

1 Let's listen to a few unusual words
2 uttered today by the Republic of Spain.

3 "No", quoth Spain, "we will not
4 declare any war in the future without
5 ~~xxx~~ first consulting the League of
6 Nations."

7 Just how did Spain make that promise?

8 Well, she did it in the most formal
9 and binding way possible.

10 The Spanish Parliament today
11 adopted an article for the new Spanish
12 Constitution. That constitutional
13 article specifies that the League of
14 Nations henceforth must be consulted
15 before Spain goes to war.

16 The President of the Spanish Republic
17 is given the right to declare war, but
18 only after he has confabulated with the
19 League of Nations, and given the League
20 a chance to arbitrate or otherwise settle
21 any question in dispute.

22 And this is indeed a new departure
23 in the ways of the nations.
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1 From Berlin comes a report
2 bearing on the wheat situation. It
3 states that the wheat growing sections
4 of Russia have had a severe drought,
5 which has cut down the production of
6 grain.

7 This comes on the authority of
8 a report sent to Berlin from Moscow.
9 The report states that V. M. Molotoff,
10 President of the Council of People's
11 Commissars, declared in a speech today
12 that the widespread drought in Russia
13 has caused a loss of at least a hundred
14 and fifty million bushels of grain.

15 The Soviet official went on to
16 declare that this loss must be made up
17 by special care in handling grain, so
18 as to avoid waste. He declares, says
19 the International News Service, that
20 drought or no drought, the Soviet
21 Government is determined to collect as
22 much grain as it had planned, that is
23 to say, twenty-five million tons.
24 That means, presumably, that the people
25 on the farms will have to do with less.

1 A British lord went to prison
2 today. Yes, he's a peer of the realm,
3 but tonight he is occupying a cell in
4 London.

5 He is Lord Kŷlsant, for many
6 years one of the dominating figures of
7 British Commerce. He was a great man
8 in the affairs of shipping, a high
9 personage among the magnates who deal
10 in cargoes sent in ships across the
11 sea. He was the chairman of one of
12 England's most important steamship
13 lines.

14 The United Press explains that
15 Lord Kŷlsant became involved in a
16 financial scandal. He was accused of
17 having falsified the financial statements
18 of his company. He was found guilty.
19 He appealed. His final appeal went
20 against him today and promptly he was
21 taken to prison, ^{to serve a term of one year.} That is the way of
22 British justice.
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1 There was a rousing celebration
2 in Saginaw, Michigan today. There were
3 street parades. A carnival spirit
4 reigned high. The downtown section of the
5 city was one long loud pandemonium of
6 ~~jxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ jubilation.

7 Yes, it was the Democrats who were
8 doing the celebrating. For the first
9 time in 35 years they elected a ~~congress~~
10 Congressman in the Eighth Michigan
11 District. It was ^{way} back in 1896 that the
12 Democrats ~~had~~ ^{there had} their ~~last~~ ^{previous} chance to
13 celebrate a Congressional triumph. Ever
14 since then that Eighth Michigan District
15 has been solid, rock-ribbed Republicans.
16 However, it was different yesterday.

17 Michael J. Hart, the Democratic
18 candidate won a sweeping victory, with a
19 majority of 5,000.

20 And now let's run over those election
21 ~~day~~ results which most of us have been
22 mulling over all day. There were five
23 Congressional elections. The Democrats
24 won 3 of them. That makes the line-up
25 for the House of Representatives 217

1 Democrats and 215 Republicans. Two seats
2 are still vacant. They are normally
3 Republican. But one of them will not
4 be filled until after Congress has met
5 and organized.

6 To complicate matters there is
7 one Farmer Labor member in the lower
8 House. And as the United Press reminds
9 us the death or illness of even one
10 Congressman is liable to throw the whole
11 thing into confusion.

12 The New Jersey Democrats are roaring
13 with joy. They elected their candidate
14 for Governor with an overwhelming vote.

15 In New York City the regular
16 Democratic ticket won by a landslide.
17 The Tammany Tiger is purring with glee
18 tonight. But on the other hand the
19 Republicans retained control of the
20 Legislature at Albany, which means that
21 the present investigation of New York
22 City politics will continue.

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1 A story of almost unbelievable
2 heroism comes from the Maine Woods. Two
3 men were out hunting. One was Irving
4 Trumbull, the other Eugene Mason, both
5 natives of the State.

6 In one of those hunting accidents
7 which are all too common Trumbull shot
8 Mason. Then, as the International News
9 Service relates he took the injured man
10 on his back and started to walk. He
11 walked for 28 miles, through virgin
12 forests, across streams, up hill and
13 ~~down~~ down hill, and all the time he had
14 the injured man on his back.

15 He came to Ragged Lake and put his
16 companion in a canoe. Then he paddled
17 for 15 miles across the lake. Once more
18 he started to walk with his burden. Mile
19 after mile he went until he came to the
20 camp. There he fell unconscious.

21 After a while he came to and told
22 his amazing story. But his heroism was
23 all in vain. During that long agonizing
24 journey, his companion had died.

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1 This evening we are called upon to consider
2 a request, in fact, a demand. I have a
3 document here which sets forth the fact
4 that a group of enterprising citizens
5 of East New York and Canarsie on Long Island
6 have formed a local chapter of the Tall
7 Story Club. The officers are Archibald
8 M. Tell, Secretarial Equivocater and
9 John H. Austin, Financial Prevaricater.
10 These leading lights of Tall Storydom
11 relate that the membership consists of
12 the tallest talkers of Long Island.

13 The document goes on to state that
14 its purpose is first, to announce to the
15 Tall Story Club the existence of the East
16 New York and Canarsie Chapter. Second,
17 to ask that the central organization grant
18 a charter, ~~to the East New York and Canarsie~~
19 ~~branch.~~

20 Secretarial Equivocater Archie Tell
21 concludes the plea by saying: "Should there
22 be any charges for issuing a charter, the
23 East New York and Canarsie branch of the
24 Tall Story Club will be glad to meet these
25 charges - up a dark alley on a dark night."

Well, that certainly is a bit of tall generosity,
so I suppose the Tall Story Club will have to grant the charter.

And don't forget the contest to choose the champion
tall story teller and crown him king of the great American whopper.
All you do is pick your favorite from among the howling whoppers
printed in the book, Tall Stories, and send in your vote.

The Tall Story teller who sent in the whopper that gets
the most votes will be invited to attend the next Tall Story
gathering, as my guest, at my expense. He will tell his whopper.

And that Tall Story gathering will take place on the
night of Tuesday, November 17th. It will be a meeting of the
Interstate Tall Story Commission, and will be broadcast by the
N. B. C. Votes must be mailed by November 12th.

1 Now comes an account of ^{an} events
2 that always hits the imagination. It's
3 a case of the sea swallowing an island.

4 They've been having a series of
5 earthquakes in Japan, and today came
6 the worst shock of all. All of
7 Northeastern Japan quaked and ~~xxxxxxxx~~
8 tremored. ^{bled} No word of serious damage
9 has come through. The most striking
10 information, as given by the Associated
11 Press, concerns that island.

12 Off Port Kamaishi was the
13 uninhabited ^{Japanese} island of Sankan. It was
14 just a bit of deserted ground in the
15 midst of the sea. When that earthquake
16 came today the island disappeared. It
17 was simply swallowed by the ~~sea~~ waves.

1 *And* they've had a bad storm over in
2 England. A tremendous gale ~~has~~ swept
3 most of the island. Shipping has been
4 disorganized and there has been much
5 damage.

6 In a Welsh coal mine 700 miners were
7 caught in desperate peril. The blast of
8 a 75-mile wind started a land-slide. The
9 slope of a hill started moving down.
10 Buildings were carried away as the ~~x~~
11 avalanche gained momentum. And it was
12 threatening to engulf the mine where 700
13 men were working.

14 And now ~~says~~ ^{adds} the International News
15 Service some fast rescue work got under
16 way. The 700 miners were taken out of
17 the pit. And all the while the landslide
18 was coming nearer.

19 Well, the last man was ^{hauled safely} ~~got~~ out before
20 the avalanche came tumbling down upon the
21 mine.

1 **XX** There's one series of events
2 appearing in the news from day to day
3 that is colored with gleams of ancient
4 romance.

5 I was reading an article in
6 ~~the~~^{an} advanced copy of the new Literary
7 Digest, which comes out tomorrow, an
8 article which concerns the troubles that
9 have been occurring on the ancient island
10 of Cyprus. There have been constant
11 references to these disturbances in the
12 news, and the Literary Digest gives us
13 a summary and an explanation of what it's
14 all about.

15 Well, in that Digest article
16 ~~XX~~ are descriptions of rioting with mobs
17 charging through the streets of towns.
18 There was mention of a threatened
19 uprising at Pāphos, **XX** and that reminds
20 us vividly that Cyprus, in the Eastern
21 Mediterranean, was the island sacred to
22 Venus. The ancients called her the
23 Cyprian Goddess. They also spoke of the
24 Pāphian Venus, because at that town was
25 a great shrine devoted to the Goddess of

1 Love.

2 According to mythology, it was
3 at ~~Rxx~~ Pāphos that Venus Aphrodite^{ee} was
4 born of the foam of the sea, and her
5 shrine there was one of the wonders and
6 glamorous glories of the ancient world.
7 Pilgrims trooped by the thousands to pay
8 their devotion to the radiant goddess^s.

9 But I guess we'll have to come
10 down to earth and modern times and have
11 a reference or two about political
12 ~~xxxxxxx~~ manifestos and British
13 soldiers.

14 The Literary Digest, according
15 to the Manchester Guardian, tells us
16 that four-fifths of the people of
17 Cyprus^{today} are Greeks, and they want their
18 country ~~xxxx~~ to be ruled by Greeks.
19 For that reason they have been going on
20 a rampage, have started a young
21 revolution in fact.

22 As for the rights and wrongs of
23 the case, they are quite complicated, as
24 usual. The ^{best} thing ~~for each of us to do~~
25 is to read that article in the Literary

1 Digest and form our own conclusions
2 about the troubled state of affairs
3 on that island which in ancient times
4 was a glory of the world and sacred to
5 the entrancing goddess, Venus.

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1 Another romantic note comes
2 in ^a ~~the~~ dispatch ^{to the effect} that British troops
3 have been sent into the Vale of Kashmir.

4 Trouble has been going on in
5 that lovely valley in the North of
6 India where the giant Himalayas meet
7 the ^{burning} ~~steaming~~ plain ^{of the Punjab.} ~~of Bengal.~~ The
8 Mohammedans are on a rampage. The Vale
9 of Kashmir has a population of over
10 three million. Seventy-four per cent
11 of the people are Mohammedans, but the
12 royal family is Hindu by race and
13 religion.

14 We are reminded that the
15 present reigning Maharajah of Kashmir,
16 Sir Heri Singh, is none other than the
17 famous Mr. A, who six years ago figured
18 in a highly sensational and somewhat
19 amusing scandal in London. The Maharajah
20 while on a visit to England, had a
21 romance with a young English woman, and
22 ~~xx~~ thereupon was blackmailed. The case
23 went into court, where the British
24 Government tried to shield the identity
25 of one of the greatest ruling potentates

1 in its great Indian Empire. The
2 Maharajah was called by the mysterious
3 name of Mr. A. *The U. P. reminds*
4 *us that* There have been disturbances in
5 Kashmir during the past several months,
6 with revolts and rioting among the
7 Mohammedans. Prominent in the trouble
8 has been a Moslem organization known
9 as the Red Shirts. Thousands of these
10 Red Shirts have been arrested and are
11 now confined in an old royal palace
12 turned into a jail.

13 And now the trouble has become
14 acute again. The International News
15 Service declares that the Maharajah made
16 an urgent appeal to the Indian Government.
17 He ~~urged~~ ^{warned} that the situation was critical
18 and begged that a force of British
19 soldiers be sent to support him against
20 the Mohammedans.

21 And today a detachment of British
22 troops marched into the lovely city of
23 Srinagar, the capital of Kashmir.

24 Well, for my part, anything
25 that happens in the Vale of Kashmir

1 catches my imagination. I've been
2 there and can vouch that it is quite as
3 beautiful as the old Mogul Emperor
4 declared. It was Akbar, the greatest
5 of all the potentates on the Peacock
6 Throne, who, upon witnessing the
7 loveliness of the Vale of Kashmir,
8 uttered these lines:

9 ^{on Earth} If there be a paradise ^{of bliss} ~~on earth~~
10 It is this, it is this, it is this.

1 At Tokio today the British
2 ambassador made a protest to the Japanese
3 government. He denounced the wave of
4 anti-British propaganda in Japan.

5 For the past week the Japanese
6 news agencies and newspapers have
7 been flooded with charges that Great
8 Britain has given a secret pledge to
9 the Chinese government, promising that
10 England will back China against Japan.

11 The ^{United Press} ~~International News Service~~
12 relates that the British ambassador
13 denounced these stories as false.

14 It seems to have been propaganda
15 all right because right after the
16 British ambassador had spoken his piece,
17 why the stories about England backing
18 China stopped appearing.

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1 Now let's summon a picture of a
2 silken gown, a mandarin's gown of gorgeous
3 silk on which is embroidered a yellow
4 dragon. ~~There's another ornament.~~ It is
5 also embellished with an imperial seal, ^{a jade} ~~of~~
6 ~~imitation jade.~~

7 That gown is intended to symbolize
8 the Lordship of Manchuria, and today
9 it was draped around a Manchu prince.
10 He is Prince Kung, the scion of the
11 old Manchu dynasty that ruled China for
12 centuries.

13 This is interpreted as an
14 attempt inspired by Japan to break the
15 disputed province of Manchuria away from
16 China. The idea is to make the country
17 independent under the rulership of a
18 representative of its ancient royal house.

19 The International News Service
20 has a cable that feverish attempts are
21 being made by the supporters of Prince
22 Kung to establish him firmly as the
23 Lord of Manchuria before November 16th.
24 That is the date set by the League of
25 Nations for the Japanese to withdraw

their troops. The dispatch adds, however, that Prince Kung and his party are not getting any financial assistance, and that is causing a good deal of worry. Financial assistance, as we all know, is an important thing in the affairs, great and small, of this old world of ours.

Well, my coat is not a Mandarin's coat of gorgeous silk, embroidered with a yellow dragon or embellished with an imperial seal of jade. Nor does it make me Lord of Manchuria, or Lord of anything else. It's just last years overcoat, embellished with moth balls.

But it's time for me to slide into it and say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.