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WILKINS

Good Evening, Everybody:

Tonight on the bottom of the North Atlantic off the coast of Norway, lies an iron hulk, a sunken submarine. This means that at last they have sunk Sir Hubert Wilkins Arctic going submarine, the Nautilus.

The International News Service reminds us that the undersea craft was badly battered during her adventure amid the Polar Ice, and it was decided to sink her. They tried it a week or so ago, but the weather was so bad they couldn't make it.

But today quite a ceremony was staged off the Norwegian port of Oslo. The historic submarine was towed out to sea. Hundreds of people in rowboats and excursion steamers went out to witness the sinking.

And so, surrounded by a fleet of pleasure craft, down went the Nautilus to the bottom of the sea. Her valves were opened, the water poured in, the iron hulk began to sink by the bow. The stern rose high in the air, with the water dripping

from the propellers. She remained like that for five minutes standing on end, and then plunged bow first down to Davy Jones.

And thus, with appropriate ceremonies, was played the last act in one of the famous adventures of our time.

1 *the pan American Amphibian,*
2 Uncle Sam's giant airplane, the
3 American Clipper, landed at Cuba this
4 afternoon, with Colonel Lindbergh at the
5 controls. There were 32 passengers
6 aboard, and 17 tons of mail.

7 Only one thing happened to mar the
8 occasion, and it wasn't serious. A huge
9 ~~crowd~~ crowd was gathered to witness
10 the arrival of the American Clipper, and
11 several school children fell into the
12 water. No harm done -- the kids just
13 got ~~wet~~ a ducking. Tomorrow *the amphibian*
14 will fly on ~~to~~ across the Caribbean to
15 South America.
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LINER

There was a bit of irony in the destruction of the liner Bermuda in the harbor of Belfast, Ireland, today. The luxurious five million dollar motor ship was burned up in a spectacular fire.

The United Press relates that the Bermuda was undergoing repairs. She was being reconstructed. Some previous damage was being patched up. What had caused the previous damage? Well, it was fire. The ship had a blaze aboard, at Bermuda sometime ago, and now while being put in shape again, up she went in flames once more, completely destroyed this time.

1 Echoes of ancient controversy
2 come in an Associated Press dispatch
3 telling us that William Jennings
4 Bryan, Jr. has issued an invitation
5 for fifteen governors to attend a
6 conference on silver.

7 Well, his father was the great
8 free silver advocate who made the
9 ~~cross~~^{well} ring with his denunciation of the
10 cross of gold and his cry of "Sixteen
11 to One."

12 The younger Bryan declares
13 he has no political aspirations but
14 merely represents an organization that
15 is interested in doing something about
16 the present slump in the silver market.

17 But anyway, it is ~~quite~~^{that} dramatic, and
18 appropriate, the son of the peerless
19 leader should come to the defense of
20 silver.

1 Well, the Italian foreign minister
2 got his reception in New York, and also
3 in Philadelphia today.

4 In ^{Manhattan} ~~New York~~ there was a parade to
5 City Hall. A heavy force of police guarded
6 the street. But there was no trouble.
7 A few posters had been stuck up denouncing
8 Grandi. There was a small outbreak of
9 jeering against Mussolini's right-hand
10 man, but otherwise ~~there~~ it was a case of ^{loud}
11 ^{hoorahs.} ~~cheering~~. And in the New York crowd
12 plenty of arms were raised in the old
13 ~~in~~ Roman salute of the Fascists.

14 In Philadelphia, relates the
15 Associated Press, Grandi attended a
16 couple of receptions this afternoon, ~~He~~
17 ^{and was the} ~~is a~~ guest of the Mayor.

1 At last reports the police of
2 Philadelphia were trying to find out
3 what caused the big crash - bang last
4 night? There was an explosion on a
5 bridge. The bridge is near the house of
6 the Italian Consul General who today
7 welcomed the representative of Caesar,
8 Dino Grandé.

9 The Associated Press relates
10 how some people think it might have
11 been a bomb, set by an anti-fascist^s
12 to protest against Grandi's visit to
13 Philadelphia. But on the other hand,
14 it may have been just an explosion of
15 a gas main.

16 In any case, there was a
17 terrific roar and windows and doors
18 were shattered for blocks around.

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TIPS

Whatever may be the result of Foreign Minister Frandi's negotiation at Washington, one thing is certain. He set a record for tips.

The Associated Press relates that Grandi gave a forty dollar tip to each of several chauffeurs who drove him around in Washington. The previous record was established by the King of Siam, King Prajadhipok. His Siamese Majesty tipped the chauffeur thirty dollars.

Premier Laval's record was a twenty dollar tip. Last on the list of distinguished international visitors comes Ramsay MacDonald. Let's see. Where does he hail from anyhow? Oh yes, yes, Scotland. Well, the tip that Ramsay MacDonald gave the chauffeur was fifteen bucks, which doesn't seem to be such a small gratuity after all.

Ah, here we are --

1 ~~Well, well, well~~ -- at last! I
2 never expected to see it, but here it is.
3 Here's a foreign dignitary who isn't
4 cussing out the reporters and gnashing
5 his teeth over the way the American
6 newspaper men ask question^s in their
7 interviews.

8 The Associated Press says that
9 Dino Grandi has found his encounters with
10 reporters a pleasure, instead of
11 punishment.

12 He had heard plenty about the
13 machine-gun methods of those terrible
14 American newspaper writers who insist on
15 asking delicate and embarrassing questions.
16 He was all prepared for them. He brought
17 along the chief of the Press Section of
18 the Italian Foreign Ministry. The chief
19 of the Press Section was supposed to face
20 the reporters, and take the beating.

21 But Grandi says he was pleasantly
22 surprised to find what fine and charming
23 fellows the American newspaper men were.
24 ^{cherto} "Si, ma certo, they^{do} ask open
25 questions about the most delicate matters

1 of statecraft. They say, "Signor Grandi,
2 do you think the Versailles treaty should
3 be revised? Or -- What is Mussolini going
4 to do about the French navy?"

5 But Grandi explains his point of
6 view -- he thinks that while the American
7 reporters do ask questions which Europeans
8 are inclined to think indiscreet, why these
9 questions really have a useful purpose.
10 They are ^{designed} ~~inclined~~ to reveal to millions of
11 people the personality of a statesman whom
12 only a few can see and judge at close
13 range.

14 ^{Si, si,} ~~Yes~~, boys -- I mean you reporters
15 -- step up and take a bow. You don't have
16 a chance to do it often.

1 In this week's Literary Digest is an
2 important article. It gives us a
3 statement to the outside world by one
4 of the most perplexing figures in the
5 present international mix-up. He is the
6 leader of Germany's belligerent Fascist
7 movement -- Handsome Adolf Hitler, as
8 they call him.

9 Well, when the ^{belligerent} ~~belligerent~~ Handsome
10 Adolf comes forward with a signed
11 article for the English-speaking peoples,
12 it's interesting to see what he has to
13 say.

14 The Literary Digest goes all the way
15 over to England and quotes an article
16 signed by Hitler in the London Saturday
17 Review.

18 Handsome Adolf declares that his
19 German Fascists represent young Germany.
20 They are not trying to re-establish the
21 old imperial Germany of the Kaiser, he
22 argues -- although they respect and
23 revere the iron armies that battled
24 against the world. The Teutonic
25 Fascists stand for a new Germany, a

1 Germany of the future. This young
2 Germany, proclaims Hitler, means to
3 put down with a strong hand those
4 destructive Marxist elements ^{of Socialism} which are
5 today leading Germany to the verge of
6 Financial and Moral destruction.

7 It means to put an end in Germany
8 of the pestilence of Asiatic Bolshevism
9 which threatens the thousand-year-old
10 civilization of Europe.

11 Hitler declares that in order to do
12 this ^{his} Fascist party is determined to
13 get rid of reparations, which are like
14 a cancer eating into the strength of
15 Germany.

16 It is a striking and illuminating
17 statement which the Literary Digest gives
18 us from the mouth of Germany's Fascist
19 leader, who is a loud and vigorous force
20 in the confusion of international
21 affairs ^{just now}.

1 This next bit of news is by no
2 means a surprise. It was expected that
3 the Spanish Parliament would find
4 King Alfonso guilty of treason. The
5 Spanish law-makers did ^{just that} today after a
6 stormy all night session.

7 The King was defended by ^{the aged} Count
8 Romanones who formerly served as a
9 cabinet minister of the royal government.
10 Count Romanones made an eloquent plea.
11 ~~xxxx~~ It had no effect. He didn't
12 expect it would have any.

13 The King was found guilty of
14 treason in connection with the Spanish
15 defeat in Morrocco. It had been expected
16 that a sentence of life imprisonment
17 might be declared. That wouldn't have
18 meant anything much, because the king
19 is out of the reach of the Spanish
20 Republican government. The sentence,
21 however, is described ~~xxx~~ by the
22 International News Service as one of
23 perpetual banishment. If Alfonso should
24 return to Spain he will be regarded as an
25 out-law.

1 Here's some real peaceful news
2 tonight -- that is, it looks as though the
3 biggest row in the world just now might
4 be on the way to ^a~~be~~ settled ^{ment,}~~ed~~.

5 China and Japan have agreed to an
6 armistice in Manchuria. The two
7 countries ^{have} said, ~~"yes,"~~ "let's stop fighting
8 and see if ^{this} ~~they~~ thing can't be settled
9 without any more shooting."

10 The United Press explains that the
11 armistice proposal has been accepted "in
12 principle," which is the old familiar
13 diplomatic expression.

14 The idea is to stop the fighting
15 and let an international commission get
16 busy and try to work out an agreement
17 between the two countries.

18 The International News Service
19 reports that General Pershing and Supreme
20 Justice Charles E. ^{Wang} Hughes have been
21 suggested as members of the neutral
22 commission.

1 In Mexico City today a
2 spectacular scene was enacted in
3 celebration of the twenty-first anniversary
4 of the Mexican revolution.

5 The International News Service
6 relates that twenty thousand athletes
7 staged a parade through the streets of
8 the Mexican capital and when I say
9 Mexican athletes, I don't mean bull
10 fighters.

11 The young men and women
12 represented all sorts of modern sports,
13 and they say it was ^a great ~~excitement~~ ^{sight} to
14 see twenty thousand of them parade in
15 a stately drill.

1 From London comes a strange tale
2 concerning spiders and mice. As the
3 New York Sun recounts the story, there
4 were two bird-eating spiders in the London
5 Zoo. These are huge ferocious, dangerous
6 critters from some tropical part. Their
7 usual diet is birds. They kill the birds
8 and eat them.

9 These two bird-eating spiders
10 ~~escaped from~~ ^{got out of} their cage in the Zoo and
11 made their escape to a place below the
12 floor.

13 Later on the attendant at the Zoo
14 lifted a couple of ~~the~~ floor planks and
15 there were the two spiders. With them
16 in the small space was a mouse, a mother
17 mouse, and six tiny young ones.

18 According to all the laws of nature
19 the two ferocious spiders should have
20 eaten the mouse family, mother, baby mice
21 and all. But it appears that Old Mrs.
22 Mouse was so threatening and furious in
23 defense of her young that she frightened
24 off the spiders and made them keep their
25 distance.

1 It was just another curious drama
2 of nature played in a narrow space beneath
3 the floor of a London Zoo.

1 Well, I suppose that tonight the
2 argument has already begun. Golfers
3 have undoubtedly started a battle of
4 words about ^{the} a new golf ball, *I mean another*
new golf ball.
5 The United States Golf Association
6 today adopted a new ball to take the
7 place of the one that has been causing
8 so much complaint. That is the balloon
9 ball.

10 The ball that preceded the
11 ~~balloon~~ ^{ball} was small and heavy. The balloon ^{one}
12 was large and light. The new ball is
13 going to be large and heavy. It comes
14 as a sort of compromise. The International
15 News Service specifies that ^{the} change will
16 be effective on January 1st.

17 I haven't any idea how this new
18 official ball is going to work, but
19 one thing is certain. It's going to
20 cause another wave of discussion among
21 ~~the~~ golfers all over the country.

1 I have a letter here from Dr.
2 Walter W. Kent, of Cincinnati, Ohio.
3 He is called the Blind Bishop of the
4 Street.

5 "I believe", writes the blind
6 bishop, "that this entitles me to a
7 place in the Tall Story Club, but my
8 story is really true," ~~and it is quite~~
9 ~~true~~ The Blind Bishop ^{encloses} ~~announced~~ an
10 article from the Cincinnati Enquirer
11 as proof.

12 There was a fire in a warehouse
13 crammed full of ^{soya} ~~sawyer~~ beans, that is,
14 the ground up meal of ^{soya} ~~sawyer~~ beans.

15 When the firemen played the
16 hose on the blaze, the tons and tons of
17 ^{soya} ~~sawyer~~ beans soaked up the water and
18 began to swell. They expanded in such
19 a way that they burst the walls of the
20 warehouse. The sodden mass of ground
21 up meal floated out like a thick mud
22 and spread a foot deep in the street.
23 Firemen waded through it. Several of
24 them had to leave their boots sticking
25 in the gluey muck ~~xx~~ of ~~sawyer~~ beans

UNDRESS

What's this I see? Three hours? It took three hours for this chap to undress?

It's worse than that. It took three men - yes men, three hours to get the poor fellow's clothes off.

The United Press tells a sad story that at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, A. P. Nonweiler fell into a 250 gallon vat of lacquer in a factory. That does sound somewhat sticky. It was. He fell into the vat of lacquer and didn't have any trouble about climbing out. The trouble was that the lacquer dried almost instantly. And there he was with his clothes all glued up, as solid as boards.

No wonder it took three men three hours to get them off. I suppose they had to do considerable chisseling.

Three hours to undress. And in Oshkosh, well, well, and -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.