

COW_BATTLE

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1 Warlike scenes were witnessed
2 today in Cedar County, Iowa. The
3 National Guard was mobilized in the town
4 of Tipton, all ready for the big cow-
5 battle. Yes, all this military activity
6 has to do with cows.

7 In fact, something of a cow-
8 battle has already been staged. Two
9 hundred farmers gathered in embattled
10 array, and they stood off, repelled, and
11 otherwise defeated a force of ~~1000~~
12 deputy sheriffs and veterinarians. The
13 sheriffs and the horse-doctors -- or maybe
14 I should say the cow-doctors -- retreated
15 in some disorder.

16 The Associated Press explains
17 the trouble by mentioning the bovine
18 tuberculin test law. That law specifies
19 that farmers' milk cattle shall be tested
20 for tubercular ailments. The farmers *out there*
21 don't like the system, and for some time
22 there have been disturbances when the *official*
23 cow-~~doctors~~ ^{experts} came around.

24 The trouble ~~about the cows~~ has
25 become so acute that the Governor has

1 ordered the National Guard into Cedar
2 County to enforce the law and support
3 the cow-doctors with bullets, bayonets,
4 and machine guns.

5 Meanwhile, the farmers are
6 uttering ■ringing words of defiance:

7 "They may lick us here," declared
8 J. W. Lenker, one of their leaders.

9 "They may test cattle in Cedar County,
10 but they will have to take the militia
11 to every county in the state."

12 The United Press describes how Ed
13 Scapil appeared before a gathering of
14 fellow indignant farmers on a street
15 corner. Ed had a calf along with him,
16 and that calf had a white spot on its
17 face. Ed said that that white spot was
18 there because the mother of the calf had
19 received the tuberculine test, ~~to~~ and the
20 ~~declared that the test was causing the~~^{which had}
21 calf ~~to be~~^{was} under-developed.

22 And right there a small but
23 rousing protest meeting was held.

24 I don't know what the cows have
25 to say about it. I suppose they're just
chewing the cud the way contented cows do.

1 This was voting day in Detroit -
2 that is, voting day for the American
3 Legion. The veterans at the convention
4 decided on two important questions before
5 them. One was the bonus. And the boys
6 ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{voted} to support President Hoover. They
7 decided not to press their claim for an
8 immediate payment of the money still due
9 on the bonus. President Hoover had
10 appeared before the convention and ~~xxxxxx~~
11 appealed to the legionaires not to make
12 any further demands on the Federal Treasury.
13 And today the Legion decided to follow
14 the President's advice. The vote was
15 1902 against immediate bonus money and
16 507 for the proposal.

17 On the subject of prohibition
18 the ^{American} Legion voted today to ask Congress
19 to ~~xxxxxx~~ submit the whole matter to the
20 people. In other words, the Legion is for
21 a referendum ~~on~~ prohibition.

22 Then came the election of a
23 new national commander. Henry L. ~~xx~~
24 Stevens of North Carolina was chosen. The
25 International News Service describes him

1 as a rugged country lawyer who served
2 as a second lieutenant during the war.
3 He is said to be one of the greatest
4 orators of the South, which as we all
5 know is a land of eloquence.
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1 It looks as if Columbus were
2 going to discover America again. At
3 least we'll have a vivid reminder of that
4 event which happened in 1492.

5 The Spanish government today
6 ordered a modern reproduction of ~~that~~
7 Columbus' flagship, the Santa Maria, to
8 get ready to cross the broad Atlantic
9 and make a tour of North and South
10 American ports.

11 The International News Service
12 explains ^{how} a replica of that historic
13 ~~event~~ Santa Maria, was built for an
14 exposition at Seville. And this is the
15 craft which is to ^{re-enact} ~~re-produce~~ the voyage
16 of the original Santa Maria.

17 It will be a sight to stir the
18 imagination to see that quaint, ~~old~~
19 old-fashioned caravel approaching the
20 shores of the Western world, ^{even if the}
21 Admiral of the Indies, Christopher Columbus,
22 is not on board, and surely one of their
23 stops will be San Salvador.
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1 At Geneva, today, China presented
2 to the League of Nations a complete
3 acceptance of the League's proposal that
4 both China and Japan put a stop to the
5 use of military force in ^{that} a quarrel about
6 Manchuria. The Chinese want the League
7 to arbitrate the dispute.

8 And at Nanking the Nationalist
9 Government made a move that puts an end
10 to the civil war which has been going on
11 between the Nanking authorities and the
12 revolutionary group at Canton. The
13 proposals made by the Cantonese rebels was
14 accepted. The idea, comments the
15 International News Service, is for the
16 Chinese to sink their local differences
17 and present a united front against Japan.

1 Now comes an unusual bit of
2 news about Lin Bai. In Chinese that
3 means white woods. It also is the
4 Chinese way for pronouncing Lindbergh.

5 The celestials can't ~~get~~
6 nearer ~~than~~ that to pronouncing the
7 syllables of the famous flier's name.

8 Well, the gist of the story is
9 that Lin Bai has at last found a bit of
10 rest and relief from fame. Ever since
11 he made that celebrated lone flight from
12 New York to Paris, why the slender young
13 man has been pursued and pestered to
14 death by admirers. He could scarcely
15 appear in public without being mobbed.

16 But now it's different. The
17 Colonel is making a series of flights
18 in China to help the work of flood
19 relief. And he isn't being bothered.
20 crowds are not tramping on his trail.
21 The Chinese don't pay any attention to
22 him. Except for a few officials they
23 don't know who Lindbergh or Lin Bai
24 is. They never heard of him. On the
25 day the Colonel and his wife landed at

1 at Nanking the manager of the largest
2 hotel in the city asked who this Lin Bai
3 might be. Was he a Chinese or a
4 foreigner? I suppose that when they
5 told him that Lin Bai had flown across
6 the Atlantic Ocean he wanted to know
7 where the Atlantic Ocean was.

8 In any case Lin Bai and Mrs.
9 Lin Bai are just two more foreigners
10 so far as the Chinese are concerned.
11 And they say the famous couple are
12 thoroughly enjoying their temporary
13 relief from the burden and the tyranny
14 of fame.

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1 There seems to be a bit of
2 controversy as a result of that trip by
3 submarine amid ■ Arctic ice, ~~which was~~
4 made by Sir Hubert Wilkins.

5 Professor Sverdrup, a Norwegian^{gian} ~~scientist~~
6 scientist who accompanied the expedition,
7 declares that it will be impossible to
8 tow the submarine across the Atlantic,
9 back to the United States.

10 The last reports, as we are
11 reminded by the Associated Press, were
12 that the Nautilus was to be towed out to
13 sea and sunk. But apparently the United
14 States government says "No." The
15 Nautilus is a Navy submarine which was
16 lent to Sir Hubert Wilkins by the
17 authorities at Washington, who now
18 demand that Sir Hubert ~~should~~ deliver the
19 boat back to American shores, instead of
20 sinking it at sea.

21 Professor Sverdrup declares that
22 the Nautilus is ~~not~~ in such shape that
23 she is only fit to be sunk or broken up
24 for scrap. He adds that it will be
25 impossible to tow her across until next

1 summer and that even then she would
2 probably sink before she ^{reached America.} ~~got across the~~
3 ~~ATLANTIC.~~

4 The Professor was asked to tell
5 something about the cruise which the
6 Nautilus made under the ice. He answered
7 that he was bound to silence, but that he
8 could say that the trip had been ^{something} awful.

9 So, Sir Hubert may have a thrilling story
10 to tell.

McClelland
Barclay - cover
artist -

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I've a guest across the desk tonight who get's more out of life than almost anyone I know. When he was a young man he became a sailor and joined the famous Gloucester fishing fleet off Nova Scotia. Then he studied art. Today he is one of the best known artists in America. You see his covers on magazines every week. Sometimes he does his work on a romantic island in the West Indies - sometimes in Mexico - or up in Maine.

When a beauty contest is staged at Galveston or Atlantic City they send for him to act as a judge. That's because he paints such bewitchingly beautiful women.

His name is McClelland Barclay. Well, Mac, can you think of anything that might be included in that Book of Marvels the Literary Digest is bringing out?

FOR MR. BARCLAY

~~Well~~, Lowell, you know I come from St. Louis, and I've seen marvels out there as well as in foreign lands. For instance a cyclone hit St. Louis in 1896. It staged some freakish tricks. It blew out half of the walls of a building, leaving the furniture absolutely intact - even the coverings on the bed absolutely unruffled. It blew down our back fence at home, and left it in high waves like a scenic railway. It took the roof off of one house and set it on the top of another house which had lost its roof - and it fit so well that even the driving rain did not penetrate the interior.

But the world is full of marvels. Take sceining for a school of mackerel on a pitch black night. They do this off Nova Scotia. The schools are seen as a huge, green milky tone on top of the water, caused by their stirring up the phosphorous in the sea. The result is a mass of dull green light.

Another marvel to me is to watch the tiny creatures deep in the sea - like the sea horse which isn't even two inches long. You remember them Lowell. Remember that day down at Bermuda, when we all went deep sea diving with Will Beebe?

By the way did you ever see a rainbow in a snow storm - or a rainbow in the moonlight? Well, I saw that rainbow in a snow storm one day out in Detroit. Yes, there are a lot of things that ought to be included in that Literary Digest Book of Marvels.

And most marvelous of all is a beautiful woman.

GOVERNOR

Well, Mac, I thought you would pay a compliment to the ladies. Yes, you are right. They are the most marvelous of all. But, to get on with the news. It seems as though the plumed serpent might be chucked out of office - I mean the governor of the Mexican State of Lower California.

They say that Senor Carlos Trejo y Lerdo de Tejada has an odd taste for clothes and personal decoration. He appears in public in the funniest sort of masquerade get-up. They claim that on one occasion he appeared dressed so ridiculously that it reminded the people of the plumed serpent. Well, the plumed serpent is the old Aztec god Quetzalcoatl. Yes, that's a curious way for a governor to go around.

An Associated Press wire from Mexico City states that the Chamber of Deputies has requested the President to remove Senor Carlos Trejo y Lerdo de Tejada, alias the plumed serpent, from office. Several charges are specified.

One relates that the plumed serpent spend seven thousand dollars on a handsome public monument. Three days after the monument was unveiled it fell

1 apart. I suppose it must have been
2 rained on.

3 A second accusation relates how
4 the plumed serpent misused a large
5 amount of money that had been appropriated
6 for road construction. Instead of
7 constructing roads the governor is said
8 to have used the money to plant cactus
9 in Tiajuanna. I don't quite get the
10 point here, but it does seem odd to
11 plant cactus. And then there's that
12 peculiar masquerade. The Mexican Chamber
13 of Deputies declares that when Senor
14 Carlos Trejo y Lerdo de Tejada appeared
15 in public dressed up as the plumed
16 serpent, why, that was humiliation to
17 the people of Lower California.

18 Anyway, they seem to want to
19 make things hot for Senor Carlos Trejo
20 y Lerdo de Tejada, or in other words,
21 the plumed serpent, also the ancient
22 Aztec god, Quetzalcoatl, *Quetzal-Coahtil*,
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1 A bit of important business was
2 transacted today by the Tall Story Club.
3 The truth-telling brothers got together
4 and discussed a point of etiquette --
5 WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WHEN SOMEBODY TELLS
6 YOU A TALL STORY? It was unanimously
7 agreed that you shouldn't hit the tall-
8 story-teller on the head with a brick.
9 Nor is it entirely polite to reply,
10 "You're another."

11 The lerned specialists in the
12 elevated glories of the Great American
13 Whopper came to ^{the following} ~~this~~ decision: -- WHEN
14 SOMEBODY TELLS YOU A TALL STORY, WHY
15 YOU SHOULD RESPOND WITH SOMETHING STILL
16 TALLER, IF POSSIBLE.

17 As an example of what is
18 recommended by the Tall Book of Etiquette,
19 Professor W. H. Grosjean, a New York
20 French instructor, tells us ~~what happened~~
21 ~~one day when somebody told a tall one to~~
22 ~~a Gascon. Readers of "The Three~~
23 ~~Musketeers" will recall that the Gascons~~
24 ~~are famous for their devotion to the~~
25 ~~Great French Whopper.~~

1 *how* ~~Anyway~~, somebody was telling ~~the~~
 2 ~~Gascon~~ a fish story:

3 "Where I come from," he said,
 4 "there isn't any need of using hooks and
 5 lines when you go fishing. There are so
 6 many fish in the rivers that when you want
 7 to get a pail of water you have to push
 8 the fish aside so that you can get ~~in~~
 9 at the water."

10 "Well that's nothing," responded
 11 *another chap,* ~~the Gascon~~, "where I come from there ~~is~~ *are*
 12 so many fish in the rivers that there's
 13 no water left."

14 At this point a loud voice was
 15 heard, a voice with a rich Italian accent.
 16 Yes sir, it was none other than Cesare
 17 Antonio Moneta, the culinary expert of
 18 Mulberry Street. ~~Brother~~ Brother Moneta is
 19 a devotee of the Great Italian Whopper,
 20 and when he begins to tell them tall his
 21 patrons choke on their spaghetti.

22 Signor Moneta told how over in
 23 Italy one chap was telling another how
 24 big the ~~the~~ cabbages grew on his father's
 25 farm:

"Oh yes," he said, "my father grew a cabbage so big that the cows ate at it for two days and only consumed one leaf.

It's so big that Mussolini thought it was the dome of St. Peters."

"Yes, that sounds like a big cabbage," responded the other chap, "and you'd better have your father bring it around to my father's place. My father has the pot to cook it in."

And now in honor of the great Italian whopper I think

I'll say:-

Addio sino domain, or in other words,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.