

# SPAIN

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Good Evening Everybody:

1                   At 5:15 P. M., Spanish time,  
2    12:15 P. M. Eastern Standard Time,  
3    King Alfonso, <sup>the Twelfth</sup> ~~as the International~~  
4    ~~News Service informs us,~~ signed his  
5    name to a document which brings to an  
6    end the old and historic Spanish  
7    monarchy. He fought to the last for  
8    his crown. The monarchists tried to  
9    get the Republicans to wait a while.  
10   The Republicans wouldn't wait. They  
11   threatened to start a revolution right  
12   away. Then, <sup>according to the Int. News Service,</sup> the King offered to abdicate  
13   in favor of his son, the Crown Prince.  
14   Again the Republicans said "no." Then  
15   finally Alfonso had to choose between  
16   the renunciation of the throne or  
17   violent revolution. He signed on the  
18   line.

19                   But first he exacted a promise  
20   that he and his family would be allowed  
21   to retire from Spain with full honors.

22                   According to the United Press  
23   it is expected that the King and the  
24   royal family will go to Paris. Meanwhile  
25   a Republic had been proclaimed in a

number of cities. That was one of the first results of the defeat of the royalists in the election on Sunday.

When the announcement was made today that the king had stepped down, the Republicans went wild with enthusiasm. ~~The A. P. cables that a~~ government was hastily formed in Madrid. Zamora, the Republican leader, is both the provinsional president and the prime minister tonight.

In the Province of Catalonia a separate republic was proclaimed. The Catalons have long demanded autonomy and local home rule.

Zamora, the new prime minister, declares that the Spanish republic will join in harmony with the Catalonian republic.

As night came on in what is now the Republic of Spain, martial law was declared to assure peace until the new government gains firm control.

And thus passes one of the oldest kingdoms of Europe, the kingdom

1 that had its origin in those days  
2 when the Christians were fighting the  
3 Moors and which finally became a  
4 united monarchy when ~~King~~ Ferdinand of  
5 Aragon married ~~Queen~~ Isabella of  
6 Castille.

7           It was then that the ~~xxxx~~ real  
8 history of the Spanish monarchy began,  
9 when the young queen and the young king  
10 of the two great Christian kingdoms  
11 into which Spain was divided, walked  
12 to a solemn altar and were married.  
13 Then the royal bridegroom and his  
14 bride led the chivalry of their  
15 kingdom against the Moors, against the  
16 last remaining stronghold of the  
17 power of Islam that once had been so  
18 mighty in the ancient peninsula.

19 And thus the followers of the prophet  
20 were expelled from stately Granada and  
21 the beautiful halls of the Alhambra,  
22 and the last Moorish king, the  
23 melancholy Boabdil wept as he departed—  
24 and sighed the last sigh of the Moor.

25           ~~Yes, that was the real~~

Then also was the beginning of the history of America, because Columbus went to that same Isabella while her armies were besieging Granada; and as all men know he gained permission to discover a new world. And after Columbus came Ponce de Leon and Cortez and Pizarro and de Soto and Coronado.

And on the throne of Spain Ferdinand and Isabella were followed by the great emperor, Charles V, who ruled over many lands. And then Philip II, the bitter king who sent the Armada against England, and Don Juan of Austria who led the Christian squadrons against the Turks at Lepanto, where the power of the Grand Turk at sea was broken. Ah what days were those and what a mighty power was Spain.

Then splendor and strength were followed by splendor and weakness under such a monarch as Phillip IV, when Velasquez and Murillo painted beauty on canvas and Cervantes wrote of Don Quixote who sighed sighs and waged brave battles against windmills.

And ever since those splendorous days the monarchy of Spain sank and grew weaker. Louis XIV of France in his sun-like glory placed his grandson on the Spanish throne and a new dynasty

was created. Then Napoleon gave away the royal crown of Spain as a gift to his brother. But the old dynasty came back, albeit growing ever weaker.

And now, tonight, of that ancient crown of Spain, these words are all that can be said:- - it is no more.

This is one of the big stories of our time. What a great tale it will be for the editors of the Literary Digest to tell. There will be a lot of us waiting for the article in which the Digest covers the downfall of the Spanish throne.

now the United Press wires that Sandino's representative in Mexico City has made a statement that the rebel leader has declared the truce at an end and has ordered his followers to attack the Marines. He says the Americans are to blame, and that they have started the trouble. He probably even

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1            Sounds of more trouble come  
2 from Nicaragua, <sup>tonght.</sup> Sandino, ~~the head of~~  
3 the rebels, declares that war is on  
4 again.

5            At the time of the Managua  
6 earthquake disaster when the United  
7 States Marines were helping the  
8 stricken people, Sandino proclaimed a  
9 truce. He said his men would not fight  
10 against the Marines while the Americans  
11 were engaged in works of mercy. But  
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20 *blames Uncle Sam for the earthquake.*  
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1 Well, I played hooky this  
2 afternoon. Played hooky from my job  
3 for two hours, and went to the circus.  
4 Yes, and it was the first circus I had  
5 seen in ten years. The last time I saw  
6 one was away out on the other side of the  
7 world in Singapore. It was a small  
8 South African circus, ~~run by a~~  
9 ~~picturesque old-timer named Colonel Phyllis~~

10 Well, my seven-year old boy came  
11 down from the farm and brought along five  
12 of his pals. We all had lunch together  
13 -- chicken, sweet potatoes, gravy -- ice  
14 cream, yum, yum.

15 Then we went to the circus. And  
16 oh, boy! We had peanuts and crackerjack  
17 and pink lemonade. And we laughed and  
18 cried and yelled along with 20,000 other  
19 people.

20 We saw the death-defying trapeze  
21 performers, the seals that could actually  
22 stand on one flipper while juggling balls,  
23 the fifty performing elephants; the  
24 horses that danced jigs, the only sea  
25 elephant in captivity, so many clowns

1 that I needed 100 eyes to watch 'em all.  
2 In fact I saw so much that I' <sup>still</sup> am dizzy.

3 But the best part of all was  
4 watching the kids.

5 A month or so ago, the Literary  
6 Digest carried a thrilling article about  
7 a certain wild animal tamer, a boy named  
8 Clyde Beatty, from Chillicothe, Ohio, who  
9 ran away from home and joined the circus.  
10 Well, Clyde Beatty became the foremost  
11 wild animal tamer in the world. And I  
12 quoted a story from the Literary Digest  
13 telling how one night a tiger attacked  
14 Clyde Beatty in the crowded cage in full  
15 view of the audience. The tiger had him  
16 down and was about to tear him to pieces.  
17 In a few more seconds he would have been  
18 a dead man. But just in the nick of time  
19 one of the lions, an old fellow named  
20 Nero, whom we saw today, jumped on that  
21 tiger and saved young Beatty's life.

22 Well, naturally, after telling that story  
23 I wanted to see the act. And it is about  
24 the most thrilling thing I ever saw. Ten  
25 roaring lions and six snarling tigers and



1 one young man, from Chillicothe, Ohio,  
2 all in the same cage. My hair fairly  
3 stood on end.

4 Well, I took my youngster around  
5 behind the scenes to meet Clyde Beatty,  
6 and he was thrilled over that. But when  
7 I introduced him to John Ringling, the  
8 greatest showman of our time, and when I  
9 introduced him to the clowns and the  
10 midgets and a lot of the other performers  
11 he wasn't a bit impressed. He kept jump-  
12 ing up and down insisting that we hurry  
13 back to our seats for fear we missed  
14 something. Meeting the great John  
15 Ringling meant nothing in his life, but  
16 missing five minutes of the show -- well,  
17 that meant a lot.

18 Yes sir, I lived my childhood all  
19 over again in two of the fastest and  
20 most furious hours that I can recall.  
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## NEWS ITEM

Now, after that circus levity get ready for a real thriller, folks. It's a humdinger! No wonder Tom Masson picked it as my News Item of the Day.

Many of you have heard of Tom Masson, the famous writer, and humorist author of "Our American Humorists", and for many years editor of Life.

"LOOK AT THIS ONE," he called, as he glanced through my stack of news dispatches. "YOU COULD USE EVERY ONE OF THE FIFTEEN MINUTES OF YOUR LITERARY DIGEST HOUR, TELLING WHAT A SWEET TIME THOSE TWO FELLOWS HAD."

He meant two aviators who had one wild, breath-taking experience.

Yes, it would take all of my time on the air this evening to tell the story in detail. But I'll give you just the barest, quickest sketch:--

Captain Breen, of the U. S. Army Air Corps, and Major French, of the Coast Artillery were having a bit of bombing practice during tactical maneuvers in Virginia. They were dropping explosive eggs into Chesapeake Bay. Down the bombs would fall

screeching, and then a geyser of water would shoot up as they hit and went off with a huge bang.

The flyers released two more high explosive bombs. But these didn't go down screeching at all. They caught in the wires of the plane, and hung there. And that was exciting! If they landed the plane, well the bombs would go off and it would be goodbye flying machine and goodbye flying men.

Captain Breen, at the controls, tried to shake the bombs loose. He made a swift turn; he shot skyward; he swung around in a wild loop; he took a mad nose dive. But the only effect was that the bombs moved a little. And now they were in such a position that they were bumping against each other. They were liable to go off at any minute.

As the United Press tells us, the two airmen saw that there was only one thing to do, and they'd have to do it fast. They got right out of that airplane, and went away from that place in the sky.

1 They jumped. <sup>And how!</sup> ~~And~~ Their parachutes  
2 billowed out and they floated toward  
3 the earth. The plane, left to its own  
4 devices, circled around, gliding  
5 downward. *with the two hooks hanging and locking against each other.*

6 Then the two men dangling beneath  
7 their parachutes heard a terrific roar.  
8 A barrage of airplane parts shot by  
9 them--sticks of wood, shreds of canvas,  
10 bolts and bars, fragments of the motor.  
11 Luckily, they were not hit.

12 Captain Breen settled slowly into  
13 a swamp. Major French dropped into  
14 the tiptop of a tall pine tree. He had  
15 to climb down 60 feet. The two flyers  
16 joined each other and started back  
17 to Langley Field.

18 How's that for a thriller?  
19 *Yes Tom Masson was right. Next to*  
20 *the abdication of King Alfonso,*  
21 *that surely is the story of the day.*  
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CHICAGO

And also, While you and I were going about  
our peaceful pursuits today

1 Today, 16 men staggered exhausted  
2 from the entrance of a Chicago tunnel.  
3 But 10 men did not emerge.

4 According to the Associated Press,  
5 there was a disastrous fire in that  
6 tunnel. 75 men were at work when  
7 flames and poisonous gases burst upon  
8 them. There was a rush to safety.  
9 Then there were attempts to rescue  
10 working men who remained behind--trapped  
11 by the fire. City firemen went in too,  
12 and some of them were trapped.

13 26 men, in all, were in desperate  
14 peril. 16 of them saved their lives  
15 by getting into an air chamber at one  
16 end of the tunnel and closing the  
17 entrance, and sealing themselves there.  
18 They remained in their vault for 12  
19 hours, and then they fought their  
20 way out to safety.

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1           And now along comes word that  
2 Mr. de Rethy has landed in the United  
3 States. That doesn't seem very important,  
4 although, as a matter of fact, it hooks  
5 right up with the visit of Prince  
6 Takamatsu of Japan.

7           Mr. de Rethy is really Prince  
8 Charles, Count of Flanders, and son of  
9 the King of Belgium. He's traveling  
10 strictly incognito and will receive no  
11 royal honors.

12           According to the United Press,  
13 he will make an extended tour of the  
14 United States but will be known simply  
15 as Mr. Charles de Rethy.

1           Excuse me, folks, if I get a  
2 little bit excited about this next  
3 item. But it's <sup>enough</sup> news to make anybody  
4 excited to announce that burglars have  
5 burgled the office of Ex-President  
6 Coolidge. And that those robbers got  
7 away with \$30.00 of Mr. Coolidge's  
8 money.

9           The United Press informs us that  
10 a lowdown crook has been active in  
11 Northampton, Massachusetts, ~~which is~~  
12 the home <sup>town</sup> of the Ex-President. The  
13 office of a prominent Republican  
14 politician was robbed last night. And  
15 when that became known, it was also  
16 disclosed that the office of Mr.  
17 Coolidge had ~~also~~ been robbed a couple  
18 of days ago, and that the burglar had  
19 taken away all the money in the place.  
20 The amount was thirty bucks. *Wherefore*  
21 *let us weep.*

1 Today was Pan-American day,  
2 devoted to the cause of good will among  
3 the nations of the two Americas. It  
4 was observed in twenty-one Latin  
5 American countries. It was also  
6 observed in Washington.

7 According to the Associated  
8 Press, President Hoover led the  
9 celebration. He spoke before a  
10 gathering of the Pan-American Union  
11 and declared that the day was not far  
12 away when the nations of the Western  
13 Hemisphere will settle all questions  
14 by the orderly processes of  
15 conciliation and arbitration.

16 *May Allah*  
17 *speed the day!*



1 President Hoover today <sup>also</sup> uttered  
2 a few words of advice to the members of  
3 his cabinet. He told them ~~of~~ something  
4 he thought they ought to do, this  
5 afternoon. He advised them all to go <sup>- where?</sup> to  
6 the ballgame! And they did.

7 And so, as the United Press  
8 informs us, for the first time in  
9 recent years the entire cabinet of the  
10 United States celebrated the opening  
11 of the baseball season by going to the  
12 game and watching the Washington  
13 Senators play somebody else - in this  
14 case the Senators played Connie Mack's  
15 Philadelphia Athletics. President  
16 Hoover threw the first ball and they  
17 say it was a pretty hefty pitch.

18 Well, I don't have to tell you  
19 that all over the country thousands  
20 of baseball fans have been watching the  
21 pitcher ~~xxx~~ wind up. And the fast  
22 ball goes whizzing <sup>across the pan.</sup> The batter takes  
23 a mighty swing. Fielders go scurrying  
24 and runners on the paths raise clouds  
25 of dust as they slide <sup>for</sup> into base.

Yes sir, this afternoon the umpires called "Batter Up" and the 1931 baseball season got under way.

The right handers and the left handers have been pitching the ball this afternoon, and I have been in the box here pitching the news. Well, I've heeved my last item. The Athletes beat the Senator: the Spanish Republican won out against the Monarchists. The game is over and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

Workers for the Blind, which is meeting in conjunction with what is known as the World Conference for the Blind. With Mr. Endicott, sitting right beside me, are a number of other delegates.

They are not alone. With each delegate is a boy scout. The Boy Scout organization assigns a different division of lads, each day, to accompany the blind delegates and pilot them around New York. And as they're here, the boys and the delegates, listening while I read off the news dispatches of the day.

And I think I'll begin with the dispatch that I'm sure Mr. Endicott and his fellow delegates cannot be the news item of the day.