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25**GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:**

How did you like the storm yesterday? Up my way it sure was a hum-dinger. Sleet and ice ~~came~~ whipping across the hills. Enormous branches were snapped off the trees. I saw one old pine, two feet in diameter, go crashing before the wrath of the gale. Yes, it was a wild day with the well-known March lion raging in a way that made the old-timers tell about the storms of forty years ago.

According to all accounts, New England had the worst of it. The wind zipped along at sixty miles an hour and with it came snow and rain and sleet.

Along the coast there was thunder and lightning, and a huge tide swept in from the sea. The surf pounded against the shore like thunder.

1 At Newburyport <sup>the</sup> wreckage of  
 2 a Gloucester fishing trawler drifted  
 3 ashore in the storm, ~~and that was~~  
 4 sinister evidence of a tragedy at sea.

5 At Niantic, Connecticut, a big  
 6 grey seal rode into the river on an  
 7 ice floe. Old Mr. seal was just adrift  
 8 in the storm and when the ice floe,  
 9 on which he was taking it easy, drifted  
 10 near the shore, he stayed there while  
 11 people gathered to look at him. When  
 12 the crowd got too big that old grey  
 13 seal flopped off into the water and  
 14 disappeared.

15 Out in the Middlewest <sup>they had a</sup> ~~it was a~~  
 16 blizzard <sup>yesterday</sup> in Illinois <sup>immense</sup> snow drifts  
 17 piled up and choked the roads. ¶ In  
 18 Chicago thousands of unemployed have  
 19 been put to work shoveling snow.

20 A fishing tug was sighted in  
 21 the tempest on ~~the~~ Lake <sup>Michigan</sup>. It seemed to  
 22 be waging a hopeless battle against the  
 23 sea and was given up for lost with its  
 24 crew of four men. But today it put into  
 25 port, it's decks coated with heavy

1 layers of ice and the four men aboard  
 2 utterly exhausted after their battle  
 3 with the storm.

4 The area of bad weather ~~xxx~~  
 5 spread clear across the Atlantic and over  
 6 to Europe. A furious blizzard has been  
 7 raging over the English Channel, and all  
 8 today a heavy snow ~~fall~~ has <sup>been falling</sup> ~~continued~~  
 9 in London. <sup>From</sup> ~~the~~ France <sup>come reports of bitter</sup> ~~it is xxx~~ cold  
 10 and stormy. <sup>weather. also</sup> The Seine is threatening  
 11 to overflow its banks and flood Paris.

12 In Germany, in Austria and  
 13 in the Balkans <sup>Old Man</sup> Winter is right back  
 14 on the job <sup>in an angry mood.</sup>

15 Well, it was a wet and windy  
 16 week-end all right, but one good thing  
 17 is that it will give us a lot of water  
 18 that we need. It will help to soak a  
 19 few dried dead fields and fill a few  
 20 half empty reservoirs. The experts say  
 21 that the amount of rain wasn't nearly  
 22 enough to make up for the long drought  
 23 and dryness in the Middlewest. It will  
 24 take more than one drink of water to  
 25 satisfy the thirsty earth. But anyway,  
 if we get only half enough it is better  
 than getting nothing at all.

1                    President Hoover is back in  
2 Washington. With Mrs. Hoover he spent  
3 the week-end at the bedside of his son  
4 Herbert Hoover, Jr., who has been ill.  
5 The President's son is fighting to  
6 regain his health in the mountains of  
7 North Carolina, near Ashville.

8                    According to the Associated  
9 Press, the President is back at his  
10 daily routine---except that he passed  
11 up the usual game of medicine ball  
12 this morning.

NEWS ITEM

I suppose there should have been something in the news tonight about Mt. Everest. If there were, that would surely be my news item of the day.

I asked a tall, quiet Englishman today, to pick out the most interesting bit in the news. He is Captain John Baptist Noel, known to fame in connection with the world's highest mountain. He is related to a whole string of the noblest families of England, but his life has been that of an adventurer and explorer.

He was the first man ever to fight his way near the base of Mt. Everest, and it was his explorations that really brought about the three expeditions that have tried to win their way to the stormy and icy summit of the World's highest mountain. Captain Noel was a member of the second and third Everest expeditions. He was the official photographer. He took some amazing pictures of that last tragic attempt, the one when Mallory and Irvine vanished in the mist near the summit and never returned.

1           And so if there had been an item  
2 about Mt. Everest ~~today~~ in the day's  
3 news I am sure the Captain would have  
4 selected it.

5           As it was he went through the  
6 news dispatches and came upon one which  
7 caught his imagination. It is a ~~an~~ United  
8 Press dispatch which states that the  
9 famous Rattle-Snake Dance of the Hopi  
10 Indians will not be held again. This  
11 wierd dance was held in a wild, <sup>remote corner</sup> ~~solitude~~  
12 ~~in~~ <sup>of</sup> the Arizona desert. The Hopis  
13 gathered hundreds of rattle-snakes and  
14 danced with them, twining the reptiles  
15 about them. Yet they were never bitten.

16           But now that wild rattle-snake  
17 dance won't be held again because  
18 Chief Harry Shu-Pel, High Priest of the  
19 Hopis has died. He held the secret of  
20 the rattle-snake dance and the secret  
21 has died with him.

22           It was the tradition of the Hopis  
23 that certain mysterious knowledge was  
24 necessary for the rattle-snake dance and  
25 that knowledge was the possession only

1 of the High Priest, who passed it on  
2 to his blood-brother. ¶ For generations  
3 the secret was transferred from one  
4 High Priest to another and Chief Harry  
5 Shu-Pel was the last of these. He had  
6 no blood-brother--no one to whom he could  
7 give the mysterious word. The dance was  
8 held once a year, but this year there  
9 will be no rattle-snake dance out there  
10 in the wilds of the Arizona desert.

11 *And thus another milestone is*  
12 *passed in the history of a vanishing*  
13 *race — the Redman.*

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1           Let's begin this item with a  
2 few exclamations. - OUCH! STOP YOUR  
3 SHOVING! CRASH, BANG - GET OFF MY  
4 BUNIONS, YOU LUMMOX! HELP!! POLICE!!!

5           What's all the shouting about?  
6 Well, five thousand women staged a riot  
7 in Brooklyn. And when 5,000 women start  
8 anything they generally do it up brown.

9           The reason for the riot?  
10 A bargain sale, of course. A store  
11 advertised a sale of dresses, red  
12 chiffons, black velvets, pink satins,  
13 and so on -- at a dollar a piece! No  
14 wonder there was a riot. The women came  
15 flocking to buy those dollar dresses.  
16 They tied up the traffic and the auto-  
17 mobiles couldn't get by. They smashed  
18 plate glass windows and trampled upon  
19 each other.

20           The New York Evening Post  
21 informs us that ten were injured.  
22 Ambulances came clanging. It took the  
23 police three hours to make the ladies  
24 stop shoving. The store was wrecked.  
25 All because of the simple announcement:  
"Dresses for a dollar."



GERMANY

Well, the word DIS-ARMAMENT should have a peaceful sound. It should be a word that turneth away wrath. When we utter the word dis-armament it should be a cooing sound, like the Dove of Peace cooing a message of peace and good-will. And so it is rather distressing to hear the word spoken with a harsh and un-musical tone -- as in the following:

"Dis-armament --- Donne Vetter --- The French have promised to dis-arm, but they have more regiments and big guns than ever. If they have a big army Germany should be allowed to have a big army, too. Nicht Wahr?"

The German Minister of Defense was talking in the Reichstag. He said that if France doesn't cut down her military forces, Germany is going to build a big army of her own.

The New York Evening Post points out that for the first time a responsible Minister of the German Government has used an aggressive tone and that apparently the days of German submission and meekness are over.

Well, as I said before, it is sad to hear the peaceful word DIS-ARMAMENT uttered in such a rough and war-like way.

1                   And talking about naval  
2 treaties -- (which we have done  
3 frequently of late) -- the latest naval  
4 treaty to be signed is between Turkey  
5 and Russia.

6                   One interesting angle to the  
7 thing is that neither nation has a battle  
8 fleet big enough to scare anybody. But  
9 all the same, Turkey and Russia have  
10 agreed to limit their naval armaments and  
11 according to the Associated Press a  
12 treaty signed by Turkish and Russian  
13 delegates was published today.

14                   Both agree not to put any more  
15 warships into service in the Black Sea.  
16 Or practically that. Because if either  
17 country should decide to increase its  
18 Black Sea fleet, it must give the other  
19 six months advance warning.

20                   This arrangement, by the way,  
21 is similar to a naval treaty that Turkey  
22 made with Greece sometime ago.

23                   So it looks as though there  
24 won't be any naval race on the Black Sea  
25 and all will be serene from the Golden  
Horn to Trebizond.

1 Now comes a pleasant word -  
2 JAIL, J-A-I-L, JAIL. At least it's  
3 pleasant for those fourteen men on  
4 trial over in Moscow. They are accused  
5 of counter - revolution, of plotting  
6 against the Soviet Government.

7 [The Bolsheviks are usually  
8 inclined to be free and easy with death-  
9 sentences, and so the fourteen prisoners  
10 are glad enough to get sentences of  
11 nothing more than a number of years in  
12 J-A-I-L, jail.

13 The Associated Press states  
14 that they have been sentenced to prison  
15 terms, none of them more than ten  
16 years.

17 Having got that trial off their  
18 minds, the Bolsheviks are sending a  
19 ship to the United States. <sup>That ship is</sup> ~~the~~ loaded  
20 with lumber. <sup>It</sup> ~~the vessel~~ will sail from  
21 Leningrad on Friday and is bound for  
22 New York. The United States government  
23 has declared an embargo on lumber from  
24 Communist Russia on the grounds that it  
25 is produced by forced labor.

1 According to the Associated Press  
2 the lumber ship is sailing for the  
3 purpose of testing the American law.

4 Meanwhile at the All-Union-  
5 Congress of Soviets in Moscow loud  
6 warnings were issued. The Communist  
7 leaders announced <sup>to</sup> the nations <sup>of the Earth -</sup> ~~that~~  
8 ~~were~~ <sup>particularly to the ones that are</sup> putting into force trade  
9 restrictions against Russia, ~~and said~~  
10 that Soviet Russia ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> find ways to  
11 retaliate.

12 The statement was <sup>(also made in Moscow)</sup> ~~made~~ (that  
13 only 60,000 prisoners ~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> being forced  
14 to work in the lumber district in  
15 Northern Russia, while one million  
16 free laborers were on the job in those  
17 parts.

18 That Congress of Soviets is  
19 taking up a plan to ~~xxxx~~ mobilize  
20 women all over Russia for industrial  
21 purposes. The idea is to take one  
22 million six hundred thousand wives  
23 and daughters who are now engaged with  
24 their domestic duties, and put them  
25 into the factories.

1 According to the United Press  
 2 another part of the program is to  
 3 intensify anti-religious education.  
 4 New kindergartens and grammar schools  
 5 are to be organized for the purpose of  
 6 teaching atheism to the children of  
 7 Russia. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

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1 All day yesterday the earth  
2 shook and trembled in Macedonia. The  
3 earthquakes I mentioned the other evening  
4 as having occurred in the southern part  
5 of the Balkan Peninsula have been  
6 continuing. The worst of the tremblers  
7 was felt in Macedonia, the land of  
8 Alexander the Great, of centuries of  
9 warfare and of eternal feuds and  
10 fighting.

11 Thirty distinct shocks were  
12 felt.

13 In summing up the damage  
14 reported thus far the United Press states  
15 that many towns and villages were wrecked.  
16 Just how many the dispatch doesn't say; at  
17 any rate 150 people have lost their lives.

18 In some places the shaking of  
19 the earth caused volcanic springs to spout  
20 from the ground. In others, according to  
21 the International News Service, yawning  
22 cavities appeared - giant cracks in the  
23 earth that sucked up small rivers. Whole  
24 hills got loose from their moorings and  
25 moved from their base. Telephone and  
telegraph communications have broken down  
completely in some localities.

Around the world from the troubled Balkans there was an earth-quake in Japan. Immense damage is reported on Hokkido Island. Japan was the scene of another mis-hap. It wasn't important, but it was unusual and odd.

Near Tokio thousands of people were watching a series of air maneuvers. The planes were streaking through the sky and staging miniature battles in the air.

One formation of planes gave an exhibition of how to lay down a smoke screen. The speeding machines sprayed chemicals into the air - chemicals that generated clouds of smoke. But some of the chemicals came streaming down in liquid form - right among the spectators on the ground. Drops fell on up-turned faces, hands and clothes. Drops of burning, searing acid and hundreds of people ~~xx~~ were burned, not badly, but just enough to startle and frighten them. No, it wouldn't be much fun to have fiery vitriol drizzling down on you from the sky. Even old Chief Rain-in-the-Face wouldn't have liked that.

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Yes, folks, they've got a new President in Peru. They've been having new Presidents down there, one after another. This newest chief executive is Lieutenant Colonel Ocampto. According to the Associated Press the political factions at Lima have come to an agreement with the Republics in Southern Peru and have decided upon Colonel Ocampto as a compromise candidate for the job of provisional President. Peace has been declared and it is announced that general elections will be held at once for the purpose of establishing an orderly Constitutional Government in Peru.

*Yes, Peru has another President.*



1 I'm one of those people who take  
2 particular pleasure in the slip ups that  
3 the printer makes once in a while. I was  
4 a printer's devil once myself on a small  
5 town paper and did a bit of type setting  
6 too. And some of the slips I made were  
7 classics. I wish I could remember them.

8 Anyway, the Literary Digest has a  
9 weekly column called SLIPS THAT PASS IN  
10 THE NIGHT, slips that the printers make.

11 This week the Digest gives us one  
12 that is certainly the most cockeyed  
13 example of muddled type that I've seen in  
14 a long time. This bawled up masterpiece  
15 reads as follows:

16 Mrs. E----- is moving her  
17 furniture from the Austin Clark property,  
18 known as the Pond Place, which she has  
19 rented for the past few years to the Pond  
20 Place, which she has rented for the past  
21 few years to the Perkins place, which she  
22 has rented for the past few years to the  
23 Perkins place in Lyme Street, Kilch she  
24 purchased last spring.

END

I have a letter here from Clifton Bertholf, of Morristown, New Jersey, who suggests that in addition to saying SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW, I should also say ABYSSINIA.

I thought that was funny. Why Abyssinia? Why not, just as well, Afghanistan, Timbuk-Too, Somali Land, or Azerbaijan? But Clifton explains at the bottom of the note that ABYSSINIA is just another way of saying "I'LL-BE-SEEIN-YA".

Well, I wonder how many more ideas like that there are in the world. However, I suppose I might as well follow the suggestion and say

ABYSSINIA AND SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.