

Good Evening, Everybody!

1 It looked for a while as though
2 there might be a compromise down in
3 Washington in that big battle over
4 drought relief--but that compromise seems
5 to be all off now. President Hoover
6 won't stand for it. He won't budge an
7 inch.

8 Democrat and Republican leaders in
9 the Senate got together and worked out
10 a compromise agreement. ^{They decided that} ~~according to which~~
11 money would be put up to buy food for
12 the drought sufferers, but it would be
13 placed at the President's disposal. ~~and~~ ^{It}
14 would only be used if the Red Cross
15 ^{ran short of} ~~didn't have enough~~ funds. ~~to feed the~~
16 ~~hungry in the drought stricken sections.~~
17 The Republican leaders thought the
18 President ought to accept this proposal
19 and ^{thus} put an end to the deadlock.

20 But the President said "no."
21 According to the New York Evening Post,
22 he maintains that if government money
23 is ready for the Red Cross to use, why
24 then the public ^{naturally} will not be so ready to
25 hand over money to the Red Cross. The

1 President ~~feels~~ feels that if he compromised
2 at all he would be backing down.

3 And so the deadlock is unbroken
4 and the fighting majority in the Senate,
5 consisting of Democrats and insurgent
6 Republicans, seem^s to be determined to
7 force an extra session. They ^{say} ~~will~~ ^{they}
8 refuse to put through bills which are
9 necessary to run the government, unless
10 the President backs down.

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1 And that drought, which is causing
2 all the political trouble, ^{still} seems to be
3 ~~still~~ drying things up.

4 Down in Kentucky they're having a
5 shortage of water. That shortage began
6 a year ago, and ^{developed into} ~~was~~ a blistering drought
7 during ~~last~~ ^{the} summer--and still they
8 haven't had enough rain. The Associated
9 Press states that several Kentucky
10 cities are feeling the ~~the~~ pinch acutely.

11 Shelbyville has been on reduced
12 rations since summer, and water is being
13 hauled to the city in tank cars. At
14 Richmond, ^{Kentucky} the city reservoirs contain only
15 10,000,000 gallons of water, and they're
16 holding that in ~~a~~ reserve in case of
17 fire. Water for ordinary consumption is
18 being hauled in. Lexington has been
19 forced to lay a six inch pipe line to
20 the Kentucky River to get water.

21 What they need down there in
22 Kentucky is rain, and plenty of it. *In fact*
23 *some folks say they wish it would rain*
24 *for forty days — or for forty nights —*
25 *or forty hours might do.*

1 One of the worst storms in recent
2 years has just swept over Southern
3 California, around Los Angeles. The rain
4 poured down in sheets.

5 Families are marooned in their
6 houses. Streams are raging torrents.
7 The sea is pounding wildly, and the United
8 Press reports that the tide is running
9 unusually high. It's a storm, they say,
10 that Southern California will remember.

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The Mussolini-Smedley Butler ^{Page 5}
matter is in the news again - or still in the news I
1 should say, The United Press today telegraphs

2 a story which insists that Mussolini
3 did run down a child. It has been told
4 around that the story which General
5 Smedley B. Butler, ^{repeated,} originated with
6 Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. He's the
7 young Vanderbilt who has figured in
8 various interesting episodes, ^{in recent years,} ~~and is now~~
9 ~~a newspaper man.~~ This is now confirmed
10 by a letter which young Vanderbilt is
11 said to have written ^{to} a friend. In it
12 Vanderbilt gives an account of the
13 incident, but ~~in it~~ this account is said to be
14 somewhat different from the story General
15 Butler told.

16 According to the letter attributed
17 to Vanderbilt, Mussolini's car struck
18 the child, but it was no case of hit and
19 run. There were two official cars
20 traveling together, and the child was
21 cared for by the occupants of the second
22 car. There is no mention of the phrase
23 which General Butler attributed to
24 Mussolini--that the welfare of the state
25 was worth more than the life of any person.

It is added that Vanderbilt told the story at a gathering at which General Butler was present -- and he told it under a seal of secrecy. That is what young Cornelius Vanderbilt is reported to explain.

1 Yes, sir, I can sympathize
2 with Mr. James Rahl. Well I should
3 smile!

4 None of us would enjoy an
5 argument with a heavy-weight champion
6 of the world if the champion was
7 feeling annoyed.

8 James Rahl, it seems, is
9 going to bring suit for \$30,000 against
10 Max Schmeling, the heavy-weight champ.
11 Rahl is a process-server, and he handed
12 a legal paper to Schmeling. He claims
13 that Schmeling pitched him down a
14 flight of stairs.

15 Rahl, according to his doctor,
16 is suffering from a concussion of the
17 brain, possible fracture of the skull,
18 contusions of the elbow, contusions
19 of the shoulder and water on the knee.
20 Also wounded ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ feelings.

21 The New York Sun adds the
22 detail that Rahl's father is going to
23 try to have Schmeling deported for
24 tossing his son down those stairs.
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1 Now comes a curious item. Enríco Caruso,
2 Jr., Son of the Great Caruso, intends to
3 become a tenor, like his father. The
4 Associated Press informs us that he is
5 studying singing in Los Angeles, and his
6 teacher is Adolfo de la Huerta, Former
7 Minister of Finance in the Mexican Govern-
8 ment, who headed a revolution a few years
9 ago that didn't get very far. De la Huerta
10 ~~ta~~ himself, before he became Minister of
11 the Mexican Cabinet, was a singer.

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1 A weird story comes from Chicago.
2 George Witbrod, a crippled salesman, was
3 found today, alive, in a rough wooden
4 coffin which lay by the roadside.

5 And he told an almost incredible
6 story. He said that hoodlums had beaten
7 him and then taken him to a cemetery and
8 hanged him to a cross. They took him
9 down and put him into a box for a coffin,
10 intending to bury him alive.

11 They tried to bury him in a half
12 dug grave but they changed their minds,
13 and tied the coffin, with the man
14 inside, to the ^{iv} car and drove away. They
15 started off at a fast clip and then cut
16 the coffin loose, and it rolled into a
17 ditch. ^{There} ~~at~~ [^] the man was found, weak from
18 exhaustion, [^] bruises and terror.

19 The United Press tells us that
20 Witbrod explains the fantastic incident
21 by saying that the hoodlums were ^{merely} ~~^~~ playing
22 a practical joke, although a sense of
23 humor like that ^{will} ~~does~~ [^] seem ~~to be~~ almost
24 beyond belief ^{to most of us.}

1 Did you hear a groan just then?
2 Well, I was groaning at the thought of
3 all the repairs needed on my house.

4 I don't know how it is with you,
5 but as for me I am one of those
6 householders who are always finding
7 something that needs to be done around
8 the place -- a new roof, new gutters, new
9 blinds, rooms that need reflooring, stairs
10 that creak and so on.

11 I have to groan every time I think
12 of the amount of money I've spent in recent
13 years, on repairs to my house. But I've
14 enjoyed it all just the same -- all except
15 paying the bills.

16 Well, what I'm leading up to is
17 this:

18 I've just encountered a marvelous
19 mine of information on one of those most
20 fascinating subjects known to man, the
21 building and repairing and altering of
22 houses. I found out a lot about ^{all these} ~~the~~ new
23 materials and gadgets, and systems of
24 construction and all the latest building
25 wrinkles.

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2 about building and altering houses in the
3 new Literary Digest, the one that will be
4 out tomorrow.

5 After reading through this new
6 building number of The Digest with all that
7 information I couldn't help thinking about
8 the weird and strange homes that I have
9 seen in various parts of the world.

10 For instance in remote tropical
11 India I came across some primitive outcast
12 peoples, descendants of the Aborigines of
13 India, who still live in trees.

14 In wild Afghanistan our hosts lived
15 in mud castles, each house a bristling fort
16 with thick walls, and a tall lookout tower,
17 from which the fierce Afghan snipes at his
18 nextdoor neighbor during a feud.

19 Among the most magnificent homes
20 I have ever seen are a group of buildings
21 that are unoccupied. ~~just at present.~~

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23 midst of the Indian desert. There hasn't
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25 hundred years, but the buildings as they

1 stand now are exactly as they were
2 when they were constructed. These
3 homes are in the Red City of Fatiphur
4 Sikhri.

5 This city was built by one
6 of the magnificent Moguls, the
7 Emperor Akhbar, the Great. Akhbar
8 wanted to have a ^{capital} ~~city~~ that he could
9 call all his own so he took several
10 hundred thousand of his followers into
11 the desert and built a city six miles
12 square, surrounded with immense walls
13 of red sandstone.

14 The palaces of the city are
15 all of this same red sandstone and
16 ~~they~~ are ~~very~~ exquisitely carved
17 both within and without, ~~than any other~~
18 ~~buildings in the Orient.~~

19 But after eighteen years
20 Akhbar and his courtiers left this
21 city. No one knows exactly why. At
22 any rate, there it stands in the midst
23 of the desert, deserted, and on the
24 road to nowhere, inhabited only by
25 jackals and bats.

1 In an old monastery, way over in
2 Bulgaria an aged man is doing penance.
3 He prays incessantly and inflicts on
4 himself the most rigorous punishment.
5 He wants to be forgiven for the ruin of
6 Russia. He is an old and venerable
7 Russian archbishop, and the evil he did
8 was to introduce the notorious monk
9 Rasputin to the Czar.

10 The old archbishop thinks that the
11 influence of Rasputin caused the downfall
12 of the Czar and the triumph of the
13 Bolsheviks. He believes ~~that~~ if he had
14 never made the mistake of being deluded
15 by Rasputin's pretended piety, and if
16 he hadn't taken Rasputin to the Czar--^{that}
17 ~~why~~ Nicholas II would still be reigning
18 in St. Petersburg.

19 And so the archbishop, a guest at
20 the Bulgarian monastery, does penance.
21 The New York Sun tells us he eats only
22 bread and water, barely enough to keep
23 himself alive. He remains in solitary
24 confinement in a cell without heat. He
25 sleeps on a bare bed ^{to which} ~~and~~ he has shackled

1 himself ~~to it~~ with a chain.

2 He thinks that if he punishes
3 himself severely enough ^{then perhaps} he will be
4 forgiven for the ruin of Russia.

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1 Today was a bit exciting down in
2 Havana. A big strike was on. Workers
3 all the way from Stevedores to linotype
4 operators dropped work as a protest
5 against the government and what they
6 regarded as the strong handed way President
7 Machado is running things.

8 As a result of the strike, none of
9 the Spanish language newspapers in Havana
10 appeared this morning. It was planned
11 that the strike should last for only one
12 day. The International News Service
13 informs us that representatives of the
14 labor unions are debating as to whether the
15 strike shall continue longer or not.

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1 There is a promise of more
2 trouble over in ~~Spain~~ Spain. The
3 leaders of the Spanish Socialist party
4 have been holding secret meetings of
5 late and they decided to make a
6 determined effort to overthrow the
7 government.

8 The Central Committee of the
9 Spanish Socialist party has distributed
10 a manifesto among socialists ~~of~~ of
11 all countries asserting that force is
12 necessary.

13 According to the Associated
14 Press those manifestos state that the
15 socialist party in Spain will use
16 every means possible including violence
17 to overthrow the Spanish monarchy.

18 So Alfonso may have
19 a few more sleepless nights
20 ahead of him.
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1 A giant seaplane blew up today off
2 the coast of England. ~~At~~ Air maneuvers
3 were being held, and people were lined
4 along the ~~white chalk~~ cliffs of
5 Plymouth, watching the airplanes wheel
6 and dart in the sky.

7 Then came the explosion aboard a
8 giant Royal Air Force seaplane, and it
9 fell like a rock and plunged into the
10 sea. Coast Guard boats immediately
11 dashed to the rescue. A dozen men were
12 aboard, and, according to the International
13 News Service, 8 are missing and 4 were
14 rescued.

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DIGEST -- LINES

Ho, Ho! Here's one that should make a hit with the married men. The new Digest that comes out tomorrow remarks that marriage brings a lot of change into a man's life -- and adds that it takes a lot of change out of it. The Digest quotes that one from the Humorist. And then goes on with this line out of Punch: AN AUSTRIAN MUSICIAN HAS INVENTED A SAXOPHONE WHICH CAN BE PLAYED BY MACHINE. WORLD PEACE SEEMS FARTHER OFF THEN EVER.

Financial affairs are discussed on the Topics in Brief page of the new Digest in a smart saying from the Weston Leader: A DONKEY DISCOVERED A MINE THAT HAS PAID \$43,000,000. And other donkeys have put ten times as much into mines that have paid nothing.

Another one is about marriage. "A WEEK AFTER THEIR WEDDING THEY WERE THROWING CROCKERY AT EACH OTHER, said a landlady in court recently. It is not every couple that settles down to

1 married life so quickly."

2 The Digest takes that one from
3 the Humorist, and continues with a
4 political note from the Toledo Blade:

5 ~~MMM~~ ~~MMM~~ IT WILL BE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT A
6 RED MOVEMENT IN THIS COUNTRY WHEN THE
7 PARTICIPANTS HAVE AMERICAN NAMES.

8 And then there's a dig at the
9 flappers. The Digest quotes the
10 Publishers Syndicate as saying: YOU
11 CAN'T INSULT A FLAPPER BY SAYING SHE
12 HASN'T A THIMBLEFUL OF BRAINS. SHE
13 DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A THIMBLE IS.

END.

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1 Grover Miller, of Red Line, Pennsylvania
2 writes me a letter in which he remarks:
3 "Every evening you say so long until
4 tomorrow--but tomorrow never comes."

5 In other words, Grover tells
6 me that I'm wrong--because when tomorrow
7 gets here, it isn't tomorrow any longer.
8 It's today. Well, that is a puzzler, all
9 right, and it reminds me of an old
10 Greek story.

11 A wise and clever fellow was
12 proving to the great philosopher
13 Diogenes, I mean Diogenes who carried
14 the lantern, that motion was impossible.
15 He reeled off a lot of subtle paradoxes
16 to show that it was really impossible
17 for anything to move. Diogenes sat
18 and listened, and then he proved that
19 it was possible for something to move.
20 He just got up and walked across the
21 room! I've often thought the Greeks
22 could have made that story better if
23 Diogenes had proved the possibility of
24 motion by crowning his friend with the
25 historic lantern.

Well, if I must be a Diogenes tonight in order to prove to Grover that tomorrow does come, how about those bills that I'm going to get tomorrow?

Tomorrow will come, just as sure as shooting -- and so will those bills.

And thus I arrive at the conclusion that I am quite right in saying

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW!