

WEATHER

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Good Evening, Everybody!

1 I wonder what this bit of news
2 means? Captain Renaud of the liner
3 Santa Maria which has just arrived from
4 the West Coast of South America,
5 reports that birds and fish are on their
6 way north.

7 The New York Evening Post tells
8 us that other ~~XXXXXX~~ voyagers from the
9 South confirm this and ^{declare} ~~say~~ that the *annual*
10 migration of the wild creatures of the
11 sky and the sea has begun already - that *is to*
12 ^{say} ~~is~~ a good deal earlier than usual.
13 Flocks of wild geese and ducks and other
14 migratory birds have been seen on their
15 way north, and porpoises have followed
16 ships much farther ~~to the~~ north than
17 they usually do at this time of ~~the~~
18 year.

19 Well, I wonder whether that
20 means that we will have an early spring?
21 In other words, are the migrations of
22 the birds and the fish any kind of a
23 weather forecast? *I wonder.*
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1 Now for a little excitement, ~~lets~~
2 ~~have the~~^a story of a desperate manhunt
3 down in Memphis, Tennessee.

4 The telephone rang at police
5 headquarters, and a woman's voice said:

6 "My husband is missing. ^{Dear me,} I'm afraid
7 something has happened to him. ^{Oh, oh,} Won't
8 you try to find him?"

9 The lady was a Mrs. McDowell, and
10 the police said they would do everything
11 they could to find Mr. McDowell. And
12 that started the manhunt. According to
13 the Associated Press, ~~it~~ it went on all
14 over the city. The police did their
15 best. They were spurred on by repeated
16 demands from Mrs. McDowell: ^{"Oh oh, why don't you} ~~Why didn't~~
17 ~~they do something? Why didn't they find~~
18 ~~her husband?~~ ^{find him?"}

19 Well, those Memphis cops did their
20 best. They looked high and low, and far
21 and wide. But they couldn't find the
22 missing man.

23 Then a newspaper reporter found
24 Mr. McDowell. And where did he find
25 him? Why, in the local jail attached ^{right} to

1 the police station. The missing man
2 had been locked up the night before.
3 And so the Memphis police are on that
4 manhunt no longer. ~~They're now~~
5 ~~hunting an explanation.~~ And what Mrs.
6 Mc Dowell will say to Mr. Mc Dowell when
7 he gets home will probably be plenty.
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1 It's curious to watch how the news
2 breaks day after day. Sometimes it's
3 all American, nearly every dispatch
4 coming from some part of the United
5 States. ~~One evening after another~~ ^{Night after night} I've
6 come up here with scarcely a foreign
7 item in my sheaf of dispatches.

8 Tonight, though, most of the ^{important} news
9 ~~have here~~ is from abroad. Things ^{seem to} ~~are~~
10 ^{be} happening in other parts of the world,
11 while Uncle Sam is all quiet and serene.

INDIA

For instance let's see what's going on over in India.

Let's see what has happened as a result of the release of Gandhi.

Well, first of all The Mahatma says it isn't enough for the British only to let him and other leaders of the Nationalist party out of jail. Gandhi says they should release all of the thousands of political prisoners that have been put in jail since the beginning of the non-violent rebellion. Gandhi added, according to the United Press, that he was for peace with honor.

And talking about jail, the Mahatma said he fully expected to be back in jail within three months. He predicts that John Bull will have plenty of reason to lock him up again, and that doesn't sound very promising, does it?

When Gandhi arrived in Bombay from the prison at Poona, he was accorded an immense ovation. For hours a wild vast multitude choked the streets from the Apollo Bundar to Malabar Hill cheering the little brown man in the

1 loin cloth. He begged them to disperse
2 and go home, saying that he was tired,
3 and several of his disciples placed
4 the frail ninety-six pound Mahatma
5 on their shoulders and carried him
6 into a house.

7 Well, for the ^{coming} ~~next~~ few days at
8 least the rest of the world will be
9 waiting, and wondering * what next from
10 India.

11 And here's a later ^{dispatch.} ~~flash~~ from The
12 International News Service ^{cables} ~~which states~~
13 that right after Ghandi was released a
14 wild battle broke out in the town of
15 Begu Sari in the Province of Orissa, ^{in Central}
16 A mob of 10,000 people fought the police, ^{India.}
17 ~~There was made and savage disorders. The~~
18 ^{who finally} ~~police~~ opened fire. ~~upon the mob,~~ 5 were
19 killed and 8 ~~were~~ wounded.

Now for a stock market note - I mean the market in wild animals.

Over in London there are regular quotations on lions, tigers, elephants and rhinos. Just at present, the New York Evening Post tells us, the bears have forced down the lions. That is to say, that bearish prices prevail in the lion market. The king of beasts brings the ignoble sum of \$250, and wouldn't the old boy roar if he knew that?

The bears have also raised Cain with the tigers. Old Master Stripes is worth only \$500., and the bears have even taken a swipe at themselves. The market for bears is bearish too. Only the polar bears are at all bullish. The price of those big white fellows remains steady.

The bulls are bulling the elephants. There's a steady demand for good grade transport elephants and the price remains steady at about \$3,000 per.

Giraffes too are bullish. A first rate giraffe with a long enough neck will bring \$2500.

But it's the rhinoceros that the bulls are bulling the

most. There is a strong demand for Indian rhinos, but the Maharajahs of India have cornered the market. They own nearly all the Indian rhinos in captivity, and a good husky fellow with a big horn and a bad temper, armor plate and all, is worth \$5,000. F. O. B. India.

They say there is a slow steady movement in turtles - well you wouldn't expect turtles to gallop along like jack rabbits. You can get give dollars a pound for big tortoises; and large snakes are going ~~in~~ at fifteen dollars a foot.

Well, we'll all have to watch the ticker tape and maybe we'll be able to pick up a good buy in hippos preferred. The bulls are liable to start to work on the tigers; and giraffes common may stretch its neck and go right on up. The bears can't go on forever bearing the bears, and when the market breaks we may be able to pick up a few thousand feet of snakes or horn in on that corner in rhinos.

1 Let's see. Here's something about
2 aviation--about the longest air route in
3 the world, ^{from} Berlin to Shanghai.

4 The German Lufthansa, the big
5 German airplane service, has nearly
6 concluded negotiations for a tremendous
7 sky ^{oo} route across Russia and Siberia and
8 then across China. The International
9 News Service informs us that everything
10 has been arranged with the Soviet
11 government for the Russian part of the
12 line, and that negotiations are almost
13 complete with the Chinese government.

14 Well, those Germans are tackling
15 the problem of air transportation in a
16 big way. A couple of years ago I made a
17 25,000 mile sky journey in Europe, and
18 most of it was along those marvelous
19 German air lines which connect the big
20 German cities with each other ~~and~~ and
21 with Russia, Scandanivia, and other
22 countries.

23 I remember one vivid experience,
24 and it has something to do with music.
25 I think I've slept through as many operas

1 as most men, especially long operas like
2 Lohengrin ~~and~~ ^{and} Tannhauser. The great
3 composer Wagner has been a source of
4 considerable pleasant slumber for me.

5 Well, we were flying in one of
6 those big German planes across Thoringia,
7 and we were caught in a blinding fog.
8 The pilot lost his way, and the next
9 thing we knew we saw the side of a
10 mountain right in front of us. It looked
11 as though we couldn't miss crashing into
12 it. ^{Boy, my heart was in my mouth.} But the pilot made a sudden
13 startling bank, swung up and around, and
14 we were clear, ^{our wheels almost nipping the treetops}
15 ^{as we spun round.}

16 But we were still lost, and all
17 around us were those mountains. For
18 hours it seemed the pilot turned this
19 way and that trying to find a way out of
20 the mist. To me it was just one long
21 torture, because I knew there were
22 mountains all around that we might hit.

23 Then the fog opened for a brief
24 space and below we saw a town and a
25 beautiful, ornate building. And then I
knew we were safe, with a good landing

1 field ^{not far away.} ~~right~~ ~~at hand~~. Because I recognized
2 that building. It was ~~the composer~~
3 Wagner's famous theatre at Bayreuth which
4 he built and which is devoted to the
5 performance of his operas. And it was
6 like the most welcome beacon any storm-
7 tossed sailor ever saw.

8 And right there I felt a slight
9 remorse for all those ^{half hour} ~~minutes~~ I had
10 slept during performances of Wagner's
11 works, and I resolved the next time I
12 went to Lohengrin I wouldn't even wink
13 with one eye.

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1 The new French Government was
2 sworn in today, and ~~there is a real kick~~
3 ~~in this story~~. The new Premier, Senator
4 Laval, took his newly selected cabinet
5 ministers to call upon the president of
6 the republic this morning, and after
7 that they were formally inducted into
8 office.

9 Now here's the one particularly
10 interesting thing about this new French
11 Ministry.

12 According to the Associated
13 Press, the under-secretary of colonies
14 is a negro. He is the deputy from
15 Senegal, West Africa. This is ~~xxx~~ said
16 to be the first time that France has ever
17 had a negro as a minister of her
18 Government. In fact, the first time a
19 negro has ever risen to this position
20 in modern Europe. (5)

21 Well, France is having its
22 usual political troubles. The Chamber
23 of Deputies is split up into so many
24 parts that it's difficult for the
25 Premier and his cabinet to keep a

1 majority together. Senator Laval has
2 managed to get a majority of the Deputies
3 lined up to support him, but there
4 are powerful elements against him, and
5 the new cabinet may have tough sledding.

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1 Here's ^{a bit} ~~some~~ more about that Secret
2 Civil War I mentioned last night.

3 There was a pitched battle in the
4 town of Geesthachk, Germany. The Fascists
5 and the Communists went at each other.
6 The fighting began when 200 Communist
7 storm troops tried to break up a Fascist
8 meeting. The Communists started in by
9 firing revolvers. The Fascists
10 barricaded themselves and replied shot
11 for shot. ~~According to the International~~
12 ~~News Service, one man was killed and 25~~
13 ~~were wounded before the~~ ~~police~~ arrived.
14 ~~in force and stopped the trouble.~~

15 The German authorities call the
16 situation Secret Civil War. But with
17 ^{and casualties} gunfire like that, the secret seems to
18 be coming ^{into the open.} ~~out into the open~~
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1 Let's pass on to a brief note
2 about royalty, ~~and it's all very curious~~
3 ~~In the first place,~~ It concerns a strange
4 and romantic potentate, King Zog, of
5 Albania. He is on his way to Vienna,
6 to enter a hospital there. The King
7 is sick. The New York Evening Post
8 tells us that the ~~x~~ trouble with his
9 majesty is that he has been smoking too
10 many ^{of those strong Albanian} cigarettes.

11 He is the monarch of a rugged
12 land of fierce mountaineers and it is
13 said that each of eight hundred hard ^{bitten}
14 ~~fighting~~ tribesmen has taken an
15 individual oath to kill King Zog. As
16 a result he has been staying strictly
17 inside ~~at~~ his heavily guarded palace,
18 and there they say he has been smoking
19 an average of more than a hundred ^{Albanian}
20 cigarettes a day. They ^{have} hurt his throat
21 and the royal Albanian doctors ~~xxx~~ ^{have} told
22 King Zog that he ^{is} ~~was~~ in danger of
23 going dumb. He may lose his power of
24 speech, and be unable to utter another
25 royal command.

1 So his Albanian Majesty is
2 on his way to Vienna to let the doctors
3 see what they can do about his
4 cigarette tenor . I suppose the
5 principal job the docs will have is
6 to make the King stop smoking, *or make*
7 *him change his brand.*

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LETTER - COLORS

I've a letter here that is both romantic and colorful. It's about a series of romances, that is marriages. And it's got quite a few colors of the rainbow in it.

The first color is a deep red, because the letter is from Oscar Scarlet, of Hyde Villa, Pennsylvania. He tells me that one of his aunts, a Miss Scarlet, married a Mr. Brown. Another Aunt Scarlet married a Mr. Pinkney. Mr. Scarlet's sister was courted by Johnnie White, but she married Harry Black. And when Mr. Scarlet's brother married a Miss Green, the local newspaper wags said that the bride turned from Green to Scarlet.

Well, I hope that rainbow family have named their children in a similar colorful way. For instance, Violet Scarlet, or Olive Brown, or Rosie Scarlet Black.

1 Ever since I can remember, one of
2 my ambitions has been to visit the
3 patent office in Washington, and I am
4 ~~am~~ ashamed to say that I have never
5 realized it.

6 When people visit the Patent Office
7 I wonder what invention on exhibition
8 interests them most? What's your guess?
9 Well, it's an invention that has never
10 been of practical use. It's a contraption
11 invented and patented by Abraham Lincoln.

12 Twice in his life Lincoln helped
13 pilot flat boats down the Mississippi
14 River to New Orleans. Sometimes he saw
15 boats stuck on sand bars--so he invented
16 a queer gadget fitted with huge bellows.
17 The idea being to buoy up stranded
18 boats.

19 Lincoln was so interested in
20 inventions that he once prepared a
21 lecture on that subject, and I believe
22 Lincoln would have thoroughly enjoyed
23 reading an article that I saw on page 20
24 of this week's Literary Digest--I mean
25 the January 24th issue. It's the story of

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1 how the Telephone Company is spending
2 nineteen million dollars a year just to
3 invent new devices and improve old ~~ix~~
4 ones. Several thousand people spend
5 their time doing nothing else but
6 this experimental work, and this week's
7 Digest tells of the marvels they are
8 ~~x~~ creating.

9 For instance, they have invented
10 an artificial larynx to enable people
11 to speak even though their vocal ~~CORDS~~
12 cords are paralyzed. They have
13 invented a weird thing called a
14 Talking Light.

15 But strangest of all, they
16 have figured out a way by which you can
17 scramble your words, telephone them
18 across the Atlantic and have them come
19 out unscrambled at the other end.

20 Well, that sounds like a good
21 idea, and you never can tell. Maybe the
22 time will come when we can talk scrambled
23 words into the microphone and have them
24 all untangled when they come out of
25 your loud speaker.

Maybe I'll be able to say: --- Pahuchah, Oshkosh,
Kankakee, Hoboken, Kokomo, Walla Walla, Podunk, into the mike
at this end and have it unscramble itself as it goes bouncing
over the ether so that when it reaches you it will say what I
must say now - which is:

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.