

PORTUGAL

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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY: Well —

1 The Portuguese government has just
2 announced that the rebellion in the
3 Madeira Islands is at an end. The
4 International News Service cables the
5 report that the rebels in the city of
6 Funchal ~~have~~ surrendered today.

7 Covered by a bombardment from
8 warships and by bombing raids from
9 the air, the government troops drew
10 a ~~rectangle~~ net around the city and
11 drove the rebels back into Funchal.
12 ~~The~~ ^{They} broke the courage of the insurgents,
13 and they surrendered.

14 The news of the victory was given
15 out by the president of Portugal, who
16 congratulated everybody concerned.
17 The president is in kind of a tight
18 place himself. He and his ministers
19 are conducting the affairs of government
20 in a fortress surrounded by barb^{ed}wire
21 and bristling machine guns. They may
22 be victorious in the far~~m~~ off islands
23 of Madeira, but they figure they need
24 all the protection they can get right
25 at home in Lisbon.

1 The Associated Press reports that,
2 after the May Day disorders of
3 yesterday, the city^{of Lisbon} is in a state of
4 ominous quiet. There are constant
5 threats of revolution, and yesterday
6 the riots were so bad that the
7 president and his cabinet moved into
8 the fort, behind all the barbed^{ed} wire and
9 machine guns. Apparently they're
10 going to stay there a while, until
11 things quiet down a bit.
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1 And now an age old problem has
2 been solved. There are no more landlords
3 in Ireland--at least not many.

4 For centuries the old land of Erin
5 was torn and distracted by the landlord
6 problem. The English took the ~~land~~ ^{fields}
7 away from the Irish and held ^{them} ~~it~~ as
8 landlords, usually absentee landlords
9 who ~~had been~~ lived in England and left
10 overseers to collect the rents from
11 the Irish tenants. There was endless
12 hatred and agitation and violence.
13 The Irish were bitter because they
14 didn't own the ^{acres} ~~land~~ that had ^{once} ~~been~~ their
15 fathers, but ^{on which they now} ~~had~~ to pay rents to foreign
16 landlords.

17 Well, as time went on the old evils
18 were softened and rectified to some
19 extent. There were progressive
20 movements which restored some of the
21 land to the Irish peasants. This has
22 been going on for ^{a long} ~~some~~ time. And now,
23 according to a wireless to the New York
24 Times, the final step has been taken.

25 Today 70,000 Irish tenant farmers

1 became absolute owners of the land
2 they cultivate. The Cosgrave government
3 has put a bill through the Dail which
4 appropriates \$50,000,000 to pay off
5 the landlords and give the peasants
6 and farmers a free and clear title.

7 And this move is said to ^{put}~~make~~ a
8 final ■ end to the landlord problem of
9 Ireland. It makes that problem just
10 another page of history. And thousands
11 of people of Irish birth and descent
12 throughout this country will raise
13 a cheer upon learning of the final
14 passing of the old evil which made
15 their fathers so ■■ sad and bitter.

1 I have an apt line for this next
2 dispatch. It's about baldheaded men.

3 Tex O'Reilly, the famous old
4 soldier of fortune, was in my office
5 this afternoon. And when he heard
6 about that baldheaded topic, he said:--

7 "YOU REMEMBER THE WITTY OLD LINE
8 OF BILL NYE'S? BILL NYE HAD A BALD
9 HEAD, AND HE USED TO EXPLAIN IT THIS
10 WAY. SAID BILL; 'ONCE MY LOCKS WERE
11 LONG AND FLOWING, BUT NOW THEY ^{we} ~~HAVE~~
12 FLED.'"

13 Yes, and over in Japan, ⁱⁿ the Land
14 of the Rising Sun, the flowing locks
15 have fled from a lot of highly polished
16 bald ^{pates} ~~heads~~. And those bald heads have
17 formed an association, a society.

18 According to the Associated Press,
19 business men in Japan who have money
20 in their pockets and no hair on their
21 heads, have amalgamated to form an
22 organization to promote the business
23 interests of baldheaded men. They have
24 combined for their mutual benefit.
25 They'll help each other commercially.

They intend to make the shiny-pated fellows the rulers of the land. And I suppose their slogan is--the head that does the thinking if the head without the hair.

The leading spirit of the new society is Count Hideo Kodama, the Civil Governor of Korea. He's said to have the shiniest bald head in Japan. The Chief of Police of Tokyo runs him a close second. I suppose the Civil Governor of Korea has five hairs left, and the Chief of Police of Tokyo has six.

Anyway, the Chief of Police is not only baldheaded, he's musical also. He has composed a national anthem for the shiny-pated fellows. The composition is called -- The Bald Head March.

At any rate, long may they shine.

Press bulletins flashed out the news tonight of the passing of one of the greatest financiers of all time. Geo. F. Baker, died in his New York mansion, at the age of 91. He was stricken with pneumonia on Thursday of this week. Mr. Baker was a great banker - one of America's financial giants. According

to the I.N.S. he leaves a fortune said to run into the hundreds of millions. He was also a great philanthropist - but what he did he did quietly and unostentatiously without the world hearing much about it.

1 There is nothing new about this
2 next item -- nothing new except that
3 it seems they are going to do something.
4 ~~about it.~~

5 There has been a good deal of talk
6 about establishing a line of landing
7 fields on the ocean between here and
8 Europe. The word now is that the
9 project has reached the practical stage.

10 In this week's Literary Digest
11 you will see a striking picture of
12 one of those floating landing fields
13 for airplanes, one of those synthetic
14 islands. The picture is made from a
15 model.

16 The Digest articles gives a
17 comprehensive view of the whole large
18 scheme of making trans-oceanic flying
19 an every-day commonplace. The plan
20 rather bewilders one with its magnitude.
21 Louie Sherwin, the roving reporter of
22 the New York Evening Post, interviewed
23 Edward ~~R.~~ Armstrong, the man who will
24 build ~~this~~ synthetic island^s, and got
25 a comprehensive account of the ~~floating island~~ airports

that are to be strung across the ocean. And the Literary Digest passes the facts on for the benefit of its readers. The important point brought out by that Digest article is that the synthetic island scheme is to be put through in a real way. Planes, we are told, will be flying from one mid-ocean airport to another in about three years. The plan is said to be well financed, - backed with plenty of money put up by big industrial leaders of this country.

And that's always the steam that makes the locomotive go, or the hay that speeds up the horse -- I mean the money, the old Mazuma.

Anyhow its an article that makes one's imagination leap rather wildly. Yes, those who live for another decade or two will see some startling changes - and maybe soon we'll be hopping oceans from one synthetic island to another.

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An important inter-collegiate boat race took place this afternoon between Yale, Penn., and Columbia for what is known as the Blackwell Cup. The race took place in the Harlem River,

right in New York City. Columbia came in first, Yale second and Penn. third.

There also were three minor races and Yale all three.

1 It was announced today that the
2 government at Washington has not
3 changed its attitude on the subject of
4 foreign debts. The New York Evening
5 Post states that President Hoover's
6 administration has made it clear that
7 there will be no change in the debt
8 situation. Foreign countries ^{that} ~~who~~ owe
9 the United States money will be expected
10 to pay.

11 The reason for the ^{re-} statement at this
12 particular time is that next week the
13 International Chamber of Commerce meets
14 at Washington. It consists of business
15 leaders ^{from} all over the world. The United
16 States will be represented by the
17 American Chamber of Commerce, headed by
18 Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, ~~He is~~ one of
19 ~~America's most important~~ ^{foremost} ~~of the most important~~ lawyers. ~~in~~
20 ~~the country.~~

21 It is expected that the discussions
22 at the meetings of the International
23 Chamber of Commerce will take up the
24 question of international debts. And
25 the representatives of foreign countries

1 will talk over their ideas about
2 what the United States should do. These
3 ideas are, of course, that we should
4 cancel the war debts.

5 And so the administration at
6 Washington wants to make it clear in
7 advance that it will take the same old
8 stand about the money coming to us,
9 and that it won't be of any use to
10 start any agitation to the contrary.

11 Mr. Strawn, as the head of the
12 American Chamber of Commerce delegation,
13 admits that the subject of war debts
14 may very likely come up, and that
15 foreign representatives may speak
16 their minds on the subject. He adds
17 the assurance, however, that the
18 American viewpoint will be fully stated
19 and defended by him and his fellow
20 American delegates.

21 *Bryan Untiedt, the lad from*
22 *Lamar, Colo., left for home tonight. As*
23 *he stood on the platform of the train in the*
24 *Wash. station he said: "See, it's as hard to*
25 *leave here as it was to leave home. It sure*
doesn't take long to get acquainted with
folks!" By folks he meant Pres. & Mrs. Hoover

1 A flavor of old-time frontier
2 days comes in a telegram from Otto
3 Kulcher, editor of HUNTER, TRADER AND
4 TRAPPER. Otto tells me that the old
5 days have not disappeared entirely in
6 this speedy, modern, rushing country
7 of ours. Take fur trapping, for
8 instance. That does seem to belong
9 back in the ~~old years~~^{exciting days} of Daniel Boone.
10 Otto tells me that ^a\$1000 fur-trapping
11 prize was awarded today. It was
12 given to the man who had trapped the
13 finest fur in the United States for
14 the past year.

15 Louis D. Powers of Asheville,
16 North Carolina, was the lucky winner.
17 He trapped a marvelous North Carolina
18 racoon. Thousands of pelts were
19 entered in the contest, but the pelt
20 of that North Carolina coon won the
21 prize.

22 One modernistic note is that the
23 ladies are going in for fur trapping.
24 Last year's prize winner was Miss
25 Julia Magee. She trapped a notable

1 muskrat. The pelt didn't win the
2 first prize but ^{ranked} ~~was~~ high ~~in the~~ as a
3 runner~~s~~-up. Miss Magee is an
4 industrious trapper. She caught 22,000
5 fur bearing animals during the past
6 year. *And that sounds like a typographical*
error in the telegram.

7 When I received that ~~telegram~~ wire
8 this afternoon, the subject of fur
9 trapping put me in a mood of old
10 frontier days, of hunting and fishing
11 and of telling tall stories. So I
12 went browsing into the archives of
13 the Tall Story Club and picked out a
14 real good old-fashioned whopper.

15 It comes from a venerable member
16 of the truthful brotherhood ■ who lives
17 at Tryon, North Carolina. And it goes
18 on to say that back in old Kentucky
19 in the days of the muzzle-loading rifle,
20 length about six feet, a frontiersman
21 was looking for deer. He stalked a
22 noble buck and was in excellent position
23 for a shot when he heard a "gobble gobble"
24 overhead. It was a magnificent wild
25 turkey on the branch of the tree above

him. He wanted both, but he knew if he shot the turkey, the deer would get away; and if he shot the deer, the turkey would get away.

This was a dilemma with which only the great American prowess of an old-time Kentucky frontiersman could cope. He dropped two bullets into the barrel of his gigantic muzzle-loader.

Aiming at the turkey overhead, he pulled the trigger, and then swung his rifle down so swiftly for a bead on the deer that, firing only one shot, the first bullet killed the turkey and the second bullet killed the deer.

The frontiersman found that ~~the~~ his second leaden pellet had passed clear through the animal and had penetrated a sweet gum tree and honey was oozing out of the hole in the tree. As the frontiersman looked for the entrance to the bee hive, he stepped on a rabbit. He picked up the rabbit, intending to strike its head against a sapling and kill it. But the rabbit slipped from his hands and

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flew skyward and hit a covey of quail. That brought down a dozen quail.

Well, the old frontiersman was so astonished that he fell over backwards. He landed in a creek, and when he crawled out his boots were full of fish.

Thus endeth the reading of the minutes of the Tall Story Club for tonight.

Any more news? Well --

RESCUE

In the bleak lands of the north busy activities are going on. Rescuers have mobilized by land, sea, and air to go to the aid of that young English millionaire who is marooned on the frozen desert of the great Greenland ice cap.

You may recall that he is Augustine Courtauld, who has been studying the weather at a meteorological station in the middle of Greenland. A few days ago a rumor came through that a wireless had been received from him, calling for help and stating that he was without food.

According to the Associated Press, Captain Ahrenberg, the Swedish airman who is flying to the rescue landed in Greenland today. He flew there from Norway via Iceland. He has already flown out over the vast Greenland ice field in search of the marooned explorer. But bad weather forced him back to the coast. A patrol boat has reached the Greenland ice barrier also and has unloaded another airplane. And this machine made a flight today. Also two sets of dog teams are said to be mushing across the frozen Greenland wastes.

It looks like a big and well concerted campaign to rescue the man who is isolated there on that tremendous frozen white plateau which covers the vast island continent of Greenland.

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1 "Yes, Mubedjel Hanem, you'll have
2 to get fat. No straight-line boyish-
3 ~~form~~ figure for you."

4 Well, those ^{two} beautiful words,
5 Mubedjel Hanem, mean Miss Turkey, who
6 ~~is to~~ represent ^s the Turkish Republic
7 in an international beauty contest.

8 She was selected according to the
9 old Turkish ideas of beauty. ^{As} You know,
10 ~~that~~ the terrible Turk likes them fat.
11 Abdul thinks they ought to have a
12 pleasing and pronounced plumpness.
13 It's an old Oriental custom. It's the
14 old standard of beauty that has come
15 down from the times of the Prophet
16 Mohammed, who had many wives and many hand maidens.

17 Mubedjel Hanem was selected ^{from one of} in the
18 neighborhood of old Stambul to represent
19 Turkey, ^{in the ~~said~~ international} at ~~that~~ beauty competition.
20 And, naturally, they didn't select
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1 According to the United Press, the
2 gasps of the French beauty experts
3 caused Mubedjel Hanem to get an idea.
4 Somebody told her about reducing,
5 about the Hollywood diet.

6 At first, ~~when~~ Mubedjel Hanem
7 couldn't understand why anybody should
8 want to get thin. But ~~when~~ she heard
9 the beauty experts gasp a few times
10 more, and then she started to reduce.
11 And she succeeded. She lost 24 pounds
12 in no time at all. Her elbows were
13 beginning to show.

14 But Mubedjel Hanem lost not only
15 the 24 pounds, she lost her health also.
16 Her lungs were affected. The doctors
17 have told her to get busy and put those
18 24 pounds right back on ^{— and some more.} They told
19 her to eat candy, and ice cream, and
20 potatoes, and cake, and all the other
21 things that people like. And that's
22 what Miss Turkey is doing.

23 The beauty ■ specialists are giving
24 a few more gasps. But when Mubedjel
25 Hanem gets back to ^{the domes and minarets of} old Stambul, old

1 Abdul will stroke his beard and say:--
2 "Bismillah! Allah is great and
3 merciful. His creation is wonderful.
4 Praise be to Allah, who has blessed
5 the true believers with a pearl worthy
6 of a sultan's harem!"

7 Well, Mubedjel Hanem's pleasing
8 roundness seems to round off the news
9 of the day. In fact, it's so pleasingly
10 round that it rounds off the news of the
11 week. So, so long until Monday.