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1 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

2
3 A strange and dramatic story
4 comes along in the news tonight. And *Charles*
5 Lindbergh is going to remember that ■
6 experience for a long time. He was
7 nearly mobbed over there in China, and
8 was just able to get away.

9 The famous aviator who has been
10 making flights to aid Chinese flood
11 relief, set out today on another errand
12 of mercy. He had in his plane a Chinese
13 doctor and an American doctor, and the
14 fuselage was crammed with medical
15 supplies. ~~Lindbergh was bringing medical~~
16 ~~help to the flood sufferers.~~ He steered
17 his plane through the sky up the flooded
18 valley of the Yangtse River. His
19 destination was Hinghwa, in the northern
20 part of ~~the~~ Kiangsu province. The town
21 there has been flooded for a month. The
22 whole country is under water. How the
23 people ■■ have been able to live is a
24 mystery. They make their way around in
25 sampans, these small *boat so familiar in the Far East.* ~~shallow native~~

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1 ~~craft so typical of the Orient.~~

2 The Associated Press tells how
3 the Lindbergh plane landed on the flood
4 waters at Hinghwa. And from every
5 direction the sampans came paddling.
6 Those little boats swarmed around the
7 plane, Hundreds and hundreds of them,
8 ~~and there was wild pandemonium out~~
9 ~~there in the flooded valley of the~~
10 ~~Yangtse.~~

11 Most of the people had never seen
12 an airplane, never heard of one. They
13 saw the big bird come down from the sky,
14 carrying three men. They thought it was
15 some miraculous help sent from Heaven.
16 They were starving. They had been
17 calling upon the spirits of their
18 ancestors. They had been praying to
19 the good powers of the sky. And now
20 their prayers were answered. Here was
21 the big bird. Perhaps they thought it
22 was a benign dragon, ^{surely} ~~and they thought~~
23 ~~it must be bringing food to them.~~

24 They saw the fuselage of the
25 plane crammed with packages. ~~Yes, there~~

1 ~~was the food.~~ They didn't know it was
2 only medicine. They had never heard of
3 medicine.

4 And so the swarm of sampans
5 gathered ^{close} around, and the starving people
6 went wild, snatching the packages out of
7 the fuselage of the plane. The Chinese
8 doctor tried to explain that it wasn't
9 food, it was only medicine. But his
10 voice was drowned out by the din of
11 hundreds of shouting, joyful, hopeful
12 voices.

13 The people in the ~~sample~~ sampans
14 had the packages now, and were tearing
15 them open, eagerly, hungrily. ~~They were~~
16 ~~sure they had food in their hands, and~~
17 ~~food was what they had been longing for.~~
18 ~~during all these dreadful weeks of flood~~
19 ~~and famine.~~

20 Well, you can ^{guess} ~~carry out~~ the rest
21 of the story. ~~for yourself.~~ You can
22 ^{Just} ~~easily~~ imagine the despair and ~~the~~
23 anger of those simple-minded Chinese,
24 when they tore open the packages and
25 found -- no, not rice or millet, but

1 some strange-looking stuff -- little
2 round pellets, bottles of funny-looking
3 liquids. Well, maybe this was food,
4 some strange food from the sky. They
5 took a taste. It was bitter. It
6 tasted poisonous. No, this was some
7 mockery. This was some devil bird with
8 devil men, that had come to play a joke
9 with their sufferings.

10 And all the while ~~Colonel~~ Lind-
11 bergh and the American doctor looked on
12 helplessly, easily guessing what those
13 people were saying, what they were
14 thinking. And the Chinese doctor was
15 still trying to make a speech, still
16 trying to explain.

17 Lindbergh tells of his feelings
18 as he sat there ~~in~~ at the controls,
19 watching:

20 "It was, ~~he declares,~~ "the most
21 heart-rending experience of my career," ^{he declares.}

22 The ~~in~~ Colonel didn't have much
23 time to do any meditating or philosophiz-
24 ing, ^{though.} Things were happening -- just what
25 you would expect. The Chinese in the

1 sampans were wild with disappointment and
 2 anger. They screamed with rage. And
 3 high above the clamor rose the voices
 4 of women and children.

5 The sampans began to move closer
 6 to the plane, in menacing fashion. ■
 7 Angry hands reached out, sticks were
 8 brandished. The Lindbergh plane could
 9 easily have been badly damaged -- or
 10 destroyed -- it's occupants ^{could easily} have been
 11 maltreated or killed -- if the crowd
 12 had had its way.

13 Lindbergh acted promptly. Slowly
 14 he began to taxi his plane. The sampans
 15 in front of the roaring monster got out
 16 of the way, and soon the plane was
 17 racing on the flood water for a take-off.

18 Back in Nanking ^{the} Colonel and his
 19 two co-workers told their story, and
 20 right there it was decided not to send
 21 Lindbergh on any more of those medical
 22 relief flights. They will try to find
 23 some other kind of work for him and his
 24 plane to do to aid the flood sufferers.

25 The Lone Eagle has been doing

1 his ~~brave~~ bit out there in ~~the~~
 2 stricken China. ^{The J. N. S. adds that he} ~~He~~ has just received a
 3 medal from the Chinese government to
 4 prove it. It has been a moving
 5 experience for that young man who is
 6 the most famous aviator in the world, ^{No}
 7 ~~and~~ he ^{is} never ~~going to~~ forget the time
 8 he flew with medical supplies for the
 9 ~~flooded town~~ ^{sufferers} of Hingwa.

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1 Reports from Hongkong this
2 evening tell of riots against the
3 Japanese at Kau-lung, which is on the
4 mainland just across from the island on
5 which ^{the city of} Hongkong is situated.

6 The International News Service
7 relates that at Kau-lung British troops
8 had to be called out. They charged the
9 mob, which was carrying on an anti-
10 Japanese demonstration. The Chinese
11 looted Japanese shops and burned goods
12 in the streets. Several subjects of
13 the ~~Mikado~~ Mikado were injured. The
14 British, who are in charge, are restoring
15 order.

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island.

1 Sitting here with me is a man who
2 probably knows the Far East as intimately
3 as any living American. For twenty years
4 he has been an official of the largest
5 Japanese steamship companies and
6 intimately associated with the developing
7 of commerce and travel across the Pacific.
8 When he came back to America recently it
9 was his 56th crossing of the Pacific.

10 Since the organization of the
11 Philippine Tourist Association in Manila
12 in 1929 he has been its executive
13 secretary. His services in the building
14 up of good relations and betterment of
15 understanding between the nations whose
16 shores are washed by the Pacific have been
17 recognized by many foreign governments.

18 Mr. James King Steele has just
19 come from the Orient. By the way, Mr.
20 Steele, if we ever come out to the
21 Philippines is there any marvel there that
22 you would particularly like to have us
23 see?
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1 ~~We~~ ~~will~~, Lowell, here's one place
2 you haven't been. At St. Paul's Bay on
3 the island of Palawan, one of the
4 sparsely settled islands of the
5 Philippine archipelago, a sheer cliff
6 rises from the sea. In the face of this
7 cliff is a grotto, like the famous grotto
8 of Capri in Italy -- I mean in coloring
9 and appearance. Entering the grotto,
10 which is high and vaulted, the boats make
11 their way to the farther end and pass
12 into a broad stream. This is the
13 beginning of the famous underground river
14 of the Philippines which extends for
15 more than ten miles under a lofty
16 mountain range. The roof is of
17 stalactite formation with gleaming white,
18 pink and green colors. There are lace
19 curtains of rock, grand pipe-organs, high
20 roofed halls and long corridors of
21 startling effect. Thousands of bats
22 aroused by our torches and the noise of
23 our power boat make a terrific din of
24 rushing wings.

25 No one has explored this river to

1 its full length, although natives have
2 gone in for over ten miles. There, ten
3 miles under the mountain, the river
4 appears to end under a tall subterranean
5 cliff. Where it comes from no one
6 knows.

7 But that mysterious, silent, and
8 legendary river, hidden away in the
9 bowels of a high mountain in the
10 Philippines, is indeed one of the
11 marvels of the world.

INDIA

I'd sure like to explore that subterranean river with you Mr. Steele. That's a strange tale. And here's another item from the Orient in this pile of news dispatches.

Out in India the American Consular authorities are interested in the case of a ~~xxx~~ child bride who is an American citizen. The case comes up in a divorce action in Southern India in which a rich elderly merchant went to court and asked for the annulment of his marriage to a girl of thirteen.

The girl's name, says the New York Sun is Jasoda. She was born in New York City, of Hindu parents. She is of the highest caste, a Brahmin. Her parents died when she was quite young and a year ago she was taken back to India and placed in charge of guardians. They tried to find a husband for her, but that was difficult. There are not so many prospective husbands in India who are of that high god-like caste of the Brahmins.

Jasoda's guardians consulted a marriage broker. They were anxious to procure a husband for the girl. The marriage broker was a tricky fellow and he talked the guardians into a cunning scheme.

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1 scheme.

2 At Jalgaon in Southern India was
3 a merchant named Nandlal. He was rich,
4 he was old. He already had two ~~wives~~
5 wives but wanted a third. He was of the
6 Vaisya caste and this is two degrees
7 lower than the lordly Brahmins.

8 Now, it is against the ancient
9 law of the shastras for two people of
10 different castes to marry. Nandlal
11 wanted a wife of his own Vaisya kind.

12 The marriage broker went to him
13 and told him of the thirteen year old
14 Jasoda. He didn't say she was a Brahmin.
15 The marriage broker told Nandlal that
16 Jasoda was of the Vaisya caste.

17 Nandlal saw the child. She was
18 a comely maiden. He was well pleased.
19 He paid a handsome fee to the marriage
20 broker and gave splendid gifts to the
21 girl's guardians. The wedding was
22 celebrated in magnificent style. The
23 girl went to live with her old husband
24 and his two other wives.

25 Then ~~N~~ Nandlal learned of the

1 deception. He found that X Jasoda was
2 a Brahmin, of a higher caste than his own.

3 He trembled with the knowledge that he
4 had violated the ancient law of his
5 Shashtra. He acted immediately. He
6 appealed to the local courts asking that
7 his marriage to Jasoda be annulled. The
8 judgment of the court has been announced.
9 It annuls the marriage. Nandlal is
10 highly commended for his obedience to the
11 Shashtra/~~in~~ refusing to take a wife whose
12 caste was above his own. The child
13 bride from New York, who is an American
14 citizen, is thereby divorced. But the
15 court considered the fact that Nandlal
16 was a rich man, and that the girl didn't
17 know that she had been represented as a
18 member of a lower caste. The judge has
19 ordered Nandlal to pay her \$700. in gold.
20 He must also give \$200. to a benevolent
21 society in whose care the divorced child
22 bride was placed.

23 The incident is causing wide
24 discussion in India. It's just another
25 example of the fidelity of the Hindus to
their ancient laws, when a rich merchant
divorces his child bride because her social
rank was above his own.

1 Now let's see who is the
2 Women's Golf Champion this evening?
3 She is Helen Hicks, familiarly called
4 " Billy". She beat Glenna Collett Vare
5 today in a hard-fought game.

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6 International News Service tells
7 us that for a while it looked as if
8 Billy were not going to win but she made
9 an uphill fight. So tonight Helen Hicks
10 of Long Island is the Queen of ^{the Tree} ~~Golfers~~.

1 Over in France they've just had
2 a curious celebration. It was at the old
3 chateau of Aubigny, which is not far
4 from Orleans. Strange sounds were heard
5 at that festivity -- a skirling of
6 pipes. Yes, a band of Scotch pipers
7 in kilts was the principal attraction.

8 The ceremony was in honor of
9 the Scots of old France. It recalled
10 those old medieval days when France was
11 perpetually at war with England, and
12 England was perpetually at war with
13 France, and the Scots fought shoulder to
14 shoulder. Many a doughty Scotch soldier
15 went to France to battle against the
16 English, and many of them remained there.
17 The New York Evening Post tells of
18 Scotch names that you will find in the
19 telephone directory of the city of
20 Bordeaux.

21 The celebration was held at
22 Aubigny because the chateau there was
23 given by King Charles Seventh of France
24 to Sir John Stuart, who fought valiantly
25 in France against the English. Sir John

1 Stuart was killed in the Battle of the
2 Herrings, in which the English, who were
3 convoying a load of herrings, were
4 beaten. The commander of the English
5 was Sir John Falstaff, from whom
6 Shakespeare probably derived Falstaff,
7 the fat, funny knight.

8 Well, at that feast at Aubigny it
9 was only appropriate that a band of
10 pipers from the Royal Caledonian School
11 was invited to furnish music. And the
12 skirling of pipes resounded amid the
13 romantic trappings of old France.

1 Today is a royal birthday, which
2 doesn't mean so much, except that it *does*
3 gives ^{us an} occasion for telling odd stories
4 about the tallest King in the world. He
5 is Christian the Tenth of Denmark and
6 he stands 6½ feet tall. He is 61 years
7 old today.

8 The Crown Head of Denmark is not
9 only the tallest but he is also the
10 least formal and the least fussy King in *all*
11 the world, ^{today.} He likes to roam around the
12 streets with nothing to distinguish him
13 from other men except that he is taller
14 than they are.

15 The United Press recalls how
16 on a visit to Sweden, King Christian
17 was taking a stroll through the poor
18 section of the city. In a store he saw
19 a fish that caught his eye, a big pike.

20 He went in, but he had scarcely opened
21 his mouth when the woman who ran the
22 place started talking a blue streak.
23 She was a tremendous gossip.

24 "My goodness, Old Fellow, but *said she*
25 you're ~~xxx~~ big. You must be 7 feet tall".
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1 "Oh, yes, you're a Dane," she rattled on.
2 "I can tell it from the way you talk.
3 I have some relatives in Copenhagen.
4 Maybe you know them. When you get back
5 to Copenhagen, take a message to them
6 from me. Tell them Sophie has had twins
7 and John got out of the army on account
8 of flat feet." ~~XXXXXXXX~~

9 She just kept on and on giving
10 his Royal Majesty instructions where to
11 find her relatives and what to tell
12 them.

13 The King promised to do the
14 errand when he got back to Copenhagen
15 and the woman out of gratitude made him
16 a present of the big pike. King Christian
17 returned to the palace of his brother
18 monarch, the King of Sweden, carrying
19 the fish under his arm. When he returned
20 to Copenhagen he duly carried out his
21 mission. He went to the house of the
22 relatives of the woman in Stockholm and
23 gravely informed them that Sophie had
24 twins and John got out of the army on ~~xxx~~
25 account of flat feet.

1 Then he sent his photograph and
2 a letter of royal courtesy to the
3 gossipy fish-wife in Stockholm.

4 I suppose she never got through
5 chattering about the fact that that
6 big Danish fellow was the King of
7 Denmark.

1 Two kings in exile shook hands
2 and made up today. Until now they and
3 their families have been hereditary
4 enemies.

5 One of the two was until recently
6 an actual reigning monarch. Yes, he
7 was Alfonso 13th of Spain, now in exile
8 in Paris.

9 The other king in exile has never
10 been more than a pretender to the Spanish
11 crown. He has been in exile all his
12 life. He is Don Jaime ^{Highway} De Bourbon, and
13 he represents a cause that was at one
14 time sacred to many and raised a great
15 noise in the affairs of the world.

16 During the 1800's there were
17 constant outbreaks of what they called
18 Carlist disturbances. Two branches of
19 the Spanish royal family staged a fight
20 for the Spanish throne. One was headed
21 by Don Carlos. His followers, called
22 the Carlists, put up a long struggle,
23 but finally they were beaten. King
24 Alfonso 12th, who was the father of the
25 present ex-King Alfonso, was the man who

1 squelched the Carlist movement and
2 placed the Spanish crown firmly on his
3 own head.

4 Well, Don Jaime ^{Highway} is the present
5 representative of the Carlist claims
6 to the crown of Spain. Naturally, he
7 was the bitter blood-enemy of King
8 Alfonso, while the latter was a ruling
9 monarch.

10 But now things have changed. The
11 two kings in exile, as the Associated
12 Press relates, were publicly reconciled
13 today by a common misfortune. They
14 shook hands and established brotherly
15 relations. What's the use of their
16 quarreling any further? Each claims to
17 be King, but neither wears a crown. So

18 let's call it quits. Yes, and my time for this
19 week is up, and I'll have to call it quits,
20 so like Mr. Steele from the Philippines I'll say Mahboohigh
21 and ~~say~~ salong until Monday.