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5 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY;

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7 It looks as if the United States
8 Senate were going to do a bit of long
9 distance debating about something that's
10 a long distance away. The Senators are
11 preparing to drape their togas around
12 them, and go Cicero on the subject of -
13 Manchuria.

14 The Senators already are busy
15 with a number of thorny subjects. But
16 they are going to add that Far Eastern
17 cactus to the garland of thorns.

18 The Associated Press wires from
19 Washington that the Senate today called
20 upon Secretary-of-State Stimson for all
21 the government notes that have been
22 exchanged so far on the subject of the
23 Manchurian mixup. The Senators will have
24 a look at those diplomatic documents
25 and then the oratory will begin.

1 The Word this evening is that the
2 findings of the Young Plan Advisory
3 Committee are going to be more favorable
4 to Germany than has been expected.

5 This committee is meeting at *Basle*
6 ~~Basel~~ for the purpose of studying
7 Germany's capacity ~~to~~ to pay reparations.

8 The International News Service
9 adds that no final report has been
10 made, but ~~that~~ the committee has
11 discovered a number of factors which
12 tend to ~~lean out~~ *favor* the German viewpoint.
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1 In London a rumor was printed in the
2 Daily Herald that the British government
3 was considering a ^{complete} suspension of naval
4 building. In other words, His
5 Majesty's government did not intend to
6 go on building the ships that England is
7 allowed under the naval treaties. But *today*
8 this ~~has been~~ denied.

9 The Associated Press quotes a
10 statement that Britain will go ^{right} on building
11 the ^{se} ships. This declaration is said to
12 come from what is called "Authoritative
13 Quarters."
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DIGEST

But let's jump from these work-a-day matters into a land of imagination, islands and coasts, where shades of strange, antique characters still roar perhaps, in old, familiar haunts. Let's take to the pirate shores of our South Atlantic states, the coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and the romantic isles that Columbus thought were fabled Hindustan.

This winters Travel Number of the Literary Digest, paint a glowing picture of the winter play-grounds, that formerly were the strongholds of the buccaneers.

One heading reads:- "Where Blackbeard Roamed."

Where DID that ferocious old pirate roam? "South of Bermuda" the Digest article reads, we enter the labyrinth of islands forming the Bahama group. In these waters sailed Columbus; and here we are in the one-time theater of pirates, for ahead lies the rendezvous of Blackbeard, at the entrance to the harbor of Nassau."

Well, I've seen that bit of tropical sand but until today, I never connected it with Blackbeard.

But wait a minute, the mention of Nassau reminds me of something. Nassau will be one of the stops of the

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of the great palatial liner, the Leviathan, on her forthcoming Southern cruise.

Somedays ago there was a dispatch from Panama which told of an ocean liner lying in the harbor of Cristobal, a liner unable to pass through the Canal. There was some confusion in the dispatch about the name of the ship. It was given as the Leviathan. At that time the Leviathan was at her New York dock. She is still, in fact. She's making ready for a gala, romantic voyage. She doesn't sail for Southern seas until December 26th. She will put in at the Canal Zone, but at Colon and not at Cristobal. And furthermore, she doesn't intend to go through the Canal.

It's all a good deal like the Jewish gentleman who said: "So Meyer made fifty thousand dollars in the show business!"

To which his friend responded: "It wasn't fifty thousand dollars -- it was five thousand. And it wasn't in the show business -- it was in the dry-goods business. And he didn't make it -- he lost it."

And the story about the Leviathan that came up from

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Panama a few days ago was just that wrong. She wasn't at Cristobal, she was at New York. She won't go to Cristobal, she'll go to Colon. She didn't fail to get through the Panama Canal. She isn't going through the Panama Canal at all. But she is going to make a Southern cruise that stirs the imagination just as that Literary Digest Winter Travel Number builds dreams of winter playgrounds in our minds.

A story comes from Kansas City of the kidnapping of Mrs. Nell Quinlan Donnelly, described as a millionaire garment manufacturer. Her husband, Paul Donnelly, and former Senator James A. Reed are said to be desperately working on the case. The Associated Press reports that a ransom of seventy-five thousand dollars has been demanded. Former Senator Reed warned that "if a single hair of her head is harmed he would spend the rest of his life to running down the kidnapers and send them to the gallows."

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CHINA

More trouble is reported today from Nanking, the capital of the Chinese Nationalist government.

Another mob of students went wild. They attacked the offices of the Central Daily News at Nanking. They smashed up the place, and they smashed up the headquarters of the Nationalist Government. Then the soldiers arrived, and opened fire. The mob fled. But Nanking is a wild city tonight.

The students took the warpath because they claim that the newspaper was hostile to their demands for a belligerent policy against Japan.

The United Press cables from Peiping that Marshal Chang is out of the Manchurian picture. He is the former war lord of Manchuria whose hostility to the Japanese has been cutting a large figure in the Manchurian disturbance.

The officials of the Mikado have been demanding all along that Chang get out. And now the report is that he has resigned his power, and has severed connections with the

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1 province he formerly ruled.

2 There is still sporadic trouble
3 in Manchuria. The International News
4 Service reports skirmishes between
5 Japanese detachments and Chinese
6 bandits.

1 It seems as if Manchuria is to
2 be governed by a commission, a Japanese
3 commission - that is, it will be if ~~the~~
4 ~~government at~~ Tokio has its way.

5 ~~The International News Service~~
6 ~~cables that~~ General Minami, the war
7 leader of Japan, has left Tokio for *the*
8 ~~Manchuria~~ ^{*Mukden*} to supervise the formation
9 of a Japanese commission to govern the
10 disturbed province. The commission
11 will consist of army and navy men,
12 representatives of the ~~Manchurian~~
13 railroad^s, and also the various Japanese
14 consuls in Manchuria.

1 Well, we all know that there are
 2 many important and serious things in
 3 this world. There are also many amusing
 4 things. I must humbly confess that I
 5 have a partiality for the ~~amusing things~~ ^{ludicrous.}
 6 Maybe my funny bone has developed ~~xxx~~
 7 all out of proportion to the more grave
 8 and solemn qualities of the mind.

9 However, there is no denying that
 10 important things are sometimes important.
 11 Now when you find something of real
 12 importance that is also pleasantly
 13 interesting, ~~why what more can you ask?~~ ^{ah, that is perfection.}

14 I picked up a book today, the
 15 serious value of which to practically
 16 all of us is not to be denied. There
 17 are mighty few of us who ^{do not} at sometime
 18 or other ~~don't~~ run into an awkward
 19 situation in which we might paraphrase
 20 King Richard III, ^{and cry: -} A Book of Etiquette,
 21 a Book of Etiquette, my kingdom for a
 22 Book of ~~xxx~~ Etiquette. In fact, that
 23 learned volume is often more useful
 24 ~~xxx~~ in these times than a horse. ~~would be~~
 25 Well, briefly, at the Literary age

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 2 Emily Post's ^{Famous} Book of Etiquette. As if
 3 by some fascination I opened it,
 4 expecting to find something right off the
 5 bat that would inform me of ~~a~~ social
 6 error I ^{might} have made recently. No, the
 7 section I turned to didn't concern any
 8 error I had made - recently. The chapter
 9 was headed - The Day of the Wedding.
 10 And with me that took place ~~some time~~
 11 ~~ago~~ several moons ago.

12 Well, I sat down and proceeded
 13 to interest myself with some amusing
 14 reading, because Emily Post not only
 15 gives us the refinements of social
 16 propriety, but she does it in a ~~delightfully~~
 17 ~~delightfully~~ spritely way.

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 19 duties of the best man at the wedding.
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 21 takes the groom in charge precisely
 22 as might a guardian. "He takes note",
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1 up in the air or nervous, the best man
2 must bring him to earth and jolly him
3 along, ~~as best he can.~~

4 Then there's a ~~xxxxxx~~ special
5 heading which reads - The Perfectly
6 Managed Wedding."

7 Well, I want to ask Emily Post
8 if there ever was a perfectly managed
9 wedding. In fact, I'll ask any of you
10 married folks to look back on your
11 wedding and tell me if there wasn't
12 some small hitch or awkward circumstance
13 somewhere. *I can't remember what happened
14 at mine. I'm still in a daze.*

15 And then we ~~xxx~~ come upon a
16 profound and important truth. Here's
17 the way it reads:

18 "From the moment the bride and
19 groom start off on their wedding trip,
20 all expenditures become his."

21 Yes, and now I add my own
22 contribution to the art of etiquette.
23 The expenditures not only become his,
24 but they remain his. In fact, there's
25 many a groom who after years of
experience has come to the conclusion
that marriage and expenditure are just
two words for the same thing. *But marriage
is not a bad break after all.*

I wonder how many of us remember
1 ~~that here's something that pertains to~~
2 ~~that today is an anniversary?~~
3 ~~the day-after-tomorrow -- that is, to~~
4 ~~December 17th.~~ Howard Mingos, a well-
5 known writer on aviation, ^{reminds me} ~~writes and says~~
6 that ~~on~~ December 17th ~~the~~ will be the
7 28th anniversary of the first airplane
8 flight. And, continues Howard, dear old
9 Orville Wright, still living at his
10 home in Dayton, Ohio, was the first man
11 in the world to fly an airplane."

12 And then Howard Mingos goes on to
13 remind us of the importance of this
14 anniversary. He sites a few facts to
15 show what a significant birthday December
16 17th really is:-

17 "The United States today has an
18 aviation industry with something more
19 than 400 million dollars of invested
20 capital. We have 32,000 miles of
21 airlines in the United States, operating
22 daily. Five hundred planes are flying
23 on these lines a total of more than
24 100,000 miles every day and night.
25 Two thousand paid passengers, 13 tons of
mail, the equivalent of one million

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letters, and 2½ tons of air express, are flying over these airlines every 24 hours, and all governments now recognize that aviation is the third arm of national defense, of equal importance with land and sea forces.

TIGER

But hold everything! I mean, Page 17

1 ~~Now~~ take a firm hold of your seats,
2 ~~folks~~, and listen to this one. You can
3 fill in a good many of the details with
4 your imagination, because this is a late
5 dispatch and contains only the bare
6 facts of one of the most hair-raising
7 incidents ^{of which} ~~that~~ the human mind can
8 conceive, ~~of~~

9 ^{This afternoon a} A tiger broke out of his cage in a
10 passenger airplane flying high over the
11 English channel. How's that for a
12 situation?

13 ~~The International News Service~~
14 ~~explains that airplanes have been~~
15 transporting wild animals in Europe right
16 along. This time a huge Bengal tiger
17 was being shipped by plane from Ostend,
18 in Belgium, to London. There were a
19 number of passengers in the cabin of the
20 air-liner. The tiger's cage was at
21 one end ^{of that cabin.}

22 Suddenly there was a tremendous
23 commotion. Old Master Stripes broke out
24 of the cage. And there was an airplane
25 speeding along in the sky above the

English channel, with passengers in the cabin, and among them a tiger, loose, out of his cage. The passengers fell into a wild panic. They were thrown into spasms by a mad desire to escape to safety. But where could they go? They just milled around in crazy confusion.

The keeper of the tiger, a German was the hero of the occasion. The dispatch ^{gives} ~~gives~~ the mere detail that he actually wrestled with that full grown Bengal Tiger. The keeper was mauled around, but he managed to get the tiger back into his cage, and fasten the door. Meanwhile the plane kept on its even course in the sky, and in due time landed at Croyden, London, and the passengers got out, pale and nerve shaken after one of the wildest sky voyages on record.

That leaves me with just one more gasp -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.