

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 An important geographical
2 discovery was reported today. The head-
3 waters of the ^{mighty} Orinoco River have been *found.*
4 ~~discovered~~ The Orinoco is an immense
5 stream, ~~the~~ next to the largest in
6 South America -- second only to the
7 ^{inconceivable} ~~mighty~~ Amazon. The sources of the
8 Orinoco have always been a mystery. The
9 stream is long and difficult. It has
10 mighty rapids and cataracts and winds
11 through some of the wildest ~~the~~ jungle
12 spaces in the world, *the equatorial forests of*
13 *South America.* ^{in a special cable} We are told ⁱⁿ today's New York
14 Times how an expedition under Doctor
15 Herbert S. Dickey started up the Orinoco
16 with boats and canoes. And they just
17 kept going and going. ~~until they arrived~~
18 ~~at the beginning of the stream~~ They
19 traveled 312 miles beyond a village which
20 is the last civilized point on the river.
21 They traveled 100 miles farther than
22 anybody on record has traveled before.

23 After a strenuous and adventurous
24 trip they came to the Parima range of
25 mountains. The explorers stood on the

1 top of a peak and looked down on a whole
2 network of streams and brooks which join
3 up and become the beginning of the
4 Orinoco. The immense river is but a
5 pigmy at that point. It's only about 20
6 feet in width as it tumbles through a
7 deep gorge and then emerges to wander
8 on its long winding way through the
9 jungle as one of the world's greatest
10 rivers.

11 And thus Dr. Dickey filled in another
12 of the white spaces on the map. Another
13 geographical mystery has been solved by
14 a bold explorer.
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AVIATORS

Right up until this evening there had been mighty little news about those two planes that set out yesterday from New York, one bound for Moscow and the other for Constantinople. Nearly all day no sign of the two planes was seen either by people on ships at sea or by people on land. The first significant report came from Valentia. No, not the Valentia in Spain. I mean Valentia in Ireland. People there heard the hum of motors in the sky, but it was too foggy to see anything. The United Press reports the drone of motors being heard twice this afternoon, at intervals of two hours apart. It was believed that two airplanes somewhere ~~xxx~~ above the Irish clouds were Pangborn and Hernden, bound for Moscow and Boardman and Polando, bound for Constantinople. But late this afternoon the International News Service received a dispatch. Pangborn and Hernden had landed at Moylegrove, Pembrokeshire, Wales, near the town of Cardigan. So they got across alright. But I wonder what has happened to the plane bound for Constantinople. They should be in the vicinity of the Golden Horn by now - or perhaps they are down in the Balkans. The two boys who landed in Wales

were driven down by fog. They landed on a farm. And the folks who came out to greet them spoke to them in Welsh. Tomorrow they intend to fly on to London and Moscow.

And then there has been only a little information from the Graf Zeppelin. She, of course, carries full wireless equipment, but that flying laboratory isn't wasting much time in sending wireless messages. Presumably the scientists are too busy making their far-northern studies.

But what word there is from the Graf Zeppelin is positive and definite. The International News Service passes along a radio from the Graf in which she states that she is over Nova Zembla, far in the Arctic, and is on her way back. She's steering south for home, and apparently is not going on to the Pole. Another later bulletin from the United Press states that she has already ~~xxx~~ passed over the city of Archangel, Russia, on her way South.

One amazing report was printed in the New York Times this morning. It tells us that the scientists aboard the big dirigible have discovered that the group of far-northern islands known as Franz Josef Land is really not a group of islands at all, but part of a huge peninsula. And that certainly sounds very strange. If you will glance at your Literary Digest Atlas you will see that Franz Josef Land is a great

1 distance away from any nearby mainland.
2 And if it really is a peninsula it means
3 that there are thousands of ^{square} miles of
4 land there in the Arctic which have
5 hitherto escaped the attention of the
6 geographers and the explorers. The
7 report from the Graf Zeppelin states
8 that the icy country thereabouts has
9 been entirely mis-charted. Well, it
10 certainly must have been mis-charted
11 plenty if Franz*Josef*Land is a peninsula.

12 And another ~~aviation~~ aviation item
13 comes in the progress of Amy Johnson,
14 the British woman aviator who's making a
15 flight from England to Japan. She left
16 Moscow today. The word was that she would
17 fly on into Siberia, but the International
18 News Service reports that she landed this
19 afternoon at the city of Kazan, which
20 is in eastern European Russia, something
21 more than half way between Moscow and
22 the borders of Siberia.

1 Here's an announcement of some new
2 regulations to increase the safety of
3 passenger air-travel. The United Press
4 gives us the list and declares that the
5 new rules will be announced by the
6 Department of Commerce within a few days.

7 One regulation decrees that only
8 planes equipped with 2-way radios --
9 that is, receiving and sending -- will
10 be allowed to fly above clouds and fog
11 banks.

12 And then pilots of passenger
13 planes are forbidden to work more than 8
14 hours a day, or 30 hours a week. Between
15 flights lasting more than 6 hours a pilot
16 must be given a long period of rest. The
17 idea, of course, is to cut out fatigue
18 as a possible cause of mistakes by pilots.

19 If one of those big multi-motored
20 passenger planes flies more than 6 hours
21 in a day it will have to carry 2 pilots,
22 so that they can change off. Otherwise,
23 only one pilot will be necessary. As it
24 stands now all those big ships are
25 supposed to have 2 pilots, but the

1 passenger-plane lines claim that this is
2 unnecessary and uneconomical.
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1 Along about now I seem to see a
 2 vision of a baseball game and a man
 3 tearing along the base paths. Holy
 4 Smoke! How fast that ^{chap}~~guy~~ can run -- ^{- he just burns it up, and} with
 5 what smoothness, grace and power of
 6 movement. And now he hurls himself into
 7 a swift breath-taking slide, with
 8 spikes flashing in the sunlight. Yes,
 9 you know who I mean -- Ty Cobb, the *old time*
 10 dashing, fighting, flaming out-fielder
 11 of the Detroit Tigers.

12 Well, I'll tell you what started
 13 me thinking about old Tyrus Raymond
 14 Cobb. Somebody has conducted a sort of
 15 poll among the principal baseball men
 16 of the day on this question -- WHO WAS
 17 THE GREATEST BASEBALL PLAYER? *Since the*
 18 *Pharaohs built the Pyramids?*
 19 The results are reported in the
 20 new Literary Digest, the one that will
 21 come out tomorrow. It was C. William
 22 Duncan of the Philadelphia Public-
 23 Ledger who gathered the opinions of
 24 baseball men, and as the Literary Digest
 25 tells us, Ty Cobb came out first.

The next on the list as the

1 second greatest baseball player was old
2 Honus Wagner, the burly bow-legged
3 Dutchman who played in the infield ~~of~~ *for*
4 the Pittsburgh Pirates.

5 Third comes our present-day
6 immortal;- the walloping, fence-busting,
7 home-run slugging Babe Ruth, *the old Sultan of*
8 *Swat in person.*

9 The Literary Digest, continuing
10 to quote baseball-writer Duncan, tells a
11 few sparkling incidents about Ty Cobb
12 when he was in his prime.

13 Detroit was having a hot game with
14 Washington one afternoon, and Cobb was on
15 third base. The man at bat took a
16 hefty swing but merely lifted a high
17 infield fly -- and George McBride, the
18 Washington shortstop, was under it. The
19 ball plopped into McBride's glove, and
20 the moment it did Cobb astonished
21 everybody by starting lickety-split for
22 the home plate. McBride raised his arm
23 to throw the ball to the catcher. Cobb
24 stopped suddenly. The shortstop
25 lowered his arm for a fraction of a
second, and that fraction of a second was

1 just long enough for Cobb. He tore ~~out~~
2 for the home plate again and slid in
3 safely.

4 The catcher in that particular
5 game was Gabby Street, who for years was
6 Walter Johnson's battery mate. Street
7 is the authority for that story of Ty
8 Cobb's quickness of mind --

9 And he also tells another:-

10 In one game the Washington regular third
11 baseman was sick or injured or something
12 and they had to play a second baseman at
13 third. In the game that followed Ty
14 Cobb made 5 consecutive hits, and each
15 time he cut the ball down along third
16 base.

17 After the game the Washington
18 catcher asked him about it.

19 "Oh, that's easy," explained Cobb,
20 "that fellow at third was out of
21 position. He's a second baseman, and I
22 figured he'd play out of position at
23 third. And so I just kept shooting the
24 ball down ^{past} ~~to~~ him."

25 Yes sir, old ^{Tyrus Raymond} Cobb had a

1 90-horsepower baseball brain. And what
2 a scrapper he was.

3 Just the other day I heard a
4 story from an old baseball man about
5 Cobb's cocky hot-tempered disposition.
6 He hadn't been long in the ~~big~~ big
7 leagues, and he was strutting around
8 ready to fight at the drop of the hat.
9 He got into one fight after another --
10 and he was pretty good. He'd fight like
11 one of his native Georgia wildcats.
12 And after Cobb had got in a few punches
13 the other fellow would drop.

14 Cobb had a team-mate on the
15 Detroit ^{lineup named} ~~team~~ Dutch Schmidt. Now Dutch
16 Schmidt was ~~quite~~ a quiet phlegmatic
17 Dutchman. He never looked for trouble,
18 but he was in fact one of the ~~best~~ ^{hottest}
19 battlers in baseball.

20 It would seem that Cobb's cockiness
21 and his succession of pugilistic
22 victories must have got on Dutch Schmidt's
23 nerves. One day after a game he walked
24 up to Ty and said:

25 "Cobb, put up your ^{Dukes} ~~hands~~."

1 Well, Ty always enjoyed putting
2 up his hands. The scrap that followed,
3 from the way ~~to~~^{it} was told to me, was
4 certainly lively. Schmidt landed a
5 haymaker and knocked Cobb down. And then
6 he proceeded to flatten Ty out a few
7 times more. And that was that.

8 A couple of days later the spirit
9 seemed to move Dutch Schmidt once more.
10 He again casually walked up to Ty and
11 said:

12 "Cobb, put up your ^{dukes}~~hands~~."

13 Cobb put up his hands and took
14 another awful ~~licking~~ lambasting.

15 After it was over Schmidt said:

16 "Cobb, if you need another licking
17 I'll give it to you, but I think you've
18 had enough. I think it's made a better
19 man and a better baseball player out of
20 you."

21 After that Cobb and Schmidt were
22 the best of friends. The Georgia Peach
23 was a real man and knew how to value a
24 worthy antagonist.
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MUSSOLINI

And talking about scrappy

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1 gentleman, Mussolini had his ears pulled
2 today. In fact, he had his ears pulled
3 plenty -- 96 times. The black-shirt
4 dictator of Italy was 48 years old today.
5 He didn't receive any birthday presents.
6 He doesn't like birthday presents. And
7 there wasn't much of any ceremony,
8 except that Mussolini got his ~~y~~ ears
9 pulled.

10 The International News Service
11 tells us that it's an Italian birthday
12 custom that ^{the smaller} children are entitled to
13 pull their father's ears as many times
14 as ^{there are} ~~the~~ years in the father's age.
15 Mussolini's two youngest children -- a
16 boy of 4 and a girl of 2 -- got the job.
17 And I'll bet they enjoyed it. Anyway,
18 it ought to be a rare sight to see the
19 formidable leader of the Fascists getting
20 his ears pulled 96 times, -- 48 times
21 by each of the two children.
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THREE MUSKETEERS

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1 In the old world city of ^{Auch} Auch,
2 the capital of the quaint French
3 province of Gastony, a statue has been
4 unveiled. It is a figure in old time
5 costume, with a sword.- Of course,
6 there must be a sword. The face is
7 decorated with a pair of fierce
8 mustachios, and ^{has} a gay, proud look.

9 Yes, it's D'Artagnan, the
10 swaggering swordsman of that immortal
11 romance, The Three Musketeers.

12 Well, it's more than two
13 centuries and a half since D'Artagnan
14 took his way to the skies along with
15 his memorable companions, the giant,
16 jolly Porthos, witty Aramis, and the
17 melancholy Athos - the three Musketeers.
18 But today a statue stands in honor
19 of D'Artagnan in the town where he was
20 born.

21 For D'Artagnan was a real
22 person. The New York Evening Post
23 explains that Dumas romanticized his
24 hero tremendously, and it is difficult
25 to get at the real facts of D'Artagnan's

1 life. But he did live and ~~fought~~^{fight} in the
2 wars. He was a Gascon born at Auch.
3 He was ~~xxxxxxx~~ the captain of the
4 King's Musketeers, and was killed at
5 the siege of Maestricht in 1673.

6 But there isn't much importance
7 in the real facts about D'Artagnan
8 when he lived - he still lives. The
9 romance is perhaps truer than life, and
10 D'Artagnan remains a swaggering gallant
11 who with Aramis, Porthos, and
12 Athos fought ~~with~~^{against} the Cardinal and
13 defended the queen and achieved
14 marvelous prodigies.

1 This next dispatch tells us that
2 reverberations are expected. Yes, I
3 suppose there may be a reverberation or
4 two.

5 Most of the reverberations are
6 expected to proceed from the general
7 direction of the University of Michigan,
8 because the gentleman who has touched off
9 the big blast is Doctor Clarence Cook
10 Little, former president of the University
11 of Michigan.

12 Doctor Little has come out with a
13 list of the chief evils of American
14 colleges. The International News
15 Service gives us a list of the evils which
16 Doctor Little condemns. The chief evil
17 -- I suppose you'd call it College Evil
18 Number One -- is co-education. The idea
19 is that the girls in a college don't
20 help the boys to keep their minds on their
21 studies. And the boys in a college do
22 not give the girls any particular
23 assistance in keeping their minds on their
24 studies.

25 Doctor Little declares that he

1 does not consider it advisable to bring
2 mixed under-graduate students together
3 -- by mixed he means boys and girls.

4 "It spoils more people than it
5 helps," declares the Doctor.

6 The second evil is automobiles,
7 which help students to get farther away
8 from their textbooks than they could get
9 simply by walking. And the third evil
10 is beverages.

11 Just to make sure that people
12 won't think him too optimistic, Doctor
13 Little declares that the college
14 fraternities are splendid centers of
15 hypocrisy. And he makes the matter
16 final and complete by denouncing college
17 athletics.

18 In his list of evils Doctor
19 Little doesn't make any mention of those
20 things that the students consider the
21 greatest evils of all -- I mean
22 mathematics, economics, ^{Latin, physics,} ~~psychology~~,
23 chemistry, and the other studies.

24 - Yes, I suppose that will produce
25 a few reverberations, but no further reverberations
26 from me. I'm through ~~to be~~ reverberating for
the evening -- and so long until tomorrow.