

Borah, chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs (see Note 1452), talked with Laval on October 24 about the two men's differing views on international issues, including reparations and war debts.

1641. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 27, 1931, 25:7.

Smith (see Note 1484) vigorously opposed as unnecessary a proposed constitutional amendment in New York which called for state financing for reforestation. The amendment, supported by Governor Roosevelt (see Note 1529), was approved by voters on November 3, 1931.

For Pierre Laval see Note 1640.

1642. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 28, 1931, 26:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "build battleships," in third sentence.

Navy Day, first celebrated in 1922, commemorated the anniversary (1775) of the first naval bill to be introduced in the Continental Congress.

For the financial crisis in Great Britain see Notes 1587 and 1611.

1643. *NYT*, Thursday, October 29, 1931, 23:7.

Charles Leo O'Donnell, American priest and educator who served as president of Notre Dame University from 1928 until his death in 1934.

Heartley W. "Hunk" Anderson, football coach at Notre Dame University from 1931 to 1933. A former player and assistant coach under Rockne (see Note 1462), Anderson succeeded Rockne as coach in April of 1931 and went on to compile a three-season record of sixteen wins, nine losses, and two ties.

Elections in Great Britain on October 28 gave the Conservative party an overwhelming majority in Parliament and crushed the power of the Labour party opposition to the coalition government.

1644. *NYT*, Friday, October 30, 1931, 23:7.

William Vann "Bill" Rogers, Will's eldest son, graduated from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, in 1935.

For James Blake "Jimmy" Rogers see Notes 1497 and 1631.

1645. *NYT*, Saturday, October 31, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Few changes" in fourth sentence.

For Hal E. Roach see Note 1613.

Eric Pedley, California stock broker and internationally-acclaimed polo player of the 1920s and 1930s. Rogers and Pedley often played polo together.

For James B. Dickson see Note 1613.

Rogers and the others flew to Mexico City to make arrangements for a Mexican polo team to tour California in December of 1931.

For Plutarco Elías Calles see Note 1562; for Dwight Whitney Morrow see Note 1467.

1646. *NYT*, Monday, November 2, 1931, 19:7.

1647. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 3, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Tulsa football Saturday," in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "Mexican studios…movies, too." in fifth sentence.

For Dwight Whitney Morrow see Note 1467; for Joshua Reuben Clark, Jr., see Note 1467.

The National University of Mexico football team was defeated, 89 to 0, by the University of Tulsa in an international game in Mexico City on November 7.

The Mexico City Aztecs baseball team and a minor league team from Memphis, Tennessee, contended in a nine game series in Mexico City in late October and early November of 1931. The Aztecs took the series, five games to four.

A polo team from the Mexican army played three matches in Los Angeles in December against local teams led by Eric Pedley (see Note 1645). The Mexicans won the series, two matches to one.

A Mexican government decree in July that placed high duties on imported motion pictures caused the cost of foreign-made films to rise to prohibitive levels.

1648. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 4, 1931, 21:7.

Hoover appointed a five-man committee on November 2 to examine complaints that his naval policies had stifled naval development. The commission issued a report five days later which upheld the president's actions and rejected critics' charges.

1649. *NYT*, Thursday, November 5, 1931, 25:7.

Democrats won three of five special congressional elections held on November 3, insuring the party that it would hold 217 of 435 seats in the next Congress. The Democratic plurality enabled Garner (see Note 1471) to be elected speaker of the House.

For Nicholas Longworth see Note 1471.

1650. *NYT*, Friday, November 6, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "branding fire" in second sentence.

The King Ranch in southern Texas was founded in 1852 by cattleman Richard King. Embracing more than 1,000,000 acres spread over five counties, the ranch raised enormous quantities of livestock and originated the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle.

Jack H. Laphan, wealthy Texas rancher, oil executive, sportsman, and private pilot. Lapham was married to the former Lucy Jane Thomas; they had four children—David, John, Julie, and Jean.

For Francis Monroe "Frank" Hawks see Note 1464.

1651. *NYT*, Saturday, November 7, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "any other man" in second sentence.

For the King Ranch see Note 1650; for John Nance Garner see Notes 1471 and 1649; for Nicholas Longworth see Note 1471.

1652. *NYT*, Monday, November 9, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "of humor" in eighth sentence.

For Hoover's naval commission see Note 1648.

William Howard Gardiner, president of the Navy League of the United States from 1928 to 1933 and a life-long advocate of a strong American navy. Although Gardiner and the Navy League had criticized Hoover's naval policies (see Note 1648), the executive council of the league voted seven to one to endorse the report of the naval commission.

Thaddeus Horatius Caraway, Democratic United States senator from Arkansas from 1921 until his death from a heart ailment on November 6, 1931. He was noted as one of the most outspoken and partisan members of the Senate.

"Felix the Cat," cartoon character that first appeared about 1921 and became one of the earliest cinematic cartoon animal stars. Felix was noted especially for strolling through danger with his "hands" behind his back.

1653. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 10, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Beverly Hills" as place of origin.

1654. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 11, 1931, 23:7.

For war in China see Note 1610.

1655. McNaught Syndicate; heading from *Tulsa Daily World*, Thursday, November 12, 1931, I:1:5. *NYT* and *LAT* did not print the DT.

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association began its seventh annual fall meeting in Los Angeles on November 11.

1656. *NYT*, Friday, November 13, 1931, 23:7.

Bernard Mannes Baruch, American multi-millionaire financier and an advisor to the federal government on economic matters. A Democrat, Baruch served as chairman of the War Industries Board which coordinated industrial production during World War I. In a speech to a reunion of members of the board on November 11, Baruch predicted that the United States was emerging from economic depression and offered several suggestions to speed recovery.

1657. *NYT*, Saturday, November 14, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Somebody invited" in first sentence.

Curtis (see Note 1538) was a guest speaker at the convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association (see Note 1655). While in California the vice president visited with many local officials and with leaders of the motion picture industry.

1658. *NYT*, Monday, November 15, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "in tomorrow." to end third sentence.

Tsang Hsih-yi, a former general in the Chinese army, was released from detention in November and then given the governorship of Mukden province of Manchuria on December 15 as part of a Japanese effort to provide a stable Chinese government in Japanese-controlled areas.

For Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone see Note 1500.

Dino Grandi, foreign minister of Italy from 1929 to 1932. Grandi arrived in New York City on November 16 to begin talks with Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson about intergovernmental debts and disarmament and with American bankers about economic problems. Grandi left the United States to return to Italy on November 27.

For Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi see Note 1448.

1659. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 17, 1931, 27:7.

Movie theaters throughout the United States sponsored benefits during National Motion Picture Week, November 18-25, to raise funds for unemployment relief.

Hoover announced on November 13 a plan to establish under government control a series of discount banks for home mortgages that would help revive the stagnant construction industry in the United States. Hoover recommended the legislation to Congress on December 8, 1931, and it was enacted into law as the Federal Home Loan Bank Act on July 22, 1932.

1660. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 18, 1931, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "out for this fellow Grandi. I" in third and fourth sentences.

Grandi (see Note 1658) and Laval (see Note 1640) represented their respective countries at the London Five Power Naval Conference in early 1930. Italy and France, however, refused to agree about limitations on major warships and left the conference without reconciling their differences. Rogers spent two weeks at the international meeting as an interested observer.

1661. *NYT*, Thursday, November 19, 1931, 25:7.

For war in China see Note 1610; for Dino Grandi see Note 1658.

The Prince of Wales (see Note 1499), in a radio speech on November 15, urged his fellow countrymen to purchase only products manufactured in Great Britain or in one of its colonies rather than goods produced in foreign countries. His speech was part of a "Buy British" campaign designed to reduce unemployment by boosting home production.

United States congressmen visited Canada in mid-November to study the Canadian sales tax system and to determine if a similar plan could be implemented at home.

A man hospitalized in Ohio with incessant hiccupping received numerous suggested cures from doctors and sympathizers throughout the nation. The proposed remedies included standing on his head, eating a quart of ice cream, and putting a coin between his toes.

For the League of Nations see Note 1491; for James John "Jimmy" Walker see Note 1480.

1662. *NYT*, Friday, November 20, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* omits second sentence/*LAT* gives "airplane pilot" in sixth sentence.

Richard Mifflin Kleberg, son of Robert Justus Kleberg (see Note 1650), was elected as a Democrat on November 24 to represent the Fourteenth Congressional District of Texas, filling a vacancy created by the death of Republican Representative Harry McLeary Wurzbach. The victory clinched a majority for the Democratic party in the House of Representatives and insured the election of Garner (see Note 1471) as speaker. Kleberg served in Congress from 1931to 1945.

1663. *NYT*, Saturday, November 21, 1931, 19:7.

League of Nations officials announced on November 20 that Japan and China apparently had agreed to a cessation of hostilities and to an international inquiry in Manchuria. Both belligerents, however, rejected the peace proposal shortly after it was announced. The League continued plans for a committee of inquiry to settle the dispute.

Rogers was enroute to the Orient to observe and to report on the situation in Manchuria.

1664. *NYT*, Monday, November 23, 1931, 21:7.

Vladimir Ilych Ulyanov (Lenin), Russian revolutionary who led a Bolshevik uprising in 1917 that overthrew the government in Russia and established Communist rule. He remained in control of the Soviet government until his death in 1924.

Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons, American journalist, author, and radio commentator who as an internationally known roving reporter was recognized as the "premier war correspondent of his generation."

Joseph Pilsudski, Polish general and politician who led the flight for Polish independence in the early twentieth century. He established himself as dictator in 1926 and remained in control of the Polish government until his death in 1935.

1665. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 24, 1931, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "man, don't get around much." to end first sentence/*NYT* gives "ones on board." to end second sentence/*NYT* gives "I found" to begin third sentence, omitting first seven words.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664.

Notre Dame University suffered its first loss of the football season on November 21. The University of Southern California defeated the Fighting Irish, 16 to 14.

1666. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 25, 1931, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits sixth sentence.

Fan-tan, a Chinese gambling game in which a number of objects are placed under a bowl and wagers are made as to what the remainder will be after the objects are divided by fours.

Clara Bow (see Note 1502) had received recent publicity about her fondness for gambling.

Henri Le Baily de la Falaise de la Coudraye, French marquis and sometime actor, married American motion picture actress Constance Bennett on November 27. Coudraye had been divorced recently from Bennett's chief rival in Hollywood, Gloria Swanson.

Tilson (see Note 1546) was considered the leading Republican candidate for the speakership of the House if the Republican party retained a majority after several special congressional elections (see Note 1649). For the election in Texas see Note 1662; for John Nance Garner see Note 1471.

1667. *NYT*, Thursday, November 26, 1931, 29:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Saturday. Maybe we come" in seventh and eighth sentences.

For George Woodward Wickersham see Note 1517.

LAT printed the following for Friday, November 27, 1931:

"Will Rogers 'A.W.O.L.' Owing, apparently, to failure to make contact in midocean with the ship bearing Will Rogers to China, Mr. Rogers's daily remarks are omitted from the Times this morning. It is hoped that the Sage of Santa Monica will be able to re-establish relations with Times readers promptly."

1668. *NYT*, Saturday, November 28, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits sixth sentence.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664.

1669. *NYT*, Monday, November 29, 1931, 21:7.

Thomas Joseph Mooney, American labor agitator who was convicted as a participant in the bomb killings of nine persons during a San Francisco parade in 1916 and sentenced to death. His case aroused international interest because of the widely held belief that he was innocent. In 1918 his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Twenty-one years later he was granted an unconditional pardon and was released.

Walker (see Note 1480) left New York City on November 20 for California where he intended to plead with Governor James Rolph, Jr., for Mooney's release. Walker visited Mooney at San Quentin Prison and then presented his case to Rolph, stressing alleged perjury in the original trial. The governor, however, refused to grant Mooney a pardon.

1670. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 1, 1931, 27:7. *LAT* did not print the DT but printed the following: "WILL ROGERS' REMARKS: Will Rogers's daily wireless message from abroad the steamship Empress of Russia failed to reach The Times last night."

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664.

1671. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 2, 1931, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "an Esquimox…the Esquinox" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "Tom Mix" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "change my trip into" in seventh sentence.

Thomas Edwin "Tom" Mix, American cowboy motion picture star who was one of the greatest box-office attractions in the history of the screen. Mix was hospitalized in late 1931 for treatment of inflammation resulting from a ruptured appendix.

Zachary Mulhall, Oklahoma rancher and showman whose Mulhall Wild West Show debuted in 1904 at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis. On April 23, 1905, Rogers made his New York City premiere with the Mulhall performers, a troupe of ropers and riders that included Tom Mix.

Charles Gates Dawes, United States ambassador to Great Britain from 1929 to 1932. Dawes, who served as vice president under Coolidge, conferred with the council of the League of Nations in November regarding the Sino-Japanese conflict in Manchuria.

1672. *NYT*, Thursday, December 3, 1931, 27:7.

1673. *NYT*, Friday, December 4, 1931, 23:7.

1674. *NYT*, Saturday, December 5, 1931, 19:7.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664; for the *Ziegfeld Follies* see Note 1635.

The Washington Conference of 1921-1922 produced several treaties limiting tonnage of major vessels, outlawing the use of poison gas, and establishing rules for naval warfare. Conferees included representatives from the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan, and Italy.

1675. *NYT*, Monday, December 7, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "the deck away" in second sentence.

1676. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 8, 1931, 29:7.

1677. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 9, 1931, 25:7.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664.

Chinchow, in southwestern Manchuria, served as the temporary headquarters of Chinese troops in Manchuria. In early December of 1931, the Japanese army was preparing to push from Mukden to Chinchow in an effort to eliminate opposition in the area. The defenders of Chinchow evacuated the city on December 30.

1678. *NYT*, Thursday, December 10, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "KEIJO" and *NYT* gives "KAJIO (Seoul)," as place of origin.

Eugenia Maria de Montijo de Guzman, Spanish-born empress of France from 1853 to 1870 and wife of Emperor Louis Napoleon. Her selections of dress dictated fashion to those who followed the lead of French design in feminine wear.

1679. *NYT*, Friday, December 11, 1931, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Japanese are flying" in second sentence.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons, see Note 1664.

The Russo-Japanese War of 1904-1905 grew out of the rival imperialistic designs of Russia and Japan on Korea and Manchuria. In February of 1904, the Japanese launched a surprise attack on Russian-held Port Arthur. After several Japanese victories, the war ended in September of 1905 with the signing of the Treaty of Portsmouth. The surprising success of Japan brought that country recognition as a world power and was one of the causes of unrest in Russia that led to the Revolution of 1905.

1680. *NYT*, Saturday, December 12, 1931, 19:7.

For Mukden, China, see Note 1610.

Garner (see Notes 1471 and 1649) was elected speaker of the House on December 7. This marked the first time since 1919 that a Democrat had held the speakership.

1681. *NYT*, Monday, December 14, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "MUKDEN, Japan." as place of origin.

Harbin, Manchuria, provided a refuge for thousands of White Russians who had opposed the Bolsheviks in the Russian Revolution of 1917. Most of the Russians left the city following the rise to power of the Chinese Communists in the 1940s.

1682. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 15, 1931, 27:7.

Kolenskies are buff-colored Asian minks.

Daniel Boone, American frontiersman and Indian fighter who led the western movement into Kentucky during the late eighteenth century.

Abie's Irish Rose, a sentimental American comedy that concerned the romance between a Jewish youth and an Irish lass. Written by Ann Nichols and first produced in 1922, the play ran in New York City for a record 2,327 performances.

1683. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 16, 1931, 25:7.

The League of Nations announced the appointment of an international commission on December 10 to study the crisis in Manchuria. The commissioners spent six weeks in the Far East and later issued the Lytton Report, which provided a historical background of the conflict and offered recommendations for a peaceful settlement.

Ma Chan-shan, Chinese general who led military opposition to the Japanese presence in Manchuria and who served as governor of Heilungkiang province in northern Manchuria.

1684. *NYT*, Thursday, December 17, 1931, 23:7.

1685. *NYT*, Friday, December 18, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "railroad, then I found that's" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "am going on a boat." to end third sentence.

Eighty thousand Chinese students, disenchanted with the uncertain policies of the government toward Manchuria, rioted in Nanking on December 10, demanding the removal of top government officials.

For Chinchow, China, see Note 1677.

1686. *NYT*, Saturday, December 19, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "same anywhere." to end fourth sentence.

In China, Chiang Kai-shek, leader of the Nationalist government at Nanking, had come under public pressure to terminate the war against the Communists in China and to establish a united front against the encroaching Japanese. Chiang refused to cooperate with the Communists and resigned from the government on December 15. His full cabinet resigned a week later.

The entire Japanese cabinet resigned on December 11 as a result of internal political discord and pressure from militarists seeking a more aggressive policy in Manchuria.

1687. *NYT*, Monday, December 21, 1931, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "to see if you are wrong" in eighth sentence.

European editorial criticism of the United States centered on the unwillingness of many American congressmen to reduce or to scale down the intergovernmental debts or to extend the moratorium on payment of debts (see Note 1532).

1688. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 22, 1931, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "PEIPING" as place of origin/*LAT* did not print the first paragraph.

The *Japan Advertiser*, a pro-government, English-language newspaper published in Tokyo.

1689. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 23, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "all of" in third sentence.

Thomas Riley Marshall, vice president of the United States from 1913 to 1921. Once while presiding over a tiresome debate in the Senate, Marshall coined one of his most famous remarks: "What this country needs is a really good five-cent cigar!"

1690. *NYT*, Thursday, December 24, 1931, 19:7.

1691. *NYT*, Friday, December 25, 1931, 2:2.

For Great Britain and the gold standard see Note 1611.

1692. *NYT*, Saturday, December 26, 1931, 13:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Chang Hsueh-liang." in first sentence/*NYT* gives "Manchuria and all Manchuria spoke" in second sentence.

Chang Hsueh-liang, Chinese war lord of Manchuria from 1928 until his ouster by the Japanese in 1931.

Mongols, an Asiatic people who in the thirteenth century conquered most of China and eastern Asia and thereafter spread into Russia and Europe. With the decline of their empire in the fourteenth century, the Mongols eventually located along the northern border of China.

1693. *NYT*, Monday, December 28, 1931, 19:7.

1694. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 29, 1931, 21:7.

For Chincow, China, see Note 1677.

1695. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 30, 1931, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "have gobbled it up and" in fifth sentence.

1696. *NYT*, Thursday, December 21, 1931, 4:2.

1697. *NYT*, Friday, January 1, 1932, 19:2.

For Chinchow, China, see Note 1677.

1698. *NYT*, Saturday, January 2, 1932, 13:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "suey that" in sixth and seventh sentences.

Andrew John Volstead, Republican United States representative from Minnesota from 1903 to 1923. Volstead authored the Volstead Act of 1919, which provided for enforcement of prohibition (see Note 1441).

1699. *NYT*, Monday, January 4, 1932, 23:7.

The Chinese government was reconstituted and reorganized in early January of 1932 following the departure of Chiang Kai-shek (see Note 1686). The new cabinet included representatives of several factions of the Kuomintang, or Nationalist party.

1700. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 5, 1932, 27:7.

For the Philippines see Note 1609; for Patrick Jay Hurley see Note 1609.

1701. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 6, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "here. … … …" to end DT.

1702. *NYT*, Thursday, January 7, 1932, 25:7.

1703. *NYT*, Friday, January 8, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "of looking in Liberia" in second sentence.

Ford (see Note 1635) developed a rubber plantation in Brazil during the late 1920s to reduce the dependence of his firm on foreign suppliers of the raw material.

Harvey Samuel Firestone, founder of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in 1900, serving with the company until his death in 1938. When British suppliers restricted rubber production in 1922 in an effort to raise prices, Firestone established rubber plantations in Liberia to provide an American source of rubber for American industry.

1704. *NYT*, Saturday, January 9, 1932, 19:7.

For the gold standard see Notes 1611 and 1617.

1705. *NYT*, Monday, January 11, 1932, 23:7.

Democrats met in Washington, D.C., on January 8 for the annual Jackson Day Dinner, a partisan celebration commemorating Andrew Jackson. Discussion centered on the shortcomings of the Hoover administration and on speculation about possible Democratic candidates in 1932, including Smith (see Note 1484) and Roosevelt (see Note 1529).

1706. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 13, 1932, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "the Stimson" in third sentence.

British officials in India jailed Gandhi and several hundred other nationalists following civil disobedience demonstrations in early January.

Stimson (see Note 1485) had sought a formal apology from Japan for an incident in Harbin, Manchuria, on January 3 in which three Japanese men assaulted the United States consul. Japan issued an apology on January 11 and assured the United States that the offenders would be punished.

1707. *NYT*, Thursday, January 14, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Made a 1,200-mile flight" in first sentence.

Riza Shah Pahlavi, shah of Iran from 1926 until his abdication in 1941.

1708. *NYT*, Friday, January 15, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "who is Rubber?" to end fifth sentence.

For James John "Jimmy" Walker see Notes 1480 and 1669; for Thomas Joseph Mooney see Note 1669.

In the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena, California, on January 1, the University of Southern California defeated Tulane University, 21 to 12.

Ely Culbertson, American author, lecturer, and bridge expert. Culbertson defeated fellow games authority Sidney Lenz at contract bridge on January 8 after a marathon 150-rubber match. Culbertson won with a margin of 8,980 points.

1709. *NYT*, Saturday, January 16, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Book first. These" in second and third sentences.

1710. *NYT*, Monday, January 18, 1932, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Jan. 17." in dateline/*NYT* gives "telegraph office here." to end first sentence/*NYT* gives "Flying to Cairo over…Land from Bagdad." in seventh sentence/*NYT* adds the following "Editor's Note" to explain the appearance of two DTs with a dateline of January 15: "Mr. Rogers appears to have been unduly optimistic over the telegraph office he finally found in Bagdad. His dispatch filed there Friday, reached New York last night. He arrived in Cairo Friday night and his dispatch from that city was printed in THE TIMES Saturday morning."

1711. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 19, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Will take the Holland" and *LAT* gives "Tomorrow from" in third sentence.

Eleutherios Venizelos, statesman who served as premier of Greece six times, including from 1928 to 1932.

1712. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 20, 1932, 19:7.

For Benito Mussolini see Note 1452.

1713. *NYT*, Thursday, January 21, 1932, 21:7.

Napoleon I, emperor of France from 1804 to 1814 and in 1815. Napoleon was born on the Mediterranean island of Corsica in 1769.

1714. *NYT*, Friday, January 22, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "off entirely" in sixth sentence.

Dawes (see Note 1671) announced on January 8 that he would resign as ambassador to Great Britain and would resume his banking activities in Chicago.

At the Lausanne Conference of 1932 more than 90 percent of the reparations required to be paid off under previous plans were canceled.

1715. *NYT*, Saturday, January 23, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "has absolutely" in second sentence.

Congress passed and Hoover signed on January 22 a bill establishing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC), a $2 billion government agency organized to lend money to industrial, financial, and agricultural concerns in order to stimulate the economy and to alleviate the depression. The RFC made loans totaling approximately $50 billion during its thirty-five-year existence.

1716. *LAT*, Monday, January 25, 1932, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

For William Edgar Borah see Note 1452.

1717. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 26, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits P.S.

A bill which increased the capitalization of Farm Land Banks by $125 million was passed by Congress on January 21. The land banks, established by the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, provided loans to farmers for payment of mortgages and other debts, for the purchase of machinery and livestock, and for improvements on farms.

For the Reconstruction Finance Corporation see Note 1715.

J.P. Morgan & Company, international banking house established in 1895 by American financier John Pierpont Morgan. Morgan developed a financial and industrial empire which wielded tremendous influence on American and world economies. His son, John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., assumed control of the firm upon the death of his father in 1913. During World War I, the Morgan firm raised huge sums for the allied nations and during the postwar period floated foreign and domestic securities of more than $6 billion.

1718. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 27, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "troupe." in fifth sentence.

Members of the American delegation to the Geneva World Disarmament Conference left New York City on January 20 bound for Switzerland. The conference, which met from 1932 to 1937, failed because of disagreements over definitions of categories of war materials, the reluctance of France to agree to any form of military limitation, and the desire of Germany to achieve military equality.

1719. *NYT*, Thursday, January 28, 1932, 21:7.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494; for Francis Monroe "Frank" Hawks see Note 1464; for the Geneva World Disarmament Conference see Note 1718.

Jesse Holman Jones, Houston financier, builder, and newspaper publisher.

Harvey Crowley Couch, president of Arkansas Power and Light Company from 1913 until his death in 1941. On January 25 Hoover announced the appointment of Jones and Couch, both Democrats, as directors of the newly-created Reconstruction Finance Corporation (see Note 1715). Jones later served as chairman of the RFC (1933 to 1945). Couch served as a director from 1932 to 1934.

1720. *NYT*, Friday, January 29, 1932, 19:7.

Japanese military activity in Manchuria led to a successful boycott throughout China of Japanese-made products. In retaliation, Japan concentrated troops and warships at Shanghai and demanded an end to the anti-Japanese economic campaign. On January 28 Japanese soldiers entered several sections of Shanghai and Japanese planes strafed and bombed the city.

In India British officials arrested more than 600 followers of Gandhi (see Note 1448) on January 26 and dispersed thousands of other nationalists who were demonstrating in support of Gandhi's declaration of independence for India.

For the "Buy British" campaign see Note 1661.

1721. *NYT*, Saturday, January 30, 1932, 19:7.

For the Geneva World Disarmament Conference see Note 1718.

Gold worth more than $140 million was shipped to France in early 1932 from a reserve held in the United States in the Bank of France. Other transfers were made to Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland.

1722. *NYT*, Monday, February 1, 1932, 19:7.

Formal notes of protest from the League of Nations and major powers failed to halt the Sino-Japanese conflict. Japanese forces occupied additional areas of Shanghai in late January (see Note 1720).

1723. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 2, 1932, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "mind." to end tenth sentence, omitting last eleven words/*NYT* omits twelfth sentence.

Mary Emma Woolley, president of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts from 1901 to 1937. Long active in promoting international peace, Woolley was appointed by Hoover as a delegate to the Geneva World Disarmament Conference (see Note 1718) in response to pressure from women's organizations.

1724. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 3, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Some are here" to begin sixth sentence.

For Mary Emma Woolley see Note 1723.

Appropriations for the expenses of the American delegates to the Geneva World Disarmament Conference were decreased from an unlimited amount suggested by Hoover to a figure of $450,000 set by the House of Representatives. A further slash by Congress on January 29 reduced the budget of the delegation by another $150,000.

1725. *NYT*, Thursday, February 4, 1932, 21:7.

The opening on February 2 of the Geneva World Disarmament Conference was delayed one hour when Great Britain convoked the Council of the League of Nations to ask Japan and China to cease hostilities and to submit their dispute to arbitration. Laughter erupted when a Japanese delegate expressed his satisfaction with the firm action of the League in dealing with the Chinese aggressor.

Great Britain and the United States ordered the Asiatic fleets to Shanghai on January 31 to provide protection for British and American citizens and property in the besieged Chinese city.

1726. *NYT*, Friday, February 5, 1932, 21:7.

For the Geneva World Disarmament Conference see Note 1718; for Mary Emma Woolley see Note 1723.

1727. *NYT*, Saturday, February 6, 1932, 19:7.

Melton (see Note 1493) was appointed by Hoover on February 3 to succeed Charles Gates Dawes as ambassador to Great Britain (see Note 1714). Mellon served as ambassador from 1932 to 1933.

1728. *NYT*, Monday, February 8, 1932, 19:7.

For gold shipments to France see Note 1721.

Walter Evans Edge, United States ambassador to France from 1929 to 1933. Edge served as United States senator from New Jersey from 1919 until his appointment as ambassador in 1929.

For the League of Nations' Commission on Manchuria see Note 1683.

1729. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 9, 1932, 25:7.

Smith (see Note 1484) announced on February 7 that he would not campaign actively for the presidency in 1932 but would accept the nomination of the Democratic party if it was offered. Smith's announcement ended several months of speculation about his electoral intentions.

Japan rejected significant parts of a peace plan submitted by several major powers on February 2 and continued to demand withdrawal of Chinese troops from Shanghai. At the same time, Japanese troops launched new attacks on Chinese-held sectors of Shanghai.

1730. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 10, 1932, 23:7.

1731. *NYT*, Thursday, February 11, 1932, 23:7.

Borah (see Note 1452) addressed the Senate on February 10 in support of a bill for direct federal aid to the unemployed. Opponents of the measure argued that relief should be the responsibility of state and local governments. In his speech, Borah reminded these critics that while they oppose federal aid to the unemployed they support such federal agencies as the Reconstruction Finacne Corporation which loaned public funds to banks and businesses.

For John Nance Garner see Note 1471.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, widow of Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth, and prominent Washington hostess.

Ogden Livingstone Mills, undersecretary of the United States Department of the Treasury from 1927 to 1932. On February 10 the Senate confirmed Mills' nomination to replace Andrew W. Mellon as secretary of the treasury. Mills served in that post until March of 1933.

1732. *NYT*, Friday, February 12, 1932, 21:7.

Hoover issued a national plea on February 3 for Americans to stop hoarding money and, instead, to stimulate the economy by returning the money to circulation. He claimed that more than $1billion had been removed from circulation and that for each $1 hoarded, $10 worth of credit was lost.

1733. *NYT*, Saturday, February 13, 1932, 15:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "November 8, 1932," in third sentence.

1734. *NYT*, Monday, February 15, 1932, 19:7.

For Dwight Whitney and Elizabeth Cutter Morrow see Notes 1467, 1624, and 1632.

Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., son of Charles Augustus and Anne Morrow (see Notes 1464 and 1495), was born on June 22, 1930. The Lindbergh child was the victim of a sensational kidnap-murder crime in 1932 (see Note 1749).

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494.

Ringgold Wilmer "Ring" Lardner, American satirist, journalist, author, and playwright. A former sportswriter and long-time baseball fan, Lardner contributed a series of short stories to the *Saturday Evening Post* in which he portrayed the life of a simple, gullible major league ballplayer as seen through the player's correspondence to his sweetheart. The stories were published in book form in 1933 as *Lose With a Smile*.

Chu Chin Chow, a musical play based loosely on the tale of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves." It proved popular in London and New York City during World War I. For Chinchow, China, see Note 1677.

Smith (see Note 1484) was co-builder and co-owner of the Empire State Building in New York City. The 102-story structure, which was opened in 1931, was for many years the tallest building in the world.

1735. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 16, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "latest and greatest" in first sentence.

Hot-Cha!, a two-act musical comedy produced by Ziegfeld (see Note 1635), which featured his usual lavish display of sets, showgirls, and exotic dancers.

For Henry Lewis Stimson see Note 1485; for Shanghai, China, see Note 1720.

Dawes (see Note 1671) served as chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from 1932 to 1933.

For John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., see Note 1717.

1736. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 17, 1932, 23:7.

For David Sinton Ingalls see Note 1464.

Newton Diehl Baker, American attorney and statesman who served as United States secretary of war from 1916 to 1921.

For John Nance Garner see Note 1471.

1737. *NYT*, Thursday, February 18, 1932, 23:7.

For Henry Ford see Note 1635.

1738. *NYT*, Friday, February 19, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "I'm surprised…hear." in seventh sentence.

The mayor of Chicago threatened to halt city services on February 17 after the Illinois state legislature adjourned without appropriating sufficient funds for the city. Thousands of public employees went unpaid, and the city hall and schools faced closing until the legislature provided the necessary financial relief.

Dempsey (see Note 1572) dropped an unofficial four-round bout to an unheralded heavyweight, King Levinsky, on February 18 in Chicago. A record crowd of more than 23,000 watched the former champion in his first heavyweight fight since his championship title challenge in 1927.

The United States and other major world powers increasingly grew concerned during February about Japanese military aggression in Shanghai (see Note 1720). Foreign diplomats sent sharp notes of protest to the Japanese government, warning of severe international repercussions and hinting that the conflict might involve other nations if the hostilities continued.

1739. *NYT*, Friday, February 20, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "full that I'm going to stay here…at Claremore." in second sentence.

Pilots for Century Airlines in Chicago found themselves locked out of company hangars when they reported for work on February 9. Company officials refused to arbitrate a wage dispute in which the pilots were asked to accept a 40 percent cut in monthly salary. Twenty-two pilots were handed their "resignations."

For William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray see Note 1477.

1740. *NYT*, Monday, February 22, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "for may" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "and whack" in fifth sentence /*NYT* gives "A farmer…named Haas" in seventh sentence/*NYT* omits eighth sentence.

For the anti-hoarding campaign see Note 1732; for George Woodward Wickersham see Note 1517.

Herbert Thomas McSpadden, second son of Will's sister, Sallie, and John Thomas McSpadden. McSpadden worked at and later managed the Rogers ranch at Oologah, Oklahoma.

Morris Haas, Claremore dry goods merchant and civic leader.

1741. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 23, 1932, 19:7.

Herbert Prior "Rudy" Valle, American bandleader, composer, singer, and screen actor; an early crooner who influenced musical trends in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

For William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray see Note 1477.

1742. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 24, 1932, 23:6.

For Shanghai, China, see Note 1720.

1743. *NYT*, Thursday, February 25, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "asked several" in third sentence.

For Charles Gates Dawes see Notes 1671 and 1735; for Henry Ford see Note 1635; for John Nance Garner see Note 1471; for Newton Diehl Baker see Note 1736; for William Edgar Borah see Note 1452; for Charles Curtis see Note 1538; for Bernard Mannes Baruch see Note 1656.

1744. *NYT*, Friday, February 26, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "change of the New" in first sentence, omitting seven words/*LAT* gives "scarce" in first sentence/*NYT* omits "terrible" in second sentence.

Richard Whitney, American stockbroker and financier who served as president of the New York Stock Exchange from 1930 to 1935. Whitney told a House subcommittee on February 24 that proposed federal regulation of short selling of securities would be ineffective and would be detrimental to the securities market and the economy.

1745. *NYT*, Saturday, February 27, 1932, 17:7.

San Simeon, the 230,000-acre southern California estate of William Randolph Hearst (see Note 1623), featured an imported Spanish castle with lavish furnishings, a private zoo, and extensive recreational facilities.

For Hal E. Roach see Note 1613; for Charles Gates Dawes see Notes 1671 and 1735.

1746. *NYT*, Monday, February, 29, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Hearst has" in fourth sentence.

For San Simeon see Note 1745; for William Randolph Hearst see Note 1623; for Leavenworth Federal Prison see Note 1530.

Pauline Theresa "Polly" Moran, American vaudeville comedienne and screen actress.

Thornwell Jacobs, American author, minister, and educator. Jacobs founded Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1915 and served as its president from 1915 to 1943. Hearst was a major contributor to the school.

Paul Block, American newspaper publisher and advertising executive.

1747. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 1, 1932, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "direct session" in second sentence.

1748. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 2, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "papers out here" in first sentence.

The refusal of China and Japan to agree to terms of an armistice continued to hamper efforts of foreign powers to end hostilities in Shanghai (see Note 1735). China maintained that Japan had started the conflict and should withdraw its troops. Japan insisted that Chinese forces should destroy their fortifications in Shanghai and should abandon the city. The Japanese began a new offensive against Shanghai on the morning of March 1.

1749. *NYT*, Thursday, March 3, 1932, 8:5-6. Variants: *LAT* gives "nineteen months" in eighteenth sentence/*LAT* gives "him with" in twentieth sentence.

For Dwight Whitney Morrow see Notes 1467 and 1624.

Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., the twenty-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh (see Notes 1464 and 1495), was kidnapped from his parents' home at Hopewell, New Jersey, on the night of March 1. Young Lindbergh's body was found on May 12, 1932, after a $50,000 ransom had been paid. Outraged public opinion of this and other abductions forced the adoption of the death penalty in federal kidnapping cases.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494.

1750. *NYT*, Friday, March 4, 1932, 21:7.

For the Lindbergh kidnapping see Note 1749.

1751. *NYT*, Saturday, March 5, 1932, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Met Mrs. Rogers here. She came out" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "we did today." to end third sentence/*NYT* gives "We asked…never heard…and he said" in sixth sentence/*NYT* omits "and 'tripe'" in eighth sentence.

For James B. Dickson see Note 1613; for Hal E. Roach see Note 1613; for Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494; for the Lindbergh kidnapping see Note 1749; for James Blake "Jimmy" Rogers see Note 1613.

1752. *NYT*, Monday, March 7, 1932, 19:7.

Pearl Sydenstricker Buck, American author who lived and taught in China during the 1920s. Her novel, *The Good Earth*, which described peasant life in China, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1931.

1753. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 8, 1932, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "It Lindbergh" to begin first sentence, omitting first four words.

Lindbergh issued a statement on March 4 in which he promised not to prosecute his son's kidnappers if the baby was returned safely.

1754. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 9, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "stature, very modest" in first and second sentences.

John Philip Sousa, American musician, composer, and conductor known as the "March King" for his compositions of more than 100 marches. Sousa led the Marine Band at the White House from 1880 to 1892. He formed his own band in 1892 and led it until his death on March 6, 1932.

1755. *NYT*, Thursday, March 10, 1932, 23:7.

For the Geneva World Disarmament Conference see Note 1723; for Charles Gates Dawes see Notes 1671 and 1714.

1756. *LAT*, Friday, March 11, 1932, I:1:2. *NYT* did not print this DT on this date but combined it with that of March 12, 1932, and printed both as one column.

For Rogers' remarks about bankers see DT 1743.

1757. *LAT*, Saturday, March 12, 1932, I:1:2. Variants: *LAT* gives "me, showing" in first and second sentences/*NYT* omits "(that raises Arthur one hour)" in third sentence/*NYT* omits ninth sentence/*NYT* combined the DTs of March 11 and 12 and printed them as one column on March 12.

Brisbane (see Note 1442) talked with gangster chief Capone (see Note 1634) in jail in Chicago on March 10. Capone told the columnist that he would use his connections in the underworld to help locate the kidnapped Lindbergh child (see Note 1749). He offered to post bond and to conduct the hunt accompanied by a federal agent.

1758. *NYT*, Monday, March 14, 1932, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin/*NYT* gives "ex-Secretary" and *LAT* gives "former Senator" and *NYT* gives "fine men" in first sentence.

Frank Billings Kellogg, United States secretary of state from 1925 to 1929. Kellogg coauthored the Kellogg-Briand Pact of 1928, an international agreement that renounced war as national policy and called for arbitration of multinational disputes.

Frederick Huntington Gillett, Republican United States senator from Massachusetts from 1925 to 1931.

1759. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 15, 1932, 23:7.

Hindenburg (see Note 1532) appeared certain of reelection to the presidency of Germany when he polled almost one-half of the votes cast in elections on March 13.

Adolph Hitler, German dictator and founder and leader of the National Socialist (Nazi) party in Germany. Hitler's organization steadily gained support after its birth in 1921, basing its appeal on hatred, anti-Semitism, and German world power. The economic depression added to the nation-

alistic appeal of the Nazis. Hitler garnered the second highest total of votes in the elections of March 13 but lost to Hindenburg in a runoff election on April 10.

1760. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 16, 1932, 23:7.

Prohibitionists in Congress defeated a proposal by wets on March 14 that called for a constitutional amendment to permit state control of liquor traffic. This marked the first time since passage of the Volstead Act in 1919 that Congress had conducted a vote on the prohibition question.

1761. *NYT*, Thursday, March 17, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits seventh sentence.

John Hays Hammond, American mining engineer who engaged in several successful mining ventures in the United States and abroad from 1879 until his death in 1936. He worked in South Africa from 1893 to 1900.

Frederick Russell Burnham, American explorer and adventurer who traveled extensively in South Africa, South America, and North America. He went to South Africa in 1893 as a mining inspector and, while there, served in the British Army. His *Scouting on Two Continents* was published in 1926.

Rogers worked in South Africa in 1902 and 1903 at various jobs, including performing as a roper and rider in a wild west show.

1762. *NYT*, Friday, March 18, 1932, 23:7.

A group of Democrats in the House met on March 16 to organize opposition to a proposed national sales tax that was part of a tax bill pending in Congress. Advocates of the levy considered it essential in order to balance the federal budget.

1763. *NYT*, Saturday, March 19, 1932, 17:7.

The Geneva World Disarmament Conference (see Note 1723) was scheduled to reconvene on April 11 after a three-week Easter vacation.

Japanese troops began to withdraw from Shanghai on March 17 after Chinese forces, at the insistence of Japan, had moved twelve and one-half miles outside the city. Japanese control of Shanghai was established sufficiently to allow the planned withdrawal of almost one-half of its army.

1764. *NYT*, Monday, March 21, 1932, 17:7.

The House adopted on March 18 on amendment to a revenue bill which would provide a surtax of up to 65 percent on annual incomes of more than $5,000,000. House members also voted to raise to 7 percent the rate on annual incomes of more than $8,000.

1765. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 22, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives “Australia now has the fastest auto and aeroplane, and” in third sentence.

Phar Lap, an Australian thoroughbred, set a new track record in the Agua Caliente Handicap on March 20. It was the first appearance on a North American track for the six-year-old chestnut gelding, and the victory placed him second among money-winning horses in the world.

Percy William, an unheralded high school runner from Vancouver, British Columbia, who won both the 100- and 200-yard sprint events at the Olympic Games of 1928.

1766. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 23, 1932, 23:7.

“Block-aid,” a welfare plan originated by the Block Community Organization of New York City, was initiated to collect money from residents of each of the 16,000 blocks in the city. Block chairmen requested pledges of between ten cents and one dollar per week for twenty weeks. The money was to be distributed to destitute unemployed persons who could not get financial assistance from regular welfare agencies.

1767. *NYT*, Thursday, March 24, 1932, 23:7.

The House voted on March 22 to increase inheritance tax rates on estates to a maximum of 45 percent. This measure applied only to estates valued at more than $10 million and was part of an effort in Congress to raise revenue to balance the federal budget by conscripting wealth rather than taxing consumers.

For the tax on high income see Note 1764.

1768. *NYT*, Friday, March 25, 1932, 19:7.

John Joseph McGraw, manager of the New York Giants baseball team from 1902 to 1932. McGraw led the Giants to ten league and three world championships.

James J. Jefferies, American prizefighter who held the world heavyweight championship from 1899 until his retirement in 1905.

James Forman "Tod" Sloan, American jockey who popularized the forward crouch riding style in the 1890s. Sloan rode in England from 1897 to 1900.

Berna Eli "Barney" Oldfield, pioneer American automobile racer who is credited with being the first person to drive a mile a minute.

John Tortes "Chief" Meyers, full-blood American Indian who starred at catcher for the New York Giants from 1909 to 1915. Meyers hit fourteen home runs during his major league career.

Michael Joseph Donlin, personable major league outfielder who played for several teams from 1899 to 1914, including a usually successful on-again, off-again stint with the New York Giants from 1904 to 1911.

Mabel Hite, American vaudeville singer and comedienne who married Donlin in 1909. After his marriage, Donlin left professional baseball temporarily to appear with his new wife on the stage and in films. They performed together until her death in October of 1912.

1769. *NYT*, Saturday, March 26, 1932, 15:7.

The Democratic leadership in the House pressed for passage of a national sale tax proposal, but the measure was defeated on March 24 by a vote of 233 to 153. Only 45 Democrats voted for the bill.

1770. *NYT*, Monday, March 28, 1932, 15:7.

Coolidge wrote in the March 26 issue of the *Saturday Evening Post* that excessive government spending and high taxation had caused the economic depression. He called for a significant reduction of each as a means to recovery.

1771. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 29, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "something, but I think we…doing. Look" in second and third sentence.

Three leading citizens of Norfolk, Virginia, claimed on March 24 that they were in contact with the kidnappers of the Lindbergh baby (see Note 1749). They offered to act as intermediaries between the Lindbergh family and the kidnappers to bring about the safe return of the child. The whole affair later proved to be a hoax (see Note 1815).

1772. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 30, 1932, 21:7.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation (see Note 1715) loaned several million dollars to railroad companies in late March. The money borrowed by these firms was used to pay off financial obligations, and a significant portion went to repay loans from major banks.

1773. *NYT*, Thursday, March 31, 1932, 23:7.

For John Nance Garner see Note 1471; for the income tax see Note 1764; for the inheritance tax see Note 1767; for the national sales tax see Notes 1762 and 1769.

Manufacturers' excise taxes on numerous items were included in the tax bill under consideration in Congress. Final form of the bill provided levies of three cents per pound on liquid or extract malt, two cents per 1,000 matches, 2 percent of the selling price on candy, and 2 percent of the retail price on chewing gum.

1774. *NYT*, Friday, April 1, 1932, 21:7.

For the national sales tax see Note 1769; for manufacturers' excise taxes see Note 1773.

1775. *NYT*, Saturday, April 2, 1932, 17:7.

Three-year-old Gerald Collins, who had been trapped in a small drill-hole in a zinc mine near Picher, Oklahoma was rescued on the evening of March 31 after an all-day effort by more than 100 miners and lawmen.

For the Lindbergh kidnapping see Note 1749.

1776. *NYT*, Monday, April 4, 1932, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Polo and horse" to begin eighth sentence/*NYT* gives "We ought to legalize" to begin ninth sentence/*LAT* gives "Certainly can see" in tenth sentence.

Harry Dwight Chamberlin, major in the United States Army and an internationally known horseman. Chamberlin was a member of the American riding team at the Olympics of 1920 and 1928 and captain of the team at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1932. Chamberlin's Olympic team of 1932 stayed at Rogers' ranch near Santa Monica for a few days prior to the opening on August 11 of the equestrian events.

1777. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 5, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "pleasant and as nice a soul" in sixth sentence.

Stimson (see Note 1485) left the United States on April 8 to attend the Geneva World Disarmament Conference (see Note 1718). During his two-month stay in Europe, Stimson made a great show of American cooperation with the League of Nations and sought, unsuccessfully, the support of European statesmen for a united front against Japanese aggression in China.

For Mary Emma Woolley see Note 1723.

Coolidge was named in a $100,000 libel suit filed in late 1931 by Lewis B. Tebbetts, a St. Louis insurance executive. The legal action stemmed from a radio broadcast by Coolidge on insurance in October of 1931. Tebbetts dropped the suit on April 7, 1932, after Coolidge issued an apology and reimbursed Tebbetts $2,500 for legal expenses.

For John Davidson Rockefeller, Sr., see Note 1487.

1778. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 6, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "rare never" in fifth sentence.

The House voted on April 4 after a forty-minute debate to grant independence to the Philippine Islands, effective in 1940. The independence bill then went to the Senate where it was passed in December of 1932 with modifications. The resulting Hares-Hawes-Cutting Act provided for complete independence of the Philippines in 1945. The Philippine legislature, however, rejected the measure, primarily because of provisions leaving naval bases in American hands. The Tydings-McDuffie Independence Act of 1934, without the provisions for American bases, later was ratified by the Philippine legislature, and a constitution was soon promulgated.

1779. *NYT*, Thursday, April 7, 1932, 23:7.

Phar Lap (see Note 1765) died suddenly on April 5 at a ranch near Palo Alto, California. Although poison was suspected initially, experts later attributed the death to natural causes.

Herbert Austin Wolfe, racing editor for the *Sidney Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Sun* from 1931 to 1933. Wolfe accompanied Phar Lap to the United States as a representative of the Australian press.

1780. *NYT*, Friday, April 8, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "but what are" in fourth sentence.

Mills (see Note 1730), testifying at a Senate hearing on April 6, advocated that proposed taxes on stock and bond transfers and on inheritance, stock dividend, and corporate incomes be reduced or stricken from legislation pending in Congress.

Alexander Hamilton, the first United States secretary of the treasury, serving from 1789 to 1795.

For John Nance Garner see Note 1471.

Hawks (see Note 1464) sustained serious facial injuries when he crashed on takeoff from a rain-soaked airfield at Worcester, Massachusetts, on April 7. He underwent extensive plastic surgery during the next several months but eventually recovered and resumed his flying career.

1781. *NYT*, Saturday, April 9, 1932, 15:7.

Mrs. Hoover (see Note 1495) was the special guest at a luncheon attended by 700 Republican women in Washington, D.C., on April 7. With Mrs. Hoover's assistance, Ida Harris Mondell, wife of Congressman Franklin Wheeler Mondell, read a letter from President Hoover in which he expressed his appreciation for the women's support of the Republican party.

1782. *NYT*, Monday, April 11, 1932, 17:7.

The Soviet government may have intended to divert heavy winter snow from Moscow and through electrical ionization cause it to fall on nearby farms. The results of the project are unknown.

A major economy bill designed to reduce salaries of federal employees and to effect other cost-saving measures in government was proposed by Hoover and the House Economy Committee on April 9. Congress passed the bill on June 28, 1932, and Hoover signed it the next day.

1783. *LAT*, Tuesday, April 12, 1932, I:1:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

The Senate, at the insistence of Hoover, began an investigation of the New York Stock Exchange in the spring of 1932. Top New York City bankers and stockbrokers were called to testify and to explain their financial dealings in the stock market. The inquiry, which revealed large-scale manipulation, price-fixing, and thievery, led to passage of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

1784. *LAT*, Wednesday, April 13, 1932, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Whitney, head of the New York Stock Exchange (see Note 1744), was the first witness to testify in the Senate investigation of the securities market (see Note 1783). His testimony lasted several hours but produced only denials of wrong-doings.

1785. *NYT*, Thursday, April 14, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Sassoon" in fourth and sixth sentences.

For Raphael Phillips Floyd Gibbons see Note 1664.

Victor Sassoon, British baronet who headed a vast financial empire in the Far East during the 1920s, including large banking interests and real estate investments in China.

For John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., see Note 1717.

1786. *NYT*, Friday, April 15, 1932, 19:7.

Democrats gathered in Washington, D.C., on April 13 for the annual dinner to commemorate former president Thomas Jefferson. Al Smith created a sensation when he made a veiled threat at the banquet to oppose the presidential candidacy of Franklin Roosevelt. Despite the apparent rift in the party, Democratic leaders forecasted an electoral victory in 1932.

1787. *NYT*, Saturday, April 16, 1932, 17:7.

Willie M. "Bill" Pickett, Oklahoma black cowboy and champion rodeo performer. Pickett died on April 2 at the age of seventy-two from injuries received while roping a bronco.

1788. *NYT*, Monday, April 18, 1932, 17:7.

Hoover's economy bill (see Note 1782) included a one-year trial proposal to reduce by staggered furloughs the number of work days for federal employees in order to avoid an across-the-board salary reduction.

1789. *NYT*, Tuesday, April, 19, 1932, 23:7.

Coxey's Army, a band of jobless men who marched to Washington, D.C., following the Panic of 1893, to demonstrate for relief of unemployment and public distress. Largely unsuccessful, the demonstrators were led by Jacob Seckler Coxey, an Ohio manufacturer and political figure.

Automobile makers were among many manufacturers, importers, and growers who appeared before Congress in the spring of 1932 to protest a proposed tax bill that would place heavy levies on their products. Despite their opposition, the $1,118,500,000 revenue measure was enacted by Congress on June 6, 1932.

1790. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 20, 1932, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "items, 'Monte'" in first sentence.

The Monte Carlo casino usually reaped such huge profits from its gambling operations that it annually declared dividends of from 100 to 200 percent. The worldwide depression and competition from the other Riviera resorts, however, resulted in a diminishing number of tourists in Monte Carlo and a corresponding loss of revenue. The casino announced on April 18 that it would pass a dividend for the first time in its history.

For the stock exchange investigation see Note 1783.

1791. *NYT*, Thursday, April 21, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "One of this" to begin second sentence.

1792. *NYT*, Friday, April 22, 1932, 21:7.

Schwab (see Note 1482) declared in a speech before the Pennsylvania Society of New York City on April 20 that because of the stock market crash and the economic depression there were no longer any rich men in the United States. He reasserted his optimism, however, to predict that the country would regain its former prosperity.

1793. *NYT*, Saturday, April 23, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits last paragraph.

William A. Gray, chief counsel for the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, the congressional body that conducted the stock exchange inquiry (see Note 1783). Gray's examination of Richard Whitney (see Notes 1744 and 1784) provided some tense moments at the committee hearing on April 21. On the same day, Senate investigators released a list of 350 alleged short-sellers, including three Frenchmen.

The Morgan syndicate (see Note 1717) purchased a large number of German bonds on the open market in 1930 and then resold them in units at $90 each. Soon after the syndicate ceased to purchase the bonds, their per unit price began to fluctuate and then to drop, dipping to $35.50 by April of 1932.

1794. *NYT*, Monday, April 25, 1932, 17:7.

For William A. Gray see Note 1793.

Dawes (see Note 1671) testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on April 21 about the policies of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. In his usual colorful style, Dawes lashed out at the operations of the stock exchange: "The whole country, it seems, is watching the quotations of a little group of speculators in Wall Street—a peanut-stand affair magnified out of its proper relation in comparison to its importance."

For Andrew William Mellon see Notes 1493 and 1727.

1795. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 26, 1932, 23:7.

Wilhelm II, emperor of Germany and king of Prussia from 1888 until his abdication in 1919 following the defeat of Germany in World War I. Kaiser Wilhelm spent the remainder of his life in retirement in the villiage of Doorn, Holland.

For William A. Gray, see Note 1793.

Alienist, an obsolete term to denote a psychiatrist who offers expert opinion about a person's mental health or sanity. Four alienists testified in Honolulu at a widely-publicized trial of four whites accused of the murder of a native Hawaiian. The defendants were found guilty of manslaughter. Their sentences later were commuted after they had served but one hour in jail.

1796. *LAT*, Wednesday, April 27, 1932, I:1:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Fiorello Henry La Guardia, Republican United States representative from New York from 1923 to 1933 and, later, mayor of New York City. La Guardia presented evidence at the Senate Wall Street inquiry (see Note 1783) on April 26 that certain investors had manipulated publicity about the stock market by making regular payments to financial writers and reporters.

1797. *NYT*, Thursday, April 28, 1932, 23:7.

Smith (see Note 1484) won a decisive victory over Roosevelt (see Note 1529) in the Massachusetts presidential primary on April 26. Despite the setback, Roosevelt went on to win the Democratic nomination on the fourth ballot at the national convention in June.

Smedley Darlington Butler, major general in the United States Marine Corps, veteran of fifteen military operations, and former director of the Department of Public Safety in Philadelphia. Butler, a prohibition candidate, was defeated by incumbent James John Davis, a wet, in a race for the Republican nomination for United States senator from Pennsylvania. Davis won with a plurality of almost 400,000 votes.

1798. *NYT*, Friday, April 29, 1932, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "it's one you" in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "land and property…pay 35 per cent" in ninth sentence.

The Senate Finance Committee revised a pending revenue bill on April 27 by raising the surtax maximum to 45 percent on incomes of $1 million or more. The final draft of the measure, which was passed on June 6, called for a maximum tax of 55 percent.

1799. *NYT*, Saturday, April 30, 1932, 17:7.

Ford (see Note 1635) told Hoover during a visit to Washington, D.C., on April 26 that he had devised a plan whereby industrial workers could save $500 a year by growing their own foodstuffs. Complete details of the scheme were never revealed.

1800. *NYT*, Monday, May 2, 1932, 19:7.

Hawaii was the scene of racial conflict in 1932 involving native Hawaiians and United States naval personnel stationed on the island. Part of the trouble stemmed from a sensational, racially-tinged murder trial that aroused a storm of protest on the island and on the mainland (see Note 1795). As a result, a number of bills were introduced to restrict the autonomy of Hawaii, but the measures failed to attract legislative support.

1801. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 3, 1932, 23:7.

In the California Democratic presidential primary on May 3, Garner (see Note 1471) won a surprisingly easy victory over runner-up Roosevelt (see Note 1529) and third-place finisher Smith (see Note 1484). Garner's strength in California came from a huge "Texas-California" association in the state and influential editorial support.

William Gibbs McAdoo, United States secretary of the treasury from 1913 to 1918. McAdoo, entered the Democratic National Convention of 1924 as the leading contender, but the convention deadlocked between McAdoo and Al Smith. John William Davis, a compromise candidate, won the nomination on the 103rd ballot.

James Beauchamp "Champ" Clark, Democratic United States representative from Missouri from 1893 to 1895 and from 1897 to 1921; speaker of the House of Representatives from 1911 to

1919. Clark had a clear majority on twenty-seven ballots for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1912 but nevertheless lost the contest to Woodrow Wilson on the forty-sixth ballot.

1802. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 4, 1932, 21:7.

For James Rolph, Jr., see Note 1503.

Frederick Bennett Balzar, Republican governor of Nevada from 1927 until his death in 1934. Known as "the Flying Governors," Balzar and Rolph flew from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles, California, in twenty-three hours, becoming the first state chief executives to fly coast-to-coast in less than one day.

Dr. J.D. Crockroft and Dr. E.T.S. Walton, two young British scientists at Cambridge University, succeeded in 1932 in forming a helium atom electrically.

1803. *NYT*, Thursday, May 5, 1932, 21:7.

The Senate Finance Committee removed from the revenue bill (see Note 1798) on May 3 a tax on stock sales and, in its place, substituted a new levy at the flat rate of four cents per share. The revision reduced the bill by $42 million.

1804. *NYT*, Friday, May 6, 1932, 19:7.

Coolidge, who took frequent fishing vacations while president, was the subject of a nationally-distributed photograph on May 5 in which he was shown attired in a suit and hat clutching a prize trout.

1805. *NYT*, Saturday, May 7, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "told the country" in third sentence.

Hoover sent a sharply-worded message to Congress on May 5 in which he criticized Congress for upsetting the economy by delaying passage of important legislation. The president's note evoked spirited debate in both the Senate and the House.

1806. *NYT*, Monday, May 9, 1932, 17:7.

1807. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 10, 1932, 23:7.

Thomas H. Massie, United States naval lieutenant stationed in Hawaii who was one of four persons accused of killing a native Hawaiian, Joseph Kahahawai, the alleged assailant of Massie's wife. All four were convicted of manslaughter. Their sentences, however, were commuted on May 4 after they had served only one hour in jail (see Notes 1795 and 1800). Four days later, Massie and his wife, the former Thalia Fortescue, left Hawaii for the mainland.

Clarence Seward Darrow, prominent American defense attorney and civil libertarian whose court cases were almost invariably headline material. Darrow defended Massie and the others accused of the murder of Kahahawai.

Bryan (see Note 1617) opposed Darrow in the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial" in 1925.

1808. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 11, 1932, 21:7.

For Andrew William Mellon see Notes 1493 and 1727; for Charles Gates Dawes see Note 1671.

1809. *NYT*, Thursday, May 12, 1932, 21:7.

Beer enthusiasts in New York City staged an all-day "Beer Parade" on May 14 in support of legislation to legalize the beverage. Several thousand New Yorkers participated in the massive demonstration.

Ingalls, ace pilot for the United States naval reserves in World War I (see Note 1464), won the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Ohio on May 10. Ingalls, who ran on a repeal ticket, lost the general election in November to the incumbent, George White.

The permanent chairmanship of the Democratic National Convention in 1932 was held by Senator Thomas James Walsh, a Roosevelt supporter who won the post after a bitter struggle between Smith and Roosevelt forces.

1810. *NYT*, Friday, May 13, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "like he hung to" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "the crow flies" in fifth sentence.

Three ground crewmen attempting to moor the United States naval dirigible *Akron* at Camp Kearney, California, on May 11, were dragged aloft when a trailing line broke. Two of the sailors lost their grip on the rope and plunged to their deaths. The third, Bud Cowart of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, managed to cling to the line until his rescue two hours later.

1811. *NYT*, Saturday, May 14, 1932, 17:7.

The body of the Lindbergh child was discovered on May 12 less than five miles from the Lindbergh home near Hopewell, New Jersey (see Note 1749).

1812. *NYT*, Monday, May 16, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT*, gives "beer there is" in tenth sentence.

For the New York City "Beer Parade" see Note 1809.

1813. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 17, 1932, 23:7.

For the revenue bill see Notes 1789 and 1798.

1814. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 18, 1932, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "time Governor" in first sentence.

Murray (see Note 1477) decided to keep oil production in Oklahoma under martial law (see Note 1571) despite a decision of the United States Supreme Court in May of 1932 that held valid a state oil proration act. The governor feared that inferior federal courts would ignore the upper court action and would proceed to issue injunctions affecting prorations.

Will Keith Kellogg, breakfast cereal manufacturer and founder in 1906 of the Kellogg Company at Battle Creek, Michigan. Kellogg donated his 800-acre Arabian horse ranch at Pomona, California, and an endowment of $600,000 to California State Polytechnic College as a stimulus for teaching and research in animal husbandry.

For James Rolph, Jr., see Note 1503.

1815. *NYT*, Thursday, May 19, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "that some preachers" in fifth sentence.

Since March of 1932, three prominent citizens of Norfolk, Virginia—businessman John Hughes Curtis, Father Harold Dobson-Peacock, and Admiral Guy Hamilton Burrage—had claimed that they were in contact with the Lindbergh kidnappers (see Note 1771). Under constant questioning, Curtis finally admitted on May 17 that the story was a hoax. He was convicted of the crime and sentenced to one year in jail. The priest and the admiral escaped prosecution.

William Allan Pinkerton, head of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency from 1884 until his death in 1923.

1816. *NYT*, Friday, May 20, 1932, 21:7.

Helen Dinsmore Huntington Astor, first wife of American philanthropist William Vincent Astor.

1817. *NYT*, Saturday, May 21, 1932, 17:7.

1818. *NYT*, Monday, May 23, 1932, 17:7.

For Rogers' comments on prohibition repeal see DT 1816.

1819. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 24, 1932, 21:7.

Amelia Mary Earhart Putnam, American aviator who on May 21-22, 1932, became the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone. She married American book publisher George Palmer Putnam in 1930.

1820. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 25, 1932, 21:7.

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University from 1902 to 1945; corecipient of the Nobel Peace Prize of 1931.

For Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone see Notes 1500 and 1634.

1821. *NYT*, Thursday, May 26, 1932, 27:7.

1822. *NYT*, Friday, May 27, 1932, 23:7.

For James John "Jimmy" Walker see Note 1480; for Tammany Hall see Note 1459.

1823. *NYT*, Saturday, May 28, 1932, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "hospitals, given…over. War" in third and fourth sentences/*LAT* gives "boys' regular customers are" in fifth sentence.

For Liberty Bonds see Note 1463; for the sale of poppies see Note 1505.

1824. *NYT*, Monday, May 30, 1932, 15:7.

Block (see Note 1746), in testimony during the state investigation of Mayor Walker of New York City, claimed that stock payments totaling $246,000 from himself to Walker originated from an idea of his ten-year-old son, Billy Block, who was worried about Walker's ability to support himself on a mayor's salary of only $25,000. The boy's concern stirred the elder Block to "try to make a little money for Jimmy."

Rogers, one of the first residents of Beverly Hills, California, served as honorary mayor of that city from December of 1926 to August of 1927.

1825. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 31, 1932, 19:7.

For the revenue bill see Note 1798.

Hoover firmly opposed a national sales tax but, nevertheless, insisted that the budget must be balanced and that this "must in the main be accomplished by an increase in taxation."

1826. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 1, 1932, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "November 8" in first sentence/*NYT* omits second paragraph.

Hoover condemned a $3 billion relief bill proposed by Speaker Garner (see Note 1471) on May 19 as "pork barrel" legislation that would require excessive taxation and that would make a balanced budget unattainable. Congress passed the measure in July of 1932, but Hoover immediately vetoed it. A revised version was then offered which the president accepted.

For the Reconstruction Finance Corporation see Note 1715.

1827. *NYT*, Thursday, June 2, 1932, 23:7.

Greta Garbo, Swedish film actress whose sultry sexuality and beautiful features made her one of the greatest star personalities ever to appear on the screen. She arrived in Hollywood in 1926 where she soon became one of the highest paid performers in films; she retired suddenly in 1941 at the age of thirty-six.

For William Vann Rogers see Note 1644.

Hoover was born in West Branch, Iowa, but claimed Palo Alto, California, as his permanent place of residence.

Hoover took what was for him the unusual step of addressing the Senate in person on May 31. He demanded an end to an impass that had delayed passage of the revenue and economy bills (see Notes 1798 and 1782). The Senate, momentarily sobered, stayed in session until midnight and passed the tax measure. Hoover signed it on June 6.

1828. *NYT*, Friday, June 3, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Fleischaker," in third sentence.

Herbert Fleishhacker, San Francisco financier, park commissioner, and utilities magnate; served as president of Anglo California National Bank from 1911 to 1938.

For John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., see Note 1717; for Owen D. Young see Note 1538.

Carter Glass, Democratic United States senator from Virginia from 1920 until his death in 1946. Recognized as a financial expert, Glass served as United States secretary of the treasury from 1918 to 1920.

For Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

1829. *NYT*, Saturday, June 4, 1932, 17:7.

A general sales levy was not included in the revenue legislation enacted by Congress on June 1 (see Note 1827).

James Hamilton Lewis, Democratic United States senator from Illinois from 1913 to 1919 and from 1931 until his death in 1939.

1830. *NYT*, Monday, June 6, 1932, 17:7.

The Senate voted on June 4 to reduce all federal government salaries, except those under $1,000, by 10 percent. The pay cut, estimated to produce a savings of $117,150,000, was included in an amendment to the economy bill (see Note 1782).

Chilean president Juan Esteban Montero was overthrown on June 4 in a relatively bloodless coup. Power passed into the hands of a revolutionary junta, consisting of Carlos Guillermo Dávila Espinoza, Arturo Puga, and Eugenio Matte. Dávila assumed the title of provisional president.

Friedrich Wilhelm Viktor August Ernst, German crown prince and eldest son of Kaiser Wilhelm II. Friedrich Wilhelm fled Germany after his father's abdication in 1918. He returned to his homeland five years later and remained there until his death in 1951.

1831. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 7, 1932, 21:7.

For the Democratic plan, the Garner-Wagner emergency relief bill, see Note 1826. Congressional Republicans introduced a relief measure on June 4 that authorized the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to lend an additional $1 billion for self-liquidating projects. The bill died in committee.

1832. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 8, 1932, 21:7.

John Davidson Rockefeller, Jr., American philanthropist and eldest son and namesake of the petroleum tycoon (see Note 1487). A Baptist Sunday School teacher and one of the largest contributors to prohibition causes, Rockefeller declared himself on June 6 in favor of repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, claiming that the evils of the dry law outweighed the benefits.

1833. *NYT*, Thursday, June 9, 1932, 23:7.

The American Institute of Banking, the educational arm of the American Bankers' Association, opened its thirteenth annual meeting in Los Angeles on June 7.

1834. *NYT*, Friday, June 10, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Morocco." to end DT, omitting fourteen words.

Henry Field, a radio station operator and seed merchant, defeated incumbent Smith Brookhart to win the Iowa Republican senatorial nomination on June 6. Field lost the general election in November to his Democratic opponent.

McAdoo (see Note 1801) suggested on June 8 that a national referendum be held to settle the issue of prohibition. In that manner, he claimed, the question could be dealt with quickly and decisively. No such referendum was ever conducted.

Dawes had averaged a change in jobs once every year since 1929 (see Notes 1671 and 1714).

For Aimee Semple McPherson see Note 1501.

1835. *NYT*, Saturday, June 11, 1932, 17:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Hays" in second sentence.

Hays (see Note 1538) announced on June 9 that he favored the earliest possible resubmission to Congress of the prohibition question. His change-of-heart statement came only a few days after that of fellow dry, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (see Note 1832).

James Cannon, Jr., prominent American prohibitionist, reformer, and bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Cannon dismissed Rockefeller's wet pronouncement of June 6 as a "city-warped" point of view. Even after the repeal of prohibition in 1933, the bishop continued to fight against liquor traffic.

1836. *NYT*, Monday, June 13, 1932, 17:7.

No DTs are available for June 14-17, 1932, during which time Rogers attended the Republican National Convention in Chicago. The articles he wrote while at the convention appear in *Convention Articles of Will Rogers*.

1837. *NYT*, Saturday, June 18, 1932, 17:7.

For Alive Roosevelt Longworth see Note 1730.

Hurley (see Note 1481) was one of several administration officials who attended the Republican National Convention and who helped to engineer Hoover's renomination.

The prohibition plank of the Republican platform called for an amendment that would allow states to deal with the question as their citizens would determine and that would protect those states where prohibition was retained. The Democratic platform favored the outright repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and encouraged, instead, state control of liquor traffic.

1838. *NYT*, Monday, June 20, 1932, 17:7.

Hoover originally intended to stay in Washington, D.C., throughout the campaign, but an unexpected Democratic victory in Maine in September, coupled with signs of increased Democratic support in the West, led him to make two speaking tours in October and early November.

1839. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 21, 1932, 23:7.

For John Nance Garner see Note 1471.

Albert Cabell Ritchie, Democratic governor of Maryland from 1920 to 1935. Ritchie, an active foe of prohibition, received twenty-one votes for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1932.

Most local postmasters owed their jobs to a Republican administration.

1840. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 22, 1932, 23:7.

The House passed the economy bill (see Note 1782) on June 20 and returned to the Senate for recognition of House amendments. Among its features, the bill provided that congressmen's salaries be reduced by 10 percent.

For the revenue bill see Note 1798.

1841. *NYT*, Thursday, June 23, 1932, 23:7.

For Liberty Bonds see Note 1463.

1842. *NYT*, Friday, June 24, 1932, 21:7.

Hoover proposed on June 22 that, for the sake of peace and economy, all nations should reduce their arms, armies, navies, and air forces by one-third. Of the major powers, only Italy endorsed the plan.

Maximilian Siegfried "Max" Schmeling, German professional boxer who held the world heavyweight title from 1930 until his fifteen-round, split decision loss to American Joseph Paul

"Jack" Sharkey on June 21, 1932. Sharkey's victory was one of the most bitterly disputed in boxing history.

For William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey see Note 1572.

Robert L. "Bob" Fitzsimmons, English-born prizefighter who held the world heavyweight title from 1879 to 1899 and the world light heavyweight title from 1903 to 1905.

1843. *NYT*, Saturday, June 25, 1932, 15:7.

For the Hoover disarmament plan see Note 1842.

No DTs are available for June 27-July 2, 1932, during which time Rogers attended the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The articles he wrote while at the convention appear in *Convention Articles of Will Rogers*.

1844. *NYT*, Monday, July 4, 1932, 13:7.

Roosevelt (see Note 1529) won the Democratic presidential nomination on the fourth ballot and flew with his family from Albany, New York, to Chicago, Illinois, to make his acceptance speech on the final day, thus breaking the precedent of waiting for a formal notification.

A deadlock between Roosevelt and Al Smith was broken when the California delegation switched its vote on the fourth ballot, on the evening of July 1, from Jack Garner to Roosevelt. Garner at the same time released the delegates of his home state, Texas.

1845. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 5, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "gigolos" in fifth sentence.

For Tammany Hall see Note 1459; for Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith see Note 1484.

1846. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 6, 1932, 21:7.

1847. *NYT*, Thursday, July 7, 1932, 19:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Ranches…gone? Yeah?" and *LAT* gives "Yes, ranches…gone? Yeah;" to begin DT.

William Thomas Waggoner, Texas cattle baron and oilman whose W.T. Waggoner Ranch sprawled over six counties of northwestern Texas.

Garner (see Note 1471) received the Democratic vice presidential nomination in 1932. He served as vice president of the United States from 1933 to 1941.

1848. *NYT*, Friday, July 8, 1932, 19:7.

1849. *NYT*, Saturday, July 9, 1932, 13:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "at the Halsell" in first sentence, omitting six words.

Mashed O, a 120,000-acre Hereford ranch in Lamb and Bailey counties, Texas, is owned by the Halsell Cattle Company of Texas and Oklahoma. The ranch was started in 1889 by Glenn and William Electious Halsell.

David Hutton (see Note 1605) was sued shortly after his marriage to Aimee Semple McPherson (see Note 1501) for breaking a promise to marry a nurse from California. The case went to trial in June of 1932, and on July 9 of that year a jury awarded the plaintiff a verdict of $5,000 damages.

Al Smith (see Note 1484), who was known as the "Happy Warrior," had just lost the Democratic presidential nomination to Roosevelt. On July 7 he announced his continued support for the party but failed to mention the new nominee.

1850. *NYT*, Monday, July 11, 1932, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "an amateur" in third sentence.

The Democratic platform included a plank that, pending repeal, favored immediate legalization of the manufacture and sale of a mild beer.

1851. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 12, 1932, 19:7.

Willie "Will" Rogers, an Oklahoma school teacher and administrator, capitalized on his famous name to run a strong second in the Democratic primary on July 6 for congressman at large. Rogers went on to win the runoff contest on July 26 and the general election in November. He served in Congress from 1933 to 1943.

1852. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 13, 1932, 19:7.

Hoover vetoed the Garner-Wagner emergency relief bill (see Note 1826) on July 11. He opposed extending authority to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to individuals and businesses for what he termed "any conceivable purpose, on any conceivable security." Congress removed the objectionable features and repassed the bill. The president signed it on July 21.

The Two Black Crows, a vaudeville and motion picture comedy team popular during the 1920s and early 1930s. The blackface act featured the duo of George Moran and Charles E. Mack.

1853. *NYT*, Thursday, July 14, 1932, 21:7.

1854. *NYT*, Friday, July 15, 1932, 17:7.

Paavo Nurmi, Finnish long-distance runner who was a gold medal winner in the Olympics of 1920, 1924, and 1928. Nurmi wanted to end his career with a gold medal at the Los Angeles Olympics of 1932 but was suspended from amateur ranks because of alleged professionalism.

Roosevelt took a cruise along the New England coast in mid-July, prior to the commencement of his presidential campaign.

1855. *NYT*, Saturday, July 16, 1932, 13:7.

Legalization of beer was offered in the Senate on July 1 as an amendment to a home loan bank bill. Prohibitionists in Congress sidetracked and scuttled the beer measure later in the month.

1856. *NYT*, Monday, July 18, 1932, 15:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "complexion and show up as competitor." in third sentence.

Black Americans excelled at the Los Angeles Olympics of 1932, winning two gold and two silver medals, including the first gold won by an American black in Olympic competition

Booker Taliaferro Washington, black American scientist and educator who organized and headed Tuskegee Institute in Alabama from 1884 until his death in 1915.

1857. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 19, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Americans used" in seventh sentence.

The Seventy-second Congress adjourned late Saturday night, July 16, after passing a number of important appropriation bills, including the Garner-Wagner emergency relief measure (see Notes 1826 and 1852) and the home loan bank bill (see Note 1659). Both bills later received Hoover's signature.

For the national sales tax see Note 1769.

1858. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 20, 1932, 17:7.

Matthew Chauncey Brush, president of American International Corporation, investment bankers, from 1923 to 1935. He appeared in April before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee investigating short selling on the stock market (see Note 1783). An entertaining man, Brush remarked during testimony that "no one is in Wall Street for his health."

1859. *NYT*, Thursday, July 21, 1932, 2:6.

Mellon (see Note 1493) sailed to the United States in July to confer briefly with administration officials and to tend to private business matters. He returned to his ambassadorial post in London in September of 1932.

For the Lausanne Conference of 1932 see Note 1714.

1860. *NYT*, Friday, July 22, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "idea when…he resigns. He" in first and second sentences.

Mussolini (see Note 1452) dismissed from the Italian government of July 20 the foreign minister, four other ministers, and eleven undersecretaries of state. He then assumed two of the vacated ministries, bringing to four the number of cabinet portfolios that he held concurrently.

The Bonus Army, a group of more than 15,000 mostly unemployed veterans who, in the spring of 1932, marched to Washington, D.C., to demand immediate payment of their World War I bonus. They conducted themselves peaceably, but when the Senate defeated bonus legislation on June 17, the marchers refused to return home. In the first week of July, Hoover asked Congress to appropriate money for the removal of the veterans to their homes. A measure was passed providing for transportation, plus subsistence at seventy-five cents a day. The money was to be deducted ultimately from the payments on their bonus certificates. See also Notes 1521 and 1867.

1861. *NYT*, Saturday, July 23, 1932, 13:7. Variant: *NYT* omits fourth sentence.

For William Vann Rogers see Note 1644; for Mary Amelia Rogers see Note 1525.

1862. *NYT*, Monday, July 25, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "proud; I worked" in tenth sentence, omitting fourteen words.

Ziegfeld (see Note 1635) died in Hollywood on July 22 following a long illness. Rogers, one of Ziegfeld's closest friends and a man the producer guided to stardom, took charge of the arrangements for his funeral and burial.

1863. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 26, 1932, 17:7.

Borah (see Note 1453), in a radio speech at Minneapolis on July 23, called for a world economic conference to consider cancellation of all war debts, restoration of world trade, reorganization of the monetary system, and revision of the Versailles Treaty of 1919.

1864. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 27, 1932, 19:7.

For Liberty Bonds see Note 1463.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation was flooded with loan applications soon after passage of the Garner-Wagner Act (see Note 1826) which provided an additional $2 billion for loans. Early loan applicants included representatives of thirty states.

1865. *NYT*, Thursday, July 28, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "along and service" in sixth sentence.

The National Editorial Association, a 6,800-member organization of editors and publishers of newspapers in small towns, met in annual convention in San Francisco and Los Angeles from July 19-26.

1866. *NYT*, Friday, July 29, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "In figuring these statistics" in fifth sentence.

For the Bonus Army see Note 1862.

The cost of living in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was 6.9 percent lower in June of 1932 than in the preceding December.

1867. *NYT*, Saturday, July 30, 1932, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "that body" in sixth sentence.

Members of the Bonus Army refused to leave Washington, D.C., after the Senate failed to enact bonus legislation (see Note 1862). On July 28 Hoover ordered the army to evict the marchers forcibly. The army set the veterans' camps on fire and drove them from the city. Hoover was rebuked by the press and the general public for the severity of his actions. See also Note 1521.

1868. *NYT*, Monday, August 1, 1932, 17:7.

In Olympic weight lifting competition, the lightweight event was won by René Duverger of France with a lift of 715 pounds. Another Frenchman, Louis Hostin, won the light heavyweight division with a lift of 803 pounds.

1869. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 2, 1932, 19:7.

Everett Sanders, chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1932 to 1934. Sanders, who was presidential secretary during the Coolidge administration, announced on August 8 that the former president had decided to campaign actively for Hoover. Coolidge addressed a campaign rally in New York City in October and broadcast a reelection plea in November.

For the Bonus Army see Notes 1862 and 1867.

1870. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 3, 1932, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Twenty-five" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "solid. If a" in second and third sentences.

In Olympic competition the United States equestrian team won a gold medal in the three-day event and a bronze for dressage.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 14442.

1871. *NYT*, Thursday, August 4, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "November 8" in sixth sentence.

Eddie Tolan, American sprint champion who, in 1932, became the first black in Olympic history to win the 100-meter dash. On August 1 Tolan just edged Ralph Metcalfe to win the fabled event in 10.3 seconds. Two days later Tolan became the first double winner of the Olympics when he won the 200-meter event in an Olympic record time of 21.2 seconds.

Ralph Metcalfe, American sprinter who established several collegiate track records while at Marquette University in the early 1930s. Metcalfe won an Olympic gold medal as a member of the world record 400-meter relay team in 1936.

Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias, American track and golf star and one of the most accomplished female athletes of all time. In the Olympics of 1932, she set world records in the javelin (143' 4") and 80-meter hurdles (11:7 seconds).

1872. *NYT*, Friday, August 5, 1932, 15:7.

Roy Dikeman Chapin, president of Hudson Motor Car Company from 1910 to 1923 and from 1933 until his death in 1936. Chapin was named on August 4 to replace Robert Patterson Lamont as United States secretary of commerce. He served in that post from 1932 to 1933. The Economy Act which was passed in June (see Note 1782) included a salary cut for cabinet officers.

The American team finished last in the Olympic 100-kilometer bicycle race on August 4. A squad from Italy, paced by Attilio Pavesi, won the team trophy.

1873. *NYT*, Saturday, August 6, 1932, 13:7.

1874. *NYT*, Monday, August 7, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "power that shows" in third sentence.

Stock prices, after experiencing record lows in early 1932, rose two to twelve points on the New York Stock Exchange on August 6 following unusually heavy trading. The market continued its general upward swing through the remainder of 1932.

1875. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 8, 1932, 19:7.

Japanese men and American women dominated the swimming events at the Olympics. The Japanese men won every race except one.

Juan Carlos Zabala, a youthful Argentine long-distance runner, won the marathon on August 7 with an Olympic record time of two hours, thirty-one minutes, and thirty-six seconds.

1876. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 10, 1932, 17:7.

Coolidge surprised and dismayed many fellow Republicans when he announced on August 8 that a chronic case of hay fever precluded his attendance at Hoover's notification ceremonies scheduled for August 11.

Lester Jesse Dickinson, Republican United States senator from Iowa from 1931 to 1937. Well-known as an orator, Dickinson delivered the keynote address at the Republican National Convention of 1932.

Roosevelt summoned Mayor Walker (see Note 1480) to the state capital on August 11 to answer charges of corruption in Walker's administration. The governor's hearings began on the same day as Hoover's notification of his nomination.

1877. *NYT*, Thursday, August 11, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "to be notified." to end second sentence, omitting last four words.

Hoover was notified officially on August 11 of his nomination for reelection. The ceremonies took place in Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

For James John "Jimmy" Walker and the Roosevelt hearings see Note 1876.

Stimson (see Note 1485), in an address on August 9, appeared to refer to Japan as an aggressor nation in the Far East. Although the Japanese complained that the inference would tend to aggravate the situation in Manchuria, they did not lodge a formal protest.

For Japanese swimmers at the Olympics see Note 1875.

1878. *NYT*, Friday, August 12, 1932, 17:7.

The stock market registered a substantial advance (see Note 1874) on August 11 in a new wave of buying. Farm implement manufactures were among the strongest gainers as they benefited from reports that the United States would recognize the Soviet Union and that the Soviet government would make large-scale purchases of American goods.

Samuel Seabury, American jurist and attorney who became nationally prominent when he headed (1930-1931) the state investigation of the municipal government of New York City and the administration of Mayor Walker (see Note 1480).

1879. *NYT*, Saturday, August 13, 1932, 15:7.

Hoover, in a radical departure from an earlier stance, proclaimed during the notification ceremonies on August 11 that the Eighteenth Amendment was a failure. He declared that national prohibition, which four years earlier he had labeled the "noble experiment," should be replaced by state control.

Roosevelt, in a radio speech in April of 1932, called for new economic plans that would uplift "the forgotten man at the bottom of the economic pyramid." The Forgotten Man thus became one of Roosevelt's most remembered phrases.

1880. *NYT,* Monday, August 15, 1932, 15:7.

1881. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 16, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "particular Olympia competition." in second sentence.

The Tenth Cavalry, an all-black regiment that served with distinction in the Indian wars in the American West and in the Spanish-American War of 1898.

1882. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 17, 1932, 19:7.

For the Walker investigation see Note 1876; for Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias see Note 1871.

A farm strike erupted in the late summer of 1932 in the usually conservative Middle West in an effort to bring higher prices for agricultural products. The strike featured a "farmers' holiday" during which growers withheld their produce from the market.

1883. *NYT*, Thursday, August 18, 1932, 21:7.

1884. *NYT*, Friday, August 19, 1932, 19:7.

Santa Barbara, California, annually hosted thousands at its presentation of Old Spanish Days, a three-day fiesta with a colorful pageant parade that emphasized events in the history of the city.

1885. *NYT*, Saturday, August 20, 1932, 15:7.

Curtis (see Note 1538) formally received notification of his renomination for the vice presidency on August 18 in his home town of Topeka, Kansas. In his acceptance speech, he declared that he was opposed to repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, thus taking a stand in opposition to his runningmate, Hoover (see Note 1879).

1886. *NYT*, Monday, August 22, 1932, 17:7.

Evangeline Cory Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in the United States from 1904 to 1934 and leader of the international organization from 1934 to 1939.

1887. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 23, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "nine points…nine points…nine point" in third sentence.

Roosevelt addressed a campaign rally in Columbus, Ohio, on August 20, during which he outlined a nine-point program to curb abuses in the financial system of the country. Many of the points of his program later formed the basis of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

For the stock market see Notes 1874 and 1878.

1888. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 24, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "why, they" in fourth sentence.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442; for Will Harrison Hays see Note 1538.

1889. *NYT*, Thursday, August 25, 1932, 21:7.

For Hoover on prohibition see Note 1879; for the Walker investigation see Note 1876.

1890. *NYT*, Friday, August 26, 1932, 19:7.

1891. *NYT*, Saturday, August 27, 1932, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "two people in worse with" in first sentence.

1892. *NYT*, Monday, August 29, 1932, 15:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "100,000 Democrats" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "Charlie's actors" in eighth sentence/*NYT* omits tenth and eleventh sentences.

Roosevelt told a partisan crowd of 100,000 at Sea Girt, New Jersey, on August 27 that Hoover had used "meaningless" and "pussy-cat" words in his acceptance (see Note 1879) in an effort to please both sides of the prohibition issue. Roosevelt also called the Republican prohibition plank "ambiguous and insincere."

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States from 1901 to 1909. Vigorous and enthusiastic, Roosevelt was noted for his ability to coin vivid phrases. The two Roosevelts were fifth cousins.

Chaplin (see Note 1448) moved to nullify a contract made by his former wife that would have put his two sons in films. Chaplin argued that he was interested only in his children's happiness and well-being. The court agreed with the comedian and nullified the contract. His sons, Charley and Sidney Earl, entered films in 1952.

1893. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 30, 1932, 19:7.

Rogers was in Bishop, California, in August to film his ninth talking picture, *Too Busy To Work*, which was released in late 1932.

Ross Shaw Sterling, Democratic governor of Texas from 1931 to 1933.

Miriam Amanda Wallace "Ma" Ferguson, Democratic governor of Texas from 1925 to 1927 and from 1933 to 1935. Sterling defeated Ferguson for the governorship in 1930 but was defeated by her in the election of 1932.

For the Two Black Crows see Note 1852.

1894. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 31, 1932, 19:7.

1895. *NYT*, Thursday, September 1, 1932, 21:7.

The Los Angeles bank robbery gang was led by Robert York, a noted California crime figure who earlier in the year had been tried and acquitted of murder.

1896. *NYT*, Friday, September 2, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Rock business." in tenth sentence.

1897. *NYT*, Saturday, September 3, 1932, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "poor fellow" in tenth sentence.

Walker (see Note 1480) suddenly resigned as mayor of New York City on September 1 in the midst of an investigation of alleged corruption in his administration (see Note 1876). Soon after his resignation, Walker went to Europe where he lived for many years. Later he returned to the United States where he died in 1946.

For Miriam Amanda Wallace "Ma" Ferguson see Note 1893: for Amon Giles Carter see Note 1485.

James Edward "Pa" Ferguson, Democratic governor of Texas from 1915 until his impeachment and removal from office in 1917 for various reasons, including misappropriation of state funds. He attempted to run again in 1924, but a court ruled that he could not be a candidate. His wife, Miriam Ferguson, promptly entered the race and won with the open support of her husband.

For Greta Garbo see Note 1827.

1898. *NYT*, Monday, September 5, 1932, 13:7.

Luther Burbank, American horticulturist who first took up market gardening in 1868 and who developed the Burbank potato and new and improved varieties of other cultivated plants.

For Will Harrison Hays see Note 1538.

1899. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 6, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "ago Battling" in fourth sentence.

Tonopah, located in western Nevada, was the site in 1902 of one of the greatest silver bonanzas in the history of the state.

Goldfield, also located in western Nevada, was the scene of an immensely rich gold strike in 1902-1903.

George Lewis "Tex" Rickard, American prizefight promoter who started in the business in 1906 by staging the Nelson-Gans lightweight championship bout in Goldfield, Nevada.

Oscar "Battling" Nelson, hard-punching Danish-born boxer who held the world lightweight championship from 1908 to 1910.

Joseph "Joe" Gans, American prizefighter known as the "Old Master," held the world lightweight crown from 1902 to 1908. Gans and Nelson met on September 3, 1906, in a scheduled forty-five-round championship bout in Goldfield, Nevada. Gans won the epic battle in the forty-second round when Nelson was disqualified for striking a low blow.

Walter Scott, "Death Valley Scotty," self-styled prospector and miner who left his native Kentucky in the 1890s to travel the West. Scott eventually settled in Death Valley, California, where his publicity stunts and money-making schemes earned him a small fortune and a legendary reputation. In the 1920s he built a huge, lavish castle on his desert estate.

Rhyolite, located near the north end of Death Valley in Nevada, was a mining boom town of 1906. The mining district, also known as Bullfrog, was named for rhyolite, the predominant rock in the area.

Boulder Dam, formally renamed Hoover Dam in 1947, is the highest concrete arch dam in the United States. Construction of the dam, located on the Nevada-Arizona border, began in 1931 and was completed in 1936. It provides flood control, water, and electrical power for Arizona, Nevada, and California.

1900. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 8, 1932, 21:7.

A Senate investigation was threatened in August of 1932 concerning charges of unfair labor practices by the builders of Boulder Dam (see Note 1899). The allegations were dismissed.

1901. *NYT*, Thursday, September 9, 1932, 23:7.

George Horace Lorimer, American magazine publisher and editor. In an article in Lorimer's *Saturday Evening Post* of September 10, Coolidge presented "The Republican Case" in which he strongly recommended the reelection of Hoover.

For "Amos 'n Andy" see Note 1531.

1902. *NYT*, Friday, September 9, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits fourth and fifth sentences.

France rejected a German proposal in September that the two countries discuss armament equality. The French claimed that German armaments were fixed by the Versailles Treaty and that neither nation could modify the document.

Smith (see Note 1484), writing as editor-in-chief of *New Outlook* magazine in the September issue, predicted an easy victory for Democratic candidates in the national elections. The name of Franklin Roosevelt, the Democratic presidential nominee and Smith's chief political rival, did not appear in the article.

Vallee (see Note 1741) and his wife of fourteen months, actress Fay Webb, decided in early September to abandon their highly-publicized divorce plans and to reconcile their differences.

For the farm strike see Note 1882.

1903. *NYT*, Friday, September 10, 1932, 17:7.

Mexico ceded California to the United States in 1848 as a result of the Mexican War. Gold was discovered in California on the South Fork of the American River on January 24, 1848, less than ten days before the signing of the treaty that ended the Mexican War. A great migration immediately followed, increasing the population of the territory from 15,000 to 250,000. In 1849 California applied for statehood, and on September 9, 1850, it entered the union.

1904. *NYT*, Saturday, September 11, 1932, 17:7.

Walker (see Notes 1480 and 1897) sailed for Italy on September 11 for a twenty-day vacation. He returned to the United States in October, and then in November he again sailed for Europe. He remained there for several years.

Joseph Vincent McKee, New York City politician who served as acting mayor of the city for four months following the resignation of Walker. McKee taught Latin and Greek at his alma mater, Fordham University, from 1913 to 1916.

For Tammany Hall see Note 1459.

1905. *LAT*, Tuesday, September 13, 1932, I:1:7. *NYT* did not print the DT.

1906. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 14, 1932, 23:7.

The "Flying Family," a family of four from Richmond, Virginia, were feared lost on September 12 in the North Atlantic during the early stages of a transatlantic flight. Two days later, British rescuers found the fliers—George Hutchinson, his wife, two daughters, and four crewmen—safe on Greenland.

A student nurse from Pennsylvania, Edna Newcomer, and two men, pilot William Ulbrich and Dr. Leon M. Pisculli, left New York City on September 13 in the monoplane *American Nurse* bound for Rome. Two days later, they were reported lost at sea. No trace of them was ever found.

Hurley (see Note 1481) spoke at the opening session of the annual convention of the American Legion on September 12. Despite considerable opposition from legionnaires, the secretary of war used the occasion to defend the methods of the administration in ousting the Bonus Army from the capital in July (see Note 1867).

Kingfish was one of the recurring characters on the radio serial "Amos 'n Andy" (see Note 1531).

1907. *NYT*, Thursday, September 15, 1932, 23:7.

In the Maine state election on September 13, Democrats scored impressive, unexpected victories in the traditionally Republican state, winning the governorship and two of three congressional seats.

Prices on the stock market dropped three points on September 12 and 13, partially because of news of the Maine elections.

Hoover telegraphed Sanders (see Note 1869) on September 13 to urge a new and stronger effort by the Republican party in the wake of its defeat in the Maine election. The upset in Maine also prompted the president to embark on a speaking tour in early October.

1908. *NYT*, Friday, September 16, 1932, 23:7.

Roosevelt, speaking at a campaign rally in Topeka, Kansas, on September 14, proposed in general terms his plan for restoring farm prosperity. He favored the "planned use of land," lower taxes for farmers through tax reform, federal credit for refinancing farm mortgages, and lower tariffs.

1909. *NYT*, Saturday, September 17, 1932, 17:7.

Smith (see Note 1484) discussed the issue of veteran's pensions and bonuses in relation to the taxpayer in an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* of September 17.

Roosevelt embarked on a three week, 8,900-mile campaign speaking tour of the West and Middle West on September 12. More than a dozen addresses were delivered, including two speeches in Los Angeles on September 25.

Hoover made a speaking trip early in October as far west as Iowa.

1910. *NYT*, Monday, September 19, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* omits second paragraph.

Fire blackened more than 120,000 acres of the Santa Barbara National Forest watershed area in southern California in September.

Germany declared on September 16 that it would withdraw from the Geneva World Disarmament Conference (see Note 1718) because France had rejected German demands for equality of arms. German delegates nevertheless returned to the conference when it reconvened on September 20. The equality issue remained unsettled.

Railways in the United States suffered from a dire loss of credit, loss of earning power, and loss of buying power in 1932 because of decreased income and the deterioration of physical properties. In a campaign speech in Salt Lake City on September 17, Roosevelt outlined a six-point program for reform of national railroad policy. Some of the reforms were incorporated in legislation enacted in 1933.

1911. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 20, 1932, 23:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "Roosevelt, who worked" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "again—forest fires," in tenth sentence.

Daniels (see Note 1479) served as United States secretary of the navy in World War I, during which time Roosevelt served as his assistant secretary. Daniels campaigned actively for Roosevelt in 1932. When he became president, Roosevelt reappointed the North Carolinian as secretary of the navy. He served in that post from 1933 to 1941.

James Michael Curley, Democratic mayor of Boston from 1914 to 1918, 1922 to 1926, 1930 to 1934 and 1946 to 1950. One of the last of the big city political bosses, Curley served a part of one term in jail for mail fraud (1947).

For Amon Giles Carter, see Note 1485.

Vitamin A, which in its primary form was so rare that it sold for more than $11,000 a pound, was lowered in cost considerably in 1932 when two Cleveland scientists discovered an improved process of extracting the vitamin from carrots and other vegetable sources.

1912. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 21, 1932, 23:7.

Hoover met with campaign aides on September 18 to plan his October speaking tour (see Note 1907).

1913. *NYT*, Thursday, September 22, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "old trait." in first sentence.

Hoover urged Germany on September 20 to withdraw its threat to leave the negotiations at the Geneva World Disarmament Conference. The president avoided the equality issue, however, saying that it was "solely a European question."

1914. *NYT*, Friday, September 23, 1932, 21:7.

In the Wisconsin primary on September 20, former governor Walter Jodok Kohler, a regular Republican, defeated incumbent, Philip Fox La Follette, a member of a prominent family of progressive politicians in Wisconsin, for the gubernatorial nomination. Regular Republicans hailed La Follette's defeat as a trend to Hoover. Kohler lost the general election.

The stock market made a partial recovery on September 20 from its decline of a week earlier (see Note 1907).

McKee (see Note 1904) was certified by the state supreme court on September 22 as acting mayor of New York City until January 1, 1934, the date of the next scheduled inauguration. Tammany had sought a special election in the fall of 1932 to fill the post vacated by Jimmy Walker (see Note 1897).

1915. *NYT*, Saturday, September 24, 1932, 17:7.

For Roosevelt in the West see Note 1909.

1916. *NYT*, Monday, September 26, 1932, 17:7.

1917. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 27, 1932, 23:7.

1918. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 28, 1932, 21:7.

The federal government, acting as legal guardian, attempted in late 1932 to restore to Jackson Barnett, a ninety-year-old Creek Indian who had made millions from oil in Oklahoma, $500,000 which he had given to his wife. Officials contended that Barnett had been coerced into his marriage and that he was incompetent at the time and unable legally to make the gift.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494.

Rogers was 9/32 Cherokee Indian.

1919. *NYT*, Thursday, September 28, 1932, 23:7.

William De Wolf Hopper, American musical comedian and actor who first appeared on the professional stage in 1879 and who was celebrated for reciting "Casey at the Bat" as a curtain speech. Hopper recited the classic baseball ballad during the radio broadcast of the opening game of the World Series on September 28.

Graham McNamee, sports and general announcer for National Broadcasting Company and one of the best known broadcasters in the country. McNamee was the chief commentator for NBC broadcasts of the World Series for CBS.

George Herman "Babe" Ruth, popular American baseball star and renowned home run slugger. Ruth played for the New York Yankees from 1920 to 1934.

Gandhi (see Note 1448) ended a six-day hunger strike on September 26 when British authorities acceded to his demands for the abolition of separate electorates for depressed classes in India.

1920. *NYT*, Friday, September 29, 1932, 21:7.

Henry Louis "Lou" Gehrig, hard-hitting first baseman for the New York Yankees from 1925 to 1939. Known to admirers as the "Iron Horse," Gehrig established a record of playing in 2,130 consecutive games.

Ruth scored three runs and Gehrig contributed a homer, as the New York Yankees defeated the Chicago Cubs, 12 to 6, in the opening game of the World Series on September 28. The Yankees swept the series from the Cubs in four games.

The House post office subcommittee recommended on September 28 a return to a two-cent rate for first class mail to provide more revenue and work opportunities. Since the imposition of a three-cent rate earlier in the year the volume of first class mail had decreased significantly. In May of 1933, Congress reduced local first class postage to two cents.

1921. *NYT*, Saturday, October 1, 1932, 17:7.

For Japanese swimmers at the Olympics see Note 1875.

1922. *NYT*, Monday, October 3, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "November eighth." in eighth sentence.

The Prince of Wales (see Note 1499) and a brother, Prince George, visited the Swedish royal family in Stockholm in October. Newspapers speculated that the visit would be followed by an announcement of the engagement of George and Princess Ingrid of Sweden; however, the rumors proved false.

Garbo (see Note 1827) left the United States for Sweden in July of 1932. She returned to Hollywood in 1933 to begin work on a new motion picture. The Prince of Wales and Garbo did not meet while the two were in Sweden.

In the World Series of 1932, the Yankees and Cubs committed fourteen errors, the most miscues in a four-game series.

1923. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 4, 1932, 23:7.

Japan had gained military control of South Manchuria by January 4, 1932 (see Note 1677). On September 15, 1932, Japan formally recognized the new puppet state of Manchukuo. Japanese forces were not driven from the region until the end of World War II.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664; for Rogers in Manchuria and China see DTs 1680-1696.

League of Nations experts issued the Lytton Report on October 2, which found Japan completely at fault in Manchuria. League officials recommended a peace parley be held to settle the Manchurian problem and, hopefully, to force Japan to return to China the three provinces it had seized.

For the Kellogg-Briand Pact see Note 1758.

Nine-Power Treaty, an international pact that guaranteed the independence and territorial integrity of China and reiterated the "Open Door" principle. The treaty was one of several that were signed at the Washington Armament Conference of 1921-1922.

World Court, the popular name for the Permanent Court of International Justice that was established in 1921 as part of the League of Nations.

1924. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 5, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "convention? The bankers!" in first and second sentences, omitting ten words.

The American Bankers' Association held its annual convention in Los Angeles in early October.

For the Reconstruction Finance Corporation see Note 1715.

1925. *NYT*, Thursday, October 6, 1932, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "stand a" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "They are going…hatchet, and have decided" in ninth and tenth sentences.

Hoover, delivered a major campaign address at Des Moines, Iowa, on October 4 in which he defended Republican economic policies and offered a twelve-point farm plan.

Smith and Roosevelt, meeting on the speakers' platform at the New York Democratic National Convention on October 4, shook hands for the first time since the Democratic National Convention in July.

1926. *NYT*, Friday, October 7, 1932, 23:7.

Alsace-Lorraine, provinces of northeastern France, linked in name after annexation by Germany in 1871. The territories were restored to France by the Treaty of Versailles (1919).

For James Edward "Pa" Ferguson see Note 1897; for Miriam Amanda Wallace "Ma" Ferguson see Note 1893.

1927. *NYT*, Saturday, October 8, 1932, 19:7.

President Pascual Ortiz Rubio of Mexico resigned his office on September 3 because of ill health and political difficulties. A day later, General Abelardo L. Rodríguez was named provisional president. He remained in that post until 1934.

For Joshua Reuben Clark, Jr., see Note 1467; for Dwight Whitney Morrow see Note 1467; for Plutarco Elías Calles see Note 1562.

For Texas politics see Note 1893.

1928. *NYT*, Monday, October 10, 1932, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "is Salvador." in first sentence/*NYT* gives "and Alfalfa Bill" in fourth sentence.

When General Maximiliano Hernández Martínez seized the presidency of El Salvador in 1931, the United States refused to continue diplomatic relations with the El Salvadoran government. The United States finally relented in 1934, following similar action by other Central American republics.

For Huey Pierce Long see Note 1583; for James Edward "Pa" Ferguson see Note 1897; for William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray see Note 1477.

1929. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 11, 1932, 23:7.

1930. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 12, 1932, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "passenger plan breezed…country yesterday—Salvador," in first sentence.

Gerald Dempsey, California sportsman and member of the Santa Barbara Polo Club.

For the Managuan earthquake see Note 1469; for Matthew Elting Hanna see Note 1469.

All American marines were evacuated from Nicaragua by February of 1933, ending a commitment the United States had assumed there in 1927.

1931. *NYT*, Thursday, October 13, 1932, 21:7.

For Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons see Note 1664.

1932. *NYT*, Friday, October 14, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Peru yesterday." in first sentence.

Lima was founded in 1535. Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic and the oldest permanent settlement in the Western Hemisphere, was founded in 1496.

Coolidge, in a rare public appearance, addressed a Republican campaign rally in New York City on October 11.

1933. *NYT*, Saturday, October 15, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "country—Red Inca." in seventeenth sentence.

Tacna-Arica, border provinces of Chile and Peru, had been the object of a bitter dispute between the two countries since the occupation of the territories by Chile in 1883. The controversy was settled finally in 1929 when Peru and Chile accepted an American proposal that Chile retain Arica and that Peru receive Tacna.

William David Upshaw, Democratic United States representative from Georgia from 1919 to 1927. An extreme prohibitionist, Upshaw left the Democratic party over the liquor issue in 1932 and ran for the presidency on the Prohibition ticket.

1934. *NYT*, Monday, October 17, 1932, 17:7.

Robert Leroy Ripley, American cartoonist who in 1918 created the newspaper series "Believe It or Not," a popular illustrated feature that highlighted unusual facts and feats.

Peru and Colombia both claimed ownership of the Leticia Corridor, a sparsely inhabited area in the upper Amazon valley. There were minor armed clashes in the region in 1932. The League of Nations attempted to mediate the dispute, but Peru who had the weaker claim to the area refused to accede. The assassination of the Peruvian dictator in April of 1933 made settlement possible. A year later an international commission returned the Leticia to Colombia.

Chile experienced much disorder in 1932, under many short-lived administrations. On September 13 President Carlos Guillermo Davila Espinoza was ousted in a bloodless coup by General Bartolomé Blanché, who in turn was followed in office on Ocotber 2 by Abraham Oyanedel. A regular election was held on October 30; and on December 24, 1932, the winner, former president Arturo Alessandri Palma, commenced a six-year administration.

1935. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 18, 1932, 21:7.

1936. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 19, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "The Presidents down here are just" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "it's just as bead to" in fifth sentence.

Although Brazil was troubled by many localized disputes in the 1930s and 1940s, the fifteen-year strong-arm rule of President Getulio Dornelles Vargas brought considerable political and economic stability to the country.

1937. *NYT*, Thursday, October 20, 1932, 23:7.

For William Edgar Borah see Note 1452.

The Irish Free State sought the settlement of a long-standing land annuities dispute with Great Britain. In October of 1932 negotiations were opened in London between Irish and British officials, but the parleys ended in failure, the British insisting on observance of previous agreements and the Irish denying their validity.

1938. *NYT*, Friday, October 21, 1932, 23:7.

Gaucho, a native cowboy of the Argentinean and Uruguayan plains, usually of mixed Spanish and Indian ancestry.

Bolas, or *boleadoras*, a lasso made from two or three united thongs with weights at the end of each. Originally used by the Indians of Argentina, they were later adopted by the *gauchos*.

1939. *NYT*, Saturday, October 22, 1932, 17:7.

The Uruguayan peso ($1.0147 at par in 1929) declined to an average of $0.8586 in 1930, $0.5536 in 1931, and about $0.474 in 1932.

Uruguayan soccer teams took gold medals at the Olympics in 1924 and 1928 and won the World Cup in 1930. Uruguay hosted the latter tournament at its newly constructed stadium, the Centenario, in Montevideo.

1940. *NYT*, Monday, October 24, 1932, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Oct. 21 (Delayed)." in dateline.

1941. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 25, 1932, 21:7.

The Rockefeller Foundation, an American philanthropic institution established in 1913 by John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (see Note 1487), and administered by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (see Note 1832), contributed significantly in the early 1930s to the eradication of disease-bearing mosquitoes in South America.

Henry Ford (see Note 1635) established a 3,906-square-mile rubber plantation in the Brazilian jungle in 1927. Trouble over tree culture developed early, however. It was not until 1934 that a suitable tree stock could be found that would root and produce. The development problems and the excessive costs forced Ford Company to sell its holdings to the Brazilian government in 1945.

1942. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 26, 1932, 19:7.

Alfred Dreyfus, French Army officer of Jewish ancestry who was convicted in 1894 of treason and imprisoned on Devil's Island. An investigation later proved that the papers used to prove his guilt were forged. In 1906 his original conviction was set aside, and he was restored to rank in the army and given the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

Lewis Edward Lawes, warden of Sing Sing Prison in New York from 1920 to1941.

1943. *NYT*, Friday, October 28, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "let me race" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "it right." and *LAT* gives "Roosevelt's" in ninth sentence/*NYT* gives "Over San…Rico now, looking" in tenth and eleventh sentences.

Roosevelt was criticized widely for remarking in a speech in Baltimore on October 26 that the United States Supreme Court was controlled by the Republican party.

A disastrous hurricane struck northern Puerto Rico on September 26, killing 245 persons, injuring 3,329, leaving 18,957 families homeless, and inflicting $30 million property damage.

1944. *NYT*, Friday, October 28, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *NYT*, gives "place to play." in first sentence/*NYT* gives "the great Garbo." in twenty-first sentence..

Janet Gaynor, American film star of the 1920s and 1930s who gained immense popularity in sentimental roles. Gaynor won an Academy Award in 1927 for her performance in *Seventh Heaven*.

Sally Eilers, American leading lady who achieved screen stardom in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

For Clara Bow see Note 1502; for Greta Garbo see Note 1827.

1945. *NYT*, Saturday, October 29, 1932, 17:7.

Hoover embarked on a campaign tour of Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia on October 27.

1946. *NYT*, Monday, October 31, 1932, 17:7.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494.

1947. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 1, 1932, 23:7.

Hoover, having returned from his Midwestern tour see Note 1945), addressed a campaign gathering in New York City on October 31.

For John Quillen Tilson see Note 1546.

Mason and Dixon Line, the southern boundary of Pennsylvania, is best known historically as the dividing border between slavery and free soil in the period before the American Civil War.

Cary Travers Grayson, former medical director of the United States Navy. Rear Admiral Grayson, the personal physician to President Wilson, retired from the service in 1928.

1948. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 2, 1932, 21:4-5.

Hoover made the remarks at a campaign rally in New York City on October 31.

1949. *NYT*, Thursday, November 3, 1932, 23:7.

1950. *NYT*, Friday, November 4, 1932, 21:7.

For Charles Francis Adams see Note 1499.

Ingalls (see Notes 1464 and 1809) lost his bid for governor of Ohio to the incumbent, George White.

1951. *NYT*, Saturday, November 5, 1932, 17:7.

1952. *NYT*, Monday, November 7, 1932, 19:7.

1953. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 8, 1932, 21:7.

1954. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 9, 1932, 21:7.

For Benito Mussolini see Note 1452.

1955. *NYT*, Thursday, November 10, 1932, 23:7.

Roosevelt won the election with a plurality of more than 7,000,000 votes and the electoral votes of all but six states. The total of electoral votes for Roosevelt in 1932 was greater numerically than that of any previous presidential candidate in American history and the greatest proportionately since 1864.

1956. *NYT*, Friday, November 11, 1932, 19:7.

Hoover polled 5,170 votes in Mississippi to Roosevelt's 140,168. In Louisiana Hoover received 18,853 votes to Roosevelt's 249,418.

By state law Kentucky could not start its vote tabulation until 10:00 the morning after the election.

Prohibition referenda were held in eleven states on November 7. Nine of them, including California, voted to repeal state constitutional dry laws and state enforcement acts.

1957. *NYT*, Saturday, November 12, 1932, 17:7.

For John Nance Garner see Notes 1471 and 1847. Schuyler Colfax was the first person in American history to be elevated from Speaker of the House to the vice presidency. He served as Speaker from 1863 to 1869 and as vice president from 1869 to 1873.

1958. *NYT*, Monday, November 14, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "'Miss Robertson room.'" in eleventh sentence.

For Rogers' trip to South America see DTs 1927-1943; for Nicholas Murray Butler see Note 1820.

1959. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 15, 1932, 23:7.

Roosevelt visited the White House, at Hoover's invitation, on November 22. The president sought to convince him that decisions on matters such as war debts would be worthless without assurance that they would be honored after March 4. Roosevelt, however, decided to make no commitments before his inauguration. He told reporters unofficially that "it was not his baby."

1960. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 16, 1932, 19:7.

Germany announced on September 3, 1932, that it would be unable to pay $7,800,000 due the United States at the end of the month toward payment of mixed claims and costs of the American army of occupation. In accordance with provisions of the debt agreement, payment was postponed for two years to September 30, 1934.

Total funded debt owed by fifteen European nations as of November 14, 1932, was $11,229,968,706, to which later was added $184,000,000 in interest postponed because of the Hoover moratorium for the fiscal year 1932. Only one country, Finland, paid its debt in full.

1961. *NYT*, Thursday, November 17, 1932, 21:7.

Both France and Great Britain asked for the postponement of war debt installments due on December 15, 1932. The United States replied that it had no authority to grant extensions and that payment of the sum due in December would help to improve relations among the countries.

1962. *NYT*, Friday, November 18, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "your last cent" in eighth sentence.

1963. *NYT*, Saturday, November 19, 1932, 17:7.

Roosevelt purchased a $500,000 life insurance policy in 1930 with Georgia Warm Springs Foundation named as beneficiary.

Roosevelt had suffered from the crippling effects of poliomyelitis since August of 1921. In early 1927 he formed the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, a nonprofit institution that operated a hydrotherapeutic center at Warm Springs, Georgia, for the treatment of polio.

A nationwide "straw ballot" taken by *Literary Digest* magazine was 98.85 percent accurate in its prediction of the percentage for Roosevelt in 1932. Four years later, the *Digest* poll was discredited when it produced a staggeringly inaccurate forecast of the presidential election in 1936.

1964. *NYT*, Monday, November 21, 1932, 19:7.

For Roosevelt's visit with Hoover see Note 1959; for Henry Lewis Stimson see Note 1485.

1965. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 22, 1932, 23:7.

For Roosevelt's visit with Hoover see Note 1959.

Raymond Robins, American social economist, lecturer, and writer. A militant dry leader and a personal friend of Hoover, Robins mysteriously disappeared while en route to a visit with the president. He was found alive on November 18 near Ashville, North Carolina, apparently a victim of amnesia.

1966. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 23, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Mrs. Ned McLean" in eighth sentence.

Walter Lippmann, American editor, columnist, and author who served on the editorial staff of the *New York World* from 1921 to 1931 and later contributed columns to the *New York Herald-Tribune* and the *Washington Post*. In his column of November 22, Lippmann questioned the accuracy of Rogers' statements in DT 1964. Lippmann contended that neither Hoover nor Roosevelt had promised "no postponements and no cancellation."

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442.

Evalyn Walsh McLean, American gold mining heiress and society hostess, was the wife of Edward Beale "Ned" McLean, owner and publisher of the *Washington Post*.

1967. *NYT*, Thursday, November 24, 1932, 27:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS," as place of origin.

The *Los Angeles Times* made the statement in its editorial column of November 19.

1968. *NYT*, Friday, November 25, 1932, 17:7.

For Roosevelt's visit with Hoover see Note 1959.

1969. *NYT*, Saturday, November 26, 1932, 17:7.

McAdoo (see Note 1801) chaired the California delegation at the Democratic National Convention. California broke a deadlock at the convention when it switched its forty-four votes on the fourth ballot from Garner to Roosevelt (see Note 1844). McAdoo was elected in 1932 as United States senator from California. He served in the position from 1933 to 1939.

Ruth Bryan Owen, Democratic United States representative from Florida from 1929 to 1933. The daughter of William Jennings Bryan (see Note 1617), Owen was an unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1932.

1970. *NYT*, Monday, November 28, 1932, 17:7.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442; for William Randolph Hearst see Note 1623.

1971. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 29, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "says read" in fourth sentence/*NYT* omits tenth sentence.

For Robert LeRoy Ripley of "Believe It or Not" fame see Note 1934; for the *Literary Digest* poll see Note 1963; for Charles Spencer Chaplin see Note 1448.

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, American comedians who first teamed in 1927 to initiate a brilliant series of short and feature films. Laurel, British-born, played a child-like character who was the antithesis of Hardy's pompous father-figure.

Joe E. Brown, American comedian noted for his extraordinarily wide mouth. Brown reached the height of his screen popularity in the 1930s and early 1940s.

1972. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 30, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Thanksgiving and an airplane ride cured her?" in first sentence.

1973. *NYT*, Thursday, December 1, 1932, 23:7.

1974. *NYT*, Friday, December 2, 1932, 23:7.

The American Federation of Labor endorsed in mid-November a national trend to a five-day work week and a six-hour day. Hearings on legislation to enact such a plan began in the Senate on January 5, 1933. Although no such law was ever passed, many companies voluntarily adopted such measures.

For the national sales tax see Note 1769.

The second session of the Seventy-second Congress convened on December 5, 1933, with 158 defeated members sitting in the Senate and House. The Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution abolished the "lame-duck" session of Congress—so-called because it included members who had failed of reelection a month before the "short" session opened in December of even-numbered years. The amendment, ratified in 1933, moved back a day on which terms of congressmen begin from March 4 to January 3 and required Congress to convene each year on January 3.

1975. *NYT*, Saturday, December 3, 1932, 19:7.

1976. *NYT*, Monday, December 5, 1932, 19:7.

For lame duck Congress see Note 1974.

1977. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 6, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* omits third sentence.

Congress Dances (*Kongress Tanzt*), a commercially successful motion picture, which was produced in Germany in 1931 and which characterized the Congress of Vienna in 1815 in operatic style.

The House on December 5, the first day of the lame-duck session of Congress (see Note 1974), failed to pass a resolution for repeal of prohibition. The measure fell six votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority to send it to the Senate. Eighty-one lame-duck congressmen voted no.

1978. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 7, 1932, 23:7.

Samuel George Blythe, American writer, editor, and columnist. A long-time contributor to the *Saturday Evening Post*, Blythe wrote in a feature article in the December 3 issue of the magazine that Americans could improve the economic state of the country by buying American-made products.

1979. *NYT*, Thursday, December 8, 1932, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "readers of The Times" in first sentence.

Rogers responded to an editorial in the *New York Times* on December 1 that disavowed responsibility for Rogers' columns in November regarding war debts.

1980. *NYT*, Friday, December 9, 1932, 23:7.

For lame-duck Congress see Note 1974.

Owen (see Note 1969) was one of 168 Democrats who voted on December 5 for a resolution for repeal of prohibition (see Note 1977).

1981. *NYT*, Saturday, December 10, 1932, 17:7.

The Notre Dame University football team lost to the University of Southern California, 13 to 0, in Los Angeles on December 10.

For Knute Kenneth Rockne see Note 1462.

1982. *NYT*, Monday, December 12, 1932, 17:7.

The University of Pittsburgh was defeated by the University of Southern California, 35 to 0, in the Rose Bowl game on January 1, 1933. U.S.C. shut out eight of its ten opponents in 1932. Only thirteen points were scored against the undefeated Trojans during the season. Although the Colgate University football team went undefeated, untied, and unscored upon in 1932, it did not receive an invitation to the Rose Bowl.

1983. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 13, 1932, 21:7.

1984. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 14, 1932, 23:7.

Air express service between the east and west coasts on a daily schedule of less than eighteen hours began on December 13. The rate for first class air mail postage had increased in July of 1932 from five to eight cents an ounce.

1985. *NYT*, Thursday, December 15, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "(my mother paper)" in first sentence.

Charlton Ogburn, Jr., honors graduate of Harvard University in 1932 who later achieved success as a writer and specialist in Far Eastern affairs. Ogburn, whose father, a prominent labor lawyer, had worked in Europe for American bankers seeking payment of European war debts, roundly criticized Rogers for his "dirty foreigner" views, specifically the Oklahoman's insistence that foreign debtors "pay or default" (see DTs 1960-1962 and 1964). His letter appeared on the editorial page of the *New York Times* on November 28. The managing editor of the *Times* wired Rogers a copy of Ogburn's letter, and Rogers answered Ogburn two days later with a lengthy, but humorous rebuttal. On the same day, ten other letters-to-the-editor appeared in the *Times*, in praise or rebuke of Rogers.

1986. *NYT*, Friday, December 16, 1932, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* omits first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "A fellow came" to begin third sentence.

A House spectator, twenty-five-year-old Marlin R. M. Kemmerer, a store clerk from Pennsylvania, quickly emptied the House chambers on December 13 when he suddenly leaned over the gallery rail, displayed a pistol, and demanded time to address Congress. Kemmerer was charged with assault and battery.

Great Britain and five other nations paid their December 15 installments of war debts in full. The British payment totaled $95,550,000.

1987. *LAT*, Saturday, December 17, 1932, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

The French government was ousted on December 13 when the Chamber of Deputies rejected a government request for authority to make the debt payment, causing France to default on its debt obligation of $19,261,432. Four other nations also failed to make their December 15 installment.

1988. *NYT*, Monday, December 19, 1932, 17:7.

For Philippine independence see Note 1778.

1989. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 20, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS," as place of origin.

Joseph Paul-Boncour, premier of France from 1932 to 1933. Known especially for his advocacy of international cooperation, Paul-Boncour headed the French delegation at the Geneva Preliminary Disarmament Conference of 1926.

For France and the war debts see Note 1987.

The House passed the Collier bill on December 21 legalizing the manufacture and sale of beer. The Senate did not act on the measure in 1932, but early the next year it passed the Blaine resolution for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment; the House soon followed suit. The Twenty-first Amendment, repealing prohibition, was ratified by the necessary two-thirds of the states by December 5, 1933. Beer was legalized in March of 1933.

1990. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 21, 1932, 21:7.

The technocracy movement was a short-lived (1932-1933) effort to arouse popular support for a political-industrial organization of American society based on advanced technology. First used in 1919, the term technocracy was revived during the Great Depression when an audience was assured for almost any proposal to revive the economy.

1991. *NYT*, Thursday, December 22, 1932, 19:7.

For war debts see Notes 1986 and 1987.

1992. *NYT*, Friday, December 23, 1932, 19:7.

Eskimo pies were invented by Christian Nelson of Waukon, Iowa, in the early 1920s. Their appearance on the market helped to stimulate the growing demand for ice cream during the decade.

Miniature golf produced a brief craze in the United States in the late 1920s and early 1930s. The first American course appeared in 1927 on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tennessee. The popularity of the game spread through the southern resorts, took fire in California, and by 1931 had resulted in the establishment of 25,000 of the Lilliputian links throughout the country. The coming of the depression, however, lessened the popular appeal of the pastime.

1993. *NYT*, Saturday, December 24, 1932, 15:7.

Didrikson (see Note 1871) was accused of professionalism and suspended by the Amateur Athletic Union in early December because her picture had appeared with an automobile advertisement. Didrikson attempted to prove her innocence, but the AAU would not relent. Finally, on December 21 she turned professional. A day later, the AAU cleared her of all charges.

Hoover revealed on December 22 that negotiations for payment of war debts had failed and that he would leave the question of debts for Roosevelt's incoming administration.

1994. *NYT*, Monday, December 26, 1932, 25:7.

For technocracy see Note 1992; for legislation of beer see Note 1989.

1995. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 27, 1932, 15:7.

1996. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 28, 1932, 19:7.

For technocracy see Note 1992.

1997. *NYT*, Thursday, December 29, 1932, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Congress; 'where can we lay the blame on Congress?'" in fifteenth sentence.

The Twentieth Amendment, or the Lame-Duck Amendment (see Note 1974), provided that the terms of the president and vice president commence on January 20 in the year after the general election.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States from 1913 to 1921. In November of 1920, William Jennings Bryan sought the resignation of Wilson in order to permit Vice President Marshall to assume the presidency on the condition that Marshall would appoint President-elect Harding secretary of state.

1998. *NYT*, Friday, December 30, 1932, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "late" in P.S.

Income tax refunds totaling $80,583,504 were made in 1932. The names of many wealthy individuals prominent in the political, social, and business life of the country appeared on the refund list.

For Charlton Ogburn, Jr., see Note 1985.

1999. *NYT*, Saturday, December 31, 1932, 17:7.

Insull (see Note 1686) went to Europe in April of 1932, soon after his utility companies went into receivership. On learning in October of 1932 that he was to be indicted in a United States federal court for mail fraud, he fled from Paris to Greece to avoid extradition. A spectacular international legal fiasco ensued with the United States bending all efforts to obtain Insull's return. In 1934 he finally was seized, returned to America, and tried on mail-fraud charges. He was acquitted.

The French government, which had refused two weeks earlier to pay $19 million to the United States, approved a $14 million loan to Austria on December 30. The Austrian loan was the French share of the new financial advance provided by a five-power protocol of July of 1932.

2000. *NYT*, Monday, January 2, 1933, 25:7.

2001. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 3, 1933, 3:5. Variant: *LAT* gives "Everyone have enough" in third sentence.

2002. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 4, 1933, 21:6-7.

For technocracy see Note 1992; for British war debts see Note 1986.

2003. *NYT*, Thursday, January 5, 1933, 23:7.

For the Rose Bowl game of 1933 see Note 1981; for Andrew William Mellon see Note 1493.

Howard Harding Jones, football coach at the University of Southern California from 1925 until his death in 1941. A leading figure in collegiate football, Jones directed U.S.C. to two national titles and five Rose Bowl triumphs.

2004. *NYT*, Friday, January 6, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "statesmanship." to end eighth sentence, omitting next ten words.

Coolidge died of a heart attack on January 5 at the age of sixty.

For Grace Goodhue Coolidge see Note 1572.

2005. *NYT*, Saturday, January 7, 1933, 17:7.

Farmers' inability to meet mortgages greatly impaired the fiscal and commercial conditions in the country during the 1930s. Efforts in many localities to affect public sales under foreclosure were defeated by threatening or violent mobs. In one such incident in Lemars, Iowa, on January 4,800 farmers forcibly prevented the sale of a foreclosed farm after threatening to lynch an agent of the mortgage holder.

Karl Cortlandt Schuyler of Colorado was elected to the Senate on November 8, 1932, to fill a vacancy. At the same election he was an unsuccessful candidate for a full term to begin on March 4, 1933. Although Schuyler announced in January that he would resign in favor of his successor, he remained in the Senate until the inauguration of the new Congress.

2006. *NYT*, Monday, January 9, 1933, 21:7.

For Grace Goodhue Coolidge see Note 1572.

2007. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 10, 1933, 23:6-7. Variant: *NYT* gives "way, in…this. Germany" in seventh and eighth sentences.

2008. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 11, 1933, 21:7.

Shaw (see Note 1454) arrived in Bombay on January 8 and immediately expressed his admiration for Mahatma Gandhi. A day later in an unrelated incident, 1,000 Indian troops were rushed to Alwar City to quell a revolt by 80,000 Moslem tribesmen.

Shaw, who was in the midst of a world tour, visited the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture studios near Hollywood on March 28.

For legalization of beer see Note 1898.

2009. *NYT*, Thursday, January 12, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "paper." to end first sentence, omitting next nine words.

Glass (see Note 1828) and Long (see Note 1583) clashed repeatedly in early 1933 over the Glass banking bill which came up for debate in the Senate on January 5. Long and a small group of senators championed the local banker against the provisions of the measure for wider latitude in branch banking. The Louisiana Democrat led a filibuster that delayed the bill until the twenty-first. After a compromise was reached, the measure passed the Senate on January 25. It died in the House Finance Committee.

The future of American banking stirred great anxiety among experts in early 1933. Bank failures occurred continuously, and general conditions suggested the probability of a widespread breakdown. The situation was eased somewhat when Roosevelt, after taking office, declared a national bank holiday, allowing banks to suspend specie payments. The passage in June of the Glass-Steagall Banking Act of 1933, a revised version of the earlier Glass bill (see above), provided basic reform of the banking system.

The French government, hard pressed to balance the budget and to eliminate a $40 million treasury deficit, remained firm in January of 1933 in its decision to defer payment of its war debt. It also failed to make the June 15 installment on its $3.9 billion obligation to the United States.

Japanese forces opened an offensive against the Chinese province of Jehol on January 10. They captured Chengteh, the capital, on March 4 and swept south of the Great Wall to within a few miles of Peiking (Bejing) and Tientsin. Facing the loss of these important cities, the Chinese on May 21, 1933, concluded a formal truce with the Japanese which provided for the demilitarization of a large section of China. By signing the truce, China tacitly abandoned Manchuria and Jehol to Japan.

2010. *NYT*, Friday, January 13, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "last minute and" in third sentence.

Arizona on January 13 became the twenty-fourth state to ratify the Twentieth Amendment (see Note 1974). Final ratification of the so-called Lame-Duck Amendment came on January 23.

2011. *NYT*, Saturday, January 14, 1933, 15:7.

The Senate voted on January 12 that all income tax rebates in excess of $5,000 must be approved by Congress. Previously, Congress had controlled only rebates of $75,000 or more, and all others had been subject to the approval of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (later known as the Internal Revenue Service).

2012. *NYT*, Monday, January 16, 1933, 17:7.

For Huey Pierce "Kingfish" Long see Notes 1583 and 2009.

2013. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 17, 1933, 21:7.

Rain drenched parched California on January 16, dispelling worries of an unusually dry season in the state. Although the storm doubled the rainfall total for the year in California, much of the state remained 50 percent drier than during the same period a year earlier.

For Huey Pierce "Kingfish" Long see Notes 1583 and 2009.

2014. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 18, 1933, 27:7.

For Huey Pierce "Kingfish" Long see Notes 1583 and 2009; for Carter Glass see Notes 1485 and 2009.

2015. *NYT*, Thursday, January 19, 1933, 17:7.

The Philippine independence bill (see Note 1778) became law on January 17 and included a provision that a constitution was to be drafted and submitted within two years to the president of the United States for his approval. When approved, it was then to be submitted to a direct vote of the Philippine people.

2016. *NYT*, Friday, January 20, 1933, 19:7.

2017. *NYT*, Saturday, January 21, 1933, 17:7.

Roosevelt, noted for his successful campaign tactic of intimate fireside chats, met with Hoover on January 20 to discuss foreign affairs. A day earlier, the president-elect and Long (see Note 1583) conferred about the Glass banking bill and international war debts.

2018. *NYT*, Monday, January 23, 1933, 15:7.

Jeff Taff, veteran commercial pilot for Varney Air Service, Ltd., of California. Rogers was a guest speaker at the annual meeting of the California Newspaper Publishers' Association in Marysville, near Sacramento, on January 23.

Five California banks, including the large California National Bank of Sacramento, closed their doors on January 23 because of heavy withdrawals. For the banking crisis in the United States see Note 2009.

2019. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 24, 1933, 21:7.

For Betty Blake Rogers see Note 1494.

Sallie Clementine Rogers McSpadden, sister of Will Rogers and a resident of Chelsea, Oklahoma.

Antonio Scotti, opera star who was the principal baritone of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City for thirty-five years. His last appearance at the Metropolitan took place on January 20, 1933, as Chim-fen in *L'Oracolo*. He then retired to his native Italy, where he died in 1936.

For Huey Pierce "Kingfish" Long see Notes 1583 and 2009; for Walter Scott, "Death Valley Scotty," see Note 1899.

2020. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 25, 1933, 19:7.

For the Lame-Duck Amendment see Notes 1974 and 2010.

2021. *NYT*, Thursday, January 26, 1933, 19:7.

An amendment to remonetize silver was added to the Glass banking bill on January 23, precipitating a serious debate in the Senate on the question of currency inflation. Denouncing the measure as class legislation, opponents of the silver amendment were able to defeat it on January 24 by a vote of fifty-six to eighteen.

A rift that had existed since 1920 between the two branches of the Roosevelt family appeared to have been healed on January 24 when Kermit Roosevelt, the second son of former president Theodore Roosevelt, joined President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt on a yacht cruise off the Florida coast.

Ruth Wilson Hurley, wife of Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley (see Note 1481), dedicated the new composition to her adopted homeland, the southwestern United States.

2022. *NYT*, Friday, January 27, 1933, 21:7.

For the Glass banking bill see Note 2009; for Carter Glass see Note 1828; for Huey Pierce "Kingfish" Long see Note 1583.

2023. *NYT*, Saturday, January 28, 1933, 15:7.

Howard Scott, a well-trained American construction engineer, and M. King Hubbert, a professor of geophysics at Columbia University, were the two major proponents of technocracy in the United States (see Note 1992). Their pictures appeared in the newspapers nationally on January 27.

2024. *NYT*, Monday, January 30, 1933, 15:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "liked to move him" in fifth sentence/*NYT* gives "appropriate money" in sixth sentence.

Ronald Charles Lindsay, British ambassador to the United States from 1930 to 1939.

Paul Louis Charles Claudel, French ambassador to the United States from 1928 to 1933.

Millard Evelyn Tydings, Democratic United States senator from Maryland from 1927 to 1951. When Tydings' bill to force drastic cuts in appropriations bills was blocked by the Democratic caucus in the Senate, he substituted a simple declaration of policy in place of his bill.

2025. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 31, 1933, 19:7.

In France, a new Radical-Socialist ministry was formed on January 31 by Édouard Daladier. It remained in power for only a few months.

Roosevelt met with British Ambassador Lindsay (see Note 2024) in late January at Warm Springs, Georgia, concerning arrangements for negotiations of the British war debts. The formal negotiations took place in Washington, D.C., in March.

Ford (see Note 1637) accused certain American bankers of fomenting labor strikes in a number of his plants. He alleged that the guilty bankers held interlocking directorates on the boards of his competitors. The auto maker, however, vowed on January 28 to break the strikes and to resume full production.

2026. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 1, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits sixth sentence.

Between 2,000-3,000 persons were stranded at a resort in the snow-swept Sierra Nevada mountains on January 29 (see also DT 2025). The weekend crowd had gone to the resort to participate in a winter sports carnival sponsored by the California Junior Chamber of Commerce. The group was rescued two days later.

2027. *LAT*, Thursday, February 2, 1933, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

For the Reconstruction Finance Corporation see Note 1715; for John Pierpont Morgan see Note 1717.

2028. *NYT*, Friday, February 3, 1933, 19:7.

Some congressmen feared that Great Britain would attempt to negotiate a reduction of its debt obligation to the United States. Discussions between American and British officials began in Washington, D.C., in March. No agreement on reduction was reached at that time, but Great Britain notified the United States on June 13, two days before the next installment came due, that it would make only a partial payment of $10 million.

2029. *NYT*, Saturday, February 4, 1933, 17:7.

A committee of the League of Nations submitted draft resolutions early in 1933 for a settlement of the Manchurian question favorable to China. Despite a Japanese rejection of the proposal, the League assembly adopted the draft report of the committee on February 24, thus passing unprecedented censure upon Japan and prompting Japanese delegates to walk out of the assembly hall. On March 27, 1933, Japan announced that it had withdrawn from the League.

James Monroe, president of the United States from 1817 to 1825. In December of 1823, Monroe announced a far-reaching principle of American foreign policy that became known as the Monroe Doctrine. The two-part doctrine held that the American continents were no longer to be

considered as a field for European colonization and that the United States would not interfere in European affairs.

The so-called Japanese Monroe Doctrine was set forth by the Japanese foreign minister on January 20 and asserted that Japan would not permit the intervention of the League or of individual powers in its controversy with China.

2030. *NYT*, Monday, February 6, 1933, 17:7.

The Senate voted on February 3 to suspend David Sheldon Barry, the Senate sergeant-at-arms, for authoring a magazine article in which he wrote that "there are not many Senators or Representatives who sell their vote for money, and it is pretty well known who those few are." The Senate Judiciary Committee briefly considered bringing a libel suit against Barry but later decided to drop the matter.

Coolidge's *Autobiography* was published in serial form in *Cosmopolitan* magazine during the spring and summer of 1929 and in book form later in the year.

2031. *LAT*, Tuesday, February 7, 1933, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Arthur Prentice Rugg, chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court from 1911 to 1938. Rugg, a life-long friend of Coolidge, delivered the eulogy at the memorial service in the capitol on February 6.

2032. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 8, 1933, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "'attacked character and loans'" in first sentence/*LAT* gives "made was better" in fifth and sixth sentences.

2033. *NYT*, Thursday, February 9, 1933, 19:7.

Barry (see Note 2030) was tried openly in the chambers of the Senate on February 3 and then dismissed from his job four days later.

2034. *NYT*, Friday, February 10, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits tenth sentence.

Speculations that Great Britain would pay its entire war debt in one "lump sum" provoked criticism from some members of Congress who opposed the arrangement unless it was accompanied by the settlement of the currency problem and by the restoration of markets abroad.

For Jackson Barnett, the millionaire Creek Indian, see Note 1918.

2035. *NYT*, Saturday, February 11, 1933, 17:7.

Democratic leaders in Congress attempted in early February to grant Roosevelt absolute control of government spending during the first two years of his administration in order to insure economy in federal expenditures. The action was blocked by Republicans and conservative Democrats.

For Benito Mussolini see Note 1452.

2036. *NYT*, Monday, February 13, 1933, 17:7.

Japan rejected a League proposal that it abandon its claims in Manchuria (see Note 2029). The League, however, stiffened its demands and then invited the United States and Russia to serve on a committee to draft a final settlement. Neither country participated.

2037. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 14, 1933, 17:7.

The Dutch battleship *De Zeven Procincien* was seized by 400 native marines in the Dutch East Indies on February 5. The ship was recaptured five days later after an airplane bomb was dropped on the deck, killing twenty-two of the crew. In Holland there was fear that the mutiny was the forerunner of communist-instigated disorders; accordingly, the navy meted out severe punishment to the mutineers.

The United States Navy performed maneuvers in the Pacific during much of February to determine whether an enemy fleet with aircraft could conduct a successful raid on the West Coast. The maneuvers were code-named Problem 14.

2038. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 15, 1933, 23:7.

Hoover was the main speaker at the Lincoln Day Dinner of the National Republican Club in New York City on February 13. The speech, which was broadcasted nationally, was Hoover's final address before leaving office.

2039. *NYT*, Thursday, February 16, 1933, 21:7.

Hoover intimated on February 14 that he would issue a rebuke of Congress if the body followed through with its promise to grant President-elect Roosevelt dictatorial economic powers (see Note 2035). Hoover had asked for such powers earlier but had failed to obtain them.

2040. *LAT*, Friday, February 17, 1933, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Anton Joseph Cermak, Democratic mayor of Chicago from 1931 to 1933. Cermak was vacationing in Miami when Roosevelt arrived there on February 15. In an attempt to assassinate the president elect, Giuseppe Zangara, an Italian-born naturalized citizen of the United States, wounded Cermak and a number of bystanders. Cermak died nineteen days later.

2041. *NYT*, Saturday, February 18, 1933, 17:7.

A committee of the Senate convened in New Orleans in February to investigate charges against the election of John Holmes Overton to the Senate in 1932. In January of 1934 the committee reported that the elections in Louisiana were questionable but upheld the right of Overton to be seated.

The Senate passed on February 16 the so-called Blaine resolution for the repeal of prohibition (see Note 1989).

2042. *NYT*, Monday, February 20, 1933, 17:7.

James John "Gentleman Jim" Corbett, American prizefighter who held the world heavyweight title from 1892 to 1897. After his retirement from the ring in 1903, Corbett appeared on the stage, in motion pictures, and on radio. He died on February 18 in New York City.

2043. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 21, 1933, 21:7.

For Jackson Barnett, the millionaire Creek Indian, see Note 1918.

2044. *LAT*, Wednesday, February 22, 1933, I:1:4-5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Glass (see Note 1828) made the remarks during a debate in the Senate on February 20 over a bill to provide an expansion of the federal unemployment relief program. Glass, who earlier had declined Roosevelt's offer of a position in his cabinet, denounced the proposed relief bill and called for the abolition of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

2045. *NYT*, Thursday, February 23, 1933, 19:7.

Cordell Hull, Democratic United States senator from Tennessee from 1931 to 1933. Hull served as secretary of state under Roosevelt from 1933 to 1944. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945.

William Hartman Woodin, American industrialist and financial expert. Woodin, a conservative, served as secretary of the treasury from 1933 to 1939.

2046. *NYT*, Friday, February, 24, 1933, 19:7.

Roosevelt's cabinet, in addition to Hull, Woodin, and Swanson (see Note 2045), included Senator Thomas James Walsh of Montana as attorney general, former governor George Henry Dern of Utah as secretary of war, James Aloysius Farley of New York City as postmaster general, Harold LeClare Ickes of Chicago as secretary of the interior, Henry Agard Wallace of Iowa as secretary of agriculture, Daniel Calhoun Roper of Washington, D.C., as secretary of commerce, and Francis Perkins of New York as secretary of labor. Perkins was the first woman cabinet member in history.

For the "Forgotten Man" see Note 1879.

2047. *NYT*, Saturday, February 25, 1933, 17:7.

Lewis Williams Douglas, Democratic United States representative from Arizona from 1927 to 1933. Douglas served as director of the budget from 1933 to 1934.

Stephen Arnold Douglas, Democratic United States senator from Illinois from 1847 until his death in 1861. Known as the "Little Giant," Douglas was a leading statesman of the pre-Civil War era. Stephen A. and Lewis W. Douglas were not related.

Douglas, Arizona, was named for James Douglas, a Canadian-born physician who achieved fame as a pioneer in Arizona mining. Lewis W. Douglas was a grandson of James Douglas.

2048. *NYT*, Monday, February 27, 1933, 17:7.

2049. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 28, 1933, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* omits third sentence/*NYT* gives "'you out when we are'" in fourth sentence.

For Anton Joseph Cermak see Note 2040. For the Hoover debt moratorium see Note 1532.

Bank holidays of various lengths had been proclaimed in most states by March 4, Inauguration Day. The action was prompted by the serious condition of the banking system in the United States in early 1933 (see Note 2009).

2050. *LAT*, Wednesday, March 1, 1933, I:1:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Great Britain announced on February 27 that it had imposed a temporary arms embargo against both China and Japan. The United States opposed the trade restriction because of fears that it would prove more harmful to China than to Japan.

2051. *NYT*, Thursday, March 2, 1933, 19:7.

Ford (see Note 1635) was asked in January to lend several million dollars to two financially troubled banks in Detroit. He refused to make the loan, but in late February he proposed the takeover of the two banks and "the creation of two new banks." Although the public applauded the offer, owners of the banks blocked Ford's move. General Motors later underwrote the capitalization of an entirely new bank, and in August of 1933 Ford also established a new bank. The two ailing institutions eventually folded, and the two new ones prospered.

Smith, appearing at a hearing of the Senate Committee on Economics on February 28, advocated recognition of Russia, a national highway construction program, and a war debt moratorium and announced his opposition to inflation as a remedy to the depression.

2052. *NYT*, Friday, March 3, 1933, 19:7.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 1442.

A three-day bank holiday was declared in California on March 1; it later was extended. Banks began to reopen on March 12.

2053. *NYT*, Saturday, March 4, 1933, 15:7.

For the bank holiday in California see Note 2052.

NOTES

2054. *New York Times* (*NYT*), Monday, March 6, 1933, 15:7. The editors throughout used *NYT* as the main source; however, variations appeared when other papers were checked. In that event, we relied primarily upon the *Los Angeles Times* (hereinafter cited as *LAT*) and secondarily the *Tulsa Daily World* and the *Kansas City Times*. Variants indicated generally come from *LAT*, although conflicting variants from *NYT* are given in the footnotes when appropriate. Unless otherwise indicated, the heading of each Daily Telegram (DT) is from the *NYT*.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated as president of the United States on March 4, 1933. He served until his death on April 12, 1945.

Bank failures occurred regularly in the United States in early 1933, and general banking conditions suggested the probability of a widespread breakdown. The situation was eased somewhat in California when the governor declared a three-day "bank holiday" in early March to allow banks in the state to reorganize their finances.

2055. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 7, 1933, 17:7.

The Treasury Department planned to issue "clearing-house script," paper certificates intended as a substitute for statutory currency, to enable banks to make change and to honor small withdrawals for personal necessity. The plan was never implemented, however.

Roosevelt issued a proclamation on March 5, invoking emergency powers under a war-time act of 1917 and declaring a national bank holiday until March 9.

2056. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 8, 1933, 15:7.

Anton Joseph Cermak, Democratic mayor of Chicago since 1931. Cermak was wounded critically in Miami, Florida, on February 15, by an assassin's bullet intended for President-elect Roosevelt. He died nineteen days later.

Thomas James Walsh, Democratic United States senator from Montana from 1913 to 1933 and attorney general-designate in Roosevelt's cabinet. Walsh, who was known primarily for his fair and thorough investigation during Senate hearings in the 1920s of the scandal involving the Teapot Dome and Elk Hills oil reserve leases, died of a heart attack on March 2.

2057. *NYT*, Thursday, March 9, 1933, 15:7.

2058. *NYT*, Friday, March 10, 1933, 17:7.

Fred Bennett Balzar, Republican governor of Nevada from 1927 until his death in 1934. The first banking holiday in the nation was proclaimed in Nevada on November 1, 1932.

2059. *LAT*, Saturday, March 11, 1933, I:1:3. *NYT* did not print the DT.

John Davison Rockefeller, Sr., founder of Standard Oil Company who used his great wealth in the establishment of numerous industrial, commercial, and philanthropic corporations.

John Davison Rockefeller, Jr., eldest son and namesake of the billionaire oilman. Together, the two men controlled the largest block of stock in Chase National Bank of New York City.

Winthrop Williams Aldrich, president of Chase National Bank from 1930 to 1934.

J. P. Morgan & Co., one of the most powerful banking houses in the world, was founded in 1895 by American financier John Pierpont Morgan. After Morgan's death in 1913, his son and namesake, John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., succeeded to his father's postition as head of J. P. Morgan & Co., remaining in control until his death in 1943.

2060. *NYT*, Monday, March 13, 1933, 15:7.

Arthur Brisbane, American newspaper columnist and editor. He began his nationally syndicated editorial column, "Today," in 1917 and continued it until his death in 1936.

A severe earthquake shook southern California on March 10, causing 130 deaths and $41 million worth of property damage.

For J. P. Morgan, Jr., see Note 2059.

2061. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 14, 1933, 17:7.

Roosevelt, in the first of his famous "fireside chats," addressed the nation on March 12, outlining plans to reopen financially secure banks. His proposals coupled with his warm and reassuring radio voice, did much to restore the American people's confidence in their banking system.

2062. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 15, 1933, 19:7.

Roosevelt sent a terse message to Congress on March 13 in which he recommended immediate modification of the Volstead Act to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer and light wines; he asked also for substantial taxes on these beverages. Congressional Democrats rallied around this popular move, enabling the Senate to pass the beer bill on March 16.

2063. *NYT*, Thursday, March 16, 1933, 19:7.

Several international disarmament conferences, most of which proved unsuccessful, were held throughout the 1920s and 1930s. In 1933 delegates from fifty-fine nations attended the Geneva World Disarmament Conference, which had first convened in 1932 and which was held irregularly until 1937. The conference ultimately failed because of disagreements over definitions of categories of war materials, the reluctance of France to agree to any form of military limitation, and the desire of Germany to achieve military equality.

Much of northeastern China in early 1933 was under the military domination of the Japanese, who had invaded the region two years earlier. Open fighting between Chinese and Japanese forces expanded southward in March of 1933 as Japanese troops moved closer to Peiking and Tientsin.

Germany had experienced severe economic and political instability since World War I. The National Socialist (Nazi) party solidified its control of the government in early 1933 and initiated a virtual war upon its political opponents. The country remained in turmoil throughout the year.

2064. *NYT*, Friday, March 17, 1933, 19:7.

The Senate passed a $500 million economy bill on March 15 that allowed the president to reduce federal salaries and veterans' benefits. The measure, which was signed into law on March 21, provided for a 15 percent cut in congressmen's pay.

Huey Pierce "Kingfish" Long, Democratic United States senator from Louisiana from 1931 until his death in 1935.

Bennett Champ Clark, Democratic United States senator from Missouri from 1933 to 1945.

The California state assembly passed a bill on March 15 to legalize pari-mutuel betting in the state. The measure later passed the state senate, but was vetoed by the governor. Voters in California, however, approved pari-mutuel betting in an initiative election in June of 1933. Texas also legalized pari-mutuel betting in 1933.

The House voted on March 15 to legalize the manufacture and sale of beer. On the same day the Senate Finance Committee, considering a similar bill, voted to include wine on a list of legal alcoholic beverages.

Greta Garbo, Swedish motion picture actress. Garbo, noted for her beauty and sultry sexuality, arrived in Hollywood in 1926 where she soon became one of the highest paid performers in films. She left the United States for Sweden in July of 1932 but returned to Hollywood in 1933 to begin work on a new motion picure.

Aimee Semple McPherson, controversial American evangelist, self-proclaimed faith healer, and founder of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Los Angeles.

Film stars and other motion picture employees accepted salary and wage reductions of 25 to 50 percent in 1933 to help revive the financially plagued industry. To aid the equally troubled theatrical business, vaudeville and other stage performers accepted salary cuts up to 25 percent.

2065. *NYT*, Saturday, March 18, 1933, 15:7.

Roosevelt summoned Congress into special sessions on March 9, and from then until its adjournment on June 16, Congress acted virtually without opposition to enact Roosevelt's entire legislative program. Before the session—the so-called Hundred Days—ended, Congress had enacted more than a dozen pieces of significant legislation.

2066. *NYT*, Monday, March 20, 1933, 17:7.

A bill to legalize mild beer was passed by the Senate on March 20, a few days after its passage by the House. The return of beer in April of 1933 after a thirteen-year absence and while the country was still in the grips of a severe depression seemed to many Americans to be happy a omen for the future.

The Treasury Department was authorized by the new law to collect a manufacturers' tax on beer. The new levy yielded about $150 million in 1933.

2067. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 21, 1933, 19:7.

2068. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 22, 1933, 19:7.

Federal income tax receipts for the calendar year 1932 totaled slightly more than $481.5 million, compared to $233.9 million in 1931. A decline in taxable income in 1932 was more than offset by the increased taxes under the revenue act of that year.

2069. *NYT*, Thursday, March 23, 1933, 19:7.

2070. *NYT*, Friday, March 24, 1933, 19:7.

A farm relief bill providing for compulsory restrictions on crop production was passed by the House on March 21. Signed into law on May 12, the new act established the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA), which paid farmers for withdrawing part of their land from cultivation.

Several unemployment measures were introduced into Congress in early 1933. The most significant included an act passed in March that established the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide jobs for young men in reforestation and other conservation projects and the National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA), which created a $3.3 billion public works program and provided for industrial codes of fair business and labor practices.

The technocracy movement was a short-lived (1931-1932) effort to arouse popular support for a political-industrial organization of American society based on advanced technology.

2071. *NYT*, Saturday, March 25, 1933, 19:7.

George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright, novelist, and literary critic noted for his satirical wit; winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for literature in 1925. Shaw arrived in the United States on March 23 on his first visit to this country.

James Matthew Barrie, Scottish novelist and dramatist famous for his play *Little Minister* (1891) and for his adventure story *Peter Pan* (1904).

2072. *NYT*, Monday, March 27, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "Arizona's Mother Superior," in sixth sentence.

John Joseph "Black Jack" Pershing, Army general who commanded the American Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War I.

Isabella Selmes Greenway, Democratic United States representative from Arizona from 1933 to 1937. The first woman member of Congress from Arizona, Greenway was the widow of an Arizona copper-mining magnate.

Benjamin Baker Moeur, Democratic governor of Arizona from 1933 to 1936. Moeur practiced medicine in Tempe, Arizona, for thirty-six years before his unexpected election to the governorship in 1932.

2073. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 28, 1933, 21:7.

Adolf Hitler, chancellor and *Fuehrer* (leader) of Germany from 1933 until his death in 1945. The supreme dictator of Germany, Hitler based much of his political philosophy on racial bigotry, especially anti-Semitism.

Benito Mussolini, founder and leader of the Fascist movement, was dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1943.

2074. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 29, 1933, 17:7.

The World Court, the popular name of the Permanent Court of International Justice, was established in 1921 as part of the League of Nations. The United States never joined the judicial body.

2075. *NYT*, Thursday, March 30, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "hardly wait" in third sentence.

2076. *NYT*, Friday, March 31, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "than the income tax men." to end the ninth sentence.

For the reforestation bill establishing the CCC see Note 2070.

2077. *NYT*, Saturday, April 1, 1933, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* omits "little country" in ninth sentence/*NYT* gives "hero." to end tenth sentence, omitting next eight words.

Roosevelt appeared to have persuaded the French on March 30 to pay their overdue war debt installment of $19,261,432. France did not pay the overdue obligation and defaulted on the two installments that came due later in 1933.

Morgan (see Note 2059) appeared before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which was conducting an investigation of security dealings on the New York Stock Exchange. Revelations of questionable activities on stock exchanges led in part to the enactment of the Securities Act of 1933, which provided basic regulations of the issue and sale of stocks and bonds.

2078. *NYT*, Monday, April 3, 1933, 17:7.

Walter Lippmann, influential American editor, columnist, and author who served on the editorial staff of the *New York World* from 1921 to 1931 and later contributed columns to the *New York Herald-Tribune* and the *Washington Post*.

2079. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 4, 1933, 19:7.

Ruth Bryan Owen, Democratic United States representative from Florida from 1929 to 1933. The daughter of William Jennings Bryan, Owen was appointed by Roosevelt as ambassador to Denmark. The first American woman to achieve ministerial rank, she served as ambassador from 1933 to 1936.

For Greta Garbo see Note 2064.

William Jennings Bryan, American statesman and orator known as "the Great Commoner." A three-time Democratic presidential nominee, Bryan served as United States secretary of state from 1913 to 1915.

2080. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 5, 1933, 21:7.

The bill to legalize beer (see Notes 2064 and 2066) was signed by Roosevelt on March 22. A mandatory fifteen-day waiting period expired on Friday, April 7.

2081. *NYT*, Thursday, April 6, 1933, 19:7.

William Adger Moffett, American naval officer who had headed the Bureau of Aeronautics of the Navy Department since 1921. Considered by many to be the "Father of American Naval Aviation," Rear Admiral Moffett died in the crash of the United States naval dirigible *Akron* on April 4, 1933.

2082. *NYT*, Friday, April 7, 1933, 21:7.

2083. *NYT*, Saturday, April 8, 1933, 15:7.

2084. *NYT*, Monday, April 10, 1933, 15:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "in a hurry." in fourth sentence.

2085. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 11, 1933, 21:7.

2086. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 12, 1933, 21:7.

2087. *NYT*, Thursday, April 13, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT*, gives "left with a police" in eighth sentence.

The Century of Progress Exposition, a world's fair to mark the centennial of Chicago, opened in that city on May 27 and continued into November of 1933. By popular demand, it reopened in May of 1934, finally closing permanently in October of that year.

Alphonse "Scarface Al" Capone, Italian-born American gangster whose crime syndicate terrorized Chicago from 1920 until his conviction for federal income tax evasion in 1931. Imprisoned in October of 1931, he was released in 1939, an invalid.

For George Bernard Shaw see Note 2071.

2088. *NYT*, Friday, April 14, 1933, 21:7.

George Higgins Moses, Republican United States senator from New Hampshire from 1918 to 1933.

James Eli Watson, Republican United States senator from Indiana from 1916 to 1933. Both Moses and Watson opposed repeal of prohibition.

2089. *NYT*, Saturday, April 15, 1933, 15:7.

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of Franklin Roosevelt. Charming and outgoing, Eleanor Roosevelt greatly expanded the duties of first lady by undertaking innovative and precedent-setting responsibilities.

2090. *NYT*, Monday, April 17, 1933, 15:7.

Long faced charges in Louisiana of political and moral unfitness for office.

For the Japanese-Chinese conflict see Note 2063.

France announced on April 15 that it would meet its past and future war debt obligations.

Mystic Knights of the Sea, the name of a fictional fraternal organization to which the male characters on the popular radio "Amos 'n Andy" belonged. The program, first broadcast in 1928, featured two white comedians, Freeman Fisher Gosden and Charles J. Cornell, in every male role, including that of the conniving Kingfish. The escapades of two Harlem taxi drivers and their friends attracted an enormous and faithful listening audience.

2091. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 18, 1933, 17:7.

Six British engineers working in the Soviet Union were arrested by the Soviet government in mid-March of 1933 on charges of espionage, bribery, and sabotage. On April 19 a Soviet court convicted five of the men. Three of them were deported and two were sentenced to prison. The latter two were released in July of 1933 after Great Britain agreed to lift an embargo against Soviet goods.

2092. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 19, 1933, 19:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "coast at night" in second sentence/*LAT* gives "this bustling" in third sentence.

2093. *NYT*, Thursday, April 20, 1933, 19:7.

Clarence Marshall Young, United States assistant secretary of aeronautics in charge of civil aviation from 1929 until his resignation in 1933.

The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, made the first successful flights in a power-propelled, heavier-than-air machine at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

2094. *NYT*, Friday, April 21, 1933, 19:7.

Gold as a medium of exchange was outlawed by an executive order of Roosevelt on April 20.

2095. *NYT*, Saturday, April 22, 1933, 15:7.

2096. *NYT*, Monday, April 24, 1933, 17P:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "paper dollars" in ninth sentence.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

2097. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 25, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "beads (are wampum)" in eighth sentence.

2098. *LAT*, Wednesday, April 26, 1933, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

James Ramsay MacDonald, Scottish-born British Labour party leader and statesman who served as prime minister of Great Britain in January of 1924 and from 1929 to 1935.

Edouard Marie Herriot, premier of France from 1924 to 1925 and from June to December of 1932. He was one of the few French statesmen to advocate payment by France of war debts to the United States.

2099. *NYT*, Thursday, April 27, 1933, 19:7.

Frances Perkins, United States secretary of labor from 1933 to 1945; the first woman member of a presidential cabinet.

2100. *NYT*, Friday, April 28, 1933, 19:7.

2101. *NYT*, Saturday, April 29, 1933, 15:7.

2102. *NYT*, Monday, May 1, 1933, 17:7.

Ogden Livingston Mills, United States secretary of the treasury from 1932 to 1933.

2103. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 2, 1933, 19:7.

2104. *NYT,* Wednesday, May 3, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "tomorrow" in second sentence.

2105. *NYT*, Thursday, May 4, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "the House pass" in fifth sentence.

John Nance "Jack" Garner, vicepresident of the United States from 1933 to 1941. A Texas Democrat, Garner served as speaker of the House of Representatives from 1931 to 1933.

Henry Thomas Rainey, Democratic United States representative from Illinois from 1903 to 1921 and 1923 until his death in 1934. Rainey took office as speaker in March of 1933.

Congress passed a $6 billion inflation bill on May 3 as an amendment to a farm relief measure. The legislation gave Roosevelt unprecedented authority to expand the currency.

William Harman Woodin, United States secretary of the treasury from March of 1933 until his resignation because of ill health in December of 1933.

Lewis William Douglas, director of the federal budget from 1933 to 1934. Member of a pioneer Arizona mining family, Douglas served in the House of Representatives from 1927 to 1933.

Joseph Taylor "Joe" Robinson, Democratic United States senator from Arkansas from 1913 until his death in 1937.

Thomas Terry "Tom" Connally, Democratic United States senator from Texas from 1928 to 1953.

2106. *NYT*, Friday, May 5, 1933, 17:7.

Guido Jung, Italian minister of finance who attended discussions in Washington, D. C., in May concerning the worldwide depression

William Henry "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, Democratic governor of Oklahoma from1931 to 1935. Murray sent a delegation of Oklahomans to Washington, D. C., in the spring of 1933 to lobby for continued restriction on foreign imports of petroleum products.

2107. *NYT*, Saturday, May 6, 1933, 15:7.

Jesse Holman Jones, Houston political and civic leader who chaired the Reconstruction Finance Corporation (RFC) from 1933 to 1939. The RFC was established in 1932 as a governmental lending agency to provide financing for banking institutions, life insurance firms, railroads, and farm mortgage associations.

Roosevelt told the Chamber of Commerce delegates on May 4 that "we have a new national word, 'got.'" In conversation with Prime Minister MacDonald (see Note 2098), the president had emphasized the need for international economic recovery, telling MacDonald that "we have got to do it." Translated into several languages, "got" quickly became an international word for recovery.

"Forgot" referred to the delay by France in paying its war debt obligations.

2108. *NYT*, Monday, May 8, 1933, 17:7.

2109. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 9, 1933, 19:7.

Roosevelt delivered his second national radio address on May 8, outlining his programs for economic recovery, inflation, and international cooperation.

2110. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 10, 1933, 19:7.

2111. *NYT*, Thursday, May 11, 1933, 19:7.

For the Chicago World's Fair, or Century of Progress Exposition, see Note 2087; for the Chicago teachers' pay dispute see Note 2087.

2112. *NYT*, Friday, May 12, 1933, 19:7.

Excessive oil production glutted the American market in the early 1930s, forcing prices downward. Secretary of the Interior Harold LeClare Ickes was appointed federal oil administrator in the spring of 1933.

For John D. Rockefeller, Sr., see Note 2059; for Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

2113. *NYT*, Saturday, May 13, 1933, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "is fifty cents" in fourth sentence.

Oklahoma had scheduled a statewide election for June 11 to consider the legalization of mild beer in the state. Both the governor and the state legislature, however, insisted that advocates of legalized beer pay for the cost of the election.

2114. *NYT*, Monday, May 15, 1933, 15:7.

The Rockefeller family commissioned Diego Rivera, a world-renowned Mexican artist, to paint a mural at Rockefeller Center in New York City. Desiring to depict the emancipation of mankind through technology, Rivera portrayed Vladimer Ilich Ulyanov, "Lenin," leader of the Communist Revolution in Russia, as the key figure of the tableau, representing him as the leader

of humankind. Offended by the portrait, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., paid Rivera in full, dismissed him from the project, and covered the incomplete fresco with an empty canvas.

2115. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 16, 1933, 19:7.

Alfred Emanuel "Al" Smith, governor of New York from 1919 to 1921 and 1923 to 1929; Democratic presidential nominee in 1928.

2116. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 17, 1933, 19:7.

2117. *NYT*, Thursday, May 18, 1933, 21:7.

Roosevelt sent a personal appeal to the heads of fifty-four nations in May of 1933 asking that they enter into a nonaggression pact, eliminate offensive weapons, and sharply curb arms and armies. Hitler (see Note 2073) responded unexpectedly in a conciliatory manner, welcoming the president's message as supportive of German viewpoints.

2118. *NYT*, Friday, May 19, 1933, 19:7.

2119. *NYT*, Saturday, May 20, 1933, 15:7.

The Bonus Army, several thousand unemployed veterans who assembled in Washington, D. C., in the summer of 1932 to demand cash payment of their military compensation certificates. Many refused to evacuate when ordered to do so and were driven from the city by federal troops in July of 1932. Thereafter, a number of veterans reappeared in Washington each year to seek payment of the certificates.

Carter Glass, Democratic United States senator from Virginia from 1920 until his death in 1946. Glass, an expert on banking legislation, sponsored the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933 which provided for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

2120. *NYT*, Monday, May 22, 1933, 17:7.

Stephen Samuel Wise, American rabbi and Zionist. Founder in 1907 of the Free Synagogue of New York City, Wise addressed an emergency session of the American Jewish Congress in Washington, D. C., on May 21, asking that international pressure be brought upon Germany to restore the civil liberties of German Jews.

2121. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 23, 1933, 21:7.

2122. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 24, 1933, 23:7.

For Lewis W. Douglas see Note 2105.

2123. *NYT*, Thursday, May 25, 1933, 21:7.

J. P. Morgan, Jr. (see Note 2059), appeared before the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency in the spring of 1933 to explain why he and twenty financial partners had failed to pay income taxes in 1931 and 1932.

The names of bank officials to whom the Morgan firm had made loans and the names of those who were sold securities issued by the company at prices below the listed market rate appeared on a so-called preferred list released publicly during the Senate investigation of the stock exchanges.

2124. *NYT*, Friday, May 26, 1933, 21:7.

For J. P. Morgan, Jr., see Notes 2059 and 2123.

2125. *NYT*, Saturday, May 27, 1933, 15:7.

For the "preferred list" see Note 2123.

For the Century of Progress Exposition see Note 2087.

2126. *NYT*, Monday May 29, 1933, 15:7.

For the Century of Progress Exposition see Note 2087; for Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

Walter Winchell, syndicated columnist of the *New York Mirror* from 1929 to 1963. Winchell, one of the best-known journalists and radio commentators in the country, specialized in show business gossip and political commentary.

Amon Giles Carter, publisher of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* from 1909 until his death in 1955; powerful and energetic booster of Fort Worth and west Texas.

2127. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 30, 1933, 17:7.

Mary McElroy, the twenty-five-year-old daughter of the city manager of Kansas City, Missouri, was kidnapped on May 27 and held for twenty-nine hours until the payment of a $30,000 ransom. Public outcry against such crimes prompted Congress to pass an act in 1933 that made kidnapping a federal offense, punishable by long-term imprisonment.

2128. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 31, 1933, 19:7.

For J. P. Morgan, Jr., see Notes 2059 and 2123.

2129. *NYT*, Thursday, June 1, 1933, 21:7.

The World Monetary and Economic Conference, held in London in 1933, had as its main object the checking of the world depression by means of currency stabilization and economic readjustments. Persistent disagreements among the participants made the meeting a failure; instead, adverse tariff and currency policies became increasingly commonplace.

James Couzens, Republican United States senator from Michigan from 1922 until his death in 1936. Couzens was one of the several American delegates to the World Monetary and Economic Conference held in London in 1933.

George V, king of Great Britain from 1910 until his death in 1936.

2130. *NYT*, Friday, June 2, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "when the flattery starts." in fourth sentence.

Robert Worth Bingham, United States ambassador to Great Britain from 1933 until his death in 1937. Bingham shocked many American isolationists when he suggested that the United States should abandon its traditional policy of noninvolvement in European affairs.

Edward Albert, the Prince of Wales, eldest son and heir apparent to King George V of Great Britain.

Ferdinand Pecora, Italian-born American lawyer and jurist. Pecora served as chief counsel from 1933 to 1934 of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee investigating banking and stock market practices.

2131. *NYT*, Saturday, June 3, 1933, 15:7.

A circus press agent placed a female midget in the lap of J. P. Morgan, Jr. (see Note 2059), during the proceedings of the Senate stock market investigation. Although flabbergasted, the multimillionaire financer dismissed the publicity stunt good-naturedly.

For the "preferred list" see Note 2123.

2132. *NYT*, Monday, June 5, 1933, 17:7.

2133. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 6, 1933, 23:7.

2134. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 7, 1933, 23:7.

Pecora (see Note 2130) was denied authority by the Senate on June 5 to expose fully the income tax transactions of partners in the Morgan banking firm. The Senate finally relented a week later, and Pecora resumed the probe.

James J. "Jimmy" Mattern, American long-distance flyer who took off from a Long Island airstrip on June 3, 1933, in an attempt at the first successful around-the-world solo flight. The

adventure ended twelve days later when his plane crashed in Siberia; Mattern finally was rescued by Soviet flyers in early July.

2135. *NYT*, Thursday, June 8, 1933, 21:7.

Charles Augustus Lindbergh, internationally acclaimed American aviator who in May of 1927 made the first solo, nonstop transatlantic flight.

For Jimmy Mattern see Note 2134.

Amelia Mary Earhart Putnam, American aviator who in May of 1932 became the first woman to fly the Atlantic Ocean alone. Know as Amelia Earhart, she was the wife of a prominent American publisher.

2136. *NYT*, Friday, June 9, 1933, 19:7.Variant: *NYT* omits seventh sentence.

2137. *NYT*, Saturday, June 10, 1933, 15:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "night (Saturday)." in fifth sentence/*LAT* gives "Connolly" in ninth sentence.

Arthur "Bugs" Baer, American newspaper columnist and popular humorist.

Maximillian Adelbert "Max" Baer, American boxer who held the world heavyweight title from 1934 to 1935. Baer knocked out Max Siegfried Schmeling of Germany in ten rounds on June 8 in New York City.

Max Siegfried Schmeling, German pugilist who held the world heavyweight championship from 1930 to 1932. The most successful professional boxer in Germany history, Schmeling was the undisputed sports hero of Nazi Germany.

One-eyed Connolly, boxer of the early 1900s who was noted for his ingenious and highly commercial schemes at self-promotion.

2138. *NYT*, Monday, June 12, 1933, 17:7.

For the "preferred list" see Note 2123.

2139. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 13, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "King George" to begin first sentence.

For George V see Note 2129.

2140. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 14, 1933, 21:7.

MacDonald (see Note 2098), in his opening remarks at the World Monetary and Economic Conference on June 12, declared that although war debts were not on the conference agenda the problem had to be considered by the conferees before obstacles to general world recovery could be removed. The semi-annual installment of war debts came due on June 15. With the token payment or outright defaults occurring on that date, the issue was eliminated temporarily from the conference arena.

2141. *LAT*, Thursday, June 15, 1933, I:1:5: heading from *NYT*, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits second paragraph.

Alexis Zachary Mdivani, member of a Russia-Georgian family of princes who moved conspicuously in international society circles during the 1920s and 1930s. Prince Alexis married American dime-store heiress Barbara Hutton on June 20 in Paris.

2142. *NYT*, Friday, June 16, 1933, 19:7.

The semi-annual installment of war debts came due on June 15. Only one country, Finland, paid its obligation in full; six others made partial payments, and another six nations, including France, defaulted completely. The amount paid represented less than 8 percent of the total due.

John Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States from 1924 to 1929. Coolidge, whose New England Yankee qualities of conservatism, frugality, and common sense endeared him to many Americans, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, on January 5, 1933.

2143. *LAT*, Saturday, June 17, 1933, I:1:5; heading from *NYT*, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* omits first through fourth sentences.

2144. *NYT*, Monday, June 19, 1933, 17:7.

2145. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 20, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "and peeping in the keyhole." in seventh sentence.

2146. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 21, 1933, 19:7.

2147. *NYT*, Thursday, June 22, 1933, 21:7.

2148. *NYT*, Friday, June 23, 1933, 19:7.

2149. *NYT*, Saturday, June 24, 1933, 15:7.

Smith (see Note 2115) received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Harvard University on June 22.

Ernst Udet, German aviator and army officer who was credited with destroying sixty-two enemy planes in World War I. Udet achieved a wide reputation as a fearless pilot who performed extremely hazardous flying stunts.

2150. *LAT*, Monday, June 26, 1933, I:1:6.

Aimee Semple McPherson (see Note 2064) underwent an intestinal operation in Paris in late June. In order to discover the source of news leaks in her evangelistic organization, she sent a hoax telegram to her husband in Los Angeles, announcing the "birth" of a nine-pound son. News of the miraculous conception swept the nation on June 24, only to be denied and corrected by McPherson one day later.

2151. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 27, 1933, 19:7.

Hugh Samuel Johnson, administrator of the National Recovery Administration (NRA) from 1933 to 1934. A brigadier general and World War I veteran, Johnson was appointed on June 16 as administrator of the NRA, a major New Deal agency that was empowered to make voluntary agreements with employers dealing with hours of work, rates of pay, and the fixing of prices. The NRA was ruled unconstitutional in 1935.

Bernard Mannes Baruch, American financier and an adviser to the federal government on economic matters.

2152. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 28, 1933, 23:7.

For Ernst Udet see Note 2149. Tito Falconi, lieutenant in the Royal Italian Air Corps who represented Italy in the National Air Races in Los Angeles in 1933. Falconi held the world record of one hour for flying upside down.

2153. *NYT*, Thursday, June 29, 1933, 21:7.

Californians overwhelmingly voted on June 27 to repeal prohibition. One day earlier, West Virginia became the first in the southern tier of states to vote anti-prohibition. By July 1, 1933, sixteen of the necessary thirty-six states had voted to ratify the Twenty-first Amendment for repeal of prohibition.

2154. *LAT*, Friday, June 30, 1933, I:1:2; heading from *NYT*, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits third paragraph.

American wheat farmers suffered greatly in 1933 from a widespread blight of wheat rust.

Roscoe Conkling "Fatty" Arbuckle, youthful-looking American film comedian of the silent era whose career was ruined after his involvement in a scandal in 1921 in which a woman died. Though he never again appeared before a camera, he directed a few motion pictures before his death from a heart attack on June 29, 1933.

2155. *NYT*, Saturday, July 1, 1933, 15:7.

2156. *NYT*, Monday, July 3, 1933, 13:7.

The National Air Races opened in Los Angeles on July 1. The highlight of the first day's program was the completion of the annual transcontinental Bendix Trophy Race from New York City to Los Angeles.

For Tito Falconi see Note 2152; for Ernst Udet see Note 2149.

Betty Blake Rogers, wife of Will Rogers. The couple was married on November 25, 1908, at the Blake home in Rogers, Arkansas.

2157. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 4, 1933, 15:7.

For the World Monetary and Economic Conference see Note 2129.

2158. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 5, 1933, 21:7.

Roosevelt's rejection on July 3 of a proposal that all countries participating in the World Monetary and Economic Conference return to the gold standard as soon as possible nearly precipitated the complete collapse of the London conference. The bluntness as well as the content of the president's message angered the measures to defend the gold standard.

2159. *NYT*, Thursday, July 6, 1933, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "anything, that's" in fifth and sixth sentences.

2160. *NYT*, Friday, July 7, 1933, 19:7.

For the World Monetary and Economic Conference see Note 2129; for George V see Notes 2129 and 2139.

2161. *NYT*, Saturday, July 8, 1933, 13:7.

Mattern (see Note 2134) was found safe at Anadyr, Siberia, on July 7 after having crashed several days earlier during his attempt to set an around-the-world solo flight record.

John Herbert "Jack" Crawford, Australian tennis champion and Davis Cup competitor (1928 to 1939).

Henry Ellsworth Vines, Jr., American amateur tennis star of the 1930s who won the Wimbledon singles championship in 1932 and held the United States singles titles in 1931 and 1932. In a classic match on July 7, Crawford defeated defending champion Vines in five states to win his first Wimbledon singles crown. Crawford had defeated Vines in the finals at Melbourne in 1932.

American golfer Densmore "Denny" Shute won the British Open championship on July 8 after a thirty-six-hole playoff against fellow American Craig R. Wood.

For John Rockefeller, Sr., see Note 2059.

Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and the University of Washington competed in the National Intercollegiate Sprint Championship Regetta at Long Beach, California, on July 8. Washington won in a nearly bow-to-bow finish with Yale.

2162. *NYT*, Monday, July 10, 1933, 15:7.

A wheat processing tax of thirty cents went into effect on July 9. The revenue collected from this and similar levies went toward funding the newly established Agricultural Adjustment Administration (AAA).

Cordell Hull, United States secretary of state from 1933 to 1944; recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945. Only the tactful diplomacy of Hull, who headed the American delegation at the World Monetary and Economic Conference, prevented a premature collapse of the conference.

2163. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 11, 1933, 19:7.

2164. *LAT*, Wednesday, July 12, 1933, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Frank Phillips, Oklahoma bankers and oil producer who was appointed in late 1933 as chairman of the General District Commission No. 2 of the petroleum industry. Phillips and the other prominent oilmen helped to draw up a code of fair practice for their industry, similar to 500 other industrial codes formulated by the NRA in 1933 and 1934.

Mary McCormic, American concert and opera star. McCormic sued in July for separate maintenance from her husband, Prince Serge Mdivani, brother of Alexis Mdivani (see Note 2141) and David Mdivani, husband of American actress Mae Murray. McCormic was granted a divorce in November of 1933.

2165. *NYT*, Thursday, July 13, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Guard when the folks voted on beer." in first sentence.

Oklahomans voted nearly two to one on July 11 for the legalization of beer in the state. To insure that there would be no premature celebrating, Governor Murray (see Note 2106) ordered the National Guard into the streets of Oklahoma City on election night.

For the Prince of Wales see Note 2129.

2166. *NYT*, Friday, July 14, 1933, 19:7.

Roosevelt signed an executive order on July 12 that placed all postmasters in the United States under the civil service system, thus removing thousands of government positions from patronage politics.

2167. *NYT*, Saturday, July 15, 1933, 13:7.

Delegates to the World Monetary and Economic Conference voted to adjourn temporarily on July 27. Once adjourned, the conference never reconvened.

For Edouard Herriot see Note 2098; for Cordell Hull see Note 2162.

2168. *NYT*, Monday, July 17, 1933, 15:7.

An air armada of twenty-five twin-engine seaplanes, under the command of General Italo Balbo, left Italy on June 20 bound for Chicago and the Century of Progress Exposition. One plane crashed en route, but the remainder of the epic armada landed in Chicago on July 15.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States from 1901 to 1909. Roosevelt sent the American fleet on a world cruise (1907-1908) to give the squadron experience, to demonstrate its might to the Japanese, and to publicize the need for increased naval expenditures.

Wiley Hardeman Post, American long-distance and high altitude flier. Post, who with Harold Gatty, had circled the globe in less than nine days in 1931, set off from New York City on July 15 for a solo trip over the same route. During the flight, Post, a native of Oklahoma who had lost an eye several years before in an oilfield accident, utilized a newly-developed automatic pilot for holding the plane on course while he rested. He returned to New York City on July 22, having set a new around-the-world record of seven days, eighteen hours, and forty-nine seconds.

2169. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 18, 1933, 19:7.

Will Harrison Hays, chairman of Motion Pictures Producers and Distributors of America from 1922 to 1945. Called the "czar" of the film industry, Hays was engaged in writing a code for the industry under the provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

William Harrison "Jack" Dempsey, American prizefighter who held the world heavyweight title from 1919 to 1926. Dempsey married American singer Hannah Williams, popularly known as the "cheerful little earful," in an impromptu ceremony at Elko, Nevada, on July 18.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

2170. *NYT*, Wednesday, July, 19, 1933, 19:7.

Prices on the New York Stock Exchange reached their highest levels of the year in mid-July in the heaviest trading in three years. The surge lasted only a few days; by July 20 shares of stocks had declined significantly.

2171. *NYT*, Thursday, July 20, 1933, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* omits first sentence/*NYT* gives "papers out here" in seventh sentence/*NYT* gives "paper here when" in eighth sentence.

For Jack Dempsey see Note 2169.

Balbo (see Note 2168) and the Italian air armada left Chicago on July 19 for the return flight to Italy. They landed at Rome on August 14, after a round-trip flight of 12,000 miles in forty-five days.

Alabama and Arkansas voters elected by wide majorities on July 18 to repeal prohibition. The victory for repeal in those states represented the first test of the issue in the so-called Solid South.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

Aimee Semple McPherson (see Note 2064) returned to the United States from Paris on July 19.

2172. *NYT*, Friday, July 21, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "tax high" in fourth sentence.

2173. *NYT*, Saturday, July 22, 1933, 13:7.

Tennessee on July 20 became the nineteenth state to vote for repeal of prohibition. The vote of wets in urban areas barely offset that of prohibitionists in their mountain stronghold of East Tennessee.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

2174. *NYT*, Monday, July 24, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "office, it's the first they been in office, it's the first reforestation" in fourth and fifth sentences.

Roosevelt served as governor of New York from 1929 to 1933.

The National Governor's Conference, was held at various sites in California in late July. Rogers was a member of the state welcoming party and attended and hosted many of the official functions.

Guy Brasfield Park, Democratic governor of Missouri from 1933 to 1937.

2175. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 25, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "headed for Frisco," in third sentence.

Roscoe Turner, American flier who during a long and colorful career broke seven transcontinental speed records and collected most of the top aviation awards. A lieutenant colonel in the Nevada National Guard, Turner served on the staff of the governor of Nevada.

For Fred Balzar see Note 2058.

Theodore Francis Green, Democratic governor of Rhode Island from 1933 to 1937. A Phi Beta Kappa, Green held degrees from Brown and Harvard universities.

George White, Democratic governor of Ohio from 1931 to 1935.

Leslie Andrew Miller, Democratic governor of Wyoming from 1929 to 1931 and 1932 to 1939.

Wilbur Lucius Cross, Democratic governor of Connecticut from 1931 to 1939. A former professor of English at Yale University, Cross served as dean of the Yale Graduate School from 1916 to 1930.

For Alfalfa Bill Murray see Note 2106.

Miriam Amanda Wallace Ferguson, Democratic governor of Texas from 1925 to 1927 and 1933 to 1935.

2176. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 26, 1933, 19:7.

For Roscoe Turner see Note 2175.

A strike by motion picture sound men, which began on July 22 and stemmed from a jurisdictional dispute between rival unions, ended peaceably on July 26 after strike leaders sought the mediation of film producers.

2177. *LAT*, Thursday, July 27, 1933, I:1:2; heading from *NYT*, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits sixth and seventh sentences.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

The move to reduce the operation hours of the stock exchange was taken to relieve overburdened and overworked brokers as activity on the stock market continued at a high price.

2178. *NYT*, Friday, July 28, 1933, 17:7.

For the World Monetary and Economic Conference see Note 2129.

2179. *NYT*, Saturday, July 29, 1933, 17:7.

A Missouri jury delivered a death verdict against Walter McGee, leader of a gang that kidnapped twenty-five-year-old Mary McElroy of Kansas City. McGee's sentence, the first death decree in the United States for kidnapping, was commuted in 1935 after McElroy had issued a plea that her kidnapper be saved from death on the gallows.

For Aimee Semple McPherson see Note 2064.

2180. *NYT*, Monday, July 31, 1933, 15:7.

Roger Ward Babson, American businessman, statistician and business prognosticator.

2181. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 1, 1933, 19:7.

Murray (see Note 2106), who frequently summoned the Oklahoma National Guard to enforce his decisions, threatened in late July to call out the Guard to prohibit the construction of a federal dam in Texas that threatened to destroy valuable farm land in Oklahoma.

For Miriam Ferguson see Note 2175.

2182. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 2, 1933, 17:7.

2183. *NYT*, Thursday, August 3, 1933, 19:7.

Santa Barbara, California, annually hosted thousands of visitors at its presentation of Old Spanish Days, a three-day fiesta complete with a colorful pageant parade that emphasized events in the history of the city.

2184. *NYT*, Friday, August 4, 1933, 17:7.

The California legislature passed a 1 percent income tax in late July that aroused considerable protest from state residents saddled at the same time with a new 2½ percent sales tax. The income tax, the least popular of the revenue measures, was vetoed by the governor.

2185. *NYT*, Saturday, August 5, 1933, 13:7.

A young attorney from Boston, hoping to attract publicity for a newly-formed, radical political party, placed tear gas bombs in the cooling system of the New York Stock Exchange on August 3, driving members and employees into the streets and forcing the suspension of trading for the remainder of the day.

2186. *NYT*, Monday, August 7, 1933, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "and all disputes to be" in second sentence.

2187. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 8, 1933, 19:7.

For Cordell Hull see Note 2162.

Raymond Charles Moley, American political economist and magazine editor. A central figure in Roosevelt's circle of advisers, Moley was appointed in early August to head a special anti-crime force, organized to combat the rising tide of kidnappings in the country.

For the Missouri kidnapping case see Notes 2127 and 2179.

Hugh Johnson (see Note 2151) was born in Fort Scott, Kansas, and was a graduate in 1901 of Northwestern Oklahoma Teachers College.

2188. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 9, 1933, 19:7.

The Spanish-American War of 1898 was caused in part by Americans' desire to help liberate Cuba from "Spanish tyranny." Cuba became an independent republic in 1902, although the Platt amendment, reluctantly accepted by Cuba, kept the island under United States protection until the abrogation of the amendment in 1934.

A revolution in Cuba raged with increasing intensity from January of 1933 until August 11, 1933, when the army withdrew its support of President Gerardo Machado y Morales. The Machado regime thereupon collapsed , and the deposed leader fled the country.

2189. *NYT*, Thursday, August 10, 1933, 19:7.

The American ambassador to Cuba, Sumner Welles, asked President Machado on August 8 to appoint a responsible official to run the Cuban government and then to depart the island on a "leave of absence." Roosevelt issued a similar plea the next day. See also Note 2188.

2190. *NYT*, Friday, August 11, 1933, 17:7.

For Cuba and the United States see Notes 2188 and 2189.

2191. *NYT*, Saturday, August 12, 1933, 13:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "whose father…in Cuba," in second sentence.

Hamilton Fish, Jr., Republican United States representative from New York from 1920 to 1945. Fish's father, Hamilton Fish, practiced law in New York City and served in Congress from 1909 to 1911. A cousin, also named Hamilton Fish, served in Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Rider Regiment during the Spanish-American War and was the first American soldier killed in the campaign against Santiago, Cuba. Representative Fish informed President Roosevelt on August 10 that the president could rely on the entire Republican minority of the House Foreign Affairs Committee to support any action the president decided to take in Cuba, including that of armed intervention.

2192. *NYT*, Monday, August 14, 1933, 15:7.

For Italo Balbo and the Italian air armada see Notes 2168 and 2171.

Machado resigned as president of Cuba on August 11 (see Note 2188) and fled the island by plane on August 12. He first flew to Nassau in the Bahamas and then to Montreal, Canada.

2193. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 15, 1933, 19:7.

Roosevelt ordered three American warships to Cuban waters on August 13 to protect American citizens on the war-torn island.

Albert Lebrun, president of France from 1932 to 1940.

2194. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 16, 1933, 19:7.

The newest event in American polo, the East-West matches, began at Lake Forest, Illinois, on August 13. The western all-stars won the first match of the best two-of-three match series, 15 to 11.

For the flight of Gerardo Machado see Note 2192.

2195. *NYT*, Thursday, August 17, 1933, 19:7.

The East all-star polo team took the middle game of the three-match series on August 16 by a score of 12 to 8. See also Note 2194.

Hubert W. "Rube" Williams, American polo player and race horse trainer who starred on several championship polo teams during the late 1920s and early 1930s. Williams, who played on the West team in the East-West series, suffered a fractured right leg when he collided with two other players and fell from his galloping pony during the second match of the series.

Eric Pedley, champion California polo player and one of the top American poloists in the history of the sport. Pedley, who often competed with Rogers at clubs in the Los Angeles area, flew to Illinois to replace the crippled Williams.

2196. *NYT*, Friday, August 18, 1933, 17:7.

For J. P. Morgan, Jr., see Notes 2059 and 2123; for Hugh Johnson see Note 2151.

2197. *NYT*, Saturday, August 19, 1933, 13:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "this guy" in fifth sentence.

For Hugh Johnson see Note 2151.

2198. *NYT*, Monday, August 21, 1933, 15:7.

For Hugh Johnson see Note 2151.

The final game of the East-West polo series was played on August 20.

For Huey Long see Note 2064.

2199. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 22, 1933, 19:7.

The West team defeated the East in the final game of the East-West series, 12 to 6. The victory gave the West the series, 2 games to 1. An all-star team from the East won a rematch series in 1934.

2200. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 23, 1933, 19:7.

The Agriculture Adjustment Act, which went into effect in May of 1933, established the Agriculture Adjustment Administration (AAA) and provided for production-control programs for major crops and some stock animals in order to raise prices for farmers. As part of the plan, the Department of Agriculture proposed the controlled slaughter of some 5 million hogs, with the meat to go for relief.

Henry Agard Wallace, United States secretary of agriculture from 1933 to 1940. Son of a prominent Iowa farm editor, Wallace served as vice president of the United States from 1941 to 1945.

Blue Boy, the mammoth prize-winning Iowa boar that "starred" with Rogers in the motion picture *State Fair*. The film was release in late August of 1933.

2201. *NYT*, Thursday, August 24, 1933, 17:7.

For Hugh Johnson see Note 2151; for Frances Perkins see Note 2099.

2202. *NYT*, Friday, August 25, 1933, 17:7.

Smith (see Note 2115) believed that the National Industrial Recovery Act and the NRA were unconstitutional, although he saw some virtue in the legislation. He spoke on national radio on August 22, for example, to laud the NRA for its role in increasing wages and employment in the country.

Robert Rutherford McCormick, editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune* from 1920 until his death in 1955. Fiercely anti-Nazi, McCormick visited Germany to study how Hitler had attained power and why the Nazis had begun a program of persecution of the Jews. He returned in mid-August of 1933 and wrote a series of articles for the *Tribune*, describing the life of the German people under Nazi rule.

2203. *LAT*, Saturday, August 26, 1933, I:1:6; heading from *NYT*, 13:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "(some…wife,)…dirt," in first sentence.

The murder trial of David A. Lamson, a Stanford University publications executive who was accused of the brutal slaying of his wife Allene, opened on August 22 in San Jose, California. The month-long trial complete with gruesome photographs and glaring headlines, ended in Lamson's conviction. In April of 1936, after two appeals and retrials had resulted in hung juries, Lamson was freed and all charges were dismissed.

For Hugh Johnson see Note 2151; for Henry A. Wallace see Note 2200; for Cordell Hull see Note 2162; for Frances Perkins see Note 2099.

2204. *NYT*, Monday, August 28, 1933, 15:7.

Helen Newington Willis Moody, popular United States women's singles tennis champion from 1923 to 1929—with exception of 1926—and eight-time winner of the British Open title. During the finals at the United States Open on August 26, Moody retired suddenly in the third set because of a painful leg injury, defaulting the title to defending champion Helen Hull Jacobs.

Texas voters on August 26 elected twenty-three repealist delegates-at-large. They later met in state convention and declared adoption of the repeal of prohibition.

2205. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 29, 1933, 19:7.

Moley (see Note 2187) resigned as assistant secretary of state on August 27 to become editor of *Today* magazine. Before entering government service, he had been professor of public law at Columbia Univeristy.

2206. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 20, 1933, 21:7.

Ernestine Roessler Schumann-Heink, Austrian-born American operatic contralto who first appeared with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City in 1898 and reappeared with the Metropolitan in 1926 at the age of sixty-four. Because of the anti-Semitic policies of the German Nazi government, Schumann-Heink proclaimed herself an "exile" from Germany on August 29.

Long received a black eye from a punch thrown by an unidentified fellow guest at a party on Long Island, New York, on August 28. Long's detractors immediately launched a Reward-the-Socker-of-Huey-Long movement.

2207. *NYT*, Thursday, August 31, 1933, 19:7.

For Henry A. Wallace see Note 2200; for the Long Island party see Note 2206.

2208. *NYT*, Friday, September 1, 1933, 19:7.

Washington became on August 30 the twenty-fourth state to vote for repeal of prohibition.

2209. *NYT*, Saturday, September 2, 1933, 13:7.

John Jakob Raskob, wealthy Du Pont and General Motors executive who served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the campaign of 1928.

2210. *NYT*, Monday, September 4, 1933, 13:7.

2211. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 5, 1933, 19:7.

William Vincent Astor, American financier, magazine publisher, and yachtsman who supported the early New Deal policies of Franklin Roosevelt. Roosevelt sailed along the East Coast aboard Astor's yacht, the *Nourmahal*, in early September.

2212. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 6, 1933, 23:7.

Henry Ford, pioneer American automobile manufacturer and founder in 1903 of Ford Motor Company. Ford never joined the automobile code of the NRA, although he already had instituted or later would adopt many of its provisions and principles.

A "buy now" campaign was launched by Hugh Johnson, the colorful director of the NRA, on September 4. Johnson hoped that increased consumer purchasing, especially of the products of NRA-member firms, would serve to stimulate the sluggish economy.

A hurricane struck southern Texas on September 4; 22 persons were killed and 1,500 injured. The damage to property was estimated at $5 million. On the same day a less severe storm swept across south central Florida, causing several deaths and more than $1 million in property damage.

2213. *NYT*, Thursday, September 7, 1933, 23:7.

The August revolution in Cuba (see Note 2188) was followed by another revolt in September in which enlisted men of the Cuban army and navy overthrew the twenty-three-day-old government of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes and installed in power a military and student backed junta.

2214. *LAT*, Friday, September 8, 1933, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Edward Grey, British statesman who served as minister of foreign affairs from 1905 to 1916. Viscount Gray consolidated the Triple Entente before World War I, uniting Great Britain, France, and Russia, and took an important role in the negotiation of Balkan problems at the London Peace Conference of 1912 to 1913.

Edward Mandell House, American politician who as friend and close confidant of President Woodrow Wilson served as personal representative of the president at wartime conferences in Europe in 1914, 1915, and 1916. House's private papers were incorporated in a four-volume set titled *The Intimate Papers of Colonel House* (1926-1928).

David Lloyd George, prime minister of Great Britain from 1916 to 1922. The first volume of Lloyd George's memoirs of World War I appeared on September 6.

2215. *NYT*, Saturday, September 9, 1933, 15:7.

The Roosevelt administration, fearing that the Cuban revolution of September 5 (see Note 2213) presaged widespread disorders, sent twenty-nine vessels to Cuban waters and concentrated 1,000 marines at Quantico Naval Base in Virginia.

Claude Augustus Swanson, United States secretary of the navy from 1933 until his death in 1939. At the outbreak of disorders in Cuba, Swanson sailed for the island to direct American naval operations in the area. The American naval action, however, aroused resentment in some Cuban circles and much criticism in the United States and Latin America. Roosevelt met the protests by ordering Swanson not to land at Havana and by making public assurances that the United States would avoid intervention.

For Gerardo Machado see Notes 2188 and 2192.

2216. *NYT*, Monday, September 11, 1933, 19:7.

For the Cuban revolution see Notes 2213 and 2215; for George V see Note 2129.

2217. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 12, 1933, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "little move preferred" in fourth sentence.

Oscar Lawler, California lawyer and corporation director who was an attorney for and close friend of Rogers.

2218. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 13, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "Superior" from fifth sentence.

For the Cuban revolution see Note 2213.

2219. *NYT*, Thursday, September 14, 1933, 25:7.

2220. *NYT*, Friday, September 15, 1933, 21:7.

The State of California went to court in early September to halt the tapping of a state oil pool at Huntington Beach by private operators using the "whip-stock" method of drilling.

For Miriam Ferguson see Note 2175; for Alfalfa Bill Murray see Note 2106.

The New York Giants and the Washington Senators were battling in mid-September to win the pennants of their respective baseball leagues. The Giants clinched the National League title on September 19, and the Senators won the American League pennant two days later.

2221. *NYT*, Saturday, September 16, 1933, 15:7.

For the Cuban revolution see Note 2213.

2222. *NYT*, Monday, September 18, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "drink it straight." in sixth sentence.

For the Lamson murder trial see Note 2203.

2223. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 19, 1933, 23:7.

2224. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 20, 1933, 23:7.

Herbert Clark Hoover, president of the United States from 1929 to 1933. Hoover and his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, arrived in Chicago on September 19 to visit the Century of Progress Exposition. Upon arrival the former president was met by numerous reporters, but he refused to discuss political affairs.

2225. *NYT*, Thursday, September 21, 1933, 21:7.

2226. *LAT*, Friday, September 22, 1933, I:1:4. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Several prominent members of the New York Stock Exchange threatened to form a new exchange in New Jersey to escape emergency taxes proposed by New York City on stock transfers and gross profits of brokers. The move was averted on September 26 when the Tammany-backed mayor of New York City vetoed the stock tax measure.

2227. *NYT*, Saturday, September 23, 1933, 17:7.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), an agency authorized by an act of May 12, 1933, and which eventually granted $3 billion to state governments to be used as public assistance to the unemployed, either as direct benefits or as wages on public works projects.

The Public Works Administration (PWA), an agency which was authorized under the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933 and which administered a $3.3 billion program of extensive public works projects on federal state, and municipal levels. The huge works program provided a stimulus to the economy and reduced unemployment.

2228. *NYT*, Monday, September 25, 1933, 17:7.

The Iowa Farmers' Holiday Association declared a strike on October 23 as a protest against Roosevelt's refusal to adopt proposals for an inflationary issue of greenbacks and for a guarantee of a fixed price for agricultural products. Strikers broke into freight cars, and several railroad bridges were burned and dynamited.

The Frazier-Lemke Farm Bankruptcy Act, designed to prevent mortgage foreclosures, provided additional relief to farmers by enabling them to secure credit extensions. Passed in June of 1934, the act was declared unconstitutional in May of 1935. A modified version was enacted in August of 1935 and subsequently upheld in court.

2229. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 26, 1933, 23:7.

Ramón Grau y San Martin, head of the provisional junta (see Note 2213) and provisional president of Cuba from September 10, 1933, to January 15, 1934, and president from 1944 to 1948.

Joseph Vincent McKee, New York City attorney and public official. As aldermanic president, McKee became acting mayor of New York City in 1934 when Major James John "Jimmy" Walker resigned during a state investigation of graft and corruption in his administration. McKee

chose not to run in a special election for the mayoralty by was a candidate in 1933 on the Recovery party ticket; he was defeated in a four-way race.

2230. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 27, 1933, 23:7.

Turner (see Note 2175) flew from Los Angeles to New York City on September 25 in a world record time of ten hours, five minutes, and thirty seconds. He also held the westbound transcontinental record.

The Union Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railways put into operation in 1933 new lightweight, streamlined, electric-powered trains capable of traveling 100 miles-per-hour.

Ringgold Wilmer "Ring" Lardner, American satirist, journalist, author, and playwright. He contributed many sketches for the *Ziegfeld Follies*, including a memorable one in 1922 in which Rogers portrayed a veteran baseball pitcher. Lardner died on September 25, 1933, at age forty-eight.

Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld, Jr., American theatrical producer best known for the elaborately-staged *Ziegfeld Follies*. First produced in 1907, these musical revues featured a troupe of beautiful chorus girls and many of the leading stage performers of the day. Rogers appeared with the *Follies* from 1916 to 1924.

2231. *NYT*, Thursday, September 28, 1933, 23:4.

For the New York Stock Exchange see Note 2226.

2232. *NYT*, Friday, September 29, 1933, 21:3. Variant: *NYT* gives "$69,000" in fourth sentence.

A white rat was placed in a rattlesnake cage in a zoology laboratory at a Pennsylvania college. The rodent was intended to be the cage occupants' evening meal. The rat, instead, killed the seven youngest reptiles and backed the remaining two into a corner; lab assistants finally came to the rattlers' rescue and removed the rat.

Federal agents recovered $74,250 in ransom money on September 27 from a Texas cotton field. The cache was part of a $200,000 ransom paid out earlier in the year for the return of a kidnapped Oklahoma oilman.

A special Senate committee revealed on September 27 that from 1929 to 1932 an American steamship company had received an average of $66,000 in government subsidies for each pound of United States mail it carried on its ships. The payments generally were considered a legal pretext for subsidies to the merchant marine.

2233. *NYT*, Saturday, September 30, 1933, 17:3.

Irvin Shrewbury Cobb, American journalist, humorist, and playwright. Cobb, who was born in Paducah, Kentucky, in 1876, was a close personal friend of Rogers. In 1934 the Oklahoman starred in the motion picture *Judge Priest* for which Cobb wrote the screenplay as well as the book (1915) upon which the box office hit was based.

2234. *NYT*, Monday, October 2, 1933, 21:3.

For Roscoe Turner see Notes 2175 and 2230.

Francis Monroe "Frank" Hawks, American aviator who established numerous transcontinental and point-to-point speed records in the 1920s and 1930s.

James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle, American flier noted for his speed marks set in the 1920s and 1930s, his interest in commercial aviation, and his heroism during World War II.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168; for Jimmy Mattern see Note 2134; for Charles Lindbergh see Note 2135.

2235. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 3, 1933, 25:3.

Roosevelt, in an address at the annual convention of the American Legion on October 2, defended his policy of paying benefits only to veterans who had been disabled in actual service or to those who had incurred disabilities after their service had ended.

2236. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 4, 1933, 25:3.

2237. *NYT*, Thursday, October 5, 1933, 23:3.

Fire swept through the Griffith Park section of Los Angeles on October 3, trapping more than 200 county workers struggling to fight the blaze. Twenty-eight of the men, most of whom came from the ranks of the unemployed, were killed.

William Lawrence "Young" Stribling, American prizefighter who fought his first professional bout in 1921 at the age of sixteen and who went on to record 126 knockouts in 286 fights. Stribling, son of circus performers, died on October 3 of injuries received in a motorcycle accident.

2238. *NYT*, Friday, October 6, 1933, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "versus N. Y. N. Y. at" in second sentence.

In the World Series of 1933, the New York Giants defeated the Washington Senators, 4 games to 1.

2239. *NYT*, Saturday, October 7, 1933, 17:3.

2240. *NYT*, Monday, October 9, 1933, 19:7.

Augustín Pedro Justo, president of Argentina from 1932 to 1938.

2241. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 10, 1933, 23:7.

2242. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 11, 1933, 25:7. Variants: *NYT* omits eighth sentence/*NYT* omits "crazy" from tenth sentence.

The University of Kansas football team held a highly-touted Notre Dame squad to a scoreless tie on October 7. It was the first time since 1901 that the Notre Dame team had been tied in the opening game of the season.

William Harold "Bill" Terry, steady hitting infielder for the New York Giants from 1923 to 1936 and manager of the Giants from 1932 to 1941. Terry, who guided the Giants to a world championship in 1933, signed a new five-year contract with the Senators on October 10.

James Rolph, Jr., Republican governor of California from 1931 until his death in 1934.

2243. *NYT*, Thursday, October 12, 1933, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "anxious" from seventh sentence.

For James Watson see Note 2088.

Walter Evans Edge, United States ambassador to France from 1929 to 1933; former Republican governor of New Jersey and United States senator.

2244. *NYT*, Friday, October 13, 1933, 21:7.

Christopher Columbus, Genoese sailor, explorer, and discoverer of the New World (October 12, 1492).

Eric the Red, Norse mariner and explorer who discovered Greenland about A.D. 986. His son, Leif Ericson, is believed to have been the first European to visit (A.D. 1000) the American continent.

For Greta Garbo see Note 2064.

Charles Spencer "Charlie" Chaplin, English comedian and motion picture star who won international acclaim for his film portrayal of the human condition as "The Tramp."

Emil Ludwig, German biographer and playwright. Among his notable biographies are *Goethe* (1920), *Napoleon* (1924), *Wilhelm II* (1925), and *Christ* (1928).

For Walter Winchell see Note 2126.

Napoleon, emperor of France from 1804 to 1814 and in 1815. Napoleon was born on the Mediterranean island of Corsica in 1769.

Marie Joseph Paul Ives Roch Gilbert de Motier, marquis de Lafayette, French general and political leader who became enamored with the American Revolution and offered his services to the American patriots. Commissioned a major general, Lafayette distinguished himself in battle and won the admiration of the American people.

For John J. "Black Jack" Pershing see Note 2072.

2245. *NYT*, Saturday, October 14, 1933, 17:7.

2246. *NYT*, Monday, October 16, 1933, 19:7.

The German government unexpectedly announced its withdrawal from the League of Nations and the Geneva World Disarmament Conference on October 14, citing the refusal of the Allied powers and the United States to concede arms equality or to reduce materially their own armaments as reason for its actions.

2247. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 17, 1933, 23:7

The Versailles Peace Conference, an international peace conference at Versailles, France, at which the treaty to end World War I was negotiated and signed (1919).

The Washington Conference of 1921-1922 produced several treaties limiting tonnage of major war vessels, outlawing the use of poison gas, and establishing rules for naval warfare.

For the Geneva World Disarmament Conference see Note 2063.

2248. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 18, 1933, 23:7.

For Bernard M. Baruch see Note 2151.

2249. *NYT*, Thursday, October 19, 1933, 21:7.

Le Roy "Baby Le Roy" Winnebrenner, American infant who appeared in several light-hearted motion pictures in the early 1930s.

Jackie Cooper, American child actor of the 1930s famous for his performance in the "Our Gang" series; later became a noted television actor, director, and producer.

2250. *NYT*, Friday, October 20, 1933, 21:7. For Jack Garner see Note 2105.

James Aloysius Farley, American businessman and politician who served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 1932 to 1940 and as United States postmaster general from 1933 to 1940. Farley was Roosevelt's campaign manager in 1932 and 1936.

For Miriam Ferguson see Note 2175.

Horse racing with legalized betting returned to Texas on October 19 after an absence of twenty-five years.

For Amon G. Carter see Note 2126.

2251. *NYT*, Saturday, October 21, 1933, 17:7.

For Jack Garner see Note 2105; for James A. Farley see Note 2250.

Randolph Field, the chief training center for the United States Army air forces, was dedicated in June of 1930 and soon thereafter became known as the "West Point of the Air."

Kelly Field, the largest flight training center in the world during World War I, was the site of the Army Air Corps Flying School for Advanced Instruction from 1922 through World War II.

2252. *NYT*, Monday, October 23, 1933, 17:7.

2253. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 24, 1933, 23:7.

2254. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 25, 1933, 21:7.

For Bernard M. Baruch see Note 2151.

2255. *NYT*, Thursday, October 26, 1933, 21:7.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

The RFC, in an effort to increase the value of the American dollar, began buying newly-mined United States gold on October 25 at prices above the world market price.

2256. *NYT*, Friday, October 27, 1933, 21:7.

2257. *NYT*, Saturday, October 28, 1933, 17:7.

2258. *NYT*, Monday, October 30, 1933, 19:7.

2259. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 31, 1933, 23:7.

2260. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 1, 1933, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Boris" in fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences/*NYT* gives "better marry" in ninth sentence.

Boris III, king of Bulgaria from 1918 to 1943.

Carol II, king of Rumanina from 1930 to 1940. Carol and Boris met on October 30 to discuss ways to improve relations between their two countries. While the leaders conferred, newspapers reported that Carol, well-known for his escapades with women, and Boris's sister, Princess Eudoxia, planned to marry. The news story, however, proved erroneous.

2261. *NYT*, Thursday, November 2, 1933, 23:2.

Jay Norwood "J. N. Ding" Darling, political cartoonist and illustrator for the *Des Moines Register* and the *New York Tribune*; winner of Pulitzer prizes in 1924 and 1943.

2262. *NYT*, Friday, November 3, 1933, 21:7.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

2263. *NYT*, Saturday, November 4, 1933, 17:7.

After Ford refused to participate in the NRA program, General Johnson (see Note 2151) threatened to reject bids from Ford dealers for government contracts. The National Labor Board, however, announced on November 3 that Ford had adopted collective bargaining for his employees and had met all other federal standards necessary to qualify for government contracts.

For George V see Note 2129.

2264. *NYT*, Monday, November 6, 1933, 21:7.

Roosevelt rejected on November 4 a proposal offered by five midwestern governors that he guarantee a fixed price for agricultural products. The president considered the price-fixing plan impractical and unacceptable to most farmers.

Gerald Swope, president of General Electric Corporations from 1922 to 1939 and 1942 to 1944. In 1931 he proposed the so-called Swope plan for the stabilization of industry through the formation of national trade organizations representing each industry and functioning under federal supervision. Despite pressure to replace the ailing NRA, Roosevelt announced on November 4 that the administration would continue to support it in hopes that it eventually would succeed.

2265. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 7, 1933, 25:7.

The states of Kentucky, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Utah, and North Carolina voted on the prohibition repeal amendment on November 7. Wets carried Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio,

and Utah by margins as wide as four to one. Voters in North and South Carolina chose to remain dry.

In the mayoral election in New York City on November 7, Congressman Fiorello Henry La Guardia, Republican-Fusion candidate, defeated former acting mayor Joseph Vincent McKee and incumbent John Patrick O'Brien by an impressive margin. La Guardia, who served as mayor from 1934 to 1945, candidly admitted before the election that he would defeat anyone but Al Smith (see Note 2115). Smith, had resisted all efforts by the leaders of Tammany to run him on the Democratic ticket.

2266. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 8, 1933, 28:7.

General Italo Balbo, commander of the Italian air armada which made a mass transatlantic flight to the United States in the summer of 1933 (see Notes 2166 and 2171), was removed suddenly on November 6 as Italian aviation minister, a post he had held since 1929, and was appointed instead to be governor of the Italian colony of Libya. With Balbo's departure, Mussolini assumed the aviation portfolio; he now held six of the thirteen cabinet ministries, including the premiership.

2267. *NYT*, Thursday, November 9, 1933, 23:7.

For Fiorello La Guardia see Note 2265; for prohibition repeal in North Carolina see Note 2265.

2268. *NYT*, Friday, November 10, 1933, 23:7.

On election day, November 7, Utah became the thirty-sixth state to vote for repeal of prohibition, completing the necessary number of states required to ratify the Twenty-first Amendment.

2269. *NYT*, Saturday, November 11, 1933, 17:7.

A five-member special Senate committee met in Los Angeles in November to investigate stock swindles involving a bankrupt southern California real estate empire.

Sally Rand, American vaudeville dancer and motion picture actress who created a sensation with her electrifying fan dance routines at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago in 1933. Rand made her southern California debut in February of 1934.

2270. *NYT*, Monday, November 13, 1933, 19:7.

2271. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 14, 1933, 21:7.

The first plebiscite in Germany under Nazi auspices was conducted on November 12. Managed by the Nazis, it resulted in an 88 percent vote of support for Hitler's decision to quit the Geneva World Disarmament Conference and the League of Nations.

2272. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 15, 1933, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "statesmen (sic)." in fourth sentence.

Stephen John Maher, American physician and pioneer in tuberculosis research, reported on November 13 that he had bred the so-called "A. Y. Bacteria," which had been used successfully in the treatment of tuberculosis cases complicated with symptoms of bronchial pneumonia.

2273. *NYT*, Thursday, November 16, 1933, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "lives let's just" in eighth sentence.

2274. *NYT*, Friday, November 17, 1933, 19:7.

For Al Smith see Note 2115.

Royal Samuel Copeland, Democratic United States senator from New York from 1923 until his death in 1938. A physician, Copeland formerly had served as president of the New York City Board of Health.

Jesse Isidor Straus, United States ambassador to France from 1933 to 1936 and son of a former owner of R. H. Macy & Co., a major New York City-based mercantile firm.

For James A. Farley see Note 2250.

Herbert Henry Lehman, Democratic governor of New York from 1932 to 1942. An investment banker and noted philanthropist, Lehman later served in the United States Senate.

For John J. Raskob see Note 2209; for William H. Woodin see Note 2105.

2275. *NYT*, Saturday, November 18, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "out that people will" in fourth sentence.

A special Senate committee, conducting an investigation in New Orleans into the election of Senator John Holmes Overton of Louisiana, often found itself besieged by political factionists. On November 16, a crowd of several thousand surrounded the building where the committee was conducting its hearings, forcing some members of the committee to enter and leave the building by a fire escape and through a women's restroom.

For Tom Connally see Note 2105; for the Senate Banking and Currency Committee investigation see Note 2077; for Ferdinand Pecora see Note 2130; for the Senate investigation of California real estate transactions see Note 2269.

2276. *NYT*, Monday, November 20, 1933, 17:7.

For J. P. Morgan, Jr., see Note 2059.

2277. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 21, 1933, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives Troyanovsky in second sentence/*LAT* gives "Bullett" in fourth sentence.

The United States and the Soviet Union officially established diplomatic relations on November 16 as the result of an exchange of notes between Roosevelt and Soviet representatives in Washington, D. C. Alexander Antonovich Troyanovsky, Soviet ambassador to Japan since1927, immediately was designated as the new ambassador to the United States, a post he held until 1939. William Christian Bullett, appointed United States ambassador to Moscow, had been sent by Woodrow Wilson on a special mission to Russia as early as 1919 and later had served as a special assistant to the secretary of state. He remained as ambassador to the Soviet Union until 1936.

2278. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 22, 1933, 21:7.

Baruch (see Note 2151), in an article in the November 25 issue of *Saturday Evening Post*, upheld the monetary policies of the Roosevelt administration and chastised those who had called for employment of inflationary practices as a remedy for the nation's economic woes.

George Horace Lorimer, editor-in-chief of the *Saturday Evening Post* from 1899 to 1936. The *Post* traced its origin to Benjamin Franklin's *Pennsylvania Gazette*, which was first published in Philadelphia in 1729.

2279. *NYT*, Thursday, November 23, 1933, 21:7.

Two American balloonists, Lieutenant Commander Thomas Greenhow Williams Settle of the Navy and Major Chester L. Fordney of the Marine Corps, established a world altitude record of 11.17 miles on November 21.

2280. *NYT*, Friday, November 24, 1933, 21:7.

Cuba and other Western Hemisphere nations participated in a Pan-American Conference at Montevideo, Uruguay, in the fall of 1933. The Montevideo meeting was significant for denying the right of any nation to interfere in the affairs of another.

Oliver Mitchell Wentworth Sprague, American economist who, while on leave of absence from his teaching position at Harvard University, served as financial assistant to the secretary of the treasury from June to November of 1933. Sprague resigned in protest against the inflationary policies of the Roosevelt administration.

2281. *NYT*, Saturday, November 25, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "interest," in fourth sentence.

2282. *NYT*, Monday, November 27, 1933, 19:7.

Al Smith (see Note 2115), who had become increasingly anti-administration, attacked Roosevelt's monetary policies in a public statement on November 24. Brushing party regularity aside, Smith charged that Roosevelt had forfeited government responsibility by his program of dollar depreciation.

William Edgar Borah, Republican United States senator from Idaho from 1907 until his death in 1940. Former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Borah came to the defense of the gold policies of the Roosevelt administration in a formal statement issued on November 25. "The ones you hear howling about sound money," the maverick Republican stated, "are those who own securities."

2283. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 28, 1933, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits first sentence.

Many Californians were shocked when a mob at San Jose battered its way into a local jail on the night of November 26 and seized the two men who had confessed to the kidnapping and brutal murder of Brooke L. Hart, son of a prominent local merchant. The next day, Governor James Rolph, Jr., who had been apprised of the movement of the mob and who had refused to send state aid to the local authorities, aroused worldwide criticism with a statement praising the mob's act.

The Army football team of 1933 was one of the most successful in the history of the Academy. Until the final game of the season, Army sported an unbeaten and untied record that included seven shutouts. On December 2, however, a Notre Dame team with a record of five losses, defeated Army by scoring thirteen points in the final ten minutes. The Rose Bowl of 1934 featured Stanford and Columbia; the latter was the first New York City team chosen to play in the prestigious post-season football classic.

2284. *NYT*, Wednesday, November, 29, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits first sentence.

2285. *NYT*, Thursday, November 30, 1933, 31:7.

2286. *NYT*, Friday, December 1, 1933, 21:7.

William Surrey Hart, American actor who made his first motion picture in 1914 and soon thereafter became the foremost western hero of the silent screen. A close friend of Rogers, Hart retired from acting in 1926.

Homer Croy, American novelist and screen writer, best known for his humorously warm portrayals of small-town America. His book, *They Had to See Paris* (1926), was produced in New York City as a musical comedy and then in 1929 as a motion picture, Rogers' first talking film. Croy wrote the scripts for most of the pictures that Rogers made after that time, including *Down to Earth* (1932) and *David Harum* (1934).

Mary William Ethelbert Appleton "Billie" Burke, American stage and motion picture actress who appeared in more than eighty films before her retirement in 1960. She married theatrical producer Florenz "Flo" Ziegfeld (see Note 2230) in 1914.

Louis Ferdinand, second son of the former German crown prince, Freidrich Wilhelm Viktor August Ernst, and grandson of the exiled kaiser of Germany, Wilhelm II. Prince Louis Ferdinand worked in the sales department of Ford Motor Company in Detroit, later becoming an executive with the German branch of Ford.

2787. *NYT*, Saturday, December 2, 1933, 15:7.

2288. *NYT*, Monday, December 4, 1933, 19:7.

Rolph (see Note 2242) aroused criticism from many sections of the nation by an emotional statement issued on November 27 praising the action of a San Jose lynching mob (see Note 2283).

Ethel Barrymore, American stage and screen actress and a member of a family prominent in American theater and motion pictures. Barrymore, in an appearance before a Philadelphia lecture group, outraged members of her audience by characterizing them as ignorant, ungrateful, and "moronic." Long noted for her outspokenness, Barrymore issued the rebuke because of criticism previously leveled at her and an associate by members of the study group.

Oscar Odd McIntyre, American syndicated writer whose daily column "New York Day by Day" appeared in more than 550 newspapers from 1921 until his death in 1938. A well-known lover of dogs, McIntyre wrote of the death of his pet Sealyham in his column of December 2.

2289. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 5, 1933, 23:7.

Manuel Luis Quezon y Molina, Philippine statesman and independence leader. President of the Philippine Senate from 1916 to 1935 and later president of the Commonwealth of the Philippine Senate from 1916 to 1935 and later president of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, Quezon chaired a delegation of Filipinos that lobbied actively in the United States in late 1933 and early 1934 for Philippine independence.

The Philippine independence measure, the Tydings-McDuffie Act of 1934, provided for independence after ten years of self-government under United States tutelage. Complete independence was granted on July 4, 1946.

2290. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 6, 1933, 23:7.

"The noble experiment," the term Herbert Hoover originated to describe prohibition. The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution was terminated officially on December 5 when the Twenty-first Amendment repealing prohibition was ratified by the convention of Utah, the thirty-sixth state required for the purpose.

2291. *NYT*, Thursday, December 7, 1933, 23:7.

2292. *NYT*, Friday, December 8, 1933, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "These so-called big" in second sentence.

A Mexican delegate to the Pan-American Conference caused a furor on December 6 by charging that the United States had kept its diplomatic policies secret. Supported by other Latin American representatives, the Mexican diplomat, Manuel Puig Casauranc, denounced the American practice of holding closed meetings.

2293. *NYT*, Saturday, December 9, 1933, 17:7.

Heartley W. "Hunk" Anderson, head football coach at Notre Dame University from 1931 to 1933. Anderson succeeded the legendary Knute Rockne as coach in April of 1931 and went on to compile a three-season record of 16-9-2. His record was not successful enough, however; he was forced to resign on December 8.

Elmer Francis Layden, football star at Notre Dame Univeristy in the early 1920s who won fame as one of the celebrated "Four Hoursemen" in the Fighting Irish backfield. Successful as football coach at Duquesne University since 1927, Layden was named on December 8 to replace Hunk Anderson as head coach at Notre Dame. Layden remained in the post through 1940 and led the Irish to a 47-13-3 record.

Knute Kenneth Rockne, head football coach at Notre Dame University from 1918 to 1931. Personable and popular, Rockne compiled a remarkable 105-12-5 record at Notre Dame. He and seven other persons died in a plane crash in southern Kansas on March 31, 1931.

Columbia University surprised most football experts by compiling a record of 7-1-0 in 1933 and by being selected to play in the Rose Bowl against a powerful Stanford University team. Columbia, the first school from New York City to appear in the post-season classic, won the game 7 to 0.

Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University from 1902 to 1945, corecipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, and veteran of Republican politics.

2294. *NYT*, Monday, December 11, 1933, 21:7.

2295. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 12, 1933, 23:7.

2296. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 13, 1933, 23:7.

Harry Carr, reporter and columnist for the *Los Angeles Times* from 1897 until his death in 1936.

2297. *NYT*, Thursday, December 14, 1933, 23:7.

For the Pan-American Conference at Montevideo, Uruguay, see Notes 2279 and 2292.

The Chaco War, a conflict between Bolivia and Paraguay (1932-1935) over possession of the Gran Chrco north of the Pilcomayo River. A truce finally was signed in 1935 after more than 100,000 lives had been taken and both sides were exhausted. A peace treaty signed in 1938 gave the greater share of the disputed territory to Paraguay.

2298. *NYT*, Friday, December 15, 1933, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "$34" in sixth sentence.

For Roscoe Turner see Note 2175.

Jones (see Note 2107) announced on December 14 that the RFC had bought 446,000 ounces of domestic, newly-mined gold at $34.01 per ounce.

2299. *NYT*, Saturday, December 16, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "the boys say things" in first sentence.

The "boss" to whom Rogers refers was probably James Hamilton "J. Ham" Lewis, picturesque senator from Illinois, who arrived in Los Angeles on December 14, whereupon he enthusiastically affirmed his faith in Roosevelt's policies and predicted imminent prosperity.

2300. *NYT*, Monday, December 18, 1933, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "money, by got good" in fifth sentence.

2301. *LAT*, Tuesday, December 19, 1933, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Jones (see Note 2107) indicated on December 18 that the board of directors of the RFC was studying a plan to extend direct loans to industry to meet payrolls and to increase employment. Although such action was never taken by the RFC, the rumors regarding it prompted many bankers to loosen their credit policies.

2302. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 20, 1933, 23:7.

2303. *NYT*, Thursday, December 21, 1933, 23:7.

"Darb," an American slang term infrequently used in the 1920s and 1930s to mean any remarkable or excellent person or thing.

2304. *NYT*, Friday, December 22, 1933, 23:7.

French authorities arrested two Americans, Robert Gordon Switz and his wife, the former Marjorie Tilley, in Paris on December 20, 1933, on charges of spying for the Soviet Union. During the next few months, the American couple steadfastly maintained their innocence, but in March of 1934, faced with incriminating evidence, they finally admitted their guilt and named their accomplices. The Switzes were found guilty but, because of their willingness to cooperate, were released unpunished.

2305. *NYT*, Saturday, December 23, 1933, 17:7.

Bryan (see Note 2079) first attracted national attention in 1896, when, in discussing the Democratic platform, he made his notable "Cross of Gold" speech, in which he narrated the history of the silver movement and called for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. This speech so

swayed the silverites that he won the presidential nomination, even though he was only thirty-six years old.

2306. *NYT*, Monday, December 25, 1933, 25:7.

2307. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 26, 1933, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits third sentence of postscript.

A French express train crashed on December 23 into the rear of a local train crowded with holiday passengers and halted by fog; 180 persons were reported killed in the greatest railway tragedy of the year.

Edward Townsend Stotesbury, American financier and philanthropist who was a member of several major banking and investment firms and chairman of the executive committee of Reading Railroad.

2308. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 27, 1933, 21:7.

For Edward T. Stotesbury see Note 2307.

William Wallace Atterbury, American railway executive who served as president of Pennsylvania Railroad from 1925 to 1935.

Hirosi Saito, Japanese career diplomat who was appointed as ambassador to the United States in December of 1933; he remained in the post until 1938.

2309. *NYT*, Thursday, December 28, 1933, 21:7.

2310. *NYT*, Friday, December 29, 1933, 23:7.

For the Pan-American Conference see Notes 2280 and 2292.

Hull (see Note 2162), head of the United States delegation, left the Pan-American Conference on December 27 for a tour of Argentina and Chile. By the time he returned to Washington, D. C., in early January of 1934, he had completed the most extensive Latin American tour ever made by a United States secretary of state.

2311. *NYT*, Saturday, December 30, 1933, 15:7.

Roosevelt declared in an address on December 28 that the United States would no longer pursue a policy of armed intervention in the affairs of the Latin American republics. The president's statement, a reiteration of the Good Neighbor Policy set forth in his inaugural address, reflected the agreement made at the recently adjourned Pan-American Conference in Montevideo.

For the United States and Cuba see Notes 2189, 2193, and 2215.

2312. *NYT*, Monday, January 1, 1934, 25:7.

2313. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 2, 1934, 17:4.

In the Rose Bowl game of 1934, the Columbia University football team defeated Stanford, 7 to 0, in a surprising upset accomplished with only fifteen players.

For Nicholas Murray Butler see Note 2293.

2314. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 3, 1934, 21:7.

For the Columbia-Stanford game see Note 2313.

Hoover graduated from Stanford University in 1895.

2315. *NYT*, Thursday, January 4, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "(the little…white ones)" in third sentence.

Roosevelt, in his "State of the Union" message delivered before a joint session of Congress on January 3, assured his listeners of the permanence of the New Deal and of the continuing progress of the country toward complete recovery. The message was received for the most part

enthusiastically; however, some congressmen complained that Roosevelt had not given them an inkling of his current policy.

2316. *NYT*, Friday, January 5, 1934, 23:7.

2317. *NYT*, Saturday, January 6, 1934, 17:7.

"Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" memorable, moody depression song; melody by Jay Gorney and lyrics by E. Y. "Yip" Harburg.

Roosevelt sent to Congress on January 4 an unprecedented $10 billion budget that showed a contemplated excess of expenditures over receipts of about $7 billion.

2318. *NYT*, Monday, January 8, 1934, 19:7.

The on-going Franco-German arms controversy (see Note 2063) continued to hamper the resumption of discussions at Geneva. Germany sought arms equality with an army of 300,000, but France would allow the Reich an army of only 200,000, with limited, supervised rearming. Gradually, Hitler abrogated the Versailles Treaty, building a powerful war machine and remilitarizing the Rhineland and other formerly restricted areas.

For Roosevelt on expansion and intervention see Note 2311.

2319. *LAT*, Tuesday, January 9, 1934, I:1:6. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Cary Travers Grayson, former medical director and retired rear admiral of the United States Navy. A native of Culpepper, Virginia, and the personal physician of President Woodrow Wilson, Grayson underwent successful surgery at the Mayo Clinic on January 8 for the removal of a kidney tumor.

Charles Horace Mayo, American surgeon who with his brother, William James Mayo, cofounded in 1889 the famed Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Thomas Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States from 1913 to 1921. Wilson and an entourage that included Grayson and Jesse Jones (see Note 2107) went to Europe in 1918 to participate in the peace treaty deliberations following World War I.

For Carter Class see Note 2119.

2320. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 10, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "The same day the deficit" in second sentence.

The California state supreme court ruled on January 8 that all male students at the University of California would have to take compulsory courses in military training regardless of their antimilitary convictions.

2321. *NYT*, Thursday, January 11, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "and high stepper." in fifth sentence.

David Harum, motion picture released in late February of 1934 in which Rogers played the title role of a country banker and horse trader. One of the best scenes in the film is a trotting race in which Rogers drives his horse to victory by singing "Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay."

The Grand Circuit of harness racing in the 1930s included the Hambletonian at Goshen, New York, and the Kentucky Futurity at Lexington, Kentucky.

Edward Franklin "Pop" Geers, famed and picturesque American harness driver known as the "Grand Ole Man of the Trotting Turf." Geers died in a racing mishap in 1924 at age seventy-three.

2322. *NYT*, Friday, January 12, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Finland's new" in third sentence.

The Senate passed an amendment to a liquor tax bill on January 10 that provided for a special penalty on liquor imported into the United States from countries that had defaulted on their debt payments. Aimed especially at wines from France, the debt-default penalty was stricken from the tax bill before the final passage of the measure on January 11.

Finland was the only country that paid its war debt obligation in full.

Paavo Nurmi, Finnish long-distance runner and gold medal winner at the Olympics of 1920, 1924, and 1928.

2323. *NYT*, Saturday, January 13, 1934, 15:7.

For the Liquor Tax Act see Notes 2322 and 2324.

2324. *NYT*, Monday, January 15, 1934, 17:7.

The Liquor Tax Act of 1934 (see Note 2322) raised the tax on distilled liquors by more than 80 percent and on wines by as much as 150 percent, depending on alcohol content.

Nobumasa Suetsugu, vice admiral of the Japanese Navy and commander-in-chief of its combined fleet, created an international stir in January of 1934 when he charged in a Japanese magazine article that the United States and the Soviet Union were scheming to encircle Japan and that Charles Lindbergh and his wife, Anne, had spied for the United States during a trip to Japan in 1931.

2325. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 16, 1934, 23:7.

The Chicago Bears professional football team defeated a Southern California collegiate all-star team at Los Angeles on January 14 by a score of 26 to 7. This was the first game between the defending National Football League championship team and a college all-star squad in a post-season contest for charity.

2326. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 17, 1934, 21:7.

Roosevelt asked Congress on January 15 to enact legislation that would give him the power to put the dollar on a modified or gold bullion basis, valued at sixty cents. The House passed a bill embodying the president's request on January 20 after limited debate; the Senate approved it on January 27. Three days later, Roosevelt signed the bill, known as the Gold Reserve Act of 1934.

Rumors that Garbo (see Note 2064) and Rouben Mamoulian, Russian-born American film maker who directed Garbo in *Queen Christina* (1933), planned to marry gained momentum when shortly after the release of *Queen Christina*, they left Hollywood together for a motor trip to the Grand Canyon. They were spotted before they reached their destination, and thereafter, were trailed mercilessly by reporters and gossip columnists. Simply close friends, the couple was never married.

2327. *NYT*, Thursday, January 18, 1934, 23:7.

For the "sixty-cent dollar" see Note 2326.

2328. *NYT*, Friday, January 19, 1934, 21:7.

Three different men held the presidency of Cuba during a volatile four-day period in January of 1934. Ramón Grau, provisional president since September of 1933, was forced to resign on January 15, with Carlos Hevia taking his place. Hevia, who assumed office on January 16, resigned two days later in the face of almost unanimous public opposition. General Carlos Mendieta Montetur, a veteran of the Cuban war of independence and a popular old-school politician, was sworn into office on January 18. He served as provisional president until his resignation in December of 1935.

Edward Joseph Flynn, New York City Democratic party leader and longtime supporter of Franklin Roosevelt. Once an ally of Tammany Hall, Flynn and his Bronx organization broke with the once-powerful Democratic machine during the mayoral election of 1932 in which Tammany candidate suffered a telling defeat. The influence of Tammany had declined greatly during the 1930s, with internal squabbling partially to blame. In one such incident on January 18, 1934, fourteen Tammany leaders bolted the organization and coalesced with Flynn to defeat the Tammany candidate for clerk of the New York City Board of Aldermen.

2329. *NYT*, Saturday, January 20, 1934, 17:7.

For the "sixty-cent dollar" see Note 2326.

Five Japanese tourists in Kearney, New Jersey, were arrested in mid-January for taking photographs of a local bridge. The picture-takers were later released, but not before a Japanese newspaper had commented: "Unfortunately, Japan has no airplane capable of crossing the Pacific and the United States, dropping bombs at Kearney, and returning to Japan."

For unrest in Cuba see Note 2328.

A 726-carat diamond was unearthed at Elansfontein, South Africa, in early January. Named for its original owner, the Jonkr Diamond—at the time the fourth largest ever found—was sold on January 18 to a mogul of the South African gem industry.

2330. *NYT*, Monday, January 22, 1934, 17:7.

For the "sixty-cent dollar" see Note 2326.

The Japanese foreign office issued a tartly worded statement on January 20 in which it assailed the American refusal to recognize Manchukuo, the country Japan had created after its seizure of the Chinese provinces of Manchuria and Jehol. The United States, however, held to a policy of non-recognition of "governments made by the sword." Of the major countries, only Japan, Italy, and Germany extended diplomatic recognition to the puppet state.

Graham McNamee, sports and general announcer for National Broadcasting Company and one of the best known broadcasters in the country. McNamee married the former Ann Lee Sims on January 20, 1934.

2331. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 23, 1934, 21:7.

Hull (see Note 2162) returned to the United States on January 21 from the Pan-American Conference at Montevideo (see Note 2280) and from an extensive tour of Latin America (see Note 2310).

For Philippine independence see Note 2289; for Cuba and the Platt Amendment see Note 2188.

2332. *NYT*, Wedensday, January 24, 1934, 19:7.

Sadao Araki, Japanese minister of war from 1931 until his resignation on January 22, 1934. A supernationalist, General Araki was an ardent advocate of militaristic education and Japanese domination of Asia. He was succeeded as war minister by General Senjuro Hayashi, a militarist whose views closely paralleled those of his predecessor.

Koki Hirota, Japanese foreign minister from 1932 to 1936 and in 1937. A promoter of fascism in Japan, Hirota was hanged as a war criminal in 1948.

2333. *NYT*, Thursday, January 25, 1934, 21:7.

The Civil Works Administration (CWA), an emergency unemployment relief program established in November of 1933 to offset a drop on the business revival of mid-1933 and to cushion economic distress over the winter of 1933-1934. An investigation of alleged graft within the CWA began in January of 1934, with one arrest on January 23 for misapplication of $100,000. The CWA was terminated by law on March 31, 1934.

The United States recognized the new Cuban government of Carlos Mendieta Montefur (see Note 2328) on January 23.

Henry Justin Allen, Republican United States senator from Kansas from 1929 to 1930. Allen, a former governor of Kansas, was chairman of the board of a newspaper publishing company in Wichita.

2334. *NYT*, Friday, January 26, 1934, 19:7.

Carter (see Note 2126) was host at one of more than 5,000 parties held across the country in January 30 to celebrate the birthday of President Roosevelt and to benefit the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, an institution founded by Roosevelt for sufferers of infantile paralysis. See also DT and Note 2338.

For Alfalfa Bill Murray see Note 2106.

2335. *NYT,* Saturday, January 27, 1934, 15:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Gypsey" in first sentence.

Gipsey Rodney Smith, British evangelist who began his ministry in 1877 at the age of sixteen. He remained active as an internationally-known revivalist until his death in 1947.

For Alfalfa Bill Murray see Note 2106.

James Edward "Pa" Ferguson, Democratic governor of Texas from 1915 to 1917 who was impeached on several charges including misappropriation of state funds. A colorful populist, Ferguson attempted to run for a second term in 1924, but a court ruled that he could not be a candidate. His wife, Miriam, promptly entered the race and won with the open support of her husband.

2336. *NYT*, Monday, January 29, 1934, 17:7.

Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, widow of Speaker of the House Nicholas Longworth, and prominent Washington hostess.

For the Gold Reserve Act see Note 2326.

2337. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 30, 1934, 21:4.

For Huey Long see Note 2064; for the Gold Reserve Act ("the money stabilization bill") see Note 2326; for Roosevelt's birthday celebration see Note 2334.

2338. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 31, 1934.

Ettie Rheiner Garner, wife of Vice President Jack Garner. The Garners hosted more than 2,500 guests at a benefit ball in Washington, D.C., on January 30 in honor of Roosevelt (see Note 2334). Rogers acted as master of ceremonies at the celebration.

The Vinson Naval Parity Act, signed on March 27, 1934, provided for the enlargement of the United States naval forces to the limits allowed by treaties signed in 1922 and in 1930. The president was authorized to begin construction of a 15,000-ton aircraft carrier, of 99,200 tons of destroyers, and of 35,530 tons of submarines, to replace old vessels.

2339. *NYT*, Thursday, February 1, 1934, 21:7.

Mills, an aspirant of the Republican presidential nomination in 1936 and a leading opponent of the New Deal liberalism of the Roosevelt administration (see also Note 2102), called for the government to modify its tariffs and for the administration to abandon its idea of a planned national economy, which he declared could be achieved only at "a frightful social cost." Mills delivered his message, which was considered the opening thrust of his presidential campaign, at Topeka, Kansas, on January 29.

2340. *NYT*, Friday, February 2, 1934, 19:7.

The Saint Lawrence Development treaty, which provided for joint American-Canadian improvement of the Saint Lawrence River for deep-draft navigation and development of water power, was signed at Washington, D. C., in 1932. The treaty received a favorable vote in the Senate on March 14, 1934, but fell short of the necessary two-thirds for ratification. Approval for joint construction of the Saint Lawrence Seaway finally came in the 1950s. The international waterway, which provides passage to the Great Lakes for large ocean-going vessels, was opened in 1959.

For Alexander Troyanovsky, Soviet ambassador to the United States, see Note 2277.

2341. *NYT*, Saturday, February 3, 1934, 17:7.

Verne Sankey, American crime figure who was an early suspect in the kidnapping and murder in 1932 of the infant son of Charles Lindbergh. Sankey was arrested by federal agents in Chicago on January 31. Although cleared in the Lindbergh case, Sankey hung himself in his jail cell on February 8, 1934, while awaiting trial on other kidnapping charges.

John Herbert Dillinger, American bank-robber and murderer who headed one of the most notorious gangs of criminals in the middle west during the early 1930s. Dillinger was captured in

1933 after a highly-publicized nationwide manhunt. He escaped from a county jail in Indiana on March 3, 1934, and another intensive manhunt ensued. The end finally came on July 22, 1934, when he was ambushed and killed by federal agents outside a Chicago movie house.

2342. *NYT*, Monday February 5, 1934, 17:7.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., United States secretary of the treasury from 1934 to 1945. The Gold Reserve Act of 1934 (see Note 2326) provided for a $2 billion gold fund for the use of the Treasury Department in stabilizing the value of the dollar on foreign exchanges.

2343. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 6, 1934, 23:7.

A manufacturers' sales tax was not included in revenue legislation passed by Congress in 1934.

2344. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 7, 1934, 21:7.

For Henry Morgenthau see Note 2342; for Bernard M. Baruch see Note 2151.

2345. *NYT*, Thursday, February 8, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits fourth and fifth sentences.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

2346. *NYT*, Friday, February 9, 1934, 21:7.

Serious riots erupted in Paris in January and February of 1934 following the disclosure of a financial and political scandal that involved highly placed officials in the French government. The disturbances led to the resignation of the ministry of Edouard Daladier on February 7, following a day of fighting in which eighteen persons were killed and 2,291 injured.

Taxi drivers in New York City staged a disorderly strike in early February to protest a five-cent tax on cab fares.

2347. *NYT*, Saturday, February 10, 1934, 17:7.

For Verne Sankey see Note 2341.

Gastron Dumergue, veteran French statesman and former president of the republic who was called out of retirement in February of 1934 to head a coalition government and to restore order to the country following severe rioting. Although Dumergue's return to government was welcomed at first, his call for extraordinary powers led to the fall of his cabinet in November of 1934.

2348. *NYT*, Monday, February 12, 1934, 17:7.

All air-mail contracts were cancelled by Roosevelt on February 9 after a senatorial investigation indicated possible fraud and collusion on the part of domestic air-mail operators in the securing of government contracts. Carrying of air mail on domestic routes was then made the responsibility of the United States Army. The military, however, began the mail flights during one of the most severe storms of the year and shocked the nation with a series of crashes that caused the deaths of twelve Army fliers. Public sentiment forced the temporary cancellation of all air-mail service. Domestic airlines carried the first mail authorized under new contracts on May 8, 1934.

2349. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 13, 1934, 19:7.

For Alice Roosevelt Longworth see Note 2336; for the air-mail controversy see Note 2348.

2350. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 14, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Capt. Harley," in first sentence.

S. S. *Leviathan*, German-built passenger ship that was seized by the American government during World War I and which became one of the premier luxury liners of the 1920s. A consistent money loser, the *Leviathan* made its last voyage as a passenger vessel in September of 1934; it was sold to British salvagers in 1937.

Herbert Hartley, American sea captain. As commander of the *Leviathan* from 1923 to 1928, Hartley met and befriended rulers, business tycoons, adventurers, film stars, and other famous personalities, including Rogers.

For Greta Garbo see Notes 2064 and 2326; for the air-mail controversy see Note 2348.

2351. *NYT*, Thursday, February 15, 1934, 21:7.

The Austrian government's suppression of socialists precipitated a bloody revolt in early 1934 in which more than 1,000 persons died. The socialist resistance was crushed within a few days, and soon thereafter a totalitarian government was established under the dictatorship of Engelbert Dollfuss.

2352. *NYT*, Friday, February 16, 1934, 21:7.

For the Austrian crisis see Note 2351.

2353. *NYT*, Saturday, February 17, 1934, 17:7.

For the air-mail controversy see Note 2348.

2354. *NYT*, Monday, February 19, 1934, 17:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "with 'em." to end fifth sentence omitting next ten words/*LAT* gives "Dollfuss in sixth sentence.

Albert I, king of the Belgians from 1909 until his death in a mountaineering accident near Namur, Belgium, on February 17, 1934.

For George V see Note 2129.

Victor Emmanuel II, king of Italy from 1900 until his abdication in 1946. Unwilling to prevent the fascist seizure of power in Italy, Victor Emmanuel was reduced to a figurehead under Mussolini's dictatorship.

For Engelbert Dollfuss see Note 2237.

2355. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 20, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "(and…heads)" in tenth sentence.

For the air-mail controversy see Note 2348.

Henry Harley "Hap" Arnold, American military officer who served as commanding officer at various airfields from 1922 to 1936 and who later became a general in the United States Air Force.

2356. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 21, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits fourth paragraph.

Donald "Don" Wackwitz, first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps. Wackwitz flew from Cleveland to Newark in a converted B-6 bomber on February 20. His landing, made in a blinding snowstorm, marked the start of mail service to Newark by Army pilots.

Maurice Mars, pilot for United States Air Lines. Mars was guided through the snowstorm by a radio directional beam.

The New York Stock Exchange delayed its opening by one hour on February 20 because of the blizzard that struck the city overnight. It was only the third time since 1888 that the exchange had opened late.

2357. *NYT*, Thursday, February 22, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "by the ballot" in first sentence.

The Senate voted on February 21 to amend the Independent Offices Appropriation bill to restore by July 1, 1934, a 15 percent government pay cut. Roosevelt vetoed the measure, but Congress overrode the veto on March 28. This action represented the most conspicuous refusal by the current Congres to follow Roosevelt's lead in a major policy matter.

Hugo La Fayette Black, Democratic United States senator from Alabama from 1927 until his appointment to the United States Supreme Court in 1937. Black chaired the special senatorial

committee that investigated domestic airmail contracts and brought the charges that led to the cancellation of the contracts (see Note 2348).

Walter Folger Brown, United States postmaster general from 1929 to 1933. Brown was responsible for awarding air-mail contracts during the Hoover administration and thus was the primary target of the Black Committee investigation.

2358. *NYT*, Friday, February 23, 1934, 21:7.

Augusto César Sandino, Nicaraguan revolutionary who opposed the intervention of the United States in Nicaraguan affairs. Sandino was captured and executed by the Nicaraguan National Guard on February 21, 1934.

United States Marines landed in Nicaragua in October of 1925 to restore order during a rebellion against a pro-American ruler. The Marines remained in Nicaragua until 1933, supervising local elections and lending aid during natural catastrophes such as the devastating earthquake that struck the capital city, Managua, in March of 1931. Rogers visited Managua in 1931 to help raise funds for quake victims.

2359. *NYT*, Saturday, February 24, 1934, 25:7.

Byron Patton "Pat" Harrison, Democratic United States senator from Mississippi from 1919 to 1941.

Robert Marion La Follette, Jr., Progressive-Republican United States senator from Wisconsin from 1925 to 1947. The Senate Finance Committee held hearings on a bill to fix quotas on the marketing of domestic sugar. The measure, the Jones-Costigan bill, was signed into law on May 9, 1934.

In the continuing investigation of the New York Stock Exchange (see also Note 2077), the chief counsel for the Senate Banking and Currency Committee revealed on February 23 that twenty major American corporations had extended $20 billion in "call" loans in 1929 to finance trading on the exchanges.

2360. *NYT*, Monday, February 26, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "women away from him." in third sentence.

Clark Gable, American leading man of the cinema who became known as the "king" of Hollywood actors. *It Happened One Night*, a film for which Gable won an Academy Award, premiered in New York City on February 22.

For the stock market investigation see Notes 2077 and 2359.

2361. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 27, 1934, 21:7.

John Joseph "Little Napoleon" McGraw, manager of the New York Giants baseball team from 1902 to 1932. During McGraw's tenure as manager, the Giants won ten league and three world championships. McGraw died on February 25, 1934, at age sixty.

2362. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 28, 1934, 21:7.

Johnson, who had become by early 1934 one of the most conspicuous figures in the country (see Note 2151), met with hundreds of critics of the NRA in Washington, D. C., on February 27. Johnson vigorously defended the work of the NRA, despite a barrage of protests from the crowd of small businessmen, labor spokesmen, and consumers angry about unfair monopolistic practices by big business and excessive regulation by the government.

Borah (see Note 2282), supported by a vote of forty-five to thirty-nine, amended the Independent Offices Appropriations bill (see Note 2357) to bar a pay-cut restoration for government employees—including members of Congress—who received $6,000 or more.

2363. *NYT*, Thursday, March 1, 1934, 21:7.

An army of 51,000 CWA workers were to have joined in the snow-removal operations in New York City on February 27, but only 3,322 appeared on the job.

For Hugh Johnson see Notes 2077 and 2362.

2364. *NYT*, Friday, March 2, 1934, 21:7.

The decision of the United States to prohibit the payment of public obligations in gold prompted the Panamanian government in March of 1934 to refuse to accept a $250,000 check for the rental of the Canal Zone. Panama insisted that the United States comply with the Treaty of 1904, which specified that the annual payment be made in gold.

Henry Pu-yi, last Manchu emperor of China and Japan's puppet emperor of Manchukuo. Enthroned on March 1, 1934, with the title of Kang Teh, Pu-yi reigned as emperor until the fall of Japan in 1945.

2365. *NYT*, Saturday, March 3, 1934, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "I arrived" to begin second sentence.

Oscar Westover, assistant chief of the United States Army Corps from 1932 to 1935 and, later, chief of the Air Corps. Brigadier General Westover directed the air-mail operations of the Army.

Horace M. Hickman, lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Air Corps and a regional commander of air-mail operations of the Army.

2366. *NYT*, Monday, March 5, 1934, 17:7.

For Henry Pu-yi, emperor of Manchukuo, see Note 2364.

2367. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 6, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "was 8 o'clock" in second sentence.

Roosevelt, at a session of the NRA Code Authority conference in Washington, D. C., on March 5, rebuked the critics of the recovery program who had labeled it fascist and communist and announced that the NRA would continue as a permanent part of the government.

Lillian Holley, sheriff of Lake County, Indiana, from whose jail John Dillinger escaped on March 3. Holley had incarcerated Dillinger in an "escape proof" new section of the jail. A fifty-member force assigned to guard Dillinger included a squad of deputies, several members of the local Farmers Protective Association, and a detachment of National Guardsmen.

2368. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 7, 1934, 21:7.

For Roosevelt's message on the NRA see Note 2367.

2369. *NYT*, Thursday, March 8, 1934, 21:7.

When Dillinger fled from the Lake County jail (see Note 2367) he took two guards, sixty-four-year-old turnkey Sam Cahoon and Deputy Sheriff Ernest Blunk, as hostages. The two lawmen were indicted by a grand jury for aiding and abetting Dillinger's escape.

The Fletcher-Rayburn bill provided for federal regulation of the markets dealing in securities and for the establishment of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to license stock exchanges. Known also as the Securities Exchange Act, it was signed into law on June 6, 1934.

2370. *NYT*, Friday, March 9, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "it was then." to end fourth sentence, omitting next nine words.

Roosevelt proposed on March 7 that the flying of air mail be returned to private companies in an open and competitive bidding system. Bids were opened on April 20, 1934. Three weeks later, Transcontinental and Western Airways and United Airlines carried the first air-mail authorized under the new contracts.

Zara Agha, 160-year-old "old man of Turkey" known as the "Modern Methuselah," died at Istanbul on June 29, 1934. He spent nine months in the United States in 1930, earning money as a commercial attraction.

2371. *NYT*, Saturday, March 10, 1934, 15:7.

Otto Wienecke, second lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps who crashed on March 9 during a storm on the Newark-Cleveland air-mail run. Wienecke was the sixth airman to die since the Air Corps had begun its air-mail operation. Rogers confused Wienecke with First Lieutenant Donald Wackwitz (see Note 2356).

For the Dillinger escape see Notes 2367 and 2369; for Baby Le Roy see Note 2249.

2372. *NYT*, Monday, March 12, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Army is going" in seventh sentence.

Roosevelt called a temporary halt to the Army air-mail service on March 10. During the suspension a curtailed schedule was worked out, which confined flight to the safer routes.

Edward Vernon "Eddie" Rickenbacker, American aviator and airline executive who as a flight commander during World War I personally disabled twenty-six enemy aircraft. Ironically, prior to the start of the Army air-mail operations on February 19, Rickenbacker copiloted the final mail flight from Los Angeles to New York for Transcontinental and Western Airways.

2373. *NYT,* Tuesday, March 13, 1934, 23:7.

The *M-10001*, a new ultra-streamlined, air-conditioned passenger train of the Union Pacific line went on public display in Los Angeles on March 12. The six-car, diesel train left Los Angeles on October 22, 1934, and arrived in New York City on October 25, making the 3,258-mile run in fifty-six hours and fifty-five minutes.

2374. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 14, 1934, 21:7.

The Barrymores—Lionel, John, and Ethel (see Note 2288)—were among the leading actors of the American stage and screen. John was renowned for his electrifying portrayals of Hamlet.

2375. *NYT*, Thursday, March 15, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Rome." to end third sentence, omitting next nine words.

Gyula von Gömbös, Hungarian general and Fascist party leader who served as premier of Hungary from 1932 until his death in 1936. In March of 1934 Gömbös, Dollfuss, and Mussolini met in Rome where they forged closer political and economic ties. By the Rome Protocols of March 17, 1934, and the bilateral commercial treaties of May 14, 1934, Italy and Austria agreed to purchase annually 15,400,000 bushels of Hungarian wheat, and allowed Italy important tariff concessions on manufactured goods.

2376. *NYT*, Friday, March 16, 1934, 23:7.

For the Saint Lawrence Development treaty see Note 2340.

2377. *NYT*, Saturday, March 17, 1934, 17:7.

Samuel Insull II, English-born American utilities and transportation magnate. Insull fled the United States in April of 1932, soon after his utility companies went into receivership. After his indictment in an American federal court for mail fraud, a spectacular international legal fiasco ensued with the United States endeavoring to obtain Insull's return. In 1934 he finally was seized in Greece and returned to the United States, where he was tried on mail fraud charges. He was acquitted.

The Silver Purchase Act, a compromise remonetization measure, was enacted in June of 1934 to meet the demands of agricultural and silver interests in Congress for additional inflation.

For William Jennings Bryan see Notes 2079 and 2305.

2378. *NYT*, Monday, March 19, 1934, 19:7.

The Army resumed its air-mail service on March 18 after a one-week halt to work out safer routes and flying procedures.

2379. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 20, 1934, 25:7.

For Huey Long see Note 2064.

2380. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 21, 1934, 23:7.

Roosevelt announced on March 25 that a threatened general strike in the automobile industry had been averted. A settlement was reached that provided for the establishment of a mediation board and the recognition of the workers' organization.

2381. *NYT*, Thursday, March 22, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives: "P. P. gang," in eighth sentence.

For James A. Farley see Note 2250.

2382. *NYT*, Friday, March 23, 1934, 25:7.

Balzar (see Note 2058) died on March 21 at age fifty-three.

2383. *NYT*, Saturday, March 24, 1934, 17:7.

For the Securities Exchange Act providing for the regulation of the stock exchanges, see Note 2369; for William E. Borah see Note 2282.

2384. *NYT*, Monday, March 26, 1934, 19:7.

2385. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 27, 1934, 23:7.

For the strike by automobile workers see Note 2381.

Roosevelt took a cruise to the Bahamas in late March aboard the yacht of Vincent Astor (see Note 2211).

2386. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 28, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *NYT*, gives "They want" in seventh sentence, omitting "are pleading guilty, but".

Philip Knight Wrigley, president of William Wrigley, Jr. Company from 1925 to 1961. Wrigley, whose father was founder of the Chicago-based chewing gum firm, devised a novel employee insurance plan that assured company workers pay during lay-off periods.

For the Securities Exchange Act providing for the regulation of the stock exchanges, see Note 2369.

The "brain trust," a group of academicians who served as advisers and officials in the Roosevelt administration. Dr. William Albert Wirt, an Indiana educator, charged in late March of 1934 that the "brain trust" was engaged in revolutionary activities and Roosevelt himself was to be the "Kerensky" of an American communistic revolution. A congressional investigation was held with Wirt becoming a chief figure in the inquiry. After several hearings, three Democrats on the investigatory committee reported no foundation for the charges, while two Republicans asserted that no thorough probe had been conducted.

2387. *NYT*, Thursday, March 29, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "to the pools" in fifth sentence.

2388. *NYT*, Friday, March 29, 1934, 23:7.

For John Dillinger see Note 2341.

Walter James Vincent "Rabbit" Maranville, free-spirited shortstop whose major league baseball career began in 1914 and included a stint with the Boston Braves from 1928 to 1935. For all practical purposes Maranville's big league career ended in the spring of 1934 when he broke his leg while sliding into home plate during an exhibition game. He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1954.

George Herman "Babe" Ruth, extremely popular baseball player who starred for the New York Yankees from 1920 to 1935. Renowned as a home run slugger, Ruth was named to the Hall of Fame in 1936, the second player to be so honored.

2389. *NYT*, Saturday, March 31, 1934, 13:7.

2390. *NYT*, Monday, April 2, 1934, 19:7.

The United States Fleet from April to November of 1934 engaged in a protracted series of maneuvers that took it from the West to the East Coast and back.

2391. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 3, 1934, 23:7.

Louise Eustis Hitchcock, American socialite and horsewoman who trained the champion polo team captained by her son, Thomas "Tommy" Hitchcock, Jr. Hitchcock died on April 1 from injuries suffered in a fall from her horse.

2392. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 4, 1934, 23:7.

2393. *NYT*, Thursday, April 5, 1934, 23:7.

For John Dillinger see Note 2341; for Samuel Insull see Note 2377.

2394. *NYT*, Friday, April 6, 1934, 23:7.

James Rowland Angell, president of Yale University from 1924 to 1937; husband of the former Katherine Cramer Woodman.

Edward Stephen Harkness, American financier and heir to a petroleum and railroad fortune. Member of a family noted for its generous philanthropy to educational and welfare agencies, Harkness contributed during his lifetime more than $13 million to his alma mater, Yale University.

2395. *NYT*, Saturday, April 7, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "BEVERLY HILLS" as place of origin

For Samuel Insull see Note 2377. Insull's "Memoirs" remain unpublished.

The Senate defeated an amendment to a revenue bill on April 5 that would raise the normal levy on income from 4 to 6 percent and that would impose surtaxes ranging from 6 to 71 percent. The Revenue Act of 1934, signed by Roosevelt on May 10, set a tax schedule of 5 to 59 percent.

2396. *NYT*, Monday, April 9, 1934, 19:7.

For John Dillinger see Note 2341.

2397. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 10, 1934, 23:7.

For the United States Fleet see Note 2390.

2398. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 11, 1934, 23:7.

Harry Chandler, publisher of the *Los Angeles Times* from 1917 until his death in 1944. Rogers spoke at the laying of the cornerstone of the new $3 million Times Building in Los Angeles on April 10.

2399. *NYT*, Thursday, April 12, 1934, 23:7.

2400. *NYT*, Friday, April 13, 1934, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* adds the following postscript: "[*Editor's Note—The New York Times believes that 'Honest Taxpayer' is none other than Mr. Will Rogers. Why he has chosen to hide, modestly, his identity could not be learned last night.*]"

2401. *NYT*, Saturday, April 14, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "the way they got it" from third sentence.

The Senate adopted a tax bill on April 13 designed to provide the Treasury a net increase in revenue on $481 million. The major feature of the measure, a proposed surtax of 10 percent on each payer's income tax bill, was struck from the bill in conference committee. The final version of the bill, as it was signed into law in June, was expected to increase federal revenue by only $332 million (see Note 2395).

2402. *LAT*, Monday, April 16, 1934, I:1:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

2403. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 17, 1934, 23:7.

Roosevelt asked the congressional leaders on April 15 for an appropriation of $1.5 billion for relief. The Deficiency Appropriation Act, signed on June 20, 1934, provided $1.83 billion for the PWA, for drought relief, and for other relief and emergency purposes.

2404. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 18, 1934, 21:7.

2405. *NYT*, Thursday, April 19, 1934, 27:7.

William Wirt (see Note 2386) testified at a congressional hearing on April 10 that he had first heard of the plot by "brain trusters" to overthrow the government while attending a dinner party in a Washington, D. C., suburb. The hostess and all other guests who had attended the dinner largely discredited Wirt when they testified on April 17 that discussion of a communist revolution had not taken place at the famous gathering.

2406. *NYT*, Friday, April 20, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits second sentence.

For the Wirt Affair see Notes 2386 and 2405.

Japan, while tightening its grip on Manchuria, boldly proclaimed its overlordship of Eastern Asia in a statement issued by the Foreign Office on April 18. Japan claimed exclusive responsibility for the maintenance of peace in the Far East and announced that it would take forceful action in the event of interference by the League of Nations and the western powers. The Japanese government softened its stance on April 20, but the United States and Great Britain nevertheless issued vigorous protests against the latest Japanese pronouncement.

2408. *NYT*, Monday, April 23, 1934, 19:7.

2409. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 24, 1934, 25:7.

FBI agents, informed of the presence of Dillinger and his gang at Little Bohemia, a Wisconsin resort lodge, surrounded the building on April 22 in an attempt to capture the unsuspecting outlaws. The lawmen, however, mistook five local residents for gang members and prematurely opened fire. In the confusion Dillinger and his compatriots escaped, leaving behind one dead federal agent.

2410. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 25, 1934, 23:7.

Dillinger continued to elude capture. On April 23 he and two companions fought a running gun battle with lawmen in a suburb of Saint Paul, Minnesota, before outdistancing their pursuers and escaping into a nearby wooded area. Meanwhile, three women who had accompanied Dillinger's gang to Little Bohemia were arrested and jailed at Madison, Wisconsin.

It was widely believed at the time that Dillinger had carved a gun and had used it in his brazen escape from the Lake County, Indiana, jail in March. Although Dillinger did flash around a fake firearm at the time, his primary weapon was a quite lethal gun that had been smuggled in from outside.

Eleanor Roosevelt (see Note 2089) had been accused by Senator Thomas David Schall, a Republican from Minnesota, of making use of her position as First Lady to "profiteer" in the sale of furniture from a New York factory that she co-owned. Roosevelt, who denied the charges in a public statement issued on April 23, claimed that the factory was not a profit-making enterprise and had been started long before her husband had considered running for president.

2411. *NYT*, Thursday, April 26, 1934, 25:7.

Dillinger reportedly was seen in various locations in the United States on April 24 but actually cornered nowhere, despite a massive five-state manhunt by more than 5,000 federal agents and other lawmen.

Rexford Guy Tugwell, Columbia University economics professor and a leading member of Roosevelt's "brain trust." On April 24 Tugwell was appointed assistant secretary of agriculture, a

post that he would hold from 1934 to 1937. The remarks Rogers attributed to Tugwell were made at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, D. C., on April 21.

Albert Einstein, German-born American physicist who received a Nobel Peace Prize in 1921 for his work in theoretical physics, notably on the photoelectric effect.

2412. *NYT*, Friday, April 27, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "comes through in a day and a half that" in sixth sentence.

The United States Fleet, numbering more than 100 vessels (see Note 2390), took more than forty-seven hours to pass through the Panama Canal on its way to the East Coast in late April.

Criticism of the Dillinger episode was widespread. Republicans accused the FBI and the Roosevelt administration of bungling the whole affair, and many called for the demotion or dismissal of the director of the FBI, John Edgar Hoover.

2413. *NYT*, Saturday, April 28, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "native" in fourth sentence.

Alfred Lee Bulwinkle, Democratic United States representative from North Carolina from 1921 to 1929 and 1931 to 1949. Bulwinkle chaired the congressional committee that investigated the Wirt Affair (see Notes 2386 and 2405).

2414. *NYT*, Monday, April 30, 1934, 17:7.

Will S. "Willie" Tevis, Jr., California horseman known as "The Iron Man of the Age" for his horse racing endurance feats.

Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Abu Bakar, sultan of Johore from 1895 until his death in 1959. Sir Ibrahim, who ruled his rubber-rich state in southern Malaya with the aid of British advisers, was one of the wealthiest men in the Far East.

2415. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 1, 1934, 23:7.

Rogers was in San Francisco to appear in a West Coast stage production of Eugene Gladstone O'Neill's *Ah, Wilderness!* This was the only time that Rogers assumed a character role in a legitimate drama.

Francis Brett "Bret" Harte, American writer of humorous short stories. In 1868 Harte cofounded the *Overland Monthly*, a literary magazine that Harte published in his adopted California and in which appeared the first of his renowned stories of local color, "The Luck of Roaring Camp."

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, "Mark Twain," celebrated American author and humorist. Clemens spent five and one-half years in California and Nevada in the 1860s as a prospector, journalist, and writer.

2416. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 2, 1934, 23:7.

The complicated question of Soviet-American debts and claims was discussed by representatives of the two governments in early 1934, first in Moscow and later in Washington, D.C. The amounts involved were not large as compared to other international obligations (Russia owed $337,223,288 in unfunded war debts in 1934), but the matter of setting a precedent for much larger debtors and creditors proved a stumbling block to settlement of the problem in 1934 and 1935.

The Philippine legislature, meeting in special session on May 1, voted to approve the Tydings-McDuffie Act, providing for the eventual independence of the Philippine Islands (see Note 2289).

2417. *NYT*, Thursday, May 3, 1934, 21:7.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

2418. *NYT*, Friday, May 4, 1934, 23:7.

Silas Hardy Strawn, American corporation attorney and virulent critic of Roosevelt's economic policies. A former president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Strawn addressed that organization's annual convention in Washington, D. C., on May 2.

2419. *NYT*, Saturday, May 5, 1934, 17:7.

2420. *NYT*, Monday, May 7, 1934, 19:7.

2421. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 8, 1934, 23:7.

Fred Andrew Stone, American vaudeville and musical comedy star and close friend of Rogers.

2422. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 9, 1934, 21:7.

Insull returned to the United States on May 7 to face federal mail fraud charges (see Note 2377).

For the silver issue and the Silver Purchase Act see Note 2377.

2423. *NYT*, Thursday, May 10, 1934, 23:7.

Sophie Tucker, lusty songstress of Broadway, vaudeville, and radio fame, known worldwide as "The Last of the Red-Hot Mamas." Tucker was among a large group of American vaudevillians who gave a "command performance" for the British royal family.

2424. *NYT*, Friday, May 11, 1934, 21:7.

Roosevelt announced on May 9 that foreign governments in debt to the United States were free to present their cases and to seek revision of their debt obligations before the next installment came due on June 15, 1934. Despite the willingness of Roosevelt to judge each case on its individual merits, all war-debtor willingness of Roosevelt to judge each case on its individual merits, all war-debtor nations, except Finland, defaulted in full on June 15 and again on December 15.

J. P. Morgan & Co. (see Note 2059) held a major portion of the funded indebtedness of the allied nations to the United States. In the post World War I period, the great banking house floated securities of foreign governments and corporations reaching $2 billion.

2425. *NYT*, Saturday, May 12, 1934, 17:7.

A drought, the most destructive that a great part of the agricultural West had known, lasting until midsummer of 1934, destroyed many crops and severely crippled the livestock business. Blinding dust storms afflicted much of the region at the same time, causing the area to become known as the Dust Bowl.

2426. *NYT*, Monday, May 14, 1934, 19:7.

For the Securities Exchange Act providing for the regulation of the stock exchanges, see Note 2369.

2427. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 15, 1934, 23:7.

2428. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 16, 1934, 21:7.

Los Angeles police on May 14 rescued William F. Gettle, a wealthy Beverly Hills oilman, who had been kidnapped a few days earlier. Four men and two women were arrested in connection with the abduction.

2429. *NYT*, Thursday, May 17, 1934, 23:7.

Three men, accused of the kidnapping of William F. Gettle of Beverly Hills (see Note 2428), pleaded guilty and were given life terms in San Quentin Prison on May 15—only twenty-four hours after the oilman had been freed by police.

2430. *NYT*, Friday, May 18, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "talk with the people" in eighth sentence.

2431. *NYT*, Saturday, May 19, 1934, 15:7.

The three self-confessed abductors of William F. Gettle (see Notes 2428 and 2429) entered San Quentin Prison on May 17 to begin serving life sentences.

The S-42, a giant four-engined flying boat capable of carrying a load of fifty passengers, plus mail and express, for distances up to 3,000 miles, set a world altitude record of 21,800 feet during a test flight on May 17. The Pan American plane, christened the *Brazilian Clipper*, later was used regularly on the New York City-Buenos Aires run.

2432. *NYT*, Monday, May 21, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "show how" in first sentence.

2433. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 22, 1934, 23:7.

Clarence Seward Darrow, prominent American defense attorney and civil libertarian whose court cases were almost invariably headline material. On March 7, 1934, Darrow was appointed to head the National Recovery Review Board which was established to investigate the NRA. The first report of the board, published on May 20, almost immediately brought rejoinders by Hugh Johnson, head of the NRA (see Note 2151). The board accused the NRA of allowing large interests to dominate the code authorities, to the damage of smaller firms. Two supplementary reports and a caustic exchange of remarks between Darrow and Johnson ensued. No direct action was taken on the findings of the board.

2434. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 23, 1934, 21:7.

George William Norris, United States senator from Nebraska from 1913 to 1943. An independent Republican, Norris was known as the "Father of the Twentieth Amendment," popularly called the "Lame Duck Act." His attempts to abolish the electoral college failed to win sufficient support in Congress.

2435. *NYT*, Thursday, May 24, 1934, 23:7.

James Watson Gerard, American lawyer and diplomat who served as United States ambassador to Germany from 1913 to 1917. In August of 1930, Gerard named a group of fifty-nine as the "men who rule the United States." He included leading capitalists and financiers on his list but did not name individuals holding public office.

2436. *NYT*, Friday, May 25, 1934, 21:7.

2437. *NYT*, Saturday, May 26, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits fifth and sixth sentences.

A poppy drive was held annually by the American Legion to raise funds for disabled veterans in soldiers' institutions nationwide.

Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, a young Texas couple who terrorized the midwest in a two-year crime spree of murder and robbery, were ambushed and killed by lawmen near Black Lake, Louisiana, on May 23. The mothers of the quick-shooting duo rejected double funeral services and side-by-side burials.

2438. *NYT*, Monday, May 28, 1934, 21:7.

Two French fliers, Maurice Rossi and Paul Codos, attempted in May of 1934 to fly nonstop from Paris, France, to San Diego, California, a distance of 6,100 miles. Their plane, the *Joseph Le Brix*, which had flown from the United States to Syria a year earlier, developed mechanical problems while over the Atlantic, forcing the fliers to land at New York City. Although they fell short of their goal, Rossi and Codos were the first to fly nonstop both ways between the continents of Europe and North America.

The *Zephyr*, a streamlined, diesel-powered train of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway streaked from Denver to Chicago on May 26 at a record-breaking average speed of 77.6 miles per hour. In November of 1934, the *Zephyr* became the first high-speed train to be placed in regularly scheduled service.

2439. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 29, 1934, 21:7.

For Henry A. Wallace see Note 2200.

2440. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 30, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "murmuring: 'Oh, what have I done that'" in third sentence.

For Henry A. Wallace see Note 2200.

2441. *NYT*, Thursday, May 31, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "sit right" in ninth sentence.

As part of Roosevelt's Good Neighbor Policy, the United States and Cuba successfully negotiated a treaty on May 29 that abrogated the Platt Amendment (see Note 2188) and removed other limitations previously imposed on Cuban sovereignty.

Roosevelt transferred jurisdiction of Puerto Rico on May 29 from the Bureau of Insular Affairs in the War Department to the newly-created Division of Territories and Island Possessions in the Interior Department.

For Philippine independence see Notes 2289 and 2416.

2442. *NYT*, Friday, June 1, 1934, 23:7.

Rolph (see Note 2242) died on June 2, 1934, of heart disease. His health problems began in early 1934 in the midst of a stumping tour of California, during which he sought vindication for his outspoken views on a San Jose lynching (see Note 2288).

2443. *NYT*, Saturday, June 2, 1934, 17:7.

2444. *NYT*, Monday, June 4, 1934, 19:7.

2445. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 5, 1934, 23:7.

John Francis O'Hara, American clergyman and educator who served as vice president of Notre Dame University from 1933 to 1934.

Charles Leo O'Donnell, American priest and university official who served as president of Notre Dame University from 1928 until his death on June 4, 1934, at age forty-nine. O'Donnell was succeeded by Father O'Hara, who served as president from 1934 to 1939.

For Knute Rockne see Note 2293.

2446. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 6, 1934, 23:7.

The British decision to default on the June 15 payment was followed by similar action of other debtors who previously had made only token payments.

For Babe Ruth see Note 2388; for the appropriations bill, the Deficiency Appropriation Act of 1934, see Note 2403.

2447. *NYT*, Thursday, June 7, 1934, 23:7.

Henry Prather Fletcher, American diplomat who served as ambassador to Italy from 1924 to 1929. Fletcher was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee on June 6; he served in that office from 1934 to 1936.

2448. *NYT*, Friday, June 8, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "steel business" in first sentence.

Steel workers, dissatisfied with the repeated refusals of the steel companies to permit employees to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing, threatened in 1934 to stage a general strike, the first one in the industry since 1919 and one which would affect 400,000 workers. It was only through the intervention of the chief of the American Federation of Labor that the steel strike, scheduled to begin on June 16, was averted.

The Dionne quintuplets—Cecile, Yvonne, Annette, Emile, and Marie—were born on May 28, 1934, to Enzire, wife of Oliva Dionne, of Callander, Ontario, Canada. When the babies were only seventy-two hours old, promoter Ivan Spear sued their father for $1 million, the amount of damage he claimed he had suffered when the father repudiated a contract that would have put the babies on exhibition at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago.

2449. *NYT*, Saturday, June 9, 1934, 17:7.

The warning by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau (see Note 2342) followed the dismissal of two federal tax collectors who had been discovered soliciting political funds.

For the Dionne quintuplets see Note 2448.

Baer (see Note 2137) was scheduled to fight Primo Carnera of Italy for the world heavyweight title on June 14 in New York City. In an attempt to gain publicity, Baer's manager claimed that his fighter was not in shape to box. The stunt backfired, however, when a New York State Athletic commissioner visited Baer's camp on June 7 and officially declared the fighter unfit. The next day, Baer underwent an examination by the State Athletic Commission and was pronounced well; the bout went on as planned (see Note 2455).

The Wheeler-Howard Act, signed into law on June 18, 1934, attempted to secure new rights for Native Americans on reservations. Known as the Indian New Deal, it ended land allotments in severalty and provided for the reinvestment or tribal ownership of surplus lands formerly open to sale.

John Collier, American sociologist and educator who served as United States commissioner of Indian affairs from 1933 to 1945.

The old Indian to whom Rogers referred was a ninety-two-year-old millionaire Creek, Jackson "Jack" Barnett, the subject of a bitter custody battle between the federal government who claimed to be his legal guardian and his wife of fourteen years, the former Anna Laura Lowe. Barnett, who had amassed an oil fortune of $4 million but who had been declared legally incompetent, died on May 29, 1934, at his Los Angeles mansion.

2450. *NYT*, Monday, June 11, 1934, 19:7.

For the threatened steel strike see Note 2448.

For John Dillinger see Notes 2341 and 2410.

2451. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 12, 1934, 23:7.

Section 7(a) of the National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA) of 1933 provided employees with the right to organized and bargain collectively. The Supreme Court in May of 1935 ruled against certain non-labor features of the NIRA, thus invalidating the entire act. The collective bargaining provision, however, was reenacted in the Wagner-Connery Act (National Labor Relations Act) of 1936, the constitutionality of which was upheld by the Supreme Court in March of 1937.

2452. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 13, 1934, 23:7.

The appointment of Tugwell (see Note 2411) to the post of assistant secretary of agriculture was approved by the Senate on June 11.

2453. *NYT*, Thursday, June 14, 1934, 23:7.

2454. *NYT*, Friday, June 15, 1934, 23:7.

The first meetings between Mussolini and Hitler were held at Venice, Italy, on June 14-15. During their closed-door discussion sessions, the two European dictators apparently agreed to respect the independence of troubled Austria and to attain parity of armaments for Germany. The effect of the Venice accords largely was nullified by continuing Nazi terrorism in Austria.

Plutarco Elías Calles, former president of Mexico who was a dominant force in Mexican politics during the early 1930s.

2455. *NYT*, Saturday, June 16, 1934, 17:7.

Max Baer (see Note 2137) knocked out defending heavyweight champion Primo Carnera of Italy in the eleventh round of a scheduled fifteen-round title bout in New York City on June 14 (see also Note 2449).

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor from 1924 until his death in 1952. Green was instrumental in averting a threatened general strike in the steel industry in the

summer of 1934 (see Note 2448). His proposal for an impartial three-member board to arbitrate the steel dispute culminated in the creation by Roosevelt on June 28, 1934, of the National Steel Relations Labor Board.

2456. *NYT*, Monday, June 18, 1934, 19:7.

For the threatened steel strike see Notes 2448 and 2455.

2457. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 19, 1934, 21:7.

2458. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 20, 1934, 23:7.

For Irvin Cobb see Note 2233.

2459. *NYT*, Thursday, June 21, 1934, 23:7.

2460. *NYT*, Friday, June 22, 1934, 21:7.

2461. *NYT*, Saturday, June 23, 1934, 15:7.

Baruch (see Note 2151) indicated on June 22 that he would disassociate himself from his stock market dealings and would begin writing his memoirs. Publication of his autobiography was delayed for several years; the first volume appeared in 1957, and the second in 1960.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association held its annual championship field and track meet at Los Angeles from June 22-23. Stanford University won the team title.

2462. *NYT*, Monday, June 25, 1934, 17:7.

For the Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay see Note 2297.

2463. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 26, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Roosevelt received some Tammany" in fifth sentence.

For the meeting between Hitler and Mussolini see Note 2454.

William Allen White, owner and editor of the *Emporia* (Kansas) *Gazette* from 1895 until his death in 1943; recipient of a Pulitzer Prize in 1923. White received the annual Roosevelt Award in June of 1934.

2464. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 27, 1934, 21:7.

2465. *NYT*, Thursday, June 28, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "invested that" in fifth sentence.

Roosevelt broadcasted another of his famed "fireside chats" with the American public on June 28. The radio talk came only a few days before his departure on a forty-one-day vacation trip to Hawaii.

2466. *NYT*, Friday, June 29, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Aviation is" to begin second sentence.

James R. "Jimmy" Wedell, designer, builder, and flier of the Wedell-Williams airplanes, the fastest land planes of the era. Wedell was injured fatally on June 24 while giving elementary flight instruction to a student at the air facilities of the Wedell-Williams Air Service Corporation in Louisiana.

2467. *NYT*, Saturday, June 330, 1934, 15:7.

A federal grand jury, investigating the circumstances that preceded the banking crash in Michigan in 1934, indicted on June 28 thirteen prominent Michigan bank executives, including the former heads of the largest bank holding companies in Detroit.

Marie Dressler, American comedienne of silent and early talkie films; winner of an Academy Award in 1931. Dressler, who had been gravely ill for three months, died on July 28, 1934, at age sixty-four.

For Roosevelt's speech of June 28 see Note 2465.

2468. *NYT*, Monday, July 2, 1934, 21:7.

Roosevelt left on July 1 aboard the cruiser U.S.S. *Houston* for a forty-one-day vacation trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

Hitler's bloody purge of Nazi Storm Troopers in the summer of 1934 effectively crushed opposition among his followers and eliminated a number of potential rivals.

John Jacob Astor III and Ellen Tuck French were married at Newport, Rhode Island, on June 30. Heirs to great landed wealth and social position, young Astor and French had had a highly publicized on-again, off-again courtship.

2469. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 3, 1934, 21:7.

For the meeting between Hitler and Mussolini see Note 2454; for Hitler's purge of Nazi Storm Troopers see Note 2468.

2470. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 4, 1934, 17:7.

Fletcher (see Note 2447) on July 2 opened the Republican party's radio campaign for the congressional elections of 1934. Labeling the New Deal as undemocratic, Fletcher asserted that the issue in the campaign was "the right of the people to govern themselves."

2471. *NYT*, Thursday, July 5, 1934, 19:7.

For "Amos 'n Andy" see Note 2090.

2472. *NYT*, Friday, July 6, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* omits "again" in fourth sentence.

Borah (see Note 2282), a maverick Republican, supported most early New Deal legislation, and only on occasion did he openly criticize the Roosevelt administration. One such moment came during a national radio broadcast in early July of 1934. Long an opponent of the NRA, Borah criticized the recovery program for having fastened a bureaucratic stranglehold on the country and for condoning the creation of unmanageable monopolies.

2473. *NYT*, Saturday, July 7, 1934, 15:7.

2474. *NYT*, Monday, July 9, 1934, 17:7.

For Hitler's purge of Nazi Storm Troopers see Note 2468.

Hull (see Note 2162) thanked Finland on July 7 for having paid its war debt obligation in full. The Scandinavian nation was the only country to repay its war debt obligation to the United States.

2475. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 10, 1934, 23:7.

Walter Richard Rudolf Hess, German Reich minister and Nazi party official who created a sensation in 1941 by a solo flight to Scotland on a mysterious, undisclosed mission that eventually ended in his imprisonment as a war criminal.

President Hoover remarked, following a visit to the Virgin Islands in March of 1931, that the United States had obtained "an effective poorhouse" by its "unfortunate" acquisition of the islands. His statement provoked considerable protest from local residents.

2476. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 11, 1934, 19:7.

The Mashed O, a 120,000-acre Hereford ranch in Lamb and Bailey counties, Texas. Ewing Halsell managed the ranch and was a good friend of the Rogers family. His father, William

Electius Halsell, a co-founder of the Mashed O, and Will's father, Clem Vann Rogers, were friends and business associates.

The XIT Ranch, established in the Texas Panhandle in the 1880s, comprised the largest fenced range in the world. Its 3,050,000 acres was patented by the state to a Chicago syndicate in exchange for money to build a capitol at Austin. Pressing obligations during the next twenty years forced the syndicate to sell most of its original holdings.

For Miriam Ferguson see Note 2175; for James "Pa" Ferguson see Note 2335.

2477. *NYT*, Thursday, July 12, 1934, 19:7.

For Henry T. Rainey see Note 2105.

2478. *NYT*, Friday, July 13, 1934, 19:7.

For Cordell Hull see Notes 2162 and 2310; for the Pan-American Conference of 1933 see Note 2280.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA) was established in July of 1934 to help home owners finance repairs and to stimulate residential construction through federal mortgages.

James Andrew Moffett, American oilman who headed the FHA from 1934 to 1935.

2479. *NYT*, Saturday, July 14, 1934, 15:4.

2480. *NYT*, Monday, July 16, 1934, 17:7.

A paralyzing general strike broke out in the San Francisco Bay area on July 16, 1934. The dispute started in May of 1934 as a localized conflict among longshoremen; within a week the longshoremen had enlisted the support of 15,000 members of ten maritime workers' unions in the area. Involving ultimately 75,000 workers and costing millions of dollars, the general strike occasioned considerable violence and widespread radical activity. On July 17 groups of so-called vigilantes raided the strikers' headquarters, effectively crippling their organization. The strike was called off on July 19, and the participants resumed work.

2481. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 17, 1934, 21:7.

For James A. Farley see Note 2250.

2482. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 18, 1934, 19:7.

For Max Baer see Notes 2137 and 2455.

Helen Leslie Kilbourne "Bobbie" Johnson, wife of General Hugh Johnson.

Frank Finley Merriam, Republican governor of California from 1934 to 1939. The presence in San Francisco of the National Guard, ordered by Merriam to protect the state-owned harbor facilities, was resented deeply by striking longshoremen and added to the cause of calling a general strike (see Note 2480).

2483. *NYT*, Thursday, July 19, 1934, 19:7.

For the San Francisco general strike see Note 2480.

2484. *NYT*, Friday, July 20, 1934, 17:7.

A general strike of industrial and service laborers in England in 1926 was called to force the government to subsidize the workers' low wages, particularly those of coal miners. The strike collapsed because of successful governmental efforts to continue services and industrial operations.

For the San Francisco general strike see Note 2480.

2485. *NYT*, Saturday, July 21, 1934, 13:7.

For the San Francisco general strike see Note 2480; for James A. Farley see Note 2250; for Baby Le Roy see Note 2249.

2486. *NYT*, Monday, July 22, 1934, 17:7.

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, which was under construction in July of 1934, opened to traffic on November 12, 1936. Construction contracts on the Golden Gate Bridge were let in June of 1931, and the bridge was opened to traffic six years later.

For the San Francisco general strike see Note 2480; for John Dillinger see Note 2341.

2487. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 23, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits last sentence.

Dillinger (see Note 2341) was shot and killed by federal agents as he left a Chicago motion picture theater on July 22.

2488. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 24, 1934, 19:7.

Melbourne, Australia, held its centenary celebration in October of 1934. A special feature of the festivities was the $50,000 MacRobertson Air Race from England to Melbourne (see Notes 2561 and 2563). Post (see Note 2168) was one of the sixty-four original entrants in the competition, but he had to withdraw when he was unable to arrange financing for the venture.

2489. *NYT*, Thursday, July 26, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "it" in second sentence.

For Roosevelt's cruise to Hawaii see Note 2468.

2490. *NYT*, Friday, July 27, 1934, 19:7.

Dollfuss (see Note 2237) was assassinated by Nazi rebels on July 25 during an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the Austrian government.

2491. *NYT*, Saturday, July 28, 1934, 15:4. Variants: *NYT* omits "and make 'em bring stocks out of the water for him." and *LAT* gives "sticks" in fifth sentence.

For Roosevelt's cruise to Hawaii see Note 2468; for Hugh Johnson see Note 2151.

2492. *NYT*, Monday, July 29, 1934, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "nothing under seven-eighths thoroughbred," in fourth sentence.

The Parker Ranch, a 300,000-acre spread on the island of Hawaii, ran one of the largest Hereford herds in the world.

2493. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 31, 1934, 19:7.

2494. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 1, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Weykiki" in eighth sentence.

Frank F. Baldwin, powerful Hawaiian sugar grower, cattleman, and politician. Between 1909 and 1941, Republicans, under the direction of the Baldwin family, completely dominated the local government on the island of Maui.

2495. *NYT*, Thursday, August 2, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "there much signs" in third sentence.

2496. *NYT*, Friday, August 3, 1934, 19:7.

For Engelbert Dollfuss see Notes 2237 and 2490.

Paul Ludwig Hans Anton von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg, German soldier and statesman who served as president from 1925 to 1934, a time of extreme economic distress and political factionalism in Germany. He died on August 2, 1934, at age eighty-six.

2497. *NYT*, Saturday, August 4, 1934, 13:7.

Homer Stille Cummings, United States attorney general from 1933 to 1939.

Long's control of Louisiana politics and his virulent criticism of Roosevelt and the New Deal brought him much publicity during 1934.

2498. *NYT*, Monday, August 6, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "I miss" in ninth sentence.

Raphael Floyd Phillips Gibbons, American journalist, author, and radio commentator recognized as the "premier war correspondent of his generation." Rogers and Gibbons traveled together on a voyage to China in late 1931.

Roosevelt returned to Washington, D. C., on August 10, following an extensive cruise to Hawaii and other American possessions.

2499. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 7, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "or is this one going in Tuesday" in fourth sentence.

2500. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 8, 1934, 19:7.

Carlos Martíns Pereira e Sousa, Brazilian ambassador to Japan.

For Ruth Bryan Owen see Note 2079.

Hitler announced on August 5 that the combined office of president and chancellor, which he now held because of the death of Hindenburg, would last only until rejection by national vote. Hitler received an 88% vote of approval in a plebiscite held on August 19, 1934.

2501. *NYT*, Friday, August 10, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "herself. Fine trip." in third sentence.

No DT is available for Saturday, August 11, 1934.

2502. *NYT*, Monday, August 13, 1934, 15:7.

Dwight Whitney Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico from 1927 to 1930. Coolidge's decision to appoint his friend Morrow, a New York City attorney and banker, as ambassador proved beneficial in improving Mexican-American relations.

2503. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 14, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "one race, but swimming on his stomach lost" in sixth sentence.

An American swimmer, Arthur Highland of Chicago, won his first trial heat in the 100-meter free style event at the Japanese National Swimming championships in Tokyo on August 12; however, he lost in the finals the next day.

2504. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 15, 1934, 19:7.

At the Japanese swimming meet in Tokyo on August 13 (see Note 2503), Albert Vande Weghe of New Jersey set a world record in the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 2 minutes and 32.2 seconds. Japanese male swimmers had overwhelmed the American team at the Olympics of 1932 by winning all but one event.

2505. *NYT*, Thursday, August 16, 1934, 19:7.

The Harvard University baseball team ended its tour of Japan on September 11, posting a record of three wins and six losses.

2506. *NYT*, Friday, August 17, 1934, 17:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

2507. *NYT*, Saturday, August 18, 1934, 11:7.

2508. *NYT*, Monday, August 20, 1934, 15:7.

2509. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 21, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "get a county" in third sentence.

Paraguay named a captured fort in the war-torn Chaco region (see Note 2296) for Long because of the Louisianan's statements in the Senate that were regarded as favorable to Paraguay. For the "Long Island battle" see Note 2206.

2510. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 22, 1934, 19:7.

Kurt von Schuschnigg, chancellor of Austria from 1934 to 1938. Schuschnigg met with Mussolini in Rome on August 21. The chancellor's efforts to prevent German absorption of Austria failed when he lost Mussolini's support in 1937.

For Rexford G. Tugwell see Note 2411.

2511. *NYT*, Thursday, August 23, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "American Indian," in second sentence.

2512. *NYT*, Friday, August 24, 1934, 17:7.

2513. *NYT*, Saturday, August 25, 1934, 15:7.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

2514. *NYT*, Monday, August 27, 1934, 17:6.

For Henry Pu-yi, emperor of Manchuko, see Note 2364; for William Allen White see Note 2463.

2515. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 28, 1934, 23:7.

Primo Carnera, Italian boxer known as the "Ambling Alp" who reigned as world heavyweight champion from 1933 to 1934.

Dolly Curtis Gann, American society figure. Gann served as official hostess for her widowed half-brother, Charles Curtis, when he served as vice president under Hoover.

2516. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 29, 1934, 19:7.

Maurice Gerschon Hindus, Russian-born American free-lance writer who annually visited his native country as a correspondent for various American magazines.

Walter Duranty, English journalist who served as *New York Times* correspondent in the Soviet Union from 1921 to 1934; recipient of a Pulitzer Prize in 1932 for a series of articles on the Soviet Union.

Louis Fischer, American foreign correspondent, expert on the Soviet Union, and award-winning biographer.

2517. *NYT*, Thursday, August 30, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "down to the" in first sentence.

For William C. Bullitt see Note 2277.

George Charles Hanson, American foreign service officer and Far Eastern specialist who served as consul general at Harbin, Manchuria, from 1931 until his transfer to Moscow in 1933.

Aleksei Maksimovich Peshkov, "Maxim Gorki," Russian novelist, playwright, and revolutionary who through his popular writings rose from bitter poverty to immense riches and renown.

2518. *NYT*, Friday, August 31, 1934, 19:7.

For *David Harum* see Note 2321.

2519. *NYT*, Saturday, September 1, 1934, 15:7.

Leon Trotsky, Russian Communist leader and revolutionary who was banished from Russia in 1929 after he fell out of favor with the existing government. In early 1917 Trotsky lived in New York City where he coedited a radical newspaper.

Upton Beall Sinclair, American novelist, socialist, and Pulitzer Prize winner (1942). Running on a platform of "end poverty in California" (EPIC), Sinclair was defeated in 1934 as the Democratic candidate for governor of the state.

2520. *NYT*, Monday, September 3, 1934, 15:7.

The Battleship Potemkin (*Bronenosets Potemkin*), classic Soviet-made motion picture (1925) commemorating the Revolution of 1905 and based on a mutiny on board the battleship *Potemkin* of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

2521. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 4, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Helsingfors." in second sentence.

2522. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 5, 1934, 23:7.

William Edward Albright, United States minister to Finland from 1933 to 1937. Finland was the only country that paid its war debt obligations in full.

For Paavo Nurmi see Note 2322.

2523. *NYT*, Thursday, September 6, 1934, 21:7.

2524. *NYT*, Friday, September 7, 1934, 23:7.

Gustavus V, king of Sweden from 1907 until his death in 1950. Better known as Gustaf, the aged monarch was a popular sovereign whose astounding vitality enabled him to play tennis until age eighty-seven.

2525. *NYT*, Saturday, September 8, 1934, 17:7.

2526. *NYT*, Monday, September 10, 1934, 19:7

2527. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 11, 1934, 23:7.

Black Shirts, a colloquial term generally used to refer to Fascists and specifically to Mussolini's Fascist organization in Italy whose members were identified readily by their black shirts.

2528. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 12, 1934, 25:7.

Marie, queen consort of Romania and queen dowager from 1927 until her death in 1938.

2529. *NYT*, Thursday, September 13, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "boushwa." in eighth sentence.

For Carol II, king of Romania, see Note 2260; for Marie see Note 2528; for Joe Robinson see Note 2105.

2530. *NYT*, Friday, September 14, 1934, 29:7.

Hungarian monarchists continued a prolonged, but unsuccessful campaign in 1934 to restore the Hapsburg dynasty that had collapsed after World War I.

2531. *NYT*, Saturday, September 15, 1934, 17:7.

Poland declared on September 13 that it would no longer observe its treaty obligations to racial minorities within the country. The treaty, which had been signed by Poland and the Allied powers following World War I, was an essential precondition to the reestablishment of Poland as a nation. The announcement brought such sharp rebukes from the Allied nations that Poland quietly withdrew its declaration a week later.

2532. *NYT*, Monday, September 17, 1934, 19:7.

The American yacht *Rainbow*, skippered by Harold Stirling Vanderbilt, retained the coveted America's Cup against the strong challenge of Britisher Thomas Octave Murdoch Sopwith's *Endeavour*, in a six-race series off Newport, Rhode Island, in September. The British yacht had as crew members amateurs, who had answered Sopwith's call for volunteers when the professional crew struck for higher wages two days before *Endeavour* left England. The inexperience of Sopwith's crew led to a number of unfortunate incidents that caused the races to end amid hard feelings.

2533. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 18, 1934, 23:7.

For the America's Cup yachting competition see Note 2532.

Blackbirds, an annual song and dance revue by American black performers, opened in London in September of 1934.

2534. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 19, 1934, 21:7.

Mary, queen consort of King George I of Great Britain and queen dowager from 1936 until her death in 1953. The queen presided at the launching of the Great Cunard White Star luxury liner *Queen Mary* at the shipyards at Clydesbank, Scotland, on September 28.

2535. *NYT*, Thursday, September 20, 1934, 25:7.

2536. *NYT*, Friday, September 21, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "trusting 'em. Hold 'em, cowboys." in fifth and sixth sentences.

For the America's Cup competition see Note 2532.

In a rematch of the East-West polo series of 1933 (see Note 2199), an all-star team from the East defeated its western counterpart two matches to none in competition at Westbury, Long Island, on September 19 and 25.

2537. *NYT*, Saturday, September 22, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Saturday, in Russia. If" in seventh and eighth sentences.

For polo see Note 2536.

2538. *NYT*, Monday, September 24, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "strikers were going back" in fifth sentence.

American textile workers, on strike since September 3, went back to work on September 23, after failing to win their demands for an increased minimum wage, a shorter work week, and recognition of their union.

2539. *NYT*, Tuesday, September 25, 1934, 23:7.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107; for the America's Cup yatching competition see Note 2532.

2540. *NYT*, Wednesday, September 26, 1934, 23:7.

For the East-West polo series see Note 2536. After the matches of 1934, the intersectional competition did not resume until 1947.

2541. *NYT*, Thursday, September 27, 1934, 25:7.

Johnson resigned as NRA administrator on September 25.

For Bobbie Johnson see Note 2482.

2542. *NYT*, Friday, September 28, 1934, 25:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "'Dew Deal'" in third sentence/*LAT* gives "President by tomorrow is" in sixth sentence.

The Washington Monument was cleaned and repaired in the fall of 1934 as part of a $100,000 beautification project.

For Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

Roosevelt, following the resignation of Hugh Johnson (see Note 2541), recast the organization of the NRA on September 27, creating an administrative National Industrial Recovery Board and a deliberative Industrial Policy Committee, each of five members, The net effect, at least on paper, was to decentralize what had been a highly unified agency.

2543. *NYT*, Saturday, September 29, 1934, 17:7.

Donald Randall Richberg, general counsel for the NRA from 1933 to 1935 and executive director of its Industrial Policy Committee (IPC) from 1934 to 1935. Other members of the IPC

included Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, Labor Secretary Frances Perkins, AAA Administrator Chester Davis, and FERA Administrator Harold Lloyd Hopkins.

For Bobbie Johnson see Note 2482.

The National Industrial Recovery Board was composed of Walton Hale Hamilton, a law professor at Yale University; Arthur Dare Whiteside, president of a national stockbrokerage firm; Leon Carroll Marshall, economist and educator; Sidney Hillman, labor leader; and Samuel Clay Williams, tobacco executive.

2544. *NYT*, Monday, October 1, 11934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "classes as 'liberty' another might class as 'poison.'" in third sentence.

2545. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 2, 1934, 23:7.

Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean, ace pitcher for the Saint Louis Cardinals from 1932 to 1936; an inductee of the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953. The Cardinals met the Detroit Tigers at Detroit on October 3 in the first game of the World Series of 1934.

2546. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 3, 1934, 23:7.

Paul Dee "Daffy" Dean, pitcher who starred for the Saint Louis Cardinals from 1934 to 1939; brother of Dizzy Dean.

2547. *NYT*, Thursday, October 4, 1934, 25:7.

Dizzy Dean (see Note 2545) pitched the Cardinals to an 8 to 3 victory in the first game of the World Series on October 3.

For Alfalfa Bill Murray see Note 2106.

Gordon Stanley "Mickey" Cochrane, star major league catcher who as player-manager of the Detroit Tigers in 1934 guided the team to its first pennant in twenty-five years; named to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1947.

Lynwood Thomas "Schoolboy" Rowe, pitcher for the Detroit Tigers from 1933 to 1942. Rowe posted his best single season record (24-8) in 1934 at age twenty-two.

Paul Dean (see Note 2546) was slated to face Rowe in the second game of the World Series on October 4, but a pitching change was made by the Cardinals at the last moment. The Tigers, bolstered by the seven-hit pitching of Rowe, outlasted the Cardinals, 3 to 2, in twelve innings.

2548. *NYT*, Friday, October 5, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Hallihan" in third and eleventh sentences.

Frank Francis Frisch, smooth-fielding player-manager for the Saint Louis Cardinals from 1933 to 1937; inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1947; known as the "Fordham Flash."

William Anthony "Wild Bill" Hallahan, pitcher for the Saint Louis Cardinals from 1925 to 1936.

For Paul Dean see Notes 2546 and 2547; for Schoolboy Rowe see Note 2547.

No DT is available for Saturday, October 6, 1934. The following article appeared in *NYT* and *LAT* on that day: "The daily 'Remarks' of Will Rogers failed to reach *The Times* last night, and efforts to reach the philosophical-humorist proved unavailing. He had intended to witness the World Series game at St. Louis yesterday."

2549. *NYT*, Monday, October 8, 1934, 19:7.

Paul Dean (see Note 2546) defeated the Tigers, 4 to 1, in the third game of the World Series in Saint Louis on October 5. The Tigers, however, won the next two games, which were played in Saint Louis, to hold a three games to two edge in the series.

2550. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 9, 1934, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Cochran" in sixth sentence/*LAT* gives "Hallahan" in eleventh sentence.

In the sixth game of the World Series, Paul Dean (see Note 2546) scattered ten hits and contributed a game-deciding single in the seventh inning to lead the Cardinals to their victory in six games. Rowe (see Note 2546) took the loss for the Tigers.

William Holmes McGuffey, American educator best known for his series of *Eclectic Readers* (1836-1837).

For Dizzy Dean see Note 2545; for Mickey Cochrane see Note 2547; for Henry Ford see Note 2212; for Wild Bill Hallahan see Note 2548.

Alvin Floyd "General" Crowder, pitcher for Washington, Saint Louis, and Detroit of the American League from 1926 to 1936. Crowder, who was traded from Washington to Detroit in mid-season of 1934, started the first game of the World Series.

2551. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 10, 1934, 25:6-7.

Kenesaw Mountain Landis, former federal judge who served as major league baseball commissioner from 1920 until his death in 1944.

Dizzy Dean (see Note 2545) pitched a six-hit shutout as the Cardinals overwhelmed the Tigers, 11 to 0, in the final game of the World Series on October 8.

Joseph Michael "Ducky" Medwick, free-swinging member of the Saint Louis Cardinals in the 1930s; inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1968. Medwick, around whom controversy constantly swirled, bowled over the Tiger third baseman with a slashing slide in the seventh inning of the last game. When Medwick went to his position in left field, the Detroit fans showered him with food and debris to such an extent that Judge Landis removed him from the game.

Marvin James "Marv" Owen, third baseman for the Detroit Tigers from 1931 to 1937.

For Mickey Cochrane see Note 2547.

John Leonard Roosevelt "Pepper" Martin, aggressive third baseman for the Saint Louis Cardinals from 1928 to 1944.

For Paul Dean see Note 2546.

Joe Evan Brown, American comedian and screen star noted for his extraordinarily-wide mouth.

2552. *NYT*, Thursday, October 11, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Johnston" in seventh sentence.

For Dizzy Dean see Note 2545; for Paul Dean see Note 2546.

Walter Perry Johnson, hard-throwing pitcher for the Washington Senators. His career as a player and manager lasted from 1907 to 1935; he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936.

Tristram E. "Tris" Speaker, center fielder for several American League baseball clubs, including the Cleveland Indians from 1916 to 1926; inducted into the Baseball Hall of fame in 1937.

For Rabbit Maranville see Note 2388.

2553. *NYT*, Friday, October 12, 1934, 27:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "sororiety hop" and *LAT* gives "soriety hope" in second sentence/*NYT* gives "Don't tire." for tenth sentence/*NYT* gives "keep on." to end eleventh sentence.

Mary Scott Lord Dimmick Harrison, widow of President Benjamin Harrison.

Edith Kermit Carow Roosevelt, widow of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Helen Herron Taft, widow of President William Howard Taft.

Grace Anna Goodhue Coolidge, widow of President Calvin Coolidge.

Lou Henry Hoover, wife of President Herbert Hoover.

Eleanor Roosevelt celebrated her fiftieth birthday on October 11, 1934.

Edith Bolling Galt Wilson, widow of President Woodrow Wilson.

2554. *NYT*, Saturday, October 13, 1934, 15:7.

Alexander I, king of Yugoslavia from 1921 until his death in 1934. King Alexander was assassinated by a Macedonian terrorist on October 9 while en route to Paris to discuss with the French his proposal for a reconciliation between Yugoslavia and Italy, whose relations were strained because of the active promotion by Italy of Yugoslav dissident groups, including the Croats and Macedonians.

The American Liberty League, an anti-administration group established in August of 1934 and which drew its following from industrialists, financiers, corporation lawyers, conservative Democrats, and others.

2555. *NYT*, Monday, October 15, 1934, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* omits ninth sentence.

For Alexander I, king of Yugoslavia, see Note 2554.

Poland moved away from its traditional alliance with France in 1934 toward a closer understanding with Germany, particularly following the signing in January of 1934 of a Polish-German ten-year nonaggression pact.

2556. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 16, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "yesterday on Sundays. Politics" in first and second sentences.

2557. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 17, 1934, 25:7.

Stone (see Note 2421) starred in Sinclair Lewis and Lloyd Lewis' *Jayhawker* in Washington, D. C., on October 15. The play opened on Broadway in early November.

Twelve hundred coal miners at Pecs, Hungary, imprisoned themselves underground without food for five days in October. They threatened to commit mass suicide if their wages were not raised. The strike ended on October 16.

For longshoremen in San Francisco see Note 2480.

2558. *NYT*, Thursday, October 18, 1934, 25:7.

2559. *NYT*, Friday, October 19, 1934, 25:7.

2560. *NYT*, Saturday, October 20, 1934, 17:7.

Hoover Dam, one of the largest dams in the world, is located on the Colorado River between Nevada and Arizona. Built between 1931 and 1936, it was known originally as Boulder Dam.

2561. *NYT*, Monday, October 22, 1934, 17:7.

The MacRobertson Air Race (see Note 2488) from England to Australia began on October 20. Dutch pilots Koene Dirk Parmentier and Jan Johannes Moll, flying a KLM Airlines Douglas DC-2, held the early lead and eventually finished second. American fliers Roscoe Turner (see Note 2175) and Clyde Pangborn placed third in the competition in a Boeing transport.

For Upton Sinclair see Note 2519; for Wiley Post see Notes 2168 and 2488; for Frank Hawks see Note 2234; for Jimmy Doolittle see Note 2234.

Alford Joseph "Al" Williams, Jr., research pilot with the United States Navy from 1917 to 1930 and holder of several air records and aviation awards.

For Charles Lindbergh see Note 2135.

Charles Edward Kingsford-Smith, Australian aviator, war veteran, and pilot of the Southern Cross, the first plaen to fly from the United States to Australia (1928). Kingsford-Smith returned over the same course in the fall of 1934 flying from Brisbane, Australia, to Oakland, California, in fifty-two hours elapsed flight time.

2562. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 23, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Old New" in second sentence.

For Frank Merriam see Note 2482; for Upton Sinclair see Note 2519.

Raymond LeRoy Haight, California attorney who ran for governor on the Progressive and Commonwealth tickets in 1934.

2563. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 24, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Brisbane this very morning." in tenth sentence.

Two English fliers, Charles William Anderson Scott and Thomas Campbell Black, won the MacRobertson Air Race (see Note 2488 and 2561). They landed at Melborne on October 23 with one engine dead and with only two hours of sleep in three days.

For the Dutch fliers see Note 2561.

Clyde Pangborn, American flier who was the first aviator to fly nonstop across the Pacific Ocean (1931). Although Pangborn and Turner (see Note 2175) briefly became lost over India and one of their engines failed over the Timor Sea, they nevertheless placed third in the MacRobertson Air Race.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

2564. *NYT*, Thursday, October 25, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Piccards," in third sentence.

Felix Jean Piccard, Swiss chemist and aeronautical engineer who with his wife, Jeannette Ridlon Piccard, reached an altitude of 57,979 feet during a stratospheric balloon flight over Michigan and Ohio. The flight ended in a tree-top on a farm near Cadiz, Ohio, on October 23.

For Dizzy Dean see Note 2545.

Roosevelt addressed the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association in Washington, D. C., on October 24.

2565. *NYT*, Friday, October 26, 1934, 17:7.

Twain (see Note 2415) first heard the legend of the famous jumping frog during a stay at Angel's Camp, California, in 1864. The frog became the subject of Twain's first widely distributed and popular story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

For Bret Harte see Note 2415; for Roosevelt's speech to the bankers see Note 2564.

2566. *NYT*, Saturday, October 27, 1934, 17:7.

William Averell Harriman, chairman of the board of Union Pacific Railroad from 1932 to 1946. The *M-10001*, a new streamlined and air-conditioned train of the Union Pacific, made the 3,258-mile run from Los Angeles to New York City on October 22-25 at an average speed of 57.2 miles per hour.

2567. *NYT*, Monday, October 29, 1934, 19:7.

Long headed a large delegation of Louisianans who "invaded" Nashville, Tennessee, on October 27 to attend the Louisiana State University-Vanderbilt University football game. LSU, with an early season record of 5-0-0, defeated Vanderbilt, 29-0.

The United States Military Academy, which finished the season with a record of 8-3-0, defeated Yale University (5-3-0), 20 to 12, on October 27. The United States Naval Academy suffered only one loss in nine games in 1934, while Harvard University finished at 3-5-0.

2568. *NYT*, Tuesday, October 30, 1934, 21:7.

2569. *NYT*, Wednesday, October 31, 1934, 21:7.

Patrick Gordon "Bill" Taylor, Australian flier and air navigator. Taylor accompanied Kingsford-Smith (see Note 2561) on several notable flights, including a transpacific flight from Australia to the United States in the fall of 1934.

2570. *NYT*, Thursday, November 1, 1934, 23:7.

2571. *NYT*, Friday, November 2, 1934, 25:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "something." to end eighth sentence, omitting last twelve words.

The Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago (see Note 2087) closed in the early morning hours of November 1 after a two-year run that had attracted nearly 39 million visitors and had boosted the local economy by $700 million.

For Sally Rand see Note 2269.

2572. *LAT*, Saturday, November 3, 1934, I:1:2. *NYT* did not print the DT.

James Francis Thaddeus O'Connor, Los Angeles attorney who served as United States comptroller of the currency from 1933 to 1938.

Dorothy Frooks, American attorney, author, and newspaper columnist. Frooks, candidate of the Law Preservation party for representative-at-large from New York, "crashed" a dinner party given by supporters of her Democratic opponent, Caroline O'Day, in a vain attempt to question the special guest, Eleanor Roosevelt, regarding her efforts to campaign publicly for O'Day.

2573. *NYT*, Monday, November 6, 1934, 27:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "awful good" in sixth sentence.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

Janet Gaynor, American screen actress who was immensely popular in mostly sentimental films during the 1920s and 1930s. An Academy Award winner in 1927, she appeared with Rogers in *State Fair* in 1933.

Warner Baxter, American leading man of motion pictures who won an Academy Award in 1929 for his performance in *In Old Arizona*.

2575. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 7, 1934, 23:7.

2576. *NYT*, Thursday, November 8, 1934, 25:7.

Democrats strengthened their hold on Congress as a result of the mid-term elections held on November 6, gaining nine seats in the Senate and thirteen in the House.

2577. *NYT*, Friday, November 9, 1934, 23:7.

2578. *NYT*, Saturday, November 10, 1934, 17:7.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060; for William E. Borah see Note 2282; for Robert M. La Follette, Jr., see Note 2359.

Hiram Warren Johnson, Republican United States senator from California from 1917 until his death in 1945. A supporter of early New Deal policies, Johnson ran for reelection in 1934 on both the Republican and Democratic tickets.

Upton Sinclair, Democratic candidate for governor of California and originator of the EPIC plan (see Note 2519), was defeated by incumbent Frank Merriam by about 240,000 votes.

2579. *NYT*, Monday, November 12, 1934, 21:7.

For the United States Fleet see Note 2390.

Joseph Mason Reeves, American naval officer who served as commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet from 1934 to 1936.

Robert Edward Lee, chief military officer of the Confederate armies during the American Civil War.

2580. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 13, 1934, 19:7.

2581. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 14, 1934, 21:7.

Long adopted the Louisiana State University football team as his special side show. After Tiger star Abe Mickal threw the winning pass against George Washington University on

November 10, Long offered him a seat in the state senate, even though Mickal was a resident of Mississippi and not of voting age. The Syrian-born Mickal refused to cooperate.

2582. *NYT*, Thursday, November 15, 1934, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "Irenne DuPont," in first sentence/*LAT* gives "estimitable" in ninth sentence.

For John J. Raskob see Note 2209.

Irénée du Pont, American industrialist and former president of the huge family owned chemical manufacturing company, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company.

Edward Francis Hutton, self-made multimillionaire who founded the stockbrokerage firm of E. F. Hutton & Company in 1904 and who served as chairman of the board of General Foods Corporation from 1923 to 1935. Hutton, du Pont, and Raskob were leaders of the anti-New Deal American Liberty League (see Note 2554).

2583. *NYT*, Friday, November 16, 1934, 25:7.

The Louisiana legislature enacted forty-five laws during the week of November 12, 1934, effecting the famous "Share the Wealth" scheme advocated by Long. One piece of legislation made it possible for all harassed debtors to obtain a moratorium of two years in the repayment of their obligations.

For Upton Sinclair see Note 2519.

2584. *NYT*, Saturday, November 17, 1934, 17:7.

For Huey Long see Notes 2064 and 2583.

The University of Minnesota football team went undefeated and untied in 1934; however, a conference rule forbidding participation in post-season games prohibited the Gophers from playing Stanford University in the Rose Bowl. Louisiana State University went 7-2-2 in 1934 but failed to receive a bid to a post-season game.

For Upton Sinclair see Note 2519; for Aimee Semple McPherson see Note 2064.

2585. *NYT*, Monday, November 19, 1934, 19:7.

Federal old-age and survivors' insurance was provided by the Social Securities Act of August of 1935.

The 4-H, a national organization to enable rural youth to "learn by doing," was founded in 1902 in Clark County, Ohio.

2586. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 20, 1934, 23:7.

Roosevelt attacked private power companies in a speech on November 18 at Tupelo, Mississippi, the first city to contract for all of its power requirements from the federally-financed Tennessee Valley Authority. Invoking the expression of "rugged community individualism," Roosevelt called on all communities in the country to oust private control of local power resources.

Gloria Laura Morgan Vanderbilt, ten-year-old heiress to a vast American railroad fortune, was the subject of an exhaustive two-year guardianship struggle between her widowed mother, Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt, and her late father's sister, Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. The aunt won the court battle, which finally ended in 1935 when Mrs. Vanderbilt was declared an unfit mother.

2587. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 21, 1934, 21:7.

2588. *NYT*, Thursday, November 22, 1934, 23:7.

Smedley Darlington Butler, retired major general of the United States Marine Corps and veteran of fifteen military operations. Butler testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on November 20 that during the summer of 1934 a group of Wall Street brokers had urged him to lead a fascist march on Washington, D. C., and they had offered to finance the undertaking. None of his allegations could be verified.

Two bodies, later identified to be that of a German adventurer and a Norwegian sailor, were swept ashore on an island in the Galapagos chain in November. The story received wide coverage in the American press because of the mysterious circumstances of the appearance of the bodies and speculation as to their identities.

2589. *NYT*, Friday, November 23, 1934, 21:7.

Tom Bass, nationally recognized horsetrainer and originator in 1894 of the American Royal Horse Show in Kansas City, Missouri. Bass died on November 20 at age seventy-three.

Negro Add, black American cowboy who worked for the LFD Ranch in Texas and was noted for his expertise at roping and riding. He is remembered in the old ballad "Whose Old Cow."

2590. *NYT*, Saturday, November 24, 1934, 17:7.

Prince George, the fourth son of the ruling house of the British empire, married Princess Marina of the exiled royal family of Greece in a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey on November 29, 1934. The princess was a grandniece of Prince George's grandmother.

For Marie, queen dowager of Romania, see Note 2534.

2591. *NYT*, Monday, November 26, 1934, 17:7.

2592. *NYT*, Tuesday, November 27, 1934, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "'Well, we'" in seventh sentence.

Patrick Jay Hurley, Oklahoma attorney and businessman who served as secretary of war in Hoover's cabinet.

Phineas Taylor Barnum, American showman who cofounded the Barnum & Bailey Circus in 1881 and who remained in the circus business until his death in 1891. When asked to explain his success as a promoter, Barnum often responded, "There's a sucker born every minute."

2593. *NYT*, Wednesday, November 28, 1934, 23:7.

Clinton Lloyd Bardo, American industrialist who served as president of the National Association of Manufacturers from 1934 to 1936.

2594. *NYT*, Thursday, November 29, 1934, 27:7.

2595. *NYT*, Friday, November 30, 1934, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "those old-timers and" in fifth sentence.

For the royal wedding see Note 2590.

Dmitri Pavlovitch, exiled grand duke of Russia, husband of an American heiress, and for a while in the 1930s a champagne salesman in Florida.

Xenia Alexandrovna, Russian grand duchess and exiled sister of the last czar of Russia.

Vladimir Kyrilovich, assumptive grand duke of Russia and latter-day pretender to the Russian throne.

For George V see Note 2129.

Joseph Stalin, Russian Communist leader and virtual dictator of the Soviet Union from 1927 until his death in 1953.

2596. *NYT*, Saturday, December 1, 1934, 15:7.

Nancy Langhorne Astor, American-born English viscountess who was the first woman to sit in the House of Commons, serving from 1919 to 1945; noted for her caustic and irreverent comments on virtually any subject.

2597. *NYT*, Monday, December 3, 1934, 19:7.

2598. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 4, 1934, 21:6. Variants: *LAT* gives "Marianna" in first sentence/*NYT* gives "drifted over Bartlesville," in fifth sentence.

Irish anti-royalists hissed and booed when scenes of the wedding of Prince George and Princess Marina (see Note 2590) were shown in movie theaters in Ireland on December 2, prompting the Irish government to ban showing of similar footage in Ireland.

Post (see Note 2168) flew his *Winnie Mae* of around-the-world fame to an unofficial altitude of 48,000 feet during a flight over Oklahoma on December 3. He could not claim a world record because his altitude recorder malfunctioned.

2599. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 5, 1934, 25:7.

The United States Supreme Court upheld on December 3 a California state court decision that the University of California, as well as other land grant colleges in the country, may require military training as a part of their curricula (see Note 2320).

Tulane University defeated the Louisiana State University Tigers, 13 to 12, on December 1. The one-point winning margin resulted from Tiger hero Abe Mickal's failure to connect twice on point-after-touchdown attempts. A bill later was introduced into the Louisiana state legislature outlawing extra points. Tulane played Temple University in the first Sugar Bowl on January 1, 1935.

2600. *NYT*, Thursday, December 6, 9134, 25:7.

For Charles Kingsford-Smith see Note 2561.

Three Australian fliers, pilot Charles T. P. Ulm, copilot George Littlejohn, and navigator J. Leon Skilling, took off from Oakland, California, on December 3 in an attempt to retrace the route of Kingsford-Smith and Ulm's epochal United States-Australia flight in 1928. They advanced to somewhere north of the Hawaiian Islands, where for an unknown reason they ditched their plane in the ocean. An extensive air and surface search for the men proved in vain.

Harold Gatty, noted Australian air navigator who with Post (see Note 2168) set a world record in 1931 for an around-the-world flight.

For Charles Lindbergh see Note 2135.

2601. *NYT*, Friday, December 7, 1934, 25:7.

The American munitions industry was the subject of an intensive Senate inquiry (1934-1936) headed by Senator Gerald Prentiss Nye, an isolationist who was convinced that munitions makers had conspired to drag the United States into World War I. The probe revealed, however, that the munitions industry profited far more from neutrality than from participation in the war.

2602. *NYT*, Saturday, December 8, 1934, 17:7.

In Russia the chairman of the Leningrad Soviet and member of the Politburo was shot and killed by a young Communist on December 1, 1934. The murder usually is regarded as the starting point of a wave of purges that swept the country during the years 1935-1938 and that virtually wiped out the Old Guard of the Russian Communist party.

Yugoslavia accused neighboring Hungary of complicity in the October assassination of King Alexander I. On December 6 Hungary appealed to the League of Nations to prevent a retaliatory expulsion from Yugoslavia of numerous Hungarians under what was described as brutal circumstances. Reports of the character and extent of the expulsions later were proven exaggerated. By December 10 the two countries had agreed to a return to the *status quo*.

Norman Hezekiah Davis, American financier who served as Roosevelt's special ambassador to economic and disarmament conferences. Davis informed Japan on December 6 that the United States would not alter the ship ratio established by the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922. Japan formally renounced the treaty on December 29, 1934.

2603. *NYT*, Monday, December 10, 1934, 23:4.

The Notre Dame University football team defeated the University of Southern California, 14 to 0, on December 8. William V. "Bill" Shakespeare, triple-threat halfback for the Fighting Irish, keyed the victory with a fifty-one-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter of play.

For Knute Rockne, late coach of Notre Dame, see Note 2293; for Charles L. O'Donnell, late president of Notre Dame, see Note 2445; for John F. O'Hara see Note 2445; for Elmer F. Layden see Note 2293.

Both Italy and France formally espoused the cause of their respective allies, Hungary and Yugoslavia, in the controversy between the two Balkan nations (see Note 2602). Nevertheless, the two major powers each exerted its influence for peace, working through the League of Nations to arrange a return to the *status quo*.

2604. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 11, 1934, 25:4.

Winthrop Aldrich, chairman of the board of Chase National Bank of New York City, arrived in Los Angeles in early December to visit with local bankers and to tour the studios of Fox Motion Pictures, an enterprise of Chase National. Aldrich was accompanied by Dr. Benjamin McAlester Anderson, an economist at Chase National from 1920 to 1939.

2605. *LAT*, Wednesday, December 12, 1934, I:1:4. *NYT* did not print the DT.

For Hirosi Saito, Japanese ambassador, see Note 2308; for Max Baer see Note 2137.

Shirley Temple, American child film star who began to appear in leading roles in 1934, enjoying phenomenal popularity in a succession of winsome roles.

2606. *NYT*, Thursday, December 13, 1934, 25:7.

William Thomas Waggoner, Texas cattleman and oilman whose Three D Ranch in west central Texas embraced more than 1,000,000 acres at the height of its operation from 1889 to 1903. Waggoner died on December 11, 1934, at age eighty-two.

2607. *NYT*, Friday, December 14, 1934, 25:7.

A three-power naval disarmament conference between Great Britain, Japan, and the United States, which had convened in London in October of 1934, ended on December 20 with no agreement reached regarding Japanese demands for equality in armaments.

For Norman Davis see Note 2602.

2608. *NYT*, Saturday, December 15, 1934, 25:4. Variant: *NYT* gives "have any, anyway." to end ninth sentence.

For the Wright brothers see Note 2093.

2609. *NYT*, Monday, December 17, 1934, 21:7.

A cold wave swept through the Florida peninsula, carrying freezing temperatures as far south as the Everglades and causing the severest agricultural losses since 1895.

2610. *NYT*, Tuesday, December 18, 1934, 23:7.

The National Resources Board, a presidential advisory body, released a report on December 16 that recommended a permanent federal public works program that would cost $105 billion in its first few years of operation.

2611. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 19, 1934, 25:7.

For the Yugoslavian-Hungarian conflict see Notes 2602 and 2603.

Italian and Ethiopian troops first clashed at the border of Ethiopia and to establish an Italian Libya on December 5, 1934. Italy, whose leader Mussolini was determined to establish an Italian empire in North Africa, refused all offers of conciliation and on October 3, 1935, started war by invading Ethiopia. Italy conquered the North African nation in 1935-1936, easily overcoming the ineffective sanctions imposed by the League of Nations.

2612. *NYT*, Thursday, December 20, 1934, 25:7.

The gun Dillinger (see Note 2341) used in his escape was smuggled to the felon by a judge who had been bribed by a friend of Dillinger.

2613. *NYT*, Friday, December 21, 1934, 25:7.

2614. *NYT*, Saturday, December 22, 1934, 17:7.

2615. *NYT*, Monday, December 24, 1934, 15:7.

Soviet infantry units that invaded Japanese-controlled Manchukuo on December 22 quickly were met and repulsed by Manchukuoan troops. The Soviet Union, however, denied charges that its troops crossed the border, and Japan dismissed the entire incident.

Richberg (see Note 2543) and Johnson (see Note 2151) clashed in December over a proposed series of articles by the former NRA administrator for the *Saturday Evening Post*, with Richberg threatening legal action if the magazine allowed "the publication of character assassinations." By the end of the year the men had resolved their differences, even to the point of exchanging Christmas greetings.

2616. *LAT*, Tuesday, December 25, 1934, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

Rumors of the impending marriage of the Prince of Wales (see Note 2130) and Ingrid Victoria Louise Marguerite, Swedish princess, circulated widely in December of 1934. The stories proved false, however; Prince Edward remained a bachelor until his marriage to an American divorcée in 1936, a year after Princess Ingrid's marriage to the crown prince of Denmark.

The fourth volume of the memoirs of David Lloyd George (see Note 2214) appeared in the fall of 1934.

2617. *NYT*, Wednesday, December 26, 1934, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "Madam and" in fifth sentence.

Thoroughbred horse racing returned to southern California in December of 1934 after an absence of twenty-five years. The racing season opened Christmas Day at the new Santa Anita track near Los Angeles.

For Graham McNamee see Note 2330; for Greta Garbo see Note 2064.

Twenty Grand, champion American race horse, which won the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes in 1931.

2618. *NYT*, Thursday, December 27, 1934, 23:7.

2619. *NYT*, Friday, December 28, 1934, 23:7.

A six-year investigation by the Federal Trade Commission culminated in a series of adverse reports issued in 1935 on the property and methods of public utility companies.

2620. *NYT*, Saturday, December 29, 1934, 17:6.

2621. *NYT*, Monday, December 31, 1934, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* omits last two sentences.

2622. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 1, 1935, 3:5.

2623. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 2, 1935, 10:4. Variant: *LAT* gives "Pennsylvania one" in fifth sentence.

The University of Alabama defeated Stanford University, 29 to 13, in the Rose Bowl of 1935.

Tulane University, which was chosen over Louisiana State University to play in the inaugural Sugar Bowl, defeated Temple University, 20 to 14, in the post-season classic.

2624. *NYT*, Thursday, January 3, 1935, 25:7.

For the Alabama-Stanford football game see Note 2623.

2625. *NYT*, Friday, January 4, 1935, 23:7.

Millard Filmore "Dixie" Howell, football star at the University of Alabama from 1932 to 1934. Known as the "Human Howitzer," Howell completed nine of twelve passes for 160 yards and one touchdown in the Rose Bowl of 1935.

2626. *NYT*, Saturday, January 5, 1935, 19:7.

In his annual "State of the Union" address, Roosevelt urged the abolition of the "evils of holding companies," federal control of which was strengthened by the Public Utilities Companies Act of August of 1935, and the creation of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), a federal agency designed to increase the purchasing power of persons on relief by employing them on useful projects.

2627. *NYT*, Monday, January 7, 1935, 19:7.

Bruno Richard Hauptmann, German-born carpenter who was accused of the kidnapping and murder in 1932 of the infant son of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. Although captured in September of 1934 with part of the $50,000 ransom in his possession, Hauptmann maintained his innocence through a sensational two-month long trial at Flemington, New Jersey, in early 1935. Found guilty, he was electrocuted on April 3, 1936.

2628. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 8, 1935, 23:7.

Pierre Laval, French minister of foreign affairs from 1931 to 1932 and 1935 to 1936. Laval and Mussolini signed a series of agreements at Rome on January 7 that included a proposal for a multilateral pact to safeguard the independence of Austria.

Francis Joseph Otto, Austrian archduke, member of the Hapsburg royal family and pretender to the Austro-Hungarian throne; in exile since 1919.

2629. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 9, 1935, 21:7.

Roosevelt presented to Congress on January 7 a proposed federal budget for 1935 totaling $8,520, 413, 609.

Betty Gow, Scottish-born nurse for the Charles Lindbergh family. Gow testified for the prosecution on January 7 in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann, accused kidnapper-murderer of the Lindbergh's infant son (see Note 2627).

Johnson (see Note 2151) wrote a series of articles for the *Saturday Evening Post* in early 1935. In the first essay, which appeared in the January 12 issue, he called for enlightened government policies toward businessmen.

The Supreme Court declared unconstitutional on January 7 the first important piece of New Deal legislation to come before it—the section of the National Industrial Recovery Act under which the government attempted to control oil production.

2630. *NYT*, Thursday, January 10, 1935, 21:7.

2631. *NYT*, Friday, January 11, 1935, 25:3.

The Supreme Court heard arguments in early 1935 on four cases involving the constitutionality of a congressional resolution of 1933 that nullified the gold clause in private and public contracts. The power of the government to so act in private contracts was affirmed in three cases decided on February 18. In the fourth the congressional resolution was held unconstitutional, but because of a legal technicality in the case the action of the government was upheld.

2632. *NYT*, Saturday, January 12, 1935, 17:7.

For Supreme Court action see Note 2631; for Max Baer see Note 2137.

2633. *NYT*, Monday, January 14, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "show this week." in first sentence.

2634. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 15, 1935, 21:7.

The Saar, a semi-autonomous territory formerly owned by Germany and which after World War I was administered by France under League of Nations supervision. Ninety percent of the votes cast in a plebiscite on January 13 favored the return of the Saar to Germany. The region was restored in March of 1935.

2635. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 16, 1935, 19:7.

Doolittle (see Note 2234) crossed the United States in eleven hours and fifty-nine minutes on January 15, setting a new transcontinental record for transport planes.

Post (see Note 2234) attempted a transcontinental stratospheric flight on February 22, but mechanical difficulties forced him to end the flight shortly after taking off from Los Angeles. For the flight he built a flying suit that was a forerunner of modern-day space suits.

2636. *NYT*, Thursday, January 17, 1935, 21:7.

Helen Richey, flier for Central Airlines and the first woman copilot for a commercial airline.

The Senate voted on January 29 against American membership in the World Court (see Note 2074).

2637. *NYT*, Friday, January 18, 1935, 25:7.

For the World Court see Notes 2074 and 2636.

2638. *NYT*, Saturday, January 19, 1935, 15:7.

2639. *NYT*, Monday, January 20, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Jones, outside…tax. (Brother,…efficient.) The" in ninth and tenth sentences.

For Jack Garner see Note 2105; for Jesse Jones see Note 2107.

2640. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 22, 1935, 21:7.

Thomas Joseph "Tom" Mooney, American labor agitator who was convicted and sentenced to death for his participation in the bomb killings of nine persons in San Francisco in 1916. His case aroused international interest because of the widely held belief in his innocence. The United States Supreme Court, however, denied a writ of *habeas corpus* on January 20, 1934. He finally was granted an unconditional pardon in 1939 and was released.

For the gold-clause decisions see Note 2631.

2641. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 23, 1935, 19:7.

Roosevelt indicated on January 20 that he wanted Garner (see Note 2105) as his running-mate in 1936.

2642. *NYT*, Thursday, January 24, 1935, 21:3.

Samuel "Sam" Houston, American soldier and statesman who led the revolt of Texas against Mexico in the 1830s.

2643. *NYT*, Friday, January 25, 1935, 23:7.

For the World Court see Notes 2074 and 2636.

2644. *NYT*, Saturday, January 26, 1935, 19:7.

The House passed an administration-sponsored $4.8 billion work relief bill on January 24 and sent it to the Senate. Known as the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, it was signed into law on April 8, 1935.

2645. *NYT*, Monday, January 28, 1935, 17:7.

2646. *NYT*, Tuesday, January 29, 1935, 23:6.

One hundred armed opponents of Long gathered at the Baton Rouge airport on January 26 but were dispersed by 500 National Guardsmen and state policemen armed with rifles, machine-guns, and tear gas. Known as the "battle of the airport," the incident stemmed from the imposition of a state tax on petroleum.

The thirty-four-story Louisiana State Capitol was completed in 1932 at a cost of $5 million.

Smith (see Note 2115) was a cobuilder of the 102-story Empire State Building in New York City. Completed in 1931, it was for many years the tallest building in the world.

2647. *NYT*, Wednesday, January 30, 1935, 21:7.

2648. *NYT*, Thursday, January 31, 1935, 21:7.

For the World Court see Notes 2074 and 2636; for Joe Robinson see Note 2105.

2649. *NYT*, Friday, February 1, 1935, 23:7.

For Fiorello H. La Guardia see Note 2265.

2650. *NYT*, Saturday, February 2, 1935, 15:7.

For Fiorello H. La Guardia, mayor of New York City, see Note 2265.

2651. *NYT*, Monday, February 4, 1935, 17:7.

2652. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 5, 1935, 21:7.

Donald Wills Douglas, president of Douglas Aircraft Company from 1928 to 1957.

For the gold clause decisions see Note 2631.

2653. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 6, 1935, 21:7.

2654. *LAT*, Thursday, February 7, 1935, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

For Max Baer see Note 2137; for Roger Babson see Note 2180.

Frank Richardson Kent, American syndicated newspaper columnist from 1924 until his death in 1958.

For Walter Lippmann see Note 2078; for Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

John Stuart Martin, managing editor of *Time* magazine from 1929 to 1937.

The March of Time, a series of twenty-minute film "magazines" of current events issued monthly in the United States from 1935 to 1951 and produced by the publishers of *Time* magazine.

2655. *NYT*, Friday, February 8, 1935, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "talking about it, and never had any" in third and fourth sentences.

2656. *NYT*, Saturday, February 9, 1935, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "to man" in fourth sentence.

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, British military officer and nobleman who founded the Boy Scouts in 1908.

2657. *NYT*, Monday, February 11, 1935, 19:7.

2658. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 12, 1935, 23:7.

Federal unemployment compensation was provided by the Social Security Act of August of 1935.

For the gold clause decisions see Note 2631; for the Hauptmann trial see Note 2527.

2659. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 13, 1935, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "It will soon be in" in third sentence.

David T. Wilentz, attorney general of New Jersey from 1935 to 1943. The chief prosecuting attorney at the Hauptmann trial (see Note 2627), Wilentz delivered an emotional summation speech on February 12, pleading with the jury to show no mercy toward the accused.

Edward J. "Big Ed" Reilly, veteran American criminal attorney who headed the defense counsel at Hauptmann's trial.

2660. *NYT*, Thursday, February 14, 1935, 23:7.

The American dirigible *Macon* crashed on February 12 as a result of structural failure during a comparatively gentle storm off the California coast. The loss of the *Macon* came less than two years after the fatal crash of another United States airship, the *Akron*.

2661. *NYT*, Friday, February 15, 1935, 21:3.

For James O'Connor see Note 2572.

2662. *NYT*, Saturday, February 16, 1935, 15:7. *LAT* did not print the DT.

For Post's stratospheric flight attempt see Note 2635.

2663. *NYT*, Monday, February 18, 1935, 17:7.

Francis Everett Townsend, California physician who conceived and promoted an old-age pension scheme known as the Townsend Plan. Certain aspects of his proposal were embodied in the Social Security Act of August of 1935.

2664. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 19, 1935, 23:7.

2665. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 20, 1935, 21:7.

For the gold clause decisions see Note 2631.

2666. *NYT*, Thursday, February 21, 1935, 21:7.

Frank West Bering, popular executive with the Hotel Sherman in Chicago from 1910 until his retirement in 1960.

2667. *NYT*, Friday, February 22, 1935, 21:7.

Wallace Beery, American motion picture actor noted principally for tough, but easy-going character roles.

Donald "Don" Meade, American jockey who was the leading rider in the country in 1939 and 1941. Meade rode Ted Clark to a fifth place finish in the inaugural running of the $127,000 Santa Anita Handicap on February 23.

2668. *NYT*, Saturday, February 23, 1935, 13:7.

For Post's stratospheric flight attempt see Note 2635.

The Senate approved an amendment to an unemployment relief bill on February 21 that required the payment of "prevailing wages" on various types of relief work; the Senate in a later vote rescinded this action.

2669. *NYT*, Monday, February 25, 1935, 19:7.

Azucar won the rich Santa Anita Handicap on February 23 by two lengths. The converted steeplechaser earned $108,400, at the time the largest purse ever won by a thoroughbred in a single race.

2670. *NYT*, Tuesday, February 26, 1935, 21:7.

2671. *NYT*, Wednesday, February 27, 1935, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "talk on world" in first sentence.

For Charlie Chaplin see Note 2244.

William James "Will" Durant, American philosopher and writer; winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1968. Durant taught at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1935.

2672. *NYT*, Thursday, February 28, 1935, 21:7.

Abyssinia, former name for Ethiopia. For the Italo-Ethiopian War see Note 2611.

Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia from 1930 to 1936 and 1941 to 1974.

2673. *NYT*, Friday, March 1, 1935, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits second paragraph.

Morgan (see Note 2059), feeling the pinch of the depression, sold six masterpieces in January of 1935 for $1.5 million and disposed of 900 valuable miniatures a month later.

For the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act of 1935 see Note 2644.

2674. *NYT*, Saturday, March 2, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Baby bond now." to end eighth sentence, omitting eleven words.

Prajadhipok, king of Siam (Thailand) from 1925 until his abdication on February 28, 1935.

For the Saar see Note 2634.

2675. *NYT*, Monday, March 4, 1935, 19:7.

Eleutherios Venizelos, Greek statesman who served as premier five times, including in 1933. Leader of opposition to the existing Greek government, Venizelos instigated an unsuccessful military and naval revolt in March of 1935. He died in exile in 1936 at age seventy-one.

For David Lloyd George see Note 2214.

2676. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 5, 1935, 21:7.

For Greece see Note 2675; for the Italo-Ethiopian War see Note 2611; for the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act see Note 2644.

2677. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 6, 1935, 21:3.

Sixty-nine-year-old Governor Merrian of California (see Note 2482) endorsed the Townsend old-age pension plan (see Note 2663) on March 4.

2678. *NYT*, Thursday, March 7, 1935, 25:3.

Robinson (see Note 2105) denounced the "ravings" of Long in a speech in the Senate on March 5. The Arkansan's bitter remarks followed an attack by Long on Roosevelt and his administration.

For Jack Dempsey see Note 2169.

2679. *NYT*, Friday, March 8, 1935, 23:3.

2680. *NYT*, Saturday, March 9, 1935, 17:5. Variant: *NYT* gives "have made that." in first sentence.

Malcolm Campbell, English businessman and automobile racer who set several world automobile records for speed, including a mark of 276.816 miles per hour at Daytona Beach, Florida, on March 7, 1935.

For the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act see Note 2644.

2681. *NYT*, Monday, March 11, 1935, 19:7.

Oliver Wendell Holms, associate justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1902 to 1932. Holmes, who died on March 5 at age ninety-three, bequeathed more than one-half of his $568,000 estate to the United States government.

2682. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 12, 1935, 23:7.

2683. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 13, 1935, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "between nations, if you just…out. All the" in third and fourth sentences.

2684. *NYT*, Thursday, March 14, 1935, 23:7.

Roosevelt on March 12 called for an end to the monopolistic public utility holding company device for controlling gas and electric operating companies. The Public Utility Holding Companies Act, signed on August 28, 1935, outlawed such practices and gave various federal commissions the power to regulate the rates and financial practices of these companies.

Charles Edward Coughlin, American priest who attracted a wide following with his frequent radio broadcasts in the 1930s assailing American financial leaders for having caused the depression.

For Hugh Johnson see Note 2151.

2685. *NYT*, Friday, March 15, 1935, 23:7.

2686. *LAT*, Saturday, March 16, 1935, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

John Steven McGroarty, Democratic United States representative from California from 1935 to 1939. Known primarily for his historical writings, McGroarty penned *The Mission Play* in 1911; it was performed annually at San Gabriel, California.

2687. *NYT*, Monday, March 18, 1935, 19:7.

For the Italo-Ethiopian War see Note 2631.

Hitler abrogated the military clauses of the Versailles Peace Treaty on March 16 when he announced that Germany would return to the old pre-World War I policy of the conscription of all young men. The French and British were appalled, but they did nothing except to protest and to start negotiations with Germany on nonaggression pacts.

2688. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 19, 1935, 23:7.

2689. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 20, 1935, 23:7.

For Germany see Note 2687.

2690. *NYT*, Thursday, March 21, 1935, 25:7.

For Germany see Note 2687.

2691. *NYT*, Friday, March 22, 1935, 25:7.

2692. *NYT*, Saturday, March 23, 1935, 17:7.

For public utility holding companies see Note 2684.

2693. *NYT*, Monday, March 25, 1935, 17:7.

Hoover, in his first public statement since leaving office, labeled the policies of the Roosevelt administration as "un-American regimentation and bureaucratic domination." The remarks were made in a letter from Hoover read before a convention of young California Republicans on March 23.

2694. *NYT*, Tuesday, March 26, 1935, 21:7.

2695. *NYT*, Wednesday, March 27, 1935, 23:7.

2696. *NYT*, Thursday, March 28, 1935, 23:7.

Perkins (see Note 2099) spoke on March 23 at the sixty-seventh anniversary of the chartering of the University of California. Her appearance at Berkeley was protested by Martha Ijams, an alumna who objected to the selection of a "mere politician" as the first woman Charter Day speaker. Eleanor Roosevelt publically criticized Ijams for "snubbing" Perkins.

Mae West, platinum-wigged American leading lady of the screen who combined sexuality, suggestiveness, and humor in a successful film career that began in 1932.

Jane Addams, American humanitarian, social reformer, and cofounder of the Hull House settlement project in Chicago in 1889; corecipient of the Nobel Peace Prize of 1931.

2697. *NYT*, Friday, March 29, 1935, 23:7.

2698. *NYT*, Saturday, March 30, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Thorman the II." in sixth sentence.

Mary Amelia Rogers, only daughter of Will and Betty Rogers. Mary Rogers made her debut as a stage actress in 1934.

Three Men on a Horse, a three-act comedy by John Cecil Holm and George Abbot, opened in New York City on January 30, 1935.

Alfred "Alfie" Byrne, lord mayor of Dublin, Ireland, from 1930 to 1939.

2699. *NYT*, Monday, April 1, 1935, 21:7.

2700. *NYT*, Tuesday, April2, 1935, 23:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "Cattle had a good price." for fourth sentence.

Ernest Whitworth Marland, Democratic governor of Oklahoma from 1935 to 1939.

Alfred Mossman "Alf" Landon, Republican governor of Kansas from 1933 to 1937; unsuccessful Republican presidential nominee in 1936.

2701. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 3, 1935, 25:7.

2702. *NYT*, Thursday, April 4, 1935, 25:5.

2703. *NYT*, Friday, April 5, 1935, 25:7.

Austria announced on April 3 that it would introduce two-year compulsory military service and would increase the size of its army from 30,000 to 60,000 men. The Austrian move followed closely similar action by Germany (see Note 2687).

2704. *NYT*, Saturday, April 6, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits first paragraph.

2705. *NYT*, Monday, April 8, 1935, 21:7.

For the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act see Note 2644.

2706. *LAT*, Tuesday, April 9, 1935, I:1:5. *NYT* did not print the DT.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

2707. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 10, 1935, 33:7.

Adolph Simon Ochs, publisher of the *New York Times* from 1896 until his death on April 8, 1935, at age seventy-seven. The *Times* was the first newspaper to publish Rogers' Daily Telegrams and Weekly Articles.

Warren Delano Robbins, American career diplomat who served as minister to Canada from 1933 until his death on April 7, 1935, at age forty-nine. Robbins served as counselor at the American embassy at Rome from 1925 to 1928 and minister to San Salvador from 1928 to 1930.

For Rogers' interview with Mussolini in 1926 see Rogers' *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to His President*.

2708. *NYT*, Thursday, April 11, 1935, 23:3. Variants: *NYT* omits first paragraph/*NYT* gives "of boys" in sixth sentence.

Hitler gave the bride away at the wedding of General Hermann Goering, president of the *Reichstag*, and Emmy Sonnemann, German actress.

Fielding Harris Yost, head football coach at the University of Michigan from 1901 to 1925 and athletic director at Michigan from 1921 to 1941.

Amos Alonzo Stagg, head football coach for fifty-seven years including at the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1932 and at College of the Pacific from 1933 to 1946. His victory total, 314 games, ranks among the highest of any other college coach.

Glenn Scobey "Pop" Warner, head football coach at Temple University from 1933 to 1938. Warner, who began his coaching career at the University of Georgia in 1895, was one of the greatest innovators in the history of the sport.

2709. *NYT*, Friday, April 12, 1935, 25:7.

At a conference at Stresa, Italy, in April of 1935, representatives of Great Britain, France, and Italy made (but never implemented) a decision to maintain a common posture toward Germany, following the latter's decision to rearm in violation of the Treaty of Versailles.

2710. *NYT*, Saturday, April 13, 1935, 17:3.

2711. *NYT*, Monday, April 15, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "'at Stresa, Italy.'" in first sentence.

For the Stresa Conference see Note 2709.

2712. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 16, 1935, 23:7.

For the rearming of Germany see Note 2687.

2713. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 17, 1935, 25:7.

2714. *NYT*, Thursday, April 18, 1935, 25:6.

Harold Le Clair Ickes, United States secretary of the interior from 1933 to 1939 and administrator of public works from 1933 to 1939. Ickes and Long clashed repeatedly in April of 1935 after Ickes threatened to cancel all federal projects in Louisiana if Long did not cease his attempts to put federal spending in Louisiana under state control.

Ruth (see Note 2388) hit a home run and a single to power the Boston Braves to a 4 to 2 opening day victory over the New York Giants on April 16. Ruth, in the twilight of his career, had been traded to the Braves in 1935 following fifteen brilliant seasons with the New York Yankees.

Dean (see Note 2545) was injured by a line drive during the Saint Louis Cardinals' opening day game with the Chicago Cubs on April 16.

2715. *NYT*, Friday, April 19, 1935, 23:7.

A Pan-American Airways Clipper flew from California to Hawaii on April 16-17 in a record time of eighteen hours and thirty-seven minutes.

Earhart (see Note 2135) flew from Honolulu to San Francisco in January of 1935, the first solo Pacific flight by a woman.

Huey Long attempted in April of 1935 to gain control of federal spending in Louisiana (see also Note 2714).

2716. *NYT*, Saturday, April 20, 1935, 15:7.

Eugene Talmadge, Democratic governor of Georgia from 1933 to 1937 and 1941 to 1942. Because Talmadge had attempted to control the use of federal road funds in Georgia, Ickes (see Note 2714) cancelled four federal public works loans for Georgia on April 18.

Germany, Great Britain, Italy, and other European powers continued to clash over the decision by Germany to rearm (see Note 2687).

Johnson (see Note 2151) appeared at a Senate hearing on April 18 to plea for the continuance of the NRA. Admitting that mistakes had been made under his administration, Johnson nevertheless warned that abolition of the NRA would mean "chaos" for the American economy.

2717. *NYT*, Monday, April 22, 1935, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "directly to blame" in fifth sentence.

2718. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 23, 1935, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "learn. Children's crossword puzzles" in fourth, fifth, and sixth sentences.

"Gunga Din," poem by Rudyard Kipling, English poet and writer of short stories and novels; from his *Barrack-Room Ballads* (1892).

2719. *NYT*, Wednesday, April 24, 1935, 23:7.

2720. *NYT*, Thursday, April 25, 1935, 23:7.

For Frank Kent see Note 2654; for Walter Lippmann see Note 2078.

Old marriage records uncovered in Wisconsin in April revealed that a Mae West had married a Frank Wallace in Milwaukee in 1911. Mae West the actress (see Note 2696) denied having been married, however. Later, after a stage actor named Frank Wallace appeared and confirmed the marriage, West retracted her statement. The marriage was dissolved legally in 1943.

2721. *NYT*, Friday, April 26, 1935, 21:7.

Tugwell (see Note 2411) was appointed on April 24 to direct rural rehabilitation under a $4 billion work relief program established in 1935.

2722. *NYT*, Saturday, April 27, 1935, 19:6.

A veterans' bonus bill, requiring immediate payment of twenty-year certificates issued in 1925, failed by a narrow margin in May of 1935 to become law over Roosevelt's veto.

For John J. "Black Jack" Pershing see Note 2072.

2723. *NYT*, Monday, April 29, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* omits "he can speak…editorials against it." in third sentence.

Roosevelt delivered another fireside chat on April 28, advocating the measures then pending for extending the life of the NRA (not yet invalidated by the Supreme Court), for social security, and for federal regulation of public utilities.

2724. *NYT*, Tuesday, April 30, 1935, 19:3.

For Roosevelt's speech see Note 2723.

2725. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 1, 1935, 23:7.

2726. *NYT*, Thursday, May 2, 1935, 23:3. Variant: *LAT* gives "was in favor" in first sentence.

Richard Bedford Bennett, prime minister of Canada from 1930 to 1935.

James Aloysius Lyons, prime minister and treasurer of Australia from 1932 to 1939.

James Barry Munnik Hertzog, prime minister of South Africa from 1924 to 1939.

George William Forbes, prime minister of New Zealand from 1930 to 1935.

2727. *NYT*, Friday, May 3, 1935, 21:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "never perfected." to end fourth sentence.

2728. *NYT*, Saturday, May 4, 1935, 15:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "In this U.S." to begin first sentence/*NYT* gives "in a tie." to end second sentence, omitting next seven words.

Ruby Laffoon, Democratic governor of Kentucky from 1931 to 1935.

"Send-a-Dime" chain letters poured into post offices throughout the country in the spring of 1935.

Edward Riley Bradley, professional gambler and horseman from Kentucky. Owner of four previous Kentucky Derby winners, Bradley sent Boxthorn into the derby running of 1935 as a favorite with many bettors. Bradley's entry finished out of the money, however.

2729. *NYT*, Monday, May 6, 1935, 21:3.

Omaha won the sixty-first running of the Kentucky Derby on May 4. In 1935 he went on to become the third horse ever to win the Triple Crown—the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont Stakes.

The United States Fleet, including 400 naval airplanes, engaged in an extensive series of maneuvers in the Pacific Ocean in the spring of 1935. During the exercises, virtually the entire fleet entered Pearl Harbor to test its usefulness as a base of operations.

2730. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 7, 1935, 25:7.

Rogers was at Santa Anita to film race scenes for the motion picture *In Old Kentucky*.

2731. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 8, 1935, 21:7.

For Frank Hawks see Note 2234.

Fog was blamed for the crash of a passenger plane in Missouri on May 6 in which Senator Bronson Murray Cutting of New Mexico and five other persons died.

2732. *NYT*, Thursday, May 9, 1935, 23:7.

Amelia Earhart (see Note 2135) on May 8 became the first aviator to fly nonstop from Mexico City to New York City.

For Eleanor Roosevelt see Note 2089.

2733. *NYT*, Friday, May 10, 1935, 23:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "forty-eight" in first and third sentences.

Forty-three United States naval planes flew in a massed flight from Pearl Harbor to Midway as part of naval maneuvers in the Pacific.

2734. *NYT*, Saturday, May 11, 1935, 19:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Maybe someone hid" in second sentence.

For Franks Hawks see Notes 2234 and DT 2731.

2735. *NYT*, Monday, May 13, 1935, 17:7.

Barbara Hutton, often-married American heiress to the vast Woolworth dime store fortune. She married Count Kurt Von Haugwitz-Reventlow on May 14, the second time in less than three years that she had taken a titled European as her husband.

2736. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 14, 1935, 23:7.

For Eugene Talmadge see Note 2716.

2737. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 15, 1935, 23:7.

William A. Van Brunt, eighty-eight-year-old retired manufacturer living in Los Angeles, gave $280,000 to veteran employees of his Wisconsin firm.

2738. *NYT*, Thursday, May 16, 1935, 25:7.

The Patman bonus bill, providing for a $2.2 billion payment in cash on the adjusted compensation certificates held by World War I veterans, was passed by Congress in early May. Roosevelt vetoed the bill, however, chiefly on grounds that the measure would spur inflation. The House overrode the veto on May 22, but the Senate sustained it one day later.

2739. *NYT*, Friday, May 17, 1935, 23:7.

Edward Fitz Randolph "Eddie" Vail, California cattleman and philanthropist.

For Jack Garner see Note 2105.

2740. *NYT*, Saturday, May 18, 1935, 19:7.

2741. *NYT*, Monday, May 20, 1935, 19:7.

The *Maxim Gorki*, the largest airplane in the world at the time, collided with a stunt plane near Moscow on May 18. All forty-eight persons aboard the huge Russian passenger liner perished in the accident.

2742. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 21, 1935, 21:3.

For the Patman bonus bill see Note 2738.

2743. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 22, 1935, 21:7.

For Eleanor Roosevelt see Note 2089.

President Roosevelt established a precedent by appearing on May 22 before a joint session of Congress to deliver a veto message in person. For the Patman bonus bill see Note 2738.

2744. *NYT*, Thursday, May 23, 1935, 25:6. Variant: *LAT* gives "'wouldn't care to'" in second sentence.

Hitler delivered a major speech before the Reichstag on May 21, promising to respect all clauses of the Versailles Treaty and proposing that the German army be made a bulwark against communism.

2745. *NYT*, Friday, May 24, 1935, 23:7. Variant: *NYT*, gives "something about the work of Jane Addams since they were celebrating the anniversary of a women's league she had founded." in first sentence.

Kathleen Norris, American writer and feminist who authored more than eighty romantic novels between 1911 and 1959.

Addams (see Note 2696) died on May 21, 1935, at age seventy-five.

For Irvin S. Cobb see Note 2233.

2746. *NYT*, Saturday, May 25, 1935, 17:7.

Roberta Campbell Lawson, an Oklahoman whose ancestry was one-eighth American Indian, was elected president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in a hotly-contested election on June 10. She served as president from 1935 to 1938.

2747. *NYT*, Monday, May 27, 1935, 19:6. Variant: *LAT* gives "Ohio University" in fourth sentence.

For Babe Ruth see Note 2388.

William Lawson Little, Jr., American golfer who was the only player to win the United States and British amateur championships in the same year twice in a row—1934 and 1935.

James Cleveland "Jesse" Owens, American track star and member of the United States Olympic team of 1936. At the Big Ten Conference championships in May of 1935, Owens set or equaled four world records over a period of seventy minutes.

2748. *NYT*, Tuesday, May 28, 1935, 27:7.

For the Frazier-Lemke Farm Bankruptcy Act see Note 2228.

The National Industrial Recovery Act, of which the NRA was a part, was invalidated by the Supreme Court in the case of *Schechter Poultry Corporation* v. *U.S.*

William Ewart Humphrey, United States federal trade commissioner from 1925 to 1933. Humphrey, who had refused to step down from the commission at the request of Roosevelt, was summarily removed by the president in October of 1933. As a result he instituted federal court action to test the president's power of removal without cause. On May 27, 1935, the Supreme Court invalidated Roosevelt's action on grounds that he had exceeded his powers.

For Jesse Owens see Note 2747.

2749. *NYT*, Wednesday, May 29, 1935, 23:7.

2750. *NYT*, Thursday, May 30, 1935, 19:7.

2751. *NYT*, Friday, May 31, 1935, 17:7.

For EPIC and Upton B. Sinclair see Note 2519.

2752. *NYT*, Saturday, June 1, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "Now the popular" in fourth sentence.

For Jack Garner see Note 2105.

Nicholas Longworth, Republican United States representative from Ohio from 1903 to 1913 and 1915 until his death in 1931. Longworth was a close personal friend of Garner, his successor as speaker of the House.

2753. *NYT*, Monday, June 3, 1935, 19:7.

Daniel Calhoun Roper, United States secretary of commerce from 1933 to 1938.

2754. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 4, 1935, 25:7.

A new French luxury liner, the S.S. *Normandie*, broke the existing record for an Atlantic crossing during its maiden voyage in late May and early June of 1935.

2755. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 5, 1935, 21:7.

2756. *NYT*, Thursday, June 6, 1935, 23:7.

2757. *NYT*, Friday, June 7, 1935, 23:7.

The Wagner Act, also known as the National Labor Relations Act, guaranteed employees the right to self-organization and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing. Enacted on July 15, 1935, the Wagner Act retained many of the labor relation features of the invalidated National Industrial Recovery Act.

The Guffey-Snyder Coal Act was enacted on August 30, 1935, and sought to stabilize the bituminous coal-mining industry. It created the National Bituminous Coal Commission to administer production quotas and labor regulations based on the NRA soft coal code. Invalidated by the Supreme Court in 1936, the act was succeeded by the Guffey-Vinson Act of 1937.

Alice Ames Winter, California clubwoman and author. A former national president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, she served with the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America from 1929 to 1942.

2758. *NYT*, Saturday, June 8, 1935, 17:7.

Maurice Auguste Chevalier, debonair French entertainer who gained an international reputation in the Paris music halls of the 1920s. He also achieved fame as a star of American films, beginning with his appearance in *The Love Parade* in 1930.

2759. *NYT*, Monday, June 10, 1935, 19:3.

Murray (see Note 2106) presided at the Oklahoma Constitutional Convention of 1907 and was a noted authority on constitutional law. Murray supported Roosevelt's Republican opponents in 1936 and 1940.

Clem Vann Rogers, prominent rancher and banker of early-day Oklahoma and father of Will Rogers.

2760. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 11, 1935, 23:7.

Two of three suspected kidnappers of nine-year-old George Philip Weyerhaeuser were apprehended by federal agents on June 9. They later were convicted and sentenced to long prison terms. A third alleged participant never was captured.

2761. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 12, 1935, 23:3.

A "Grass Roots" convention of conservative midwestern Republicans was held at Springfield, Illinois, on June 10-11, 1935.

2762. *NYT*, Thursday, June 13, 1935, 25:3.

Stepin Fetchit, American black comedian who appeared in several motion pictures with Rogers, including one of the Oklahoman's last films, *Steamboat Round the Bend* (1935).

Owens (see Note 2747) won four events at a dual meet at Los Angeles between Ohio State Univeristy and the University of Southern California.

James Francis "Jim" Thorpe, widely-hailed athlete of American Indian descent. A native of Oklahoma, Thorpe earned all-American honors in 1911 and 1912 as a running back at Carlisle Institute and won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon at the Olympics of 1912.

2763. *NYT*, Friday, June 14, 1935, 25:7.

Long was filibustering against a proposed renewal of the NRA.

2764. *NYT*, Saturday, June 15, 1935, 17:7.

Baer (see Note 2137) lost his world heavyweight title to James J. "Jim" Braddock in an upset nine-round bout in New York City on June 14. Known as the "Cinderella Man," Braddock reigned as world champion from 1935 to 1937.

Kathryn Elizabeth "Kate" Smith, American singer and entertainer who achieved immense popularity during the 1930s and 1940s, A show business legend, Smith became renowned as the "Moon Over the Mountain" girl because of her theme song.

For Dizzy Dean see Note 2545.

2765. *NYT*, Monday, June 17, 1935, 19:7.

2766. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 18, 1935, 23:7.

2767. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 19, 1935, 21:3.

Bolivia and Paraguay signed a truce on June 12 that effectively ended three years of fighting between the two countries over possession of the Gran Chaco region (see Note 2296).

Landis (see Note 2551) took an unprecedented step on June 18 in ruling that a former athletic star at Sing Sing Prison was eligible to play professional baseball despite his criminal past. In 1907 Landis presided at the Standard Oil of Indiana rebate cases trial; he found the defendants guilty and fined them $29,240,000.

2768. *NYT*, Thursday, June 20, 1935, 21:7.

The California Pacific International Exposition was held at San Diego in 1935-1936.

2769. *NYT*, Friday, June 21, 1935, 21:7.

Roosevelt declared on June 19 that the tax laws had "done little to prevent an unjust concentration of wealth and economic power." His recommendations for higher taxes on large incomes and estates were embodied in the Wealth Tax Act, enacted in August of 1935 and which served to blunt the force of Long's "Share-the-Wealth" movement.

2770. *NYT*, Saturday, June 22, 1935, 17:7.

The University of California won the Intercollegiate Rowing Association varsity championship at Poughkeepsie, New York, with a split-second victory over Cornell University on June 18.

Rush Dew Holt, Democratic United States senator from West Virginia from 1935 to 1941. Holt was unable to take his seat on the beginning day of his term, January 3, because he had not reached the minimum age required by the Constitution. He finally took office on June 21, 1935, two days after his thirtieth birthday.

2771. *NYT*, Monday, June 24, 1935, 19:7.

For the Wealth Tax Act see Note 2769; for Joe Robinson see Note 2105.

2772. *NYT*, Tuesday, June 25, 1935, 21:3.

2773. *NYT*, Wednesday, June 26, 1935, 23:7.

For chain letters see Note 2728; for technocracy see Note 2070.

2774. *NYT*, Thursday, June 27, 1935, 23:3.

Joe "Brown Bomber" Louis, American prize fighter who held the world heavyweight title from 1937 to 1949. On June 25 Louis recorded his twenty-third consecutive professional win with a sixth-round knock-out of Primo Carnera (see Note 2515).

For Jim Braddock see Note 2764; for Max Baer see Note 2137; for Bugs Baer see Note 2137; for Max Schmeling see Note 2137.

2775. *NYT*, Friday, June 28, 1935, 23:3.

The National Youth Administration (NYA) was established by executive order on June 26 to administer a $50,000,000 work relief and employment program for persons between the age of sixteen and twenty-five. By 1936 some 600,000 young persons were engaged in NYA activities.

2776. *NYT*, Saturday, June 29, 1935, 17:6.

The Gold Clause Act of August of 1935 allowed the government to withdraw its consent to be sued on its gold obligations.

2777. *NYT*, Monday, July 1, 1935, 21:7.

2778. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 2, 1935, 23:7.

For Italy and Ethiopia (Abyssinia) see Note 2611.

2779. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 3, 1935, 19:7.

For the Public Utility Holding Companies Act see Note 2584.

2780. *NYT*, Thursday, July 4, 1935, 17:7.

For Arthur Brisbane see Note 2060.

2781. *NYT*, Friday, July 5, 1935, 15:7.

2782. *NYT*, Saturday, July 6, 1935, 15:7.

2783. *NYT*, Monday, July 8, 1935, 17:7.

Helen Wills Moody, in a dramatic comeback from a painful loss to Helen Jacobs in 1933 (see Note 2204), defeated Jacobs in three sets on July 6 to win her seventh Wimbledon title.

Helen Hull Jacobs, American tennis star of the 1920s and 1930s and winner, at least once each, of most major women's titles.

2784. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 9, 1935, 23:7. Variant: *NYT* omits third sentence.

For John D. Rockefeller, Sr., see Note 2059.

2785. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 10, 1935, 23:7.

Tutankhamen, ancient Egyptian monarch whose tomb was discovered in 1922 in the Valley of the Kings along the Nile River.

2786. *NYT*, Thursday, July 11, 1935, 23:7.

For Italy and Ethiopia (Abyssinia) see Note 2611; for Haile Selassie, emperor of Ethiopia, see Note 2672.

2787. *NYT*, Friday, July 12, 1935, 21:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "the U. S. or chairman of the committee. 'Mr. Jones'" in first and second sentences.

2788. *NYT*, Saturday, July 13, 1935, 15:7.

For Italy and Ethiopia (Abyssinia) see Note 2611.

2789. *LAT*, Monday, July 15, 1935, I:1:3. *NYT* did not print t he DT.

2790. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 16, 1935, 21:3.

For Pat Hurley see Note 2592.

2791. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 17, 1935, 21:7. Variants: *NYT* gives "much of a remark I had mad about" in fourth sentence/*NYT* gives "Hays, who served under" in seventh sentence.

For Pat Hurley see Note 2592.

Curtis Dwight Wilbur, United States secretary of the navy from 1924 to 1929.

For Will Hays see Note 2169.

Warren Gamaliel Harding, United States president from 1921 until his death in 1923.

Harry Whinna Nice, Republican governor of Maryland from 1935 to 1939.

Man o' War, American-bred race horse, which won twenty of twenty-one races from 1919 to 1920 and set five American track records during a brief racing career.

Albert Cabell Ritchie, Democratic governor of Maryland from 1920 to 1935 and president aspirant in 1932.

2792. *NYT*, Thursday, July 18, 1935, 21:7.

A New York judge on July 17 annulled the marriage of an American heir and an Austrian countess on grounds that the young man had been victim of a plot by the "so-called nobility" of Europe to obtain wealth.

2793. *NYT*, Friday, July 19, 1935, 19:7, Variant: *NYT* omits tenth and eleventh sentences.

The processing taxes of the AAA were ruled unconstitutional by the Federal Court of Appeals at Boston on July 16. The Supreme Court invalidated the AAA in January of 1936.

The British Labour ministry moved on July 17 to bolster home talent by banning American chorus girls from performing in Great Britain.

2794. *NYT*, Saturday, July 20, 1935, 15:7. Variant: *NYT*, gives "lawyers and judges" in eighth sentence.

2795. *NYT*, Monday, July 22, 1935, 17:7.

Lázaro Cárdenas, president of Mexico from 1934 to 1940. As part of a national campaign against gambling. Cárdenas banned gambling at the border resorts of Tijuana and Agua Caliente on July 20. The new policy forced 600 jockeys, horse trainers, and casino employees out of work.

For Ettie Rheiner Garner see Note 2338; for Albert Einstein see Note 2411.

Thomas Alva Edison, American inventor responsible for numerous practical applications of electricity, including the first commercially successful incandescent lamp.

Robert Fulton, American engineer and inventor who developed and operated the first successful steamboat in 1807.

2796. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 23, 1935, 21:7.

The Soviet Union planned an Arctic flight in July of 1935, but mechanical difficulties forced a postponement of the attempt. Two years later, three Russian fliers made the first nonstop flight across the North Pole, flying from Moscow to Vancouver, Canada, in less than sixty-four hours.

2797. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 24, 1935, 19:7.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

Great Britain served notice on July 22 that it had abandoned its effort to secure naval limitation by the ratio principle established at the Washington Conference of 1921-1922 (see Note 2247), claiming that the ratios injured the pride of some countries.

2798. *NYT*, Thursday, July 25, 1935, 21:3.

Bertrand Hollis Snell, Republican United States representative from New York from 1915 to 1939. Snell, the minority leader in Congress, created a stir in Congress when he remarked on July 22 that Roosevelt had trod "perilously close" to impeachable grounds.

Fish (see Note 2191), in a speech on the floor of Congress on July 23, fell short of calling for the impeachment of Roosevelt, but did remark that "the president has usurped the powers of Congress and it is time we called a halt."

Mutt and Jeff, successful daily newspaper cartoon feature; created by Harry Conway "Bud" Fisher in 1907.

2799. *NYT*, Friday, July 26, 1935, 17:7.

2800. *NYT*, Saturday, July 27, 1935, 15:7.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

Waite Phillips, American oilman and industrialist who cofounded the Phillips Petroleum Company in 1917. He owned and operated large livestock ranches in the Southwest, including the Philmont, which embraced 325,000 acres near Cimarron, New Mexico.

2801. *NYT*, Monday, July 29, 1935, 17:7.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

2802. *NYT*, Tuesday, July 30, 1935, 21:7.

Geronimo, Apache chieftain who led a sensational campaign from 1885 to 1886 against whites in the Southwest.

The Boer War, a conflict between Great Britain and the two Boer, or Afrikaner, republics, the Orange Free State and the South African Republic (Transvaal), from 1899 to 1902.

Hernando Cortes, Spanish conqueror of Mexico (1521).

The Yanquis of Sonora, Mexico, repeatedly rose in revolt against civil authority in Mexico. Three thousand Yaqui warriors held off nearly 5,000 Mexican troops between 1885 and the turn of the century, and other uprisings occurred periodically.

2803. *NYT*, Wednesday, July 31, 1935, 19:7.

Roberta Star Semple Smythe, evangelist daughter of Aimee Semple McPherson (see Note 2064).

For Joe Robertson see Note 2105.

2804. *NYT*, Thursday, August 1, 1935, 25:4. Variant: *NYT* omits "Dr. Jasbo,…of office." in second sentence.

Roy Orchard Woodruff, Republican United States representative from Michigan from 1913 to 1915 and 1921 to 1953.

2805. *NYT*, Friday, August 2, 1935, 19:7.

2806. *NYT*, Saturday, August 3, 1935, 15:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "ranch life." to end DT.

The World Championship Rodeo contest was held hear Los Angeles from August 3 to 11.

Robert Anderson "Wild Horse Bob" Crosby, colorful and controversial New Mexico rodeo performer of the 1920s and 1930s known as the "King of the Steer Ropers."

2807. *NYT*, Monday, August 5, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *NYT* gives "his Spring in '35" in third sentence.

Farley (see Note 2250) was on a six-week vacation trip to Hawaii.

2808. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 6, 1935, 19:3.

For San Francisco bridges see Note 2486; for the California Pacific International Exposition at San Diego see Note 2768.

2809. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 7, 1935, 21:7. Variants: *NYT*, gives "Los Angeles and a few hours by plane to Spokane,…Chicago." in first sentence/*NYT* gives "Today I saw" in third sentence.

The Boeing 299 bomber, the largest plane in the United States at the time, had its first test flight on June 28, 1935, at the Boeing Field in Seattle. Later redesignated the B-17, it became known as the Flying Fortress.

Roosevelt proposed in July of 1935 new doughnut-shaped half-cent and one-mill coins that would be used to pay taxes. Congressmen concerned about the constitutionality of the plan killed it in committee.

Victor A. "Vic" Meyers, orchestra leader and musician who served as Democratic lieutenant governor of Washington from 1933 to 1953.

2810. *NYT*, Thursday, August 8, 1935, 19:7. Variants: *NYT*, gives "rain came up and we just" in third sentence/*NYT* gives "old boy Wiley Post" in fifth sentence.

Rogers was accompanying Wiley Post (see Note 2168).

2811. *NYT*, Friday, August 9, 1935, 19:7. Variant: *LAT* omits fourth sentence.

John Weir Troy, Democratic governor of Alaska from 1933 to 1939.

2812. *NYT*, Saturday, August 10, 1935, 15:7.

Rex Ellingwood Beach, American novelist and miscellaneous writer noted for his rough-hewn portraits of life in Alaska.

2813. *NYT*, Monday, August 12, 1935, 17:7. Variant: *LAT* gives "With no night, it's" in seventh and eighth sentences.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

2814. *NYT*, Tuesday, August 13, 1935, 19:4. *LAT* did not print the DT.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

2815. *NYT*, Wednesday, August 14, 1935, 21:7. Variants: *LAT* gives "country if they…U. S. They…future." in first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "country. They run clear" in fifth sentence.

By the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 the United States acquired from France the former Spanish region of Louisiana, comprising much of the present-day United States lying north of Texas between the Mississippi River and the Great Basin.

William Henry Seward, United States secretary of state from 1861 to 1869; negotiated the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867.

2816. *NYT*, Thursday, August 15, 1935, 21:4. Variants: *LAT* gives "fine pilot in the Lockheed Electra. We scaled" in first and second sentences/*NYT* gives "bear. Down…valley now, out" in fifth and sixth sentences.

Joe Crosson, well-known Alaskan pilot who flew the bodies of Rogers and Post to Seattle from Point Barrow, Alaska, following the crash of their plane on August 15.

For Wiley Post see Note 2168.

Joe Barrows, Alaskan "bush pilot."

2817. *NYT*, Friday, August 16, 1935, 17:3. Variant: *LAT* gives "workmen. Paid regular wages but it's" in seventh and eighth sentences.

The Matamuska Valley colony was established in May of 1935 as a New Deal project to settle and develop Alaska and to give a new start to scores of destitute farm families. In June of 1935 several discontented colonists made public their complaints about the operation of the settlement. Federal and state officials quickly remedied the situation, however. The Matamuska colony continued to thrive into the 1970s.

LeRoy Philip Hunt, Sr., United States Marine Corps officer who served as first director of the Matamuska Valley project.