

Good Evening, Everybody!

1 For fifteen years now I have
2 devoted quite a bit of ~~my~~ time to
3 expeditions to far countries, and this
4 morning while driving down the Hudson
5 from Poughkeepsie to New York, I ran
6 through the morning papers, ~~and~~ an item
7 on the editorial page of the New York
8 Times caught my eye and made ^{feel like} me taking off
9 my hat. What I saw was a ^{this headline:-} ~~sentence~~

10 ~~reading:-~~

11 "ADMIRAL BYRD IS OUT OF DEBT."

12 Then it went on to say that
13 Admiral Byrd had once made a remark that
14 he had never known an explorer who was
15 not either bankrupt or close to it.

16 The Times went on to point out
17 how ~~xxxxxxx~~ true this was and
18 mentioned the names of Amundsen, Peary,
19 Scott, Shackleton, and Mawsom.

20 It is an old saying that the
21 hardest part of an expedition is raising
22 the capital before you go, and getting
23 out of debt when you come back.

24 I know how true it is because it
25 has caused me plenty of sleepless nights.

1 Admiral Byrd came back from the ~~XXXX~~
2 Antarctic deep^{ly} in debt, and many
3 wondered if he would ever pull out. ~~of it~~
4 That he has done so is further evidence
5 that he is indeed a man of unusual
6 ability, and I take off my hat to him.

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MAYFLOWER

And now it looks as though we'll have to say goodbye to the old Mayflower.

Today experts were examining the boat that was the Presidential yacht during five successive administrations. She caught fire Saturday night and burned until early Sunday morning before fire engines and fire boats could put out the flames. And now she is settling into the slimy bed of the Delaware River. The International News Service informs us that the experts will find it hardly worthwhile to repair the old boat, and that the decks once trod by Presidents Coolidge, Harding, Wilson, Taft and Roosevelt are just so much charcoal.

BONUSES

Well, I see where the American Legion has come out with an official declaration about the cash payment of the bonuses.

Thousands of ex-service men, who have payments coming from the government during the next few years, want the money put on the line right away. And the Legion is for it. According to the Associated Press the National Executive Committee has just gone on record as saying that the government ought to pay the bonus certificates immediately. The American Legion resolution adds that this would greatly help the veterans, many of whom are hard-pressed just at present.

1 I have a message of cheer and
2 good hope, but I don't know how much good
3 it's ~~is~~ going to do. It's cheer and good
4 hope for ~~a~~ husbands, ~~but nothing ever~~
5 ~~seems to do them any good.~~

6 Anyway, the message ~~x~~ comes
7 from Miss Ada Hess, State Supervisor
8 of ~~a~~ Home Economics out in Chicago. *According to*
9 *The Associated Press,* ~~informs us that~~
10 Miss Hess states that husbands should
11 not be expected to wash the dishes. They
12 are supposed to chop the wood and keep
13 the furnace going and dig ditches, and
14 bring home the pay envelope, ^{*and walk the floor at night with the baby,*} but they
15 are not supposed to go in for dish
16 washing. Of course, there is a catch
17 in that message of cheer and good hope.
18 Miss Hess says that men should not wash
19 the dishes - except in emergencies, and I
20 suppose that in many households that
21 emergency ^{*arises*} ~~comes~~ after every meal. ~~times~~

Well from dish washing let's Page 6
 pass on to tiger taming.

1 We all know that there are various
 2 kinds and degrees of bravery. ~~Both~~ And
 3 here's a chap who has one brand of
 4 bravery ^{developed} to a very high degree, and what
 5 nerve that boy must have! He is called
 6 the Cat Man and he works for the
 7 Hagenback and Wallace Animal Circus.
 8 The big drawing cards of that show are
 9 ~~the~~ lions and tigers, and twice a day
 10 the cat man enters the steel arena,
 11 an arena in which are fourteen untrained
 12 and untamed lions, and eighteen
 13 snarling tigers.

14 And he goes in there with nothing
 15 for protection but a chair, a whip and
 16 a revolver loaded with blank cartridges.

17 And the Cat Man is not an old
 18 time trainer at all. He is a college
 19 boy. Generally he ^{subdues} ~~subdues~~ those eighteen
 20 tigers and fourteen lions by outglaring
 21 them, by stepping right up to a lion,
 22 shoving his face within a foot of ^{the} fiery
 23 eyes of the king of the jungle, and
 24 staring him into submission.

25 A fascinating story about this

1 Cat Man of the circus appears in this
2 week's Literary Digest. I have tracked
3 tigers in the jungles of Asia, and I
4 know what powerful and ferocious beasts
5 they are. So that story in the Literary
6 Digest struck me right in the solar plexis.

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NEWS ITEM

My News Item of the Day came in a late cable from India.

I suppose most of us will agree it's the most important event that has happened today, and it is surrounded with a wealth of curious circumstances.

A little brown man in a loin cloth was released today from prison at Poona out in India. And the eyes of the whole world are focused on him. In fact with him may rest the future of the British Empire. I am sure I don't have to add that the little Brown Man is Mahatma Ghandi, leader of the Nationalist movement in India.

As a result of the Round Table Conference in London, the British Government has declared an amnesty for political prisoners in India. And they began the release of prisoners from the jails of India today.

With the release of Ghandi there arose a peculiar and curious difficulty. The Associated Press tells us that Monday is his day of silence. On this day each week Mahatma Ghandi devotes himself to wordless meditation, to silent thought. All

day today the saintly Ghandi worked silently at his spinning wheel. They knew he would refuse to utter a syllable. They told him he was to be released and asked him where he wanted to go. He wrote on a slip of paper -- Bombay. And then they waited until his time of silence was over to let him out of the jail.

Well, according to the International News Service, he was released just a little before midnight, probably so he could board the midnight mail on its way from Madras to Bombay. You know it was midnight out in India when it was afternoon here. A crowd had been waiting all day expecting the Mahatma's release, but the time of his going out was kept a ~~deep~~ deep secret. Few were around when he was taken out of the prison and whisked into a car with drawn curtains. Then they put him on a train for Bombay where an immense welcome awaits him.

Well, all that remains now is to see what effect Ghandi's release will have.

The United Press states that stocks on the Bombay exchange went up.

The British are said to expect that Ghandi's leaving jail will cause a split in the ranks of the Indian Nationalists.

1 If Ghandi accepts the British offer made
2 at the Round Table Conference, the
3 Extremists will turn against him. If he
4 refuses, the Moderates will turn against
5 him.

6 Anyway, a ^{much} ~~great deal~~ seems to
7 hinge upon the fact that the little brown
8 man in the loin cloth, after his day of
9 silence, was taken from the jail at
10 Poona in a car with drawn curtains.

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1 Well, here comes something that
2 has a sinister ring. It is called
3 Secret Civil War. And that's ~~not~~ not all.
4 To make the expression still stranger,
5 they add miniature--no, not miniature
6 golf--but Miniature Secret Civil War.
7 This strange situation exists in Germany.

8 According to the International
9 News Service, there were a lot of Germans
10 who passed the weekend by fighting each
11 other. There were riots in a number of
12 German cities between the Fascists and
13 the Communists. 17 people were seriously
14 injured and 58 others were banged up
15 a bit. Things have been ^{rather chaotic} ~~disturbed~~ in
16 Germany for some time ^{as we know,} and now they
17 call it Miniature Secret Civil War.

18 And what they mean by that, well
19 I guess you'll have to get a German
20 to explain it.
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1 ~~They had~~ an interesting ceremony *was*
2 *held* over in Vienna today. A treaty was
3 signed between those two old partners,
4 Austria and Hungary. It is a treaty of
5 friendship, and, according to the
6 International News Service, both countries
7 pledged to arbitrate any disputes that
8 may arise between them.

9 This is said to be the first
10 treaty of friendship and arbitration
11 that has ever gone into force between
12 two nations in Central Europe. ~~Let's~~
13 ~~hope there will be a few more.~~

14 *Here's hoping the idea becomes*
15 *contagious.*
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1 This next item is from a story
2 book, or it ought to be. It's reported
3 that Prince Linnert, grandson of King
4 Gustaf of Sweden, is going to get
5 married, but not to a princess. This
6 royal prince is marrying a humble girl.

7 I don't mean that he is marrying a
8 poor little Cinderella. Not hardly.
9 However, she is not of royal birth, ^{merely} ~~but~~
10 ~~she is~~ the daughter of a wealthy
11 Swedish industrialist.

12 There are a few shadows in this
13 glamorous romantic picture. The
14 marriage of the parents of Prince
15 Linnert was dissolved in 1914, and his
16 mother, the Grand Duchess Maria
17 Pavlovna, is now working in the Style
18 Department of a New York department
19 store, and has just written a best
20 seller book. His ~~xxx~~ father is Prince
21 William of Sweden, explorer, poet,
22 novelist and dramatist, who is well
23 known here in America.

24 According to the United Press
25 Prince Linnert by marrying a commoner

will give up whatever right he may have to the throne.

All in all, it is something like the old story book tale of the Prince and Cinderella.

RUSSIA

1 *Papers everywhere are carrying a*
 2 ~~I've a dispatch here which tells~~
 3 *from various countries*
 4 about 13,000 men, who are getting jobs
 5 in Russia. They ~~are~~ *are* engineers and
 6 technicians. The Soviets can't seem to
 7 develop industrial experts of their own,
 8 ~~and~~ so they ~~don't~~ have to go to other
 9 countries for them.

10 The Associated Press states that
 11 the Soviets have made arrangements to
 12 import 3,000 engineers, 3,000 foremen,
 13 and 7,000 skilled ~~men~~ workers. And a
 14 large percentage of them will be
 15 Americans. A still larger percent will
 16 be Germans. There are said to be
 17 6,000 foreign technical experts at work
 18 in Russia now.

19 The Soviets tried to run technical
 20 schools on a mass production basis and
 21 turn out engineers on a big scale--but
 22 it didn't work. *So they're asking Uncle Fritz and*
 23 *Uncle Sam to lend 'em a few thousand.*

1 There seems to be some trouble
2 in North Africa, a favorite place for
3 trouble and general bedevilment. It's in the
4 blood over there in the lands of burning sands.
5 This time it's in the Italian
6 colony of Lybia. The International News
7 Service reports that there was a stubborn
8 battle between Italian troops and
9 rebel tribes near the city of Eltag.
10 The Italians stormed the town after
11 heavy fighting. The Italians ~~as you~~
12 ~~probably know~~ are determined to build
13 a colonial empire in North Africa.
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LETTER - DOG

George A. Leander, of Pittsburgh, sends me what he considers the best dog story he has seen in a long time. And it is a good yarn - even if you don't believe it.

It tells of Nellie, a Boston Bulldgo owned by Henry Loud, who runs a restaurant in Pittsburgh. Mr, Loud informs us loudly that someone tossed a doughnut to Nellie. She just carried it down to the cellar and placed it near a rat hole. And when the rat came up to nibble, that sinker Nellie the Boston Bull grabbed the rat.

And, that may be just another example of the hundreds of tall stories folks are sending in. Anyway, that's the yarn exactly as the Pittsburgh-Post-Gazette ~~is~~ told it.

1 Now for a livestock note--it's
 2 about frogs. ~~Here~~ Over here the bullfrog
 3 on the bank may just be a musical
 4 instrument, but out in Hawaii he's
 5 livestock, and is classified as such by
 6 the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The
 7 Hawaiians themselves call frogs, mountain
 8 chickens.

9 Well, old Uncle Sam ~~himself~~ has
 10 taken a hand in the frog situation, ^{or}
 11 the mountain chickens ^{situation, as they call it,} out in the Islands.

12 The Hawaiian frogs provide a very
 13 superior brand of frog legs, and raising
 14 mountain chickens, ^{frogs I mean,} is a profitable
 15 enterprise. So the Government is

16 organizing frog clubs to encourage frog
 17 raising. Frog farms are being established ^{among the pineapples.}

18 ~~And~~ ^{If But here is the part of the item that caught my eye:-} Next year in Hawaii there will not

19 only be the ^{regular} ~~usual~~ annual poultry show,
 20 but there will also be a frog show.

21 The New York Sun states that this will
 22 be the first frog show ever held. ~~in the~~

23 ~~Territories of the United States.~~ And I

24 suppose the theme song will be: ^{"Oh"} ~~The~~
 25 Bullfrog On the Bank".

1 I want to say right here that I
2 have ~~the~~ greatest sympathy for Robert!
3 Robert is a colored man down in Florida.
4 He is very black and has all the
5 characteristics that would go well in a
6 minstrel show. He works for Mrs.
7 Josephine Turck Baker. Now, Mrs. Baker
8 has been crusading for 30 years against
9 incorrect English. She has written ~~eleven~~^{eleven}
10 books to show people how they should
11 talk. She ^{even} founded a magazine called
12 "Correct English". And she established
13 ~~the~~^a Home for Correct English.

14 Now, Mrs. Baker has been vacationing
15 in Florida, and, needing a servant, she
16 employed Robert. Well, Robert's English
17 isn't up to Mrs. Baker's standard. The
18 Associated Press informs us that he
19 says such things as "No, ma'am. I ain't
20 saw him."

21 Whereupon Mrs. Baker says: "Robert
22 this is the home of correct English. And
23 you have a great opportunity now to
24 improve your English. Why don't ~~you~~ you not
25 take advantage of this ~~at~~ priceless opportunity?"

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1 "Yes, ma'am," says Robert. "I is
2 taken ~~and~~ that there advantage."

3 "Robert," Mrs. Baker reprooves
4 him, "that is not correct English^{either.}"

5 "Yo' sho is right, ma'am," Robert
6 replied. "And I'se gwine to talk English
7 so correct that there won't be nuthin
8 wrong with it."

9 Well, Mrs. Baker has been trying
10 hard to make Robert's English the kind
11 that should be talked in the home of
12 correct English. But as Robert would
13 say: "She ain't havin' no success^{no how.}"

14 Well, I'm all for Robert. I'm not
15 so sure of my own English some times, and
16 I know what it means to get a ticklish
17 grammatical point all wrong. And just
18 to show how strong I am for Robert and
19 his grammatical peculiarities, I'm going
20 to ~~say~~ say:

21 "There ain't no more news tonight,^{no how,}
22 folks. I done told you all what ^{am} ~~is~~. And
23 so I'se ~~saying~~ saying, so long, ^{and I hope to see you all} ~~and~~ [^] tomorrow night."

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