

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 Here's good news about a party
2 of three women teachers and five boy
3 pupils who were lost in a boat on
4 Delaware Bay. They were missing since
5 Sunday, and boats and airplanes have been
6 searching for them.

7 The International News Service
8 ^{reports}~~says~~ that they were found this afternoon.
9 A ship picked them up. They were lost in
10 the fog and couldn't find their way back
11 to shore. They anchored overnight, and
12 then came to a lighthouse ^{in Delaware Bay.} The light-
13 house keeper gave them food.

14 The rescuers found them near the
15 lighthouse today.
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1 The papers are full of Dino
2 Grandi's visit to Washington, all the way
3 from quotations of what the Italian foreign
4 minister has had to say, to accounts of
5 the exaggerated precautions the United
6 States government is taking for his safety.

7 The United Press tells us that
8 Grandi today visited the tomb of the
9 Unknown Soldier at Arlington, and gave the
10 Fascist salute.

11 *The reporters are*
~~his manner is~~ contrasted ^{ing his manner} with that
12 of Premier Laval of France. The head of
13 the French government on his visit here
14 was very formal. Mussolini's representa-
15 tive, on the contrary, is merry and
16 chatty, with a smile and good word for
17 everybody.

18 The International News Service
19 gives a long list of visits, and
20 entertainments, and conferences on the
21 schedule of the Italian foreign minister.

22 *He's in for a strenuous and*
23 *jolly time.*
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1 They say that General Ma has
2 made the Japanese generals angry. The
3 Chinese commander has made a reply to
4 the Japanese demand that he get his Army
5 out of the road, ^{— clear out of way.} General Ma came back
6 with two proposals which, ^{adds} ~~says~~ the
7 International News Service, have made the
8 Japanese military leaders indignant.
9 The Mikado's military commanders say that
10 General Ma's proposals are entirely
11 unacceptable.

12 Meanwhile, there's a denial of
13 the report that the Chinese army is
14 withdrawing from its positions on the
15 Nonni River. *In other words things*
16 *are still chaotic in Manchuria and*
17 *the United Press declares that the Japanese*
18 *generalissimo has sent another ultimatum to*
19 *Gen. Ma, saying "here's your hat*
20 *Ma, be on your way."*

1 It seems that there's been a
2 slight tiff, argument, or ^{eruption} ~~eruption~~ between
3 two dramatic leading lights. The critic
4 said the producer was all ^{ga ga.} ~~wrong~~. What
5 right had this fellow to stick lines of
6 his own into an old play -- modern, up-
7 to-date lines that applied only to the
8 present moment and had nothing to do with
9 1857? The play was written in 1857, and
10 it was revived just the other day. It
11 was written by the old-time actor Dion
12 Boucicault, and ~~it~~ is called "The Streets
13 of New York."

14 The Literary Digest tells us it
15 was Percy Hammond, the dramatic critic
16 of the New York Herald-Tribune, who
17 accused the producer of interpolating
18 up-to-the-minute lines in the middle of
19 that old melodrama of ~~over~~ 70 years ago.

20 Then spoke up Lawrence Langner,
21 who organized the production of "The
22 Streets of New York." He declared that
23 he had no scruples about touching-up
24 anybody's manuscript, from Euripides to
25 Mae West. The only thing that kept him

1 from putting those lines in Dion
 2 Boucicault's old play was that the lines
 3 were in it already. *It's* just an amazing
 4 case of how a play written in 1857 hits
 5 the bull's-eye square in the middle right
 6 now, in 1931.

7 The Literary Digest gives us a few
 8 of those 1931 lines in an 1857 play. Here
 9 are some of them. They should be read with
 10 something of the magnificence of an old-
 11 fashioned ranking actor. *I'm not so good at ranting, but*
 12 *I'll do my best:*

13 "Wall Street is a perch on which a
 14 row of human vultures sit, whetting their
 15 beaks and ready to fight over the carcass
 16 of a dying enterprise.

17 "Ha! If this panic do but last
 18 I shall double my riches!

19 "All my fortune, 100,000 dollars,
 20 the fruits of thirty years' hard toil --
 21 was invested in the United States Bank.

22 "A want of confidence pervades the
 23 community.

24 "Americans go to Europe, and that
 25 accounts for the drain of specie.

"I cannot employ you, sir. Indeed,
 I think of reducing salaries; everybody
 is doing so." *Yes, those lines were written in 1857 - and that's*
no Tall Story!

1 I don't quite understand this next
2 bit of news. I can't quite figure out
3 what was in the minds of those chaps.

4 Anyway, it's about a few
5 bombardments from the sky. These warlike
6 events occurred down along the Rio
7 Grande.

8 The War Department at Washington
9 today issued a series of orders regarding
10 the activities of American flyers along
11 the Mexican border, and those orders make
12 it perfectly plain that American
13 aviators will have to stop flying into
14 Mexico and bombing the Mexicans with
15 rocks.

16 The Associated Press comments that
17 in recent days American flyers have been
18 making bombing raids into Mexico. They
19 have been flying over Mexican towns and
20 dropping, no, not bouquets ^{but} ROCKS.

21 Now just why the boys should ~~be~~
22 behaving ~~ing~~ themselves in this unseemly
23 way is what a lot of us won't be able to
24 understand.
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1 Here's a double piece of news.
2 It tells of the arrest of a robber, and
3 with that come the tidings of ~~the~~^a huge
4 robbery that was committed four years
5 ago.

6 It happened in Moscow. The
7 International News Service relates
8 that on Easter Eve of 1927, thieves
9 broke into the Moscow Museum of Fine
10 Arts and stole the whole batch of
11 famous paintings. One was by Titian.
12 Another by Rembrandt. A third was by
13 Corregio. The burglars cut the paintings
14 out of the frames and got away.

15 The News of the crime was
16 kept a secret. The Soviet secret
17 police said nothing, but just went to
18 work.

19 It was only recently that one
20 of the ~~burglars~~ robbers, an artist
21 offered to sell the paintings to a
22 rich foreigner. It was then that the
23 police got a clue and now they have
24 recovered the paintings more or less
25 damaged, and have the artist under
arrest.

1 In the news today are two odd
2 cases of animals figuring in crime
3 ~~cases~~ ^{mysteries}. In each case the animal is
4 supposed to hold the clew. ~~to a crime~~
5 ~~mystery.~~

6 At Monticello, Wisconsin, the
7 authorities are planning to dig up the
8 body of a dog. The idea is to see
9 whether or not there is any poison in the
10 animal's stomach.

11 The dog belonged to a man who was
12 killed and robbed. He was a recluse who
13 had hoarded a large sum of money on his
14 farm.

15 The Associated Press explains that
16 the authorities suspect that the hermit's
17 dog had been poisoned by the killers, as
18 a preparation for their crime. This
19 theory has an important part in the
20 detective work that is going on.

21 And then here's a cat that was
22 found soaked in kerosene-oil.

23 In Plainfield, Illinois, the
24 Associated Press tells of a fire that
25 burned a large barn and caused a loss of

1 ■ valuable cattle. It had been supposed
2 that the fire was caused by spontaneous
3 combustion.

4 But now along comes the big Tom-cat
5 that lived in the barn. People noticed
6 a smell of coal-oil. And then it was
7 found that the animal had been drenched
8 in the inflammable fluid. *But old Tom is
9 still o.k.*

10 And this has started a hunt for
11 supposed incendiaries who, using kerosene-
12 oil, set the ^{place}~~barn~~ on fire.
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1 ~~And now~~ ^{Along} comes just another
2 instance that civilization is improving,
3 and taking the joy out of life. Of
4 course, I don't want to be understood
5 as saying that it was any joy, gladness
6 or fun to be kicked by a Missouri mule,
7 but it did provide a certain bit of
8 innocent merriment for the bystanders.

9 It appears now that the Missouri
10 mule is becoming tamer, more sedate,
11 less harmful. That is, a new type of
12 mule is being bred.

13 The Associated Press reports an
14 incident that occurred at Kansas City.
15 Ed Frazier, a mule-breeder of Drexel,
16 Missouri, entered a champion Missouri
17 mule in the American Royal Livestock
18 and Horse Show. As a spectacular
19 demonstration, he walked up to the prize
20 mule and slapped the animal on the
21 inside of the rear leg -- and that's
22 where no mule likes to be slapped.

23 The Missourians, accustomed to
24 the ways of the Missouri mule, expected
25 a wild outbreak of flying hind hoofs.

1 However, the hind hoofs didn't fly at
2 all. They just stayed planted on the
3 ground. The mule didn't rise to the
4 occasion. ~~In any way~~ It was a new type
5 of Missouri mule.

6 Ed Frazier explains the mean habits
7 of the old-time mule by saying that the
8 critter was bred of a nervous mare and a
9 fiery-tempered Spanish jack. The
10 Missouri mule of the future, however,
11 will be bred from more patient types of
12 animals. And the result will be a quiet,
13 mild-tempered, generally peaceable
14 creature, *just a friendly mule!*

15 And so the mean and onery old-time
16 Mr. Mule will disappear from song and
17 story. And, song and story will be
18 poorer for the change. *And, the Tall
19 Story Club will be the first to feel
20 the loss. And by the way that Interstate
21 Tall Story Commission is all set for its
22 meeting tonight. At 10:00 P. M. Eastern
23 Standard Time the celebrities will start reading
24 off their whoppers over the N. B. C. Blue Network,
25 a nation-wide radio hook up. Yes, and the
champion prevaricator of America will
be crowned. He came in from a distant city. ~~Here~~
out of town this afternoon. And you'll hear him tonight.*

1 Now let's see -- somebody's going
2 to use cotton instead of silk. No, it
3 isn't a case of the girls wearing cotton
4 stockings instead of silk. I'm afraid
5 it would take more than the United States
6 government to effect that change.

7 ~~It~~ The aviators ^{they} are going to use
8 cotton, parachutes instead of silk.

9 The Associated Press reports that
10 the Bureau of Standards has succeeded in
11 making a new type of cotton cloth, which
12 is just as ~~white~~ ^{light} and just as strong as
13 silk -- and just as good as silk for
14 making parachutes.

15 It is also a good deal cheaper
16 than silk.

17 ~~They say that this new kind of~~
18 ~~cloth will be used for parachutes, here-~~
19 ~~after.~~ And so any aviator who joins the
20 Caterpillar Club in the future, who gets
21 into trouble with his plane and has to
22 bail out -- why he'll do it with a cotton
23 parachute instead of a silk one.

24 So instead of the Caterpillar Club,
25 I wonder if they'll call it the Bull-
Weevil Club?

1 ~~And now~~ They're blaming it on Dame
2 Fashion. ^{What? Why} They say this capricious lady
3 is responsible for a good deal of the
4 unemployment -- the idea being:- less
5 clothes, less employment for people in
6 the clothing trade.

7 Today Representative Willis C.
8 Hawley, Chairman of the House Ways and
9 Means Committee, talked about women's
10 fashions. He pointed out that of late
11 a smaller amount of textiles have been
12 used in milady's costume. Take the case
13 of wool. Dame Fashion gazed upon wool
14 with a frowning glance, and soon there
15 was disastrous unemployment in the wool
16 industry.

17 It appears, however, that Dame
18 Fashion is not altogether bad. She's
19 doing something ^{to make up} for the harm she has
20 caused. The International News Service
21 points out that things are picking up in
22 the wool industry. Representative
23 Hawley explains that the latest fashions
24 are bringing wool into vogue again. ~~They~~
25 ~~call for a certain amount of the fleece.~~

1 ~~of old Mr. Sheep.~~

2 Dame Fashion is smiling once more
3 upon wool, and, lo and behold,
4 unemployment in the wool industry is
5 decreasing.

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8 into a fashion broadcast
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1 Over in Italy, they have been
2 conducting an investigation on the subject
3 of Hats. The artists of Rome have been
4 snooping around among old books,
5 manuscripts and pictures trying to find
6 out just when women began to wear hats.

7 And ^{declares} ~~says~~ the New York Sun they
8 have discovered that the first record of
9 a hat dates no earlier than the Fifteenth
10 Century.

11 The ladies of Rome and Greece ~~wore~~
12 nothing on their heads, any more than
13 maybe a crown, or sometimes a decorative
14 helmet. In the early days of Egypt the
15 women wore a kind of triangular head-piece
16 that really wasn't properly a hat.

17 In the middle ages the nearest thing
18 to a hat was a kind of starched veil or
19 a bonnet of linen.

20 The first real hat in the modern
21 sense is ~~that~~ one that goes back to the
22 period when Columbus discovered America; ⁱⁿ
23 the Fifteenth Century.

1 Here's some good news for your dog,
 2 *But my dog, particularly,* my dog and everybody's dog. ^ It's also
 3 good news for us dog-owners, not that we
 4 have flees, but every so often we have
 5 to take Fido and give him a flea-removing
 6 treatment--and usually it's the lord ~~of~~ and
 7 master of the house that has to do it.
 8 *That's my regular chore,*

9 The New York Sun today prints a
 10 dispatch from Paris which tells us that
 11 European scientists have discovered that
 12 things don't look so bright for the race
 13 of flees. I don't mean a race between
 14 two or more flees--I mean the flea family,
 15 as we say the human race, or the human
 16 family.

17 These scientists ~~xxx~~ declare that
 18 the flees are dying out. Millions and
 19 millions of them have already perished,
 20 and those that remain are listless and
 21 weak, *losing the old pep,* ^ They haven't got enough strength
 22 in them to give a good bite.

23 The prophecy is made that in a
 24 year or two the flea will be as extinct as
 25 the dodo.

What's the reason for this? Well,

1 they say that an epidemic is raging among
 2 the flees. ~~In fact they flees are dying~~
 3 ~~like flies.~~ It seems to be a germ-disease.
 4 The flees are getting germs. You ~~xxx~~
 5 might say that the flees are getting
 6 flees.

7 In fact the great flee epidemic
 8 seems to put an element of truth in the *famous*
 9 old ditty

10 GREAT FLEAS HAVE LITTLE FLEAS UPON
 11 THEIR BACKS TO BITE 'EM,
 12 AND LITTLE FLEAS HAVE LESSER FLEAS,
 13 AND SO AD INEINIUM.

14 Anyway, if the big flees are being
 15 exterminated by the little flees that
 16 will be great news to poor old ^{Bowler,} ~~Fido,~~ who
 17 has been scratching for all these years.

OKAY

I don't know whether we should develop a case of patriotic indignation about this next, but it appears that the British are claiming one of our most prized American possessions. Maybe it's O.K. In fact it is O.K. I mean the British are now claiming "O.K."

They declare that they themselves originated that expression of approval which has always been thought to be peculiarly American.

The Associated Press quotes the London Daily Mail as saying that O.K. is an expression invented by British sailors during the Napoleonic wars. They state that British sailors used to meet their sweethearts on the dock, or the "Quay" and the term "O.K." applied to the girls waiting on the "Quay".

Anyhow it's O.K. to me, and

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.