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3 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

4 Tonight in the romantic islands
5 of the Mediterranean a mountain is
6 spouting immense clouds of smoke and
7 ashes. The mountain is Stromboli on
8 the island of Lipari. The International
9 News Service informs us that Stromboli
10 erupted today. There were deep
11 subterranean rumblings, and high into
12 the sky shot those clouds of smoke and
13 ashes. No serious damage is reported
14 so far.

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1 The Spanish situation seems a bit
2 more complicated tonight. The monarchy
3 has been abolished, and the throne
4 overturned. But up pops a new pretender
5 to that same throne, which at present
6 is standing upside down. He is a
7 cousin of King Alphonso, and claims to
8 be the rightful king of Spain.

9 Well, this all goes back to old
10 troubles during the past century, in
11 which two lines of the house of Bourbon
12 fought for the Spanish throne. One was
13 called the Carlist branch of the
14 family, and there was a lot of fighting
15 which went under the name of Carlist
16 movements.

17 According to the Associated Press,
18 this new pretender, a cousin of King
19 Alphonso, is the representative of the
20 Carlist line which tried to gain the
21 crown of Spain ■ long ago, and lost.

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1 Well, the big election will be
2 held on June 21st -- that is, ~~the big~~
3 election ^{over} in Spain. Provisional President
4 Zamorra, head of the new Republican
5 government, today announced the date on
6 which the Spanish voters will pick the
7 new parliament that will govern Spain.

8 Well, Spain has been ^{bulking} ~~bulking~~ so
9 big in the newspapers of late that the
10 coming election will be a matter of
11 interest for all the world. ^{The Boston Traveller states that} millions
12 of people will be watching to see how the
13 new governing body will be split between
14 supporters of the new republic and
15 monarchists who are loyal to ~~the~~ Mr. Alphonso
16 ~~dethroned King~~ de Bourbon.

SPANISH AMBASSADOR

It looks as if there will not be any trouble over the new ambassador the new Spanish Republic is sending to Washington. The Boston Transcript states that it's practically certain that Uncle Sam will extend a friendly handshake to the Spanish diplomat. He is Senor Madariaga, who on many occasions has made exceedingly caustic remarks about the United States. He has said some sharp things about our policy in Latin-America, and the Monroe Doctrine.

But, just the same, it seems as if Uncle Sam will forgive all that and hang out the welcome sign for the new ambassador.

~~And, speaking of Cardinals, here is~~
~~This, by the way, seems the right~~
~~time to read~~ a dispatch ^{comes from Rome} which states
that for the second time Pope Pius XI
has left the Vatican. The Associated
Press informs us that today the Pontiff
journeyed through the streets of Rome
to preside at the inauguration of the
new College for the Propagation of the
Faith, ^{and} Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago
took a prominent part in the ceremony.
The money which built the new college
was largely provided by the Cardinal's
arch-diocese of Chicago.

1 Today has been a day of cordial
2 New England hospitality for the royal
3 couple from Japan. Prince Takamatsu
4 and his bride are receiving the
5 courtesies of Boston.

6 These courtesies range all the way
7 from official receptions to a strong
8 police guard. ^{According to the Bos. Trav.} That rumor of an attempt
9 to assassinate the Prince, about which
10 I spoke last night, has caused the
11 authorities to take every precaution
12 for the sake of the royal couple.

13 Nothing further has been found out about
14 the supposed plot, but the Boston ^{Police} ~~cops~~
15 are on guard.

16 Well, the fact that the Japanese
17 Prince and Princess are in ^{New England} ~~Boston~~ is my
18 News Item of the Day. I ^{have just} had a chat with
19 Cardinal O'Connell, ~~of Boston~~, whom I
20 have known for many years. ~~And~~ I asked
21 the Cardinal to pick the most interesting
22 item in today's news. He said that
23 was easy, and that he could do it
24 without looking at the papers. And
25 then ~~the Cardinal~~ ^{he} told me why. ~~And the~~

of the 19th Cardinal O'Connell, it seems, was the first American ever selected by the Pope to go on a formal diplomatic mission. And that mission was to Japan.

It was right after the Russo-Japanese War. He was then the Bishop of Portland, Maine. The peace negotiations between Russia and Japan were held in the town of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. in his diocese.

Immediately afterward there were matters to be negotiated between the Vatican and the Japanese government, and to Cardinal O'Connell fell the honor of being selected by the Pope to go to Japan.

He told me an interesting story about that mission. The peace treaty, which had been negotiated in the United States, displeased the Japanese people, and an anti-foreign wave swept over the fair land of Nippon. Foreigners were being mobbed everywhere.

Bishop O'Connell found himself in a ticklish situation. But he luckily won popular favor. At a great mass meeting in Tokyo he paid a stirring tribute to twelve thousand Japanese christians whose families had been Christians since those old days

of the 16th Century, the days of St. Francis Xavier, when Christianity was first introduced into Japan.

Above all things, the Japanese admire the quality of loyalty. That is the old Samurai tradition. And they admired the loyalty of those Christian families who had remained loyal to their faith through persecution for centuries.

And since that thrilling visit to the Orient, the Cardinal has been doubly interested in Japan -- and he is eager now to welcome to New England Prince Takamatsu, the grandson of his host, the famous old Mikado Mutsuhito.

Tonight all of the newspapers of New England are featuring the visit of the Japanese honeymooners.

1 An old familiar refrain comes from
2 Chicago. Here's the way it goes: YES,
3 WE HAVE NO MONEY. Of course, Chicago is
4 full of millionnaires, but the city is
5 often strapped for funds.

6 Chicago's new chief executive,
7 Mayor Cermak, is just back from a
8 vacation in Florida, and, according to
9 the International News Service, no
10 sooner had he returned than he heard
11 that old familiar refrain: YES, WE HAVE
12 NO MONEY.

13 Fourteen thousand school teachers
14 are looking for their salaries, and
15 there is no money in the treasury to
16 pay them. So ~~one of~~ Mayor Cermak's
17 ~~first jobs will be to look around for~~
18 ~~a little "jack."~~ is now on the trail of
19 ~~some jacks.~~ a little "Jacks."

EARTHQUAKE

The earth shook in California today. The Associated Press informs us that the quake was fairly severe. It was felt the most in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

At Redonda Beach store windows crashed out into the streets. But there seems to have been no serious damage - just a good healthy shake to startle people a bit.

From San Salvador comes word that a force of Hondurans, who had gathered in San Salvador to move over the border and take part in the revolution of their native land, have been rounded up and interned.

HONDURAS

The Honduran Legation in Washington received encouraging news today, a message from home stating that the trouble is just about over. In other words, the Nicaraguan rebel

An Associated Press dispatch from Tegucigalpa, informs us that the government troops have won a big battle and are chasing the defeated rebel army into the mountains.

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SANDINO

Now for a rumor. According to the United Press a wireless has been picked up stating that Sandino has just captured Gracius Adios. In other words, the Nicaraguan rebel leader who has long been fighting our Marines may have captured a town which is an important port. The rumor adds that the rebels have destroyed the United States weather observatory at Gracius Adios. But, it's just a rumor.

1 There are rumblings of trouble in
2 tonight. According to the Boston American
3 Panama, ^ The chief of police of the
4 province of Los Santos has been
5 arrested and accused of trying to
6 overthrow the ^{Panama} government. A Judge is
7 in jail on the same charges.
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Do you remember the old story of the Blue Bird?

There was a seeker who sought the Blue Bird of Happiness. He left home and hunted all over the world from one land to another; -- and at last he found the Blue Bird of Happiness right there, back at home.

I live right at the doorstep of New England. From my farm we can see the hills of Connecticut, and Massachusetts. But like the man in the song, I've traveled "many-a-mile-ten-thousand -miles-or-more." I've seen romantic sights in strange lands, from Finland to Fiji, from Rome to Rangoon.

Well, today I took a jaunt which reminded me that some of the most beautiful scenes in all the world are right at my own door -- I mean the ranges of hills and mountains that begin in Connecticut and run north through the Berkshires of Massachusetts, and reach their loftiest elevation in Vermont and New Hampshire. And --

For example, take quarries, where stone is cut up for giant buildings. In my wanderings I've seen the great sandstone and granite architecture of India and quarries that have been in operation for tens, yes, scores of centuries. Well, some of the

most interesting stone quarries in the world are in New Hampshire and Vermont. And, they are amazing sights.

The aristocrat of quarried stone, of course, is marble. Halos of romance surround those ancient quarries at Carrara in Italy. People travel thousands of miles to see them. But there are equally fine marble mines in Vermont where the immense blocks of white and colored stone are cut from the mountains.

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1 "Well, by cracky, we'll show them
2 there young fellers from Maine!" It's
3 the old fellers from Vermont who are
4 talking. You may not recognize the
5 accent, but that's the idea. It seems
6 the two noble states of Vermont and
7 Maine run a close race for the honors
8 of longevity--for having the most
9 people over 75, that is over three
10 score and fifteen.

11 The newspapers at Portland, Maine,
12 have been printing paragraph after
13 paragraph about the 9th Annual Meeting
14 of the New England Health Institute,
15 held at Portland this week. New England
16 is noted for its patriarchs. The bracing,
17 vigorous climate keeps people alive
18 ~~alive~~ longer than they survive in
19 other places.

20 In Maine, for example, the number
21 of people ~~over~~ over 75 is almost twice
22 the number for the country as a whole.
23 Nearly three per cent of the population
24 of Maine have reached or passed the
25 three-quarter century ~~mark~~ mark. One

person out of every thirty-six if over 75.

But in Vermont one person out of every 35 is more than three score and fifteen -- past 75.

Yes, siree, them there Vermonters sure live to be old-timers, with folks from Maine and New Hampshire running 'em a close second.

Well, this may be of more than local New England importance. Business leaders remember how in the depression that followed the World War New England led the way out of the slump. Business conditions in the Northeastern states picked up six months in advance of the rest of the country.

Then prosperity all over the nation followed suit and started on the upward climb.

1 Now comes an optimistic note
2 trumpeted to the world by Senator
3 Moses of New Hampshire. According to
4 the International News Service, the
5 Senator claims that business is on the
6 up-grade in New England. ~~It is~~ Improving
7 slowly but surely.

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1 I was just about to remark that
2 somebody seems to be as wise as an
3 owl. But I guess I won't. I'm afraid
4 we'll have to revise that old figure
5 of speech and say--as ferocious as an
6 owl. It appears that the owl is a
7 dangerous desperado of the sky.

8 This week's Literary Digest quotes
9 from the magazine Science, and tells
10 how Albert M. Reese, of the University
11 of West Virginia, has looked into a
12 number of stories about people being
13 attacked by owls. He says yes, the
14 owl is a mean and onery critter.

15 The Digest article cites a number
16 of cases. In some, it was the old
17 screech owl that swooped down and attacked
18 people. In another case it was the
19 great horned owl. ~~It appears that in~~
20 ~~most cases the owls had nests and chicks~~
21 ~~nearby, and it was the owls' maternal~~
22 ~~instinct that caused the trouble.~~

23 ~~In some cases the owl swooped down~~
24 ~~snapping its beak, but didn't actually~~
25 ~~touch the victim, who was merely frightened.~~

In one case, an enraged owl viciously attacked a lumber jack.

The climax in that Digest article comes with the statement that in one town, the owls made a concerted attack on the local policemen. The birds took a special dislike to the cops.

he'd like to look the prison over. That meant he had to dig up the usual visitor's fee of twenty-five cents. He paid it cheerfully. A guard showed him around, and he tipped the guard a quarter.

"WELL, THIS CERTAINLY IS A FINE, CLASSY COOLER," he said to the warden at the end of the tour. "I LIKE THIS PLACE. YES, NICE SPOT. I THINK I'LL STAY."

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN?" asked the warden. "HOW DO YOU GET THAT SAY?"

"OH, IT LOOKS LIKE A CHEERY, COMFORTABLE LOCKUP," replied Ed. "I THINK I'LL JUST PUT UP HERE FOR A WHILE."

"YEA? HOW COME?" queried the warden.

"HERE'S HOW," replied Ed. And,

1 Well, this next item inspires me
2 with what may be a wise and useful
3 reflection.

4 At Santa Fe, New Mexico, a man
5 appeared at the State Penitentiary and
6 told the warden he was Ed Sweet and
7 he'd like to look the prison over.
8 That meant he had to dig up the usual
9 visitor's fee of twenty-five cents.
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25 "HERE'S HOW," replied Ed. And,

1 according to an Associated Press
2 dispatch in the Boston Globe, he pulled
3 out of his pocket a paper which showed
4 that he had been convicted of stealing
5 automobile tires and had a year in
6 prison coming to him. He had been at
7 large and very sensibly had looked over
8 the jail before deciding whether or not
9 to serve his sentence.

10 And all the warden could do was
11 look blank and mumble: "WELL, JUST MAKE
12 YOURSELF AT HOME, ED, MAKE YOURSELF AT
13 HOME."

14 Maybe he didn't like Ed's self-
15 confidence and smart alecky way, but
16 just the same he couldn't put Ed out of
17 that jail -- not for a year.

18 And that is what inspires me with
19 that more or less wise and useful
20 reflection. Maybe they can't put Ed out
21 of jail, but the time has come when
22 Announcer John Holbrook certainly can
23 elbow me away from this mike and put me
24 out of this studio. Here he is starting
25 to do just that. So, goodnight -- and --
So long until tomorrow.