

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1931

ISLANDS

Good Evening, Everybody:

Four new islands have been added to the map. No, they are not romantic coral atolls in a southern sea. They are frozen Arctic islands amid the Polar ice.

The Soviet icebreaker Maligin which has been exploring in the north, reports that the discovery of four new islands to be added to Franz Josef Land. Well, Franz Josef Land has been known for some time to be a cluster of islands and now it's four more. The Soviet Government intends to claim them as Russian territory. The New York Sun quotes the National Geogolical Society as saying that there is a surprising amount of wild animal life around those islands not so far from the Pole. There are Polar bears, seals, white whales, Arctic foxes, and an occasional walrus, evidently an excellent place to start a fur farm.

1 The fastest mail service between  
2 the United States and Europe was  
3 successfully inaugurated when an airplane  
4 landed in New York today with a bag of  
5 mail.

6 No, this is not an all-air mail  
7 service. It's partly by sea, and partly  
8 through the sky. Of course, it has been  
9 customary for some time <sup>for a ship</sup> to have an  
10 airplane aboard, and as <sup>it</sup> ~~they~~ approaches  
11 shore the plane takes off with the mail.  
12 And that's the way this new record-  
13 breaking mail delivery was made. The  
14 novelty is the distance which the plane  
15 carried the mail.

16 ~~The United Press reminds us that~~  
17 ~~the German liner Europa is the fastest~~  
18 ~~steamer on the North Atlantic. Well,~~  
19 ~~yesterday while the Europa was speeding~~  
20 ~~across the Atlantic from Europe to~~  
21 ~~America, a plane took off from the deck~~  
22 ~~of the ship. The Europa was 1,275 miles~~  
23 ~~from New York when this happened. The~~  
24 ~~speedy plane went zipping out ahead of~~  
25 ~~the ship and carried the mail over those~~

1 1,275 miles. It flew 600 miles to the  
2 coast of Nova Scotia, stopped and  
3 refueled and then kept on to New York.

4 This cuts almost 30 hours from  
5 the time it takes a letter to cross the  
6 Atlantic.

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1 I haven't any cheerful news to give you  
2 about those two brave aviators who set  
3 out ~~grandly~~ to conquer the greatest of  
4 oceans, the Pacific. Don Moyle and Cecil  
5 Allen have not landed at Seattle.

6 Neither the Associated Press, nor the  
7 United Press, nor the International News  
8 Service ~~can give us~~ <sup>has</sup> any word about them.

9 They took off from Tokyo day before  
10 yesterday under the fairest of auspices.  
11 Good weather was reported all along their  
12 route. They expected the non-stop  
13 Pacific flight to take them two days.  
14 They were scheduled to land at Seattle  
15 this morning. They are long over-due  
16 now, and the blank silence concerning  
17 them leads one to fear that the broad  
18 spaces of the Pacific have claimed two  
19 more victims.

20 The United States Coast Guard  
21 is starting out tonight, in search of them.  
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1 From England this evening comes  
2 the familiar word "dictator." They say  
3 that Prime Minister MacDonald is planning  
4 to get parliament to give him dictatorial  
5 powers in handling the British financial  
6 crisis. This, they say, will be bitterly  
7 opposed by Ramsay MacDonald's former  
8 friends in the Labor party.

9 But thus far the Prime Minister of  
10 the new co-operative government has been  
11 supported by parliament. ~~Q~~ The combined  
12 Liberals and Conservatives have given  
13 him a majority ~~and~~<sup>in</sup> a vote of confidence.  
14 Then there was a second vote.

15 Stanley Baldwin, who was formerly  
16 Prime Minister of Great Britain and who  
17 is now a cabinet member in that new  
18 co-operative government, proposed what  
19 some people call a "gag resolution." He  
20 wants to give financial bills the right-  
21 of-way. Put everything ~~in~~ aside until  
22 those economy measures are settled which  
23 will cut down England's expenses and  
24 balance the budget. And that motion  
25 went through by a good majority.

1 The United Press gives the vote as 308  
2 to 215.

3           The general view from this side of  
4 the water seems to be that John Bull  
5 under the leadership of Ramsay MacDonald  
6 has got his jaw set ~~firm~~ and is going to  
7 hammer his way through to a solution of  
8 his financial difficulties.

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1           The League of Nations <sup>is initiating</sup> ~~has~~ a new  
2 member. ~~Today~~ It had been decided  
3 yesterday to invite Mexico to join, but  
4 that didn't mean much unless Mexico was  
5 willing.

6           A bit of opposition was expressed  
7 in Mexico City. Some newspaper editors  
8 for instance though Mexico ought to  
9 turn down the invitation. But today,  
10 as the Associated Press wires, the  
11 Mexican Government cabled Geneva "FINE,  
12 THANKS, WE'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT."

13           So Mexico has decided to become  
14 a member of the League.

15           The Mexican Senate will have to  
16 put its OK on the proposition but  
17 everybody seems to think <sup>that the senators of</sup> the Senate ~~down~~  
18 ~~in Mexico~~ won't make any difficulties.

1           The New York Evening Post today  
2 prints an article by Clinton ~~W.~~ Gilbert,  
3 its Washington correspondent, who  
4 declares that he has learned on  
5 authority so sound as to admit of no  
6 doubt, that ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith  
7 of New York will not be a candidate for  
8 the Democratic nomination for the  
9 Presidency in 1932. ~~He declares that~~  
10 Al Smith will not make another try for  
11 the Presidency.

12           According to this information,  
13 ex-Governor Smith has only one idea in  
14 mind. He intends to fight to put a wet  
15 plank in the Democratic platform for  
16 1932.

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1 Yes, a big baseball game was played  
 2 in New York today. And the winner was  
 3 decided before burly Fred Fitzsimmons  
 4 pitched the first ball. Yes, the  
 5 unemployed won. Of course the Yankees  
 6 ----- beat the Giants 7 to 3, but the  
 7 unemployed were the real winners.

8 All the New York newspapers unite  
 9 in telling us how the fans ~~skinned~~  
 10 stormed the ball-park to get into that  
 11 game and help the unemployed. As a  
 12 result of the success of today's game <sup>it looks</sup>  
 13 <sup>as if</sup> there is going to be a city series  
 14 with the Giants, Yankees and the Brooklyn  
 15 Robins battling to see which is the best  
 16 team--battling for <sup>local fame</sup> ~~blood~~ and also  
 17 battling to help the unemployed.

18 And while on the subject of the  
 19 unemployed, <sup>we might</sup> ~~let's~~ take a look at an  
 20 advertisement in this week's Literary  
 21 Digest, an advertisement opposite the  
 22 leading article. <sup>It appears in</sup> ~~You can read it in~~  
 23 the current issue of the Digest, and also  
 24 in the new issue which comes out tomorrow.  
 25 ~~It is worth reading.~~ It consists

1 of an article written by Alvan Macauley,  
2 President of the Packard ~~Motor Car~~  
3 Company. Mr. Macauley has a few things  
4 to say that are straight from the  
5 shoulder, ~~and straight to the point.~~ He  
6 believes in what we all believe--in  
7 giving jobs to the jobless. But he says  
8 it in a way that is beyond the capacities  
9 of most of us. That article asks ~~us~~  
10 which is better "A DOLLAR FOR DOLE, OR AN  
11 HOUR FOR WORK".

12 "It is more blessed and better  
13 business", writes Alvan Macauley "to give  
14 a man an hour of work than a dollar of  
15 dole." Then he adds that the hour of  
16 work enriches the one who gives and also  
17 the one ~~xxxx~~ who takes, while the dollar  
18 of dole is liable to impoverish both  
19 the giver and the taker. For the giver  
20 of the dole gets nothing for his money  
21 while the taker of the dole may lose his  
22 self-respect.

23 He tells us that the very root of  
24 our unemployment problem is to be found  
25 in the unemployed dollar. Why not ~~put~~ <sup>employ</sup>

1 the unemployed dollar? ~~to work?~~ By  
2 putting the unemployed dollars to work  
3 we will also put the unemployed men to ~~xx~~  
4 work.

5 If you want to read a page of  
6 pointed, trenchant writing just read  
7 those paragraphs by Alvan Macauley in the  
8 Literary Digest.

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1           We've heard a good deal about  
2 wheat and cotton, but here comes a mention  
3 of corn and oats.

4           Iowa grain dealers are out agitating  
5 for a moratorium on corn and oats.

6           The Associated Press mentions the  
7 low prices at which <sup>those commodities</sup> ~~corn and oats~~ are  
8 now selling -- 30 cents a bushel for  
9 corn, and 15 cents a bushel for oats.  
10 Yes, those prices are pretty low.

11           The Iowa Farmers' Grain Dealers  
12 Association is proposing a moratorium. ~~on~~  
13 ~~the sale of corn and oats.~~ They think  
14 none of these grains should be sold until  
15 the price runs up a bit. They're asking  
16 the Grain Dealers' Associations in other  
17 states to co-operate.

18           At the same time a petition has been  
19 sent <sup>by business men</sup> to Governor Turner asking him to call  
20 a special session of the legislature to  
21 put through a law that will cut down the  
22 amount of crops planted and will prevent  
23 the sale of both grain and hogs at  
24 ruinously low prices.  
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1 This afternoon I was thinking about  
2 my taxes. Yes, we have taxes in the  
3 township where I live. The next thing  
4 I proceeded to read an item which tells  
5 us of three happy cities in this country  
6 where the people can sing - Yes, we have  
7 no taxes. Two of these taxless towns  
8 are in Kansas and one is in Oklahoma.

9 Chanute, Kansas, hasn't had any  
10 taxes since 1930. Colby, Kansas, hasn't  
11 had any in three years, while Ponca City  
12 in Oklahoma, has not levied a general  
13 city tax in six years.

14 How do they do it? ~~ask you?~~  
15 Well, each town owns its own public  
16 utilities, and gets enough money from the  
17 proceeds to run the city administration.  
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1 They are celebrating today the  
2 50th anniversary of the foundation of the  
3 first chapter of the American Red Cross.  
4 And that means they are ~~honoring~~ paying  
5 honor to Clara Barton.

6 Well, Clara Barton had to fight  
7 hard those 50 years ago to get the United  
8 States to see the wisdom of the Red  
9 Cross. At Geneva the nations of Europe  
10 had got together and founded ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup>  
11 Organization of ~~Mercy~~. Clara Barton, as  
12 the United Press reminds us, had been a  
13 nurse on the battlefields of the Civil  
14 War, and she became tremendously  
15 interested in ~~the foundation of~~ that Red  
16 Cross <sup>idea</sup>. She wanted her own country to  
17 take part in the good work. But Congress  
18 was prejudiced against this European  
19 institution. Clara Barton lived for 10  
20 years at Dansville, New York, and  
21 incessantly worked to found the American  
22 Red Cross. She persuaded President  
23 Garfield to act, but before he could do  
24 so an assassin's bullet ended his life.  
25 Finally, in 1881, Clara Barton won

1 the victory of her life and was able to  
2 found the American Red Cross.

3 And it's at Dansville, New York,  
4 where today's ~~comemoration~~ comemoration  
5 was held. Thousands of people gathered  
6 in a spacious natural amphitheater at  
7 Stonybrook State Park. There were  
8 addresses by many prominent persons. In  
9 Washington President Hoover made an  
10 address before the microphone, and this  
11 was carried by amplifiers to the big  
12 audience gathered up there near Dansville.

13 They did honor to the Red Cross,  
14 ~~and that is~~ <sup>thus</sup> giving honor where <sup>high</sup> honor is  
15 due.

# EXPLOSION

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1 There was a big explosion near  
2 Dallas, Texas, today. <sup>On the edge of</sup> ~~Near~~ the town of  
3 Hutchins, six miles from Dallas, a big  
4 magazine of high explosive went off.  
5 In it were 35,000 <sup>lbs</sup> ~~tons~~ of dynamite and a  
6 large quantity of TNT and other dangerous  
7 stuff. Well, that <sup>35,000 lbs of jumpy material</sup> ~~powder~~ suddenly went  
8 off. It flattened out several houses  
9 near by and also a railroad shop where  
10 ~~several~~ men were working.

11 The International News Service  
12 reports that eight people are known to  
13 be injured and they are hunting among  
14 the ruins ~~to see if there are any~~ <sup>for</sup> other <sup>possible</sup>  
15 victims.

16 The cause of the explosion was a  
17 grass fire, just one of those ordinary  
18 blazes creeping along the ground. Nobody  
19 noticed that grass fire as it crept near  
20 the big magazine crammed with high  
21 explosive, that is nobody noticed anything  
22 until the whole thing ~~was touched off.~~  
23 went off with a bang.



1 A strange tragedy is reported from  
2 India. Several months ago on the Bombay  
3 mail-train Lieutenant Sheehan of the  
4 British Army was attacked by assassins  
5 while he was asleep in his compartment.  
6 He was shot and severely wounded.

3 7 Last night Lieutenant Sheehan was  
8 traveling on that same train. He was  
9 asleep. Perhaps the memory of the  
10 attempt to assassinate him was preying  
11 on his mind. No doubt it was. He was  
12 nervous and jumpy. He had his pistol in  
13 readiness for action.

14 The Associated Press goes on with  
15 the story by saying that the Lieutenant  
16 was suddenly awakened. Somebody was  
17 entering his compartment. He instantly  
18 reached for his pistol and fired. He  
19 killed the intruder, but that intruder  
20 was nothing more than a young Englishman  
21 who had accidentally wandered into the  
22 wrong compartment.  
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1 Here's a news dispatch about a  
 2 chap who found it great joy to woo Wu. No,  
 3 *not hood* *Yes* *I mean* woo Wu. The story concerns  
 4 the idol of the Chinese screen fans,  
 5 the motion picture actress who is the  
 6 toast of Shanghai. Her name is  
 7 Butterfly Wu. She was engaged to be  
 8 married, and so Butterfly Wu was wooed  
 9 and also won. But she doesn't want to  
 10 stay wooed and won. She's gone to court  
 11 about it and the legal proceedings are  
 12 the sensations of the China coast.  
 13 Thousands of Chinese stormed the court  
 14 of Shanghai trying to get in and listen  
 15 to the testimony concerning the wooing  
 16 of Wu.

17 And the story revealed in that  
 18 courtroom was an interesting one. It  
 19 certainly has a faraway sound to us.  
 20 Three years ago Butterfly Wu became  
 21 engaged to Lin Shih Wan, a movie actor.  
 22 The betrothal ceremony was celebrated  
 23 in solemn Chinese style in the Moon  
 24 palace. Then as time went by Butterfly  
 25 Wu decided she didn't want to marry

1 Lin Shih Wan. But they were engaged, and  
2 a betrothal means a lot in China. Lin  
3 Shih Wan refused to call the engagement  
4 off.

5           Meanwhile Butterfly Wu went  
6 from success to success. Her latest  
7 picture, The Singing Peony, has been a  
8 smash-hit, a knock-out, a wow along the  
9 China coast. But now Butterfly Wu has  
10 gone to court. She asks the judge to  
11 annul the betrothal. She also asks for  
12 some money. She wants \$2400, which she  
13 advanced to her fiance in the form of  
14 loans. She also wants a thousand  
15 dollars in damages. Butterfly Wu told  
16 the judge that she deserved those damages  
17 because if she hadn't been engaged to Lin  
18 Shih Wan for those three years she would  
19 have made a good marriage during that  
20 time. She has had a number of offers,  
21 coyly admits Butterfly Wu. So she thinks  
22 a thousand dollars in damages would be  
23 about right and that's a lot of damages  
24 along the China coast.  
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1 That Tall Story ~~last night~~ about  
2 crossing worms with lightning-bugs has  
3 provoked a satirical comeback. V. J.  
4 Dayle of Brooklyn, New York, writes and  
5 asks me if any of the worms turned.  
6 And then concerning the fact that the  
7 remarkable creatures were raised near  
8 the railroad track, he thinks they must  
9 have had one-track minds.

10 And then Tall-Story-Teller Dayle  
11 comments:- "TRY to TIE that, if you  
12 can ENGINEER it. Not in this TWENTIETH  
13 CENTURY. But don't tell the railroads  
14 about the worms. They <sup>railroads are</sup> ~~are~~ slow enough  
15 already. Besides, if you cut the worms  
16 in two they will only be SO-LONG UNTIL  
17 TOMORROW."

18 ~~Yes, and~~ <sup>Well,</sup> after that bit of <sup>wild and woolly</sup> nonsense  
19 I'll just re-echo <sup>Tall Story</sup> Brother Dayle's last  
20 words --

21 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.