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1 Here 's a late flash from Spain. It
 2 looks as though a revolution of major
 3 proportions has broken out ^{in Spain,} over there. As
 4 you know, ~~trouble has been threatening in~~
 5 ~~Spain for some time.~~ ^{quite awhile now.} But this time they
 6 say it looks like a general outbreak.

7 The International News Service states
 8 ~~that~~ the trouble has started in the Basque
 9 country, up in the Pyrennes, near the ~~Ex~~
 10 French border. Several regiments of
 11 infantry and cavalry have mutinied.
 12 There's a rumor that the Spanish ace-
 13 aviator, Ramon Franco, is one of the rebel
 14 leaders. Franco is the flyer who recently
 15 escaped from prison. He had been arrested
 16 for talking against the government. The
 17 revolutionary troops are stationed in a
 18 powerful border fortress, and are said to
 19 be determined to resist to the last.

20 General Berenguer, ^{the Prime Minister,} called ^{an emergency} a cabinet
 21 meeting when news of the revolt ^{was flashed to} reached
 22 Madrid. Strict censorship has been
 23 established, and not much news is coming
 24 through.

Spain's old colony - Cuba - Page 2
to be in trouble too. *seems*

1 We have had quite a lot in the news
2 from time to time about disturbances in
3 Cuba. Well, the latest dispatches from
4 Havana say that President Machado has
5 suspended constitutional rights, ^{and that} ~~which~~
6 means ~~they are going to have~~ martial law.
7 The United Press informs us that crowds
8 are not allowed to form on the streets of
9 any Cuban town, and soldiers are ~~on~~ patrol *ing*
10 everywhere *tonight*.

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1 From Italy comes word that if a girl
 2 likes military matters, she'd better marry
 3 not a lieutenant, a captain, nor a colonel
 4 --- but a general. ~~From~~, ^{in Italy} generals are
 5 usually a little older, but they come
 6 cheaper. ^{in Italy} An Associated Press dispatch
 7 printed in the Chicago Daily Times tells
 8 us that in Italy, as in most European
 9 countries, an officer is not allowed to
 10 marry unless his bride brings him a "dot"
 11 -- that is, no officer ⁱⁿ except a general.

12 There's a regular scale of prices
 13 for the military marriage market in Italy.
 14 A girl has to have ^{a private income of} \$600.00 a year to marry
 15 a lieutenant; ^{or} \$400.00 to marry a captain.
 16 But generals are free. The reason, of
 17 course, is not that generals are worthless
 18 as privates would have you believe. ~~the~~
 19 ~~reason is~~ ^{It's simply} that ~~the~~ junior officers don't
 20 get enough pay to support a bride.

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1 I was looking at the weekly question-
2 naire of the new Literary Digest and here's
3 one that caught my eye:

4 "WHAT FAMOUS GENERAL HAS A PET MARA-
5 BOU?"

6 Well, I happen^{ed} to know that the mara-
7 bou is a ~~great big~~^{species of giant} stork found in Africa,
8 but who could the famous general be that
9 went in for such strange pets? So I turned
10 to the article in which the question was
11 answered and there I found that the general
12 in question was ^{none other than} my old friend, Lord Allen-
13 by, the conqueror of Jerusalem.

14 I might have guessed ~~that~~^{it}, because in
15 the days when I was with Allenby's cavalry
16 ^{out} in Palestine, I had many an occasion to
17 observe how interested he was in birds.

18 In fact, by the end of the ~~Palestine~~
19 campaign, Allenby knew the name of every
20 wild flower and every bird in the ~~whole~~ Holy
21 Land. Enormous flocks of migratory birds
22 are constantly winging their way back and
23 forth over Palestine, ^{and} Allenby had a York-
24 shire seargent who was something of a nat-
25 uralist. ~~And~~ Without his army knowing any-

THING ABOUT IT, HE KEPT THIS SERGEANT STATIONED at a pond where these migratory birds would stop. Whenever a new species of bird arrived, the sergeant would hurry x to headquarters and tell Allenby. The great Commander-in-Chief would put aside the problems of war and strategy and would slip down to see the bird for himself.

In that Digest article, the famous Swedish naturalist, Bengt Berg tells how he visited Lord Allenby and the Conqueror of the Turks told him a curious story about a crane that had a message tied around its neck. That crane fell into the hands of fighting dervishes in Africa and those dervishes actually held a trial and tried the crane as a spy. Yes, and they sentenced the bird to death and executed it.

But going back to that Literary Digest questionnaire, here is another question that will interest many: "WHERE ARE THE BIGGEST AND WORST MOSQUITOES FOUND?"

Well, I've made the intimate personal acquaintance of a lot of angry mosquitoes all over the world, so I made my own guess and it turned out to be correct. But I'll tell you about that tomorrow night, record-breaking mosquitoes. If you can't x wait just turn to your copy of the new Literary Digest.

1 The news from Washington today
2 still sounds a bit warlike. The Democrats,
3 as you know, rose in their wrath over the
4 President's suggestion that Congress was
5 playing politics with human misery. Then
6 the Republican insurgents trained their
7 guns on the White House too.

8 The President, they say, doesn't
9 seem to mind the attacks. What does annoy
10 him ^{says the Int. News Service} ~~though~~ is that the regular Republican
11 Senators didn't seem to rally round.

12 ~~The International News Service~~
13 ~~informs us tonight that many of the~~
14 ~~regular Republican Senators are also~~
15 ~~disgruntled.~~

16 But another Washington dispatch to
17 the Chicago Daily News states that Senator
18 Watson and Speaker Longworth are forming a
19 group to back Mr. Hoover's policies.

20 Aside from politics we have some
21 optimistic news from Washington. A United
22 Press dispatch states that the Federal
23 Reserve Bank is in a sounder condition
24 than ever before. Enormous amounts of
25 money are available for loans to banks
that need it.

1 This is a big night for the boxing
2 game. In a couple of hours now, two big
3 fights will get under way. In Chicago,
4 Young Stribling takes on Tuffy Griffiths.
5 The Chicago Daily Times reminds us that
6 Stribling has done some ~~tall~~ and hefty
7 walloping in his last few fights. ^{In fact a} ~~and~~
8 lot of people think he'll eventually be
9 the one to flatten out the husky German,
10 Max Schmeling, and thus bring the
11 heavyweight championship of the world
12 back to America.

13 In New York, Kid Chocolate, the
14 ~~little~~ flashing Cuban ~~fighter~~ who has made
15 such a sensation, is getting his shot at
16 the featherweight championship. He's
17 fighting the present title holder, who goes
18 by the warlike name of Batalino.
19 According to the United Press, most fight
20 experts ~~seem to~~ think ~~that~~ Kid Chocolate
21 will give Batalino the hottest ^{little} ~~battle~~ ^{he} ~~that~~ Batalino ever had.

1 I told last night how over in ~~xxxx~~
 2 Stockholm the winners of the Nobel prizes
 3 for science had explained how they did it.
 4 Today's cable from Stockholm has to do
 5 with another Nobel Prize winner. Yes, ^{you're} ~~you~~
 6 ~~guessed it. ^{right, do} It's~~ Sinclair Lewis, the
 7 winner of the prize for literature.

8 Lewis made a speech in accepting the
 9 prize, and the United Press cables a few
 10 things that he said. He declared that as
 11 a writer he was honest, but indiscreet, and
 12 a little impolite. He described the United
 13 States as the world's most contradictory
 14 and stirring land, and added that we are
 15 emerging from the stuffiness of safe, sane
 16 and dull provincialism.

17 ~~That speech of Sinclair Lewis wasn't~~
 18 ~~a bit complimentary to the United States,~~
 19 ~~and~~ There are rumblings tonight that sound
 20 to me like a threatening storm of literary
 21 controversy ^{waiting for Sinclair Lewis when he}
 22 ^{comes sailing home across the briny.}

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1 There used to be a bit of verse put
2 out by the railroads as a part of their
3 propoganda to keep automobile drivers from
4 getting themselves speared by locomotive
5 cowcatchers at railroad crossings. I remem-
6 ber that the poem ended something like this:

7 "There never was an auto

8 That could lick a railroad train."

9 Well, I am all for those sentiments.
10 Nevertheless, a radio listener writes in and
11 tells me of an auto that did lick a rail-
12 road train. It's from J. W. Rollinson of
13 Auburndale, Florida. Here is the story:--

14 Down near Raleigh, North Carolina,
15 Jim Hinton was driving his roadster, he
16 started across the railroad tracks. Well,
17 it was the same old story. The train hit
18 the auto. Jim's car was tossed twenty
19 yards into a coal pile. The train stopped.
20 After a few minutes Jim's car came chugging
21 out of the coal pile badly bent, but still
22 in the race. The locomotive, however, had
23 broken a coupling pin, and was delayed for
24 thirty minutes.

25 That boy Jim was just plain, down-
right lucky. And, by the way, I was told

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today that there has been a noticeable reduction in these grade crossing collisions during the past year. The information comes from Managing Director W. H. Cameron of the National Safety Council, which organization as you know, is waging continuous warfare against accidents of all kind. He said that the 1930 accident record will show very slight, if any, increase over 1929. Last year, on the other hand, there was an 11% increase, and big increases have been pretty regular during recent years.

American industry, Mr. Cameron told me is solving its accident problem. He said that the Western Electric plant here in Chicago - the largest single unit industrial plant in the world -- went through the month of November with only five injuries among 30,000 employees, simply because they're fighting against accidents.

I asked an old Chicago newspaper man to pick the news item of the day for me this afternoon. His name is Walter Gregory. I knew him long years ago when I was a ~~xx~~ newspaper man out here. Now Walter Gregory is the manager of the historic Palmer House. Well what was the story this former newspaper man selected? Why, he picked a yarn right out from under my nose - a yarn from this week's Literary Digest - a story about the lowly donkey -- the stolid, plodding,

1 burro---patient and true friend of man.
2 You know him of course -- that easy going
3 slow motion picture that we see occasion-
4 ally in the amusement parks carrying lit-
5 tle children on its back -- apparently as
6 meek and mild as a household tabby cat.

7 But the Digest quotes from an arti-
8 cle sent out by the Newspaper Enterprise
9 Association. M. E. Musgrave, Game Spec-
10 ialist of the United States Forest Service,
11 is the writer, and he gives us a real "Dr.
12 Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" low-down on the burro.
13 It seems that the burro is all right when
14 under the influence of man -- but just ~~let~~
15 him get away from civilization a few years
16 and he becomes a hard fighter -- ~~and, when~~
17 ~~occasion requires~~ -- even a killer. In
18 other words, the meek "desert canary" is
19 fast becoming the wildest wild animal in
20 the Southwest. Turned loose in sections of
21 Arizona and New Mexico, the burros run wild
22 and learn to shift for themselves, and they
23 have become ferocious and cunning beasts.
24 The Digest tells us that they will fight
25 mountain lions -- and drive cattle from

1 grass lands and water holes -- causing
2 endless worry to stock rangers. In short,
3 our old friend -- the ~~friendly~~ burro ~~seems~~
4 ~~has gone native:~~ to be running amuck,

5 They travel in packs, too, just like
6 wolves, and they are led by a fighting
7 jack who wins his place under the age-old
8 law of the survival of the fittest. But
9 I can't tell you the whole yarn. There
10 isn't time. But if you want a tang of
11 the old west and a whiff of sage-brush,
12 just turn to your new Literary Digest and
13 read the story about the wild donkeys of
14 the Southwest.

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1 Here's a goddess breaking into the
2 news. She is Pele, the Fire Goddess of
3 Hawaii. Well, the Fire Goddess has been
4 away from home for some time, but now she
5 has returned and everybody is happy, and
6 the ukeleles are strumming. What I mean
7 is, that the great volcano of Kilaueau, out
8 in Hawaii, is flaming again! The mountain
9 has been quiet for over a year, but now,
10 according to a special dispatch to the Chi-
11 cago Daily News, there has been a great
12 display of fireworks.

13 The Hawaiians think that Kilaueau is
14 the castle of Pele, the fire goddess. And
15 when the mountain is smoking and flaming,
16 why, that means the fire goddess is in her
17 house. And it's a sign of good luck. It
18 is good luck in more ways than one, because
19 when Kilaueau is active, the tourists come
20 flocking and they bring plenty of American
21 dollars - and that makes the ukeleles
22 tinkle and twang.

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1 Along with the other political news
2 here comes an attack on Bath Tubs. It
3 appears that a great political victory was
4 scored ^{recently} because a certain candidate didn't
5 take a bath during the campaign. Who was
6 the candidate? Why he was Dr. Wilbur L.
7 Cross, Dean of the Yale graduate school.
8 Dean Cross ran for Governor of Connecticut
9 on the Democratic ticket and won a
10 smashing victory.

11 According to the United Press, the
12 Dean said one reason he was able to conduct
13 a whirlwind campaign was because he was in
14 perfect health. Tuned right up to concert
15 pitch. And why? ~~was he in such good health?~~
16 Because he hadn't taken a bath.

17 Governor-elect Cross stated that he
18 was so busy electioneering - getting up
19 so early and going to bed so late - that
20 he never even had time to look at a bath
21 tub, much less jump into one.

22 ~~The Dean~~ also spoke a few learned words
23 about the history of bath tubs in politics.
24 He reminded us that there never was a bath
25 tub in the White House until the

administration of President Fillmore. Fillmore had one put in in spite of the fact that his doctors told him it would be dangerous to bathe between October 1st and June 1st. But President Fillmore was a courageous man. He insisted upon having that White House bath tub installed.

Governor-elect Cross of Connecticut then asks:

"When did we have our greatest Presidents? In these bath-tub days or in the pre-bath tub era?" He answers the question by pointing to Washington and Jefferson and Jackson. The dean is sure that American statesmanship was at its highest peak in the pre-bath tub era.

Well, after that one, let's all turn on the spigot, fill up the tub and finish off our evening with a nice ~~and~~ cold plunge in honor of the Governor-elect of Connecticut, Dean Cross of Yale.

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW NIGHT.