

~~MON talk till dawn - retire.~~

2 up late - read - 3H ret -
JK call - out for dinner - collars -
Laundry shone - ret. for dessert -
dishes - upstairs with JK - mad -
~~return & retire~~ no early - walk SF

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Comme chaque Dimanche, le président Kelvin Coolidge et son épouse sont photographiés sortant de la messe, sur les marches de la First Presbyterian Church : ici en novembre 1925. Mais c'est exactement la même et très protocolaire image, datée dimanche 1^{er} mars, qui va être utilisée pour la première expérience, à travers 8 000 km de câbles de cuivre, de publication simultanée d'une image à New York, San Francisco et Chicago. Les autres photographies seraient plus intéressantes : l'expérience photographiée en temps réel depuis la Bell et la American Telegraph & Telephone Company

[1925, lundi 2 mars]

Up late — read — SH ret — GK call — out for dinner — collars — laundry — shoes — ret. for dessert — dishes — upstairs with GK — read — return & retire.

Levé tard. Lu. Retour Sonia. Kirk passe, on sort diner. Faux cols. Lessive. Chaussures. Retour et collation. Vaisselle. Je monte chez Kirk. Lecture. Je reviens et couché.

Lundi, Sonia a repris cet emploi provisoire, lui reste au lit et ne la verra qu'au retour, et de nouveau on dîne Clinton Street, avec Kirk qui les rejoint pour le dessert. On dirait qu'il faut à Lovecraft la présence de Sonia pour rattraper les choses ménagères essentielles. On ne sort pas en ville sans faux-col, et ils se renouvellent souvent, elle dû lui en faire la remarque. Quand il voyage, mais probablement aussi Clinton Street, on sait que le soir il les lave à l'eau et au savon, les essore dans une serviette, et pour les faire sécher en bonne forme amidonnée les place dans une Bible (s'il est en voyage à l'hôtel, il y en a toujours une dans le tiroir) ou sous un de ses dictionnaires. Comme Lovecraft a entamé son régime, ils vont réduire en taille, ce sera l'unité de mesure. On reviendra dans quelques jours sur cette histoire de chaussures, puisque Kirk aussi devra changer les siennes et aura terriblement mal, le temps que le cuir s'assouplisse, ah la la. Pour que Sonia le soir puisse se reposer, c'est chez Kirk qu'il va lire, la vie coloc continue. Quant au perfectionnement de la transmission d'image à distance, qui fait la Une du journal ce jour-là, notons que ce qui est évoqué c'est la simultanéité de la transmission dans trois directions différentes, qu'on se réfère pour cela à une symbolique forte de l'image (le président va à l'église) mais que les ingénieurs se vengent par une idée bien plus forte : transmettre en temps réel l'expérience elle-même, en photographiant ceux qui la mettent en oeuvre. Cette logique n'a pas fini de nous concerner. Aussi dans le journal : Borglum, suite (il n'a pas détruit la maquette, mais ne veut pas la restituer tant que pas d'accord sur la phynance) ; de Londres, le carillon Big Ben transmis à Bornéo par ondes courtes radio, un record ; dans la campagne anglaise un vicaire de campagne se tire dans le cœur et loupe son suicide, sa soeur arrive, vise la tête et le réussit ; explosion d'une chaudière de locomotive, trois morts (récurrent) ; dans cette drôle de ville qu'est Niagara Falls, Orville A Preusters, fonctionnaire des douanes et procureur, membre du Klu Klux Klan, meurt quand sa voiture explose, l'éternelle guerre des bootleggers ; la disparition en Afrique de l'Est, trois mois sans nouvelles, d'une exploratrice archéologue, et elle s'appelle Akeley comme le personnage de *Chuchotements dans la nuit* ; au Madison Square Garden les six jours de cyclisme sur piste sont lancées, et

l'occasion d'introduire ici, depuis la ville de St Petersburg qui m'est chère, un grand héros du temps : Babe Ruth, on le retrouvera.

New York Times, 2 mars 1925. Une photo transmise par câble dans trois villes à la fois. Les ingénieurs de téléphonie à Washington ont envoyé une image à New York, Chicago et San Francisco, à travers 5000 kilomètres de câble. La compagnie souhaite établir un service transcontinental régulier. On pourrait aussi utiliser la radio. Washington, 1er mars. La transmission de photographies par 5000 kilomètres de câbles téléphoniques, vers trois villes simultanément, a été hier expérimentée par l'American Telephone & Telegraph Company et a été déclarée un succès complet. C'est la première fois qu'on tente une telle transmission vers plus d'une ville à la fois, et sur une telle distance. Près d'une douzaine de photographies ont été envoyées à New York, Chicago et San Francisco, sept minutes seulement étant nécessaires pour chacune. Les ingénieurs de la compagnie étaient en contact par télégraphie avec leurs bureaux dans les trois villes et on leur confirma que tout s'était passé sans problème. La démonstration avait été organisée, selon la compagnie, comme ultime test avant l'établissement d'un réseau transcontinental de transmission d'image, avant l'investiture présidentielle de mercredi. L'une des images transmises aujourd'hui était celle du président et madame Coolidge, prise ce matin lors de leur départ pour l'église. Moins de sept minutes après que le négatif eut été placé sur la machine transmetteuse, l'image était prête pour la publication à New York, Chicago et San Francisco. Alors que la transmission s'effectuait, on prit une photographie de la machine et du groupe de spectateurs. La pellicule fut développée et prête pour la transmission en moins d'une demi-heure, et sept minutes plus tard cette photographie-là était prête aussi à la publication dans les trois villes. C'était la deuxième démonstration publique de l'appareil, qui a été développé par les ingénieurs de la Bell Telephone Company et de l'American Telephone & Telegraph Company, le premier test ayant eu lieu en mai dernier. sur 21 centimètres, et après réception il est quasi impossible de la distinguer de la photographie originelle. On a aussi gagné du temps, disent les ingénieurs, parce qu'on peut utiliser la pellicule avant que le temps de séchage soit fini. Concernant le service transcontinental envisagé, les ingénieurs disent que le même système pour transmettre des photographies pourrait utiliser les ondes radio, quand les conditions atmosphériques sont favorables et qu'on soit sûr d'éviter les interférences.

Borneo Hears Big Ben's Chimes, Carried 8,523 Miles by Radio

LONDON, March 1.—Big Ben, London's most famous clock, on the House of Parliament, has made what is called a world record in the radio, its chimes having been heard in British North Borneo, 8,523 miles away.

Big Ben stopped ticking recently because its machinery had become clogged with soot and rust and workmen labored for several days, taking out 30 pounds of dirt. It was after this that the chimes were broadcast from Station 2LO, and word came back from an Englishman in Borneo that he had heard the old clock strike.

The Englishman wrote that he was "very proud" of what had been accomplished, and said that "no doubt Big Ben is the proudest clock in England."

Sister Helps English Vicar Finish Suicide; Fires Shot to End Pain, Is Adjudged Insane

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONDON, March 1.—While the Rev. W. G. C. Bettison, vicar of Hungerton in Leicestershire, lay dying from a self-inflicted wound in his study at the vicarage today, his sister, Dorothy Bettison, shot him dead to end his pain. The vicar came home from the morning service and went directly to his study. Soon a shot startled the household, and his sister, upon entering the study, found the vicar wounded in the head by a gunshot charge, evidently from a sporting gun which lay beside him. She went out and telephoned for

a doctor and on her return, finding her brother dying in agony, she ended his suffering by shooting him dead.

"I asked him if he would live," she is quoted as saying, "but he did not answer me and so I shot him to put him out of his pain."

The doctor found the vicar dead with two gunshot wounds, one in the head, another near the heart. Both barrels of the gun had been discharged.

Later in the day Miss Bettison was adjudged insane and removed to an asylum.

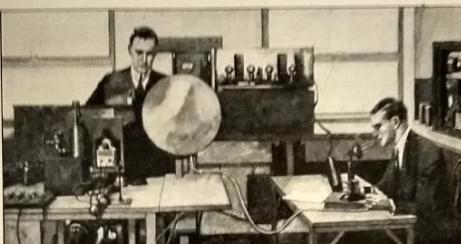
PHOTOS RECEIVED FROM CAPITAL BY WIRE.



President and Mrs. Coolidge Leaving the First Congregational Church Yesterday.



View of Picture-Sending Apparatus in American Telephone and Telegraph Office in Washington.



In the Bell System laboratories speech sounds are recorded on the oscillograph with a view to their subsequent analysis.

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WOMAN EXPLORER SILENT 3 MONTHS

Anxiety Felt for Safety of Mrs. Delia J. Akeley, Reported Ill in East Africa.

PLANNED TRIP INTO JUNGLE

Last Cable Message to Brooklyn Art Museum Told of Safe Arrival at Mombasa.

Anxiously regarding the safety of Mrs. Delia J. Akeley, African explorer, was expressed yesterday by officials of the Brooklyn Museum of Arts and Sciences. Mrs. Akeley, who departed from New York on Aug. 23, 1924, to head a "one white woman expedition" of a year or more in East Africa, has not been heard from directly since her arrival at Mombasa, when a cablegram from her early in December notified the Museum of her landing at that place.

"Mrs. Akeley is experienced as an African explorer, due to prior expeditions she has made there, and despite her silence we are not yet greatly alarmed at not hearing from her," said Dr. George P. Engelhardt, curator at the Museum.

Several weeks ago a news agency at Mombasa reported that Mrs. Akeley was ill with ptomaine poisoning, Dr. Engelhardt said. He believes that the explorer had become ill while making her first advance toward the section in which she expected to begin her work and was taken back to Nairobi, in the Kenya district, which is probably 300 miles from Mombasa.

It was at Nairobi that Mrs. Akeley had intended to establish her headquarters for the organization of a native caravan. On her two previous trips to Africa, one had to do with a miscellaneous collection of wild life for the Field Museum at Chicago. The second expedition concerned a study of big game life, particularly elephants, for the American Museum of Natural History. In this third venture the object is of even greater interest because Mrs. Akeley had planned to make a study of child-life in the jungle by living intimately with the natives of the different villages, and she had arranged to enlarge her scientific data with pictures. For this purpose she had taken along a camera and a motion picture machine.

The idea of Mrs. Akeley was that a lone woman at the head of her native assistance would more readily gain the confidence of the native women and children than could be possible with a large party of white explorers," said Dr. Engelhardt.

The museum officials are greatly interested in the outcome of this part of Mrs. Akeley's proposed scientific study of the natives. Part of the results of her investigation will go to the museum and other features she will retain for her personal use. In addition she will gather certain specimens of big-game life for the museum.

BOMB PUT IN CAR KILLS DRY AGENT

Active Prosecutor of Liquor Smugglers Meets Terrible Death at Niagara Falls.

FRIEND ALSO IS MANGLED

Explosion Which Blows Auto to Pieces Shakes a Wide Neighborhood.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., March 1.—Orville A. Preuster, a Federal customs official, was instantly killed here this afternoon by the explosion of a bomb. Elmer Whitacre, a friend, was seriously injured. The bomb was concealed in Preuster's automobile and when he pressed the starter the explosion occurred.

Preuster had been active in suppressing liquor smuggling here and was a brother of Lucas Lee Preuster, former county leader of the Ku Klux Klan. He was a widower and lived with his brother and his two children.

Saturday evening he parked his car in front of his home and did not touch it again until 4 o'clock this afternoon, when with Whitacre he started downtown. Preuster took the wheel and Whitacre went to the front of the car to crank it if necessary. Preuster stepped on the starter and there was an explosion that shook the neighborhood. Whitacre was blown forty feet away and Preuster was thrown into the wreckage of the automobile.

Part of Preuster's head was blown off and both legs were torn from the body. Parts of the automobile were found imbedded in near-by houses. Buildings for blocks about were shaken. Whitacre was sent to a hospital. The surgeons have scant hope of saving his life. He is 24 years old and has been a close friend of the older official for a number of years.

T. M. Hennessy, Chief of the Customs Inspection Service here, and the local police could find no clues. In the wreckage of the car they found a metal box, about an inch and a half square, inside of which was a small spring, and projecting from which there was a short stub of copper wire. This is believed to be part of a bomb which was placed in the car some time during the night. Several pieces of copper wire, heavier than any used on the car, were also found among the wreckage.

Preuster was not known to have any enemies, although he had been very active preventing smuggling of liquor across the border. He had caused many arrests. His most recent case was that of a man arrested for an alleged attempt to bribe Preuster after he had been caught with liquor in his car.

Officials tonight expressed the opinion that Preuster was the victim of the liquor and narcotic smuggling ring that has been operating along the Niagara frontier for six months.

Preuster is said to have been instru-

SEND PHOTO BY WIRE TO 3 CITIES AT ONCE

Telephone Engineers at Washington Send Picture to New York Chicago and San Francisco.

3,600 MILES OF WIRE USED

Company Will Establish Regular Transcontinental Service — Radio May Be Used Also.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Transmission of photographs over telephone wires 3,600 miles long simultaneously to three cities was tested here today by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and was declared by officials to have been a complete success.

It was the first time such transmission of photographs had been attempted to more than one city at a time and over so great a distance. Nearly a dozen pictures were sent to New York, Chicago and San Francisco, only seven minutes being required for each print. Officials of the company here were in touch by telegraph with their offices in the three cities and were told that the experiment was without a hitch.

The demonstration was arranged, the officials said, as a final test before announcing establishment of a general transcontinental picture transmission service and to perfect arrangements for sending pictures of the Presidential inauguration on Wednesday.

One of the pictures transmitted today was of President and Mrs. Coolidge, taken as they departed this morning from the First Congregational Church. Within seven minutes after the negative was placed on the transmitting machine the picture was available for publication in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

While the demonstration was in progress a photograph was taken of the machinery and a group of spectators. The film was developed and ready for transmission within half an hour, and seven minutes later duplicates were in the three cities.

It was the second public demonstration of the apparatus, which was perfected by engineers of the Bell Telephone Company and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. The first test was made last May.

It is possible to transmit a picture five by seven inches, which after ordinary development at the receiving end is practically indistinguishable from an ordinary photograph, officials said, and is ready for reproduction. Time is saved in transmitting photographs, they pointed out, because it is possible to use a film before it has dried after development.

Regarding the proposed transcontinental service, officials said the same system could be used in transmitting photographs by radio when atmospheric conditions are such that steadiness of transmission and freedom from inter-

SIX-DAY BIKE RACE STARTS IN GARDEN

Sixteen Teams Begin the Last Grind to Be Held in the Famous Old Building.

FARLEY FIRES THE PISTOL

State Athletic Commissioner Opens the Classic — Frigerio Holds Wheel While Belloni Mounts.

SCORE AT 2 A. M.—SECOND HOUR.		
	Miles.	Laps.
Moeskops-Degraeve	.50	1
Walther-Spencer	.50	1
Georgetti-Belloni	.50	1
McNamara-Horan	.50	1
Grenda-McBath	.50	1
Beckman-Benazzetto	.50	1
Nefatti-De Wolfe	.50	1
Stockelynnch-Goosens	.50	1
Brocco-Egg	.50	1
Taylor-Hanley	.50	1
Gastman-Kockler	.50	1
Kaiser-Stockholm	.50	1
Chapman-Lawrence	.50	1
Deruyter-Buyse	.50	1
Ferrario-Rizzetto	.50	1
Lands-Thomas	.50	1
Leader—Moeskops.	Record.	
50 miles 9 laps, made by Lawson and Root in 1915.		

The final six-day race in Madison Square Garden—the thirty-eighth international grind in the thirty-four years of the annual fixture on the local indoor sports calendar—is on. Promptly at 12:01 o'clock this morning, James A. Farley, member of the New York State Athletic Commission, started sixteen teams of the best available American and foreign cyclists on a journey of 143 hours around a shiny new ten-lap pine saucer in the historic arena in a race which will end next Saturday night at 11 o'clock.

Commissioner Farley, introduced by the veteran announcer, Joe Humphries, received a rousing cheer when he ascended the announcing rostrum, pistol in hand, to fire the gun which was to start the week-long pursuit among seventeen European cyclists and fifteen American stars of the steel steed.

The customary introductions of the cyclists, a traditional ceremony, had been observed and the crowd had settled back to await the expected pistol shot in a "rolling" start in which the cyclists pedaled over the boards until the clock showed one minute past midnight. When the gun-bark echoed throughout the Garden a cheer resounded through the building from the thousands who disdained sleep to attend this last opening.

The riders selected to start the race for the different teams were Pete Moeskops, Bobby Walther, Jim Gaetano Belloni, Reggie McNamara, Alfred Grenda, Louis Benazzetto, Al Nefatti, Harry Stockelynnch, Maurice Brocco, William Hanley, Ernest Kockler, Harry Kaiser, Percy Lawrence, Charley Deruyter, Armand Rizzetto and David Lands.

Frigerio Starts Belloni.

They constituted a colorful picture in their varicolored jerseys as they circled the saucer in the snappy early-race pace. Ugo Frigerio, Italian walker, who holds the Olympic championship, was conspicuous on the track, setting in motion the wheel which held Belloni.

When the race got under way Charley Deruyter was at the head of the pack, pedaling at a dizzy pace. Back of him came McNamara, Kaiser and Walther.

BRASS BAND HAILS BABE RUTH TO CAMP

Home-Run King Heads Triumphal March on Arrival at St. Petersburg.

16 OTHER PLAYERS REPORT

Nine Regulars and Eight Recruits Join Huggins's Squad and Will Workout Today.

Special to The New York Times.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 1.—Weighing very little more than a modest 225 pounds, George Herman Ruth reported to Manager Miller Huggins late this afternoon. All told, during the day nine regulars and eight recruits joined up with the squad of Yankees here, and Huggins now has a fairly large detachment of earnest young men for his work-outs at Crescent Lake Park.

Reading from left to right, the day's arrivals were: Jumping Joseph Dugan, Waite Hoyt, Whitey Witt, Lou Gehrig, Lew Malone, Tommy Mullin, Tom McIntyre, Albert Raymond, Harold Anderson, John Levi, Benny Bedford, and the following from Hot Springs: Ruth Urban Shocker, Wally Schang, Steve O'Neill, Deacon Scott and Sam Jones. Business was picking up when Ruth weighed in on the 5:30 train from Hot Springs. Eleven athletes had already reported and been assigned to parking spaces in the dining room when the Bambino leaped lightly from his Pullman and doffed his hat to St. Petersburg.

The earthquake in Northern regions yesterday was a mild little affair compared to the reverberating tremors which shook St. Petersburg when the King of Swat joined the social colony here. The occasion marked the official inauguration of the baseball and social season on the west coast. All the beauty and chivalry of St. Petersburg was on hand to welcome the great Babe, and his progress from the station to the Princess Martha Hotel was nothing less than a triumphal march.

Parade for Ruth.

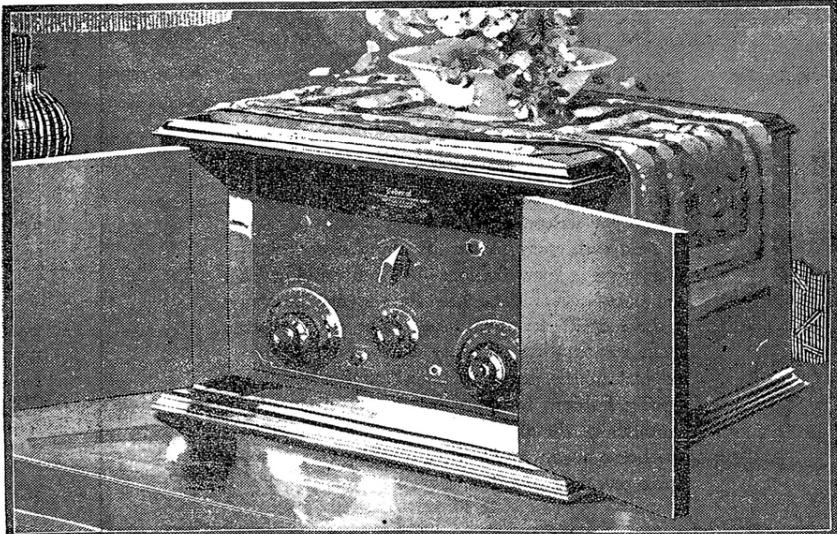
Al Lang, the chief baseball mogul of Florida, was at the depot to extend the hand of welcome to Ruth, and with Al were representatives of all the civic and business organizations of the municiplality. As Ruth neared the hotel the Scottish Highland Band of this city broke out into "Hail to the Chief." It was a very striking occasion.

Ruth said he weighed 225 pounds and he looked even heavier. He admitted that in his month's stay at Hot Springs he had succeeded in ridding himself of only fifteen pounds, but the big fellow seemed anything but worried by the condition of his general health.

"I'll be down to 215 pounds by the opening of the season," he said. "That will be slightly over my usual weight, but I'm not worrying. Another five pounds won't hurt any. As long as my legs and arms and shoulders are all right and there is nothing wrong with my batting eye, I'll be all right. I don't remember ever feeling better and if I don't lead the league again in batting it won't be the fault of my condition.

"Anyway, if the American League pitchers walk me as much as they did last year, I won't have to be in condition. Anybody can walk to first base."

Urban Shocker, the spitball expert bought from the Browns in the Joe Bush deal, looked like a fit citizen as he strolled into the hotel. Urban, they say, has been working faithfully at Hot Springs and has only a few superfluous pounds to work off.



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