

1 I suppose the boys down in
2 Washington are brushing up on their
3 etiquette--that is, those polished
4 gentlemen who receive distinguished
5 foreign guests. [#] We're ^{soon} going to have
6 a royal visitors, and the official
7 experts at the White House will have
8 to figure out the proper way to receive
9 them. They are King ^{prah-chah-tea-pawh} Prajadhipok and
10 Queen Rambaibarni, the ruling monarchs
11 of picturesque Siam. ~~amato~~ Their
12 Siamese majesties are ^{now} on their way
13 to the United States. ~~now~~

14 The United Press informs us that
15 the royal couple has stopped off in
16 Japan and there they have ^{just} been received
17 with ^{high} many honors. The Mikado of Japan
18 decorated King ^{prah-chah-tea-pawh} Prajadhipok with the
19 Grand Order of the Chrysanthemum with
20 Collar, while the Empress of Japan
21 decorated Queen Rambaibarni with the
22 First Class Order of the Sacred Crown.

23 The Empress also presented the
24 Queen with a magnificent doll which
25 wears a marvelous kimono.

1 Well, after that the boys in
2 Washington will have to do their best,
3 because it wouldn't do for the United
4 States to lag behind the Emperor and
5 Empress of Japan in ~~doing~~^{paying} honor to the
6 King and Queen of Siam.

7 Of course, President Hoover can't
8 present King Prajadhipok with any
9 Grand Order of the Chrysanthemum with
10 Collar. We haven't anything so high-
11 sounding as that--unless it be the
12 Hand-Embroidered Tin ~~Emblem~~^{Medal} of the
13 Tall Story Club with Megaphone. ^{FP} And
14 of course Mrs. Hoover might present
15 Queen Rambaibarni with one of those
16 limber-jointed wooden doll^s~~s~~ with the
17 funny face--and without kimono.

18 ~~But~~ Be that as it may, I suppose the
19 etiquette boys in Washington are right
20 now practicing up on that famous national
21 anthem of Siam which begins:--
22 "O WOTTA GOO SIAM". You remember it:--
23 "OH WHAT A GOOSE I AM."
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1 Here's a physician's report which
2 says--NO IMMEDIATE DANGER. The doctors
3 also add that Congressman Nicholas
4 Longworth, Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives, has pneumonia.

6 Congressman Longworth is one of
7 the most prominent men ^{and one of the most popular men} in American
8 politics, and the newspapers are
9 following his illness closely.

10 The United Press informs us that
11 Mrs. Longworth, ~~and~~ the former Alice
12 Roosevelt, has ^{hurried} ~~gone~~ to ~~Washington to~~
13 her husband's bedside. The doctors
14 have given her the cheering word that
15 Congressman Longworth's natural
16 stamina and vitality are helping
17 fight off his illness.

AKRON

A skipper was named today for the biggest giant of the air. That giant of the air is the huge dirigible THE AKRON which is now being built and will soon be completed at Akron, Ohio. Her Captain, the International News Service informs us, will be Lieutenant Commander Rosendahl, now the Commander of the great dirigible, the Los Angeles.

Lieutenant Commander Rosendahl has had vast experience with airships. In fact, he is a survivor of one of the greatest airship disasters on record, - I mean the one when the Shenandoah was torn to pieces, over Ohio.

The new ship, The Akron, is nine feet longer than Germany's champion dirigible, the Graf Zeppelin. But in diameter she is a third larger than the Graf, and her bulk is almost twice as great as the Graf Zeppelin. She will start out for her trial flights in July, and we'll all be on the lookout for her.

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PRIZE FIGHT

It looks as if the big fight won't be held in Chicago -- that is, the bout between Max Schmeling and young Stribling for the heavyweight championship of the world.

The International News Service informs me that it has word from good authority that the big fight will be held in Cleveland and that an official announcement of the fact will soon be made.

It had been confidently expected that the affair would be held in Chicago. And they say that the reason for the switch is that various differences have arisen in the Windy City. They say that all has not been friendly out there towards New York's Madison Square Garden promoters who are trying to arrange the bout. Judging from the comments of nearly all newspaper sports writers on boxing in general nobody seems to care a hoot where the bout is staged. The Prize Fight game seems to be in the doll drums just now.

Here comes a kick, a swift kick for Old Man Depression.

Suppose I were to say to you:

"Take some big business concern and make a guess -- in what year did the company make its biggest profits?"

Well, you'd scarcely pick the depression year of 1930.

Yet here's a big concern that earned more money last year than it ever earned before. It's one of the largest chain grocery concerns in the country.

During the year that ended February 28 last, it earned nearly \$31,000,000. And that's its record earning. The year before its profits were a little over \$26,000,000.

And it isn't only a matter of profit. During the past year, according to the New York Herald Tribune, the concern I refer to achieved its greatest volume of sales. It sold more goods than ever before in its history.

And so maybe that depression wasn't as severe as many pessimists have thought.

1 There was a loud clanging on
2 the road near Spencer, Indiana, as a
3 cow-bell hit the windshield of an
4 automobile. The cow-bell was attached
5 to the neck of a big buzzard and that
6 was the end of a strange, ominous bird
7 they called the BELLED BUZZARD.

8 According to the United Press
9 that buzzard with a bell around its neck
10 has long been an object of dread in the
11 Middle West. Somehow or other the bird
12 got a cow-bell tied around its neck
13 and it has been ~~believed that whenever~~
14 ~~it appeared soaring through the air with~~
15 ~~a raucous clanging why ^{it meant} then that foretold~~
16 ~~that some disaster was going to happen.~~

17 ~~The Belled Buzzard was regarded~~
18 as an ~~emblem of bad luck.~~ *bird of ill omen.*

19 Mr. Rufus Turner of Spencer,
20 Indiana, was driving along the road when
21 he ran into a flock of buzzards that were
22 flying low. The windshield of his car
23 clipped the one with the bell and that
24 Belled Buzzard won't bring hard luck to
25 the folks out there any more.

1 I ran across a first rate story
2 teller today, one of those old time
3 yarn spinners of the sea, and the first
4 thing he said was:

5 ZHOY, THERE, WAIT A MINUTE. I
6 AM REMINDED OF SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED
7 A LONG TIME AGO.

8 That maritime yarn spinner was
9 Captain Sandy McNeil, the skipper of
10 the great transatlantic liner, the
11 Mauretania. We happened to bump into
12 each other and I had under my arm a
13 copy of the new Literary Digest, the
14 April 11th number which will be on
15 the stands tomorrow. Captain Sandy
16 McNeil spied it and his attention was
17 attracted by the cover. It's a lovely
18 scene of vague grey, blue and mauve,
19 with a handsome rainbow cutting down
20 the middle. In the foreground is a
21 river with a canoe. The picture is
22 a scene in the mountainous southern
23 republic of Chile, and that was what
24 reminded Captain Sandy of something
25 that happened a long time ago.

YOU KNOW, he began, BEFORE I WENT ON THESE BIG STEAMERS I SAILED UNDER CANVAS FOR MANY A YEAR. WE WERE ON AN OLD WIND JAMMER SAILING DOWN THE WEST COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA. OFF CHILE WE RAN SHORT OF FOOD. AND THOSE WATERS SIMPLY TEEM WITH FISH - A KIND OF RED FISH SOMETHING LIKE MULLET. WE SET OUT IN A SMALL BOAT TO LAY IN A SUPPLY OF FOOD. WE WERE GOING TO DYNAMITE THE FISH. THAT'S AGAINST THE LAW NOWADAYS IN MANY PARTS, BUT THIRTY YEARS AGO OFF THE COAST OF CHILE IT WAS QUITE ALL RIGHT. OUR SKIPPER, AN OLD SCOTTSMAN, WAS IN COMMAND OF THE PARTY.

HE GOT OUT A CHARGE OF DYNAMITE, A BIG AND POWERFUL CHARGE. HE WANTED TO GET IT WELL AWAY FROM THE BOAT WHEN IT WENT OFF, SO HE TOOK A MIGHTY SWING. AROUND HE CAME WITH A TREMENDOUS HEAVE. BUT HE LOST HIS BALANCE, LURCHED AGAINST THE OARSMAN FORWARD AND THAT OARSMAN FELL AND HIT THE MAN WITH THE STEERING OAR. THE MAN WITH THE STEERING OAR WENT OVERBOARD. THE CHARGE OF DYNAMITE DIDN'T GO VERY FAR. IT EXPLODED NEAR THE BOAT AND KNOCKED OVER PLENTY OF FISH. BUT IT ALSO RAISED SUCH A SWELL THAT THE BOAT WENT OVER. AND NOW WE WERE ALL IN THE WATER. AND THE SHIP WAS THREE MILES AWAY.

WELL, I'VE BEEN ALL MY LIFE AT SEA. I'VE TRAVELED TEN THOUSAND MILES AND MORE, BUT I NEVER HEARD ANY SUCH LANGUAGE AS THAT SKIPPER USED AS HE SWAM AROUND COUGHING UP THE WATER HE HAD SWALLOWED. WE HAD TO RIGHT THE BOAT. IT TOOK US OVER AN HOUR TO DO IT. WE WERE ALMOST DEAD WHEN WE GOT BACK TO THE SHIP.

Captain Sandy McNeil was silent a moment, and he gazed again at the cover of the Literary Digest which shows so beautiful a scene on the coast of Chile. Then he added:

THE MAURETANIA, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS SOON TO GO OFF ON A WEEK END CRUISE IN THE WEST INDIES, A SHORT CRUISE CARRYING PEOPLE ON THEIR VACATIONS. IT WILL BE A KIND OF SAMPLE OF WHAT A CRUISE AT SEA IS LIKE. I SUPPOSE WE'LL DO A BIT OF FISHING. BUT I'M SURE I WON'T TAKE ANY OF MY PASSENGERS OUT DYNAMITING FOR FISH AND I WON'T MAKE A MESS OF THE DYNAMITING JOB AS THAT OLD SCOTTISH SKIPPER OF OURS MANY YEARS AGO ON THE COAST OF CHILE.

VENEZUELA

You know how it is in school - when one boy gets the mumps they all get it? Well, it seems to be just like that down in South America. The latest to get the revolt fever is Venezuela. The entire state of Apure is said to have arisen against the rule of General Gomez. Apure is the largest of all the Veneguelan states. It lies far to the south, on the borders of Brazil and Columbia, in the heart of the andes.

For many years Gomez has been one of the outstanding dictators of Latin-America. He is known far and wide as the strong man of Venezuela. And among the exiles who throng cities like New York and Havana, there has been endless talk of a revolt against Gomez.

One of those exiles prominent in New York is General Rafael de Nogales, a Venequelan revolutionist who has been in rebellions and disturbances all over the world, and was a general in the Turkish army during the World War. I know him quite well, and he has been talking about a revolution in Venezuela for sometime now. Recently he made a few guarded hints which I didn't quite understand. But I think I understand them now. I'm sure they refer to that new flare-up, this revolt against Gomez.

1 According to the International News
2 Service, the leader of the revolt is
3 General Cedeno. And he's said to be
4 driving on, ~~with almost no opposition.~~
5 The entire population of the state of
6 Apure is said to have joined him.

7 One thing seems to be clear, and
8 that is that we'll be hearing quite a
9 bit ~~from~~ from Venezuela for the next
10 week or two.
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1 Last evening when I was on
2 the air at this same hour it was all
3 over but the shouting - that is out
4 in Chicago. It was ~~xxxxxxx~~ practically
5 certain that Big Bill Thompson was
6 beaten and that Tony Cermak was the
7 new Mayor.

8 And tonight out in Chicago
9 even the shouting is over. The windy
10 city, after one of its wildest
11 elections, has lapsed into silence,
12 that is, comparative silence, because
13 Chicago is never altogether in a state
14 of noiseless quietude.

15 But the shouting was loud while
16 it lasted. Crowds paraded the streets
17 howling in triumph for Cermak's
18 victory. Showers of paper fell into
19 the streets like snow. According to
20 the ~~xx~~ Associated Press, bombs were
21 set off with a loud booming, pistols
22 were fired with the skies their target.
23 Police had a hard time of it, keeping
24 the celebrating crowds in order.

25 The United Press reminds us of

1 the unique career of Chicago's new
2 mayor. Tony Cermak's life reminds me
3 of one of the stories by Horatio Alger.
4 His parents were miners across the
5 ocean in the old land of Bohemia, and
6 Tony was born in a mining village
7 fifty miles from the city of Prague,
8 the capital of the present republic
9 of Czecho Slovakia. He was only a year
10 old when his parents immigrated to
11 America, to Illinois. His father
12 worked in the coal mines. Tony worked
13 as a boy and was fired from his job,
14 for asking for a raise. Years later
15 he thanked the boss who fired him and
16 said - YOU SENT ME TO THE ILLINOIS
17 LEGISLATURE.

18 The boy delivered kindling
19 wood in a hand-drawn cart. He
20 discovered some burnt wheat, bought
21 it and peddled it for chicken feed and
22 made a fine profit, and he went
23 into the business of buying damaged
24 grain and selling it. At nineteen
25 he started in the trucking business

1 with one team. Soon he had forty
2 teams. Then he ran for political
3 office and went to the Illinois
4 legislature. As a miner's son he
5 served on a committee that dealt with
6 mines and mining and made a name for
7 himself. Then in Chicago he became
8 a regular office holder and rose from
9 one position to another - until now
10 he succeeds Big Bill Thompson as Mayor.

11 Well, I doubt whether any
12 municipal election in the whole world
13 could have stirred up as much interest
14 as yesterday's did out in Chicago.

15 It was an international event. People
16 all over the world were interested -
17 in England especially. Of course,

18 Big Bill Thompson was known far and
19 wide as the particular enemy of King
20 George, although nobody could under-
21 stand just why. It was just one of
22 those things. Of course, the fact
23 that Big Bill, Mayor of Chicago, was
24 in revolt against the King of England
25 interested the English profoundly.

1 They couldn't quite understand. They
2 had just as much trouble figuring it
3 out as ~~most~~ ^{most} Americans did. So the
4 London papers have reported yesterday's
5 election in Chicago in large headlines.

6 The British editors are
7 naturally jolly-well-pleased ~~xxxxxx~~
8 that Big Bill has been kicked out of
9 office. Lord Beaverbrook's Evening
10 Standard prints a long editorial on
11 the passing of Big Bill and says that
12 Chicago has liberated itself from the
13 dangerous mountebank who dominated the
14 city so long.

15 Another exceedingly British
16 newspaper attributed the victory of
17 Cermak to the solid Czech vote in
18 Chicago.

19 Well, I don't know how many
20 Czechs there are in Chicago, or how
21 big their vote is, but I think Chicago
22 ought to get a laugh out of that notion
23 of the solid Czech vote ^{deciding the issue,}
24 ~~vote~~ ^{At any rate,} as I said, the
25 shouting is over out in Chicago, and