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4 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

5 Today was a day of solemn
6 observance all over the world.

7 Good Friday always is.

8 Churches everywhere on this
9 Continent held special services in
10 commemoration of the crucifixion. In
11 New York, the New York Evening Sun
12 reminds us that the bells in most of
13 the Protestant churches were tolled
14 33 times to denote the 33 years in the
15 life of the Saviour. The bells of the
16 Catholic churches were silent as they
17 always are on Good Friday.

18 In Rome there were stately
19 ceremonies. According to the Associated
20 Press, the city was silent, the streets
21 were deserted. *In Jerusalem, in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre
and also at Bethlehem, scenes of age-old pity were
enacted by priests of many lands.*

22 In London, ~~too~~, nearly all
23 activities were at a stand-still.

24 In France they have a pretty
25 legend for Good Friday. On the day of

1 the crucifixion the church bells were
2 silent and so according to the United
3 Press, the old story runs that on Good
4 Friday the bells all fly to Rome and
5 don't return until Easter and then they
6 are filled with chocolates and bon-bons
7 for the children.

8 There is no day more
9 surrounded with stately, ^{sombre} ritual and
10 quaint old legends than Good Friday.

ROCKNE

A final high honor is to be paid to the memory of Knute Rockne by the land of his birth. King Haakon, of Norway, has informed the Norwegian Consul at Chicago that he will bestow a knighthood upon the great football coach who has gone. The Associated Press informs us that the knighthood will be bestowed some time within the next six months.

Meanwhile, according to the United Press, the investigations to the causes of the crash in which Rockne was killed bring no definite result. Just what caused the accident is not known, but some believe that it was a case of a bit of ice breaking one of propellers.

1 This next bit of news is of a kind
2 that usually causes uneasiness and alarm
3 along the Mississippi River. This time,
4 however, it's greeted with nothing but
5 rejoicing.

6 According to ~~the~~ Associated Press,
7 Old Man River is rising. The waters of
8 Father Mississippi are creeping up.
9 And that usually signifies the danger
10 of floods with the water surging down
11 over flats and raising general Cain.
12 This time the rise merely means that Old
13 Man River is being himself once more.
14 That is, the Mississippi has been looking
15 something like a creek of late as a
16 result of the drought.

17 But now, ~~and~~ as the snows are melting
18 in the north, the water is coming down,
19 and ^{the Mississippi is} ~~it is~~ regaining its old majesty as
20 the Father of Waters. And that brings
21 great rejoicing, because the river,
22 at its lowest level in years, was one
23 mass of ~~broken~~ shoals and sandbars. ^{all of} ~~and~~
24 ^{which} ~~that~~ greatly impeded boats and barges.
25 But now the water is deep again, and the

1 old Mississippi River captains and mates
2 are rejoicing.

3 And, so is most everybody along the
4 banks of Old Man River.

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6 system of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, has
7 made a close study of the two groups of
8 school children listed as "bright" and
9 "dull". And he finds that the
10 classification doesn't mean anything much.

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12 Post, the doctor studied the children
13 classed as "bright", and found that
14 25 per cent of them were really dull.
15 Among those classed as "dull", he found
16 35 per cent of them were really bright.

17 It's largely a matter of the gift
18 of gab, says the doctor. Children who
19 are really dull but who can talk a little
20 more readily than others are classed as
21 "bright". While equally intelligent
22 youngsters who're just a bit slow of
23 speech are marked down as "dull".

24 His conclusion is that, as between
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1 Let's go on to a bit of good cheer
2 for little Johnny and Mary who don't do
3 so well in school. It appears that they're
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18 rid of the jail. And so he set fire
19 to the building and burned it to the
20 ground. And the citizens applauded.
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23 down, six tough vagrants stroled into
24 Coralville and proceeded to get rowdy
25 and rambunctious. They were arrested for

1 Well, if any of you folks have a
2 nice, first ~~and~~ class jail to sell, a
3 hoosegow in good condition and ~~first class~~
4 working order--why, I imagine here's a
5 chance to make a sale.

6 The town of Coralville, Iowa, is
7 badly in need of a good strong cooler.
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25 and rambunctious. They were arrested for

1 disorderly conduct. But there was no
2 jail to put them in. The deputy sheriffs
3 had to take them over to Iowa City
4 where they have quite a first class
5 hoosegow.

6 And so, as I said before, if you
7 happen to have a cooler well equipped
8 with locks and bars--why you may find
9 the town of Coralville, Iowa, a ready
10 customer.

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CAPONE

By the way, talking about jails and vagrants, Scarface Al Capone was found not guilty of vagrancy out in Chicago today.

That is, the United Press wires that the charges against him were dismissed, because the prosecution found it impossible to prove that the big shot of Chicago gangdom was a hobo, bum, mendicant, or in other words, a vag.

Just as I was coming into the studio the International News Service and the Associated Press both flashed me the news that Leo V. Brothers was this afternoon found guilty of the murder of Jake Lingle the Chicago reporter. Brothers was sentenced to 14 years in prison.

1 No, this next item is not
2 political news nor anything
3 anti-patriotic--although it does say
4 that the American eagle is being tamed.
5 Captain C. W. R. Knight is an
6 Englishman who has devoted his life to
7 the study of eagles. He has observed
8 and made motion pictures of the life
9 of the great bird of prey. He also
10 tames eagles. His constant companion
11 is a golden-headed ^{European} eagle named Mr.
12 Ramshaw. Some of you may recall that *one*
13 *evening* I told about this same large bird,
14 Mr. Ramshaw, ~~one evening.~~
15 ^{according to the Int. Nat. News Service,}
16 But now, [^] Captain Knight is
17 tackling a harder proposition. He is
18 taming an American eagle,--the old
19 familiar bald-headed bird that is the
20 symbol of our country. The American
21 eagle is one of the toughest birds of
22 his species. He is a regular,
23 hard-boiled egg among the feathery
24 crew. He has never been tamed but
25 Captain Knight is sure he can do it.
In today's New York Evening

1 Post, ~~Louis~~ Sherwin, the Roving Reporter,
2 tells of an interview he had with
3 Captain Knight and ~~the~~^{his} American eagle,
4 ~~that he is trying to tame.~~ The interview
5 took place in a hotel room and the bird,
6 says Louis, raised a constant uproar
7 of wild protest. What is it that makes
8 the American eagle scream? Well, Louis
9 answers that one. He says that to be
10 dragged from the precincts of a
11 restricted but picturesque zoo to the
12 drab atmosphere of an eminently ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~
13 respectable and eminently dreary
14 side-street hotel would be a shock to
15 a human-being, let alone a bird.

16 Yes sir, I agree with that.

17 It certainly is enough to make the
18 American eagle scream. ~~But~~ this big bald
19 eagle is being taken to England. He sails
20 tomorrow with Captain Knight. The captain
21 is going to try to tame him and use him for
22 falconry — a thing never before
23 attempted with an American eagle,
24 and maybe it won't work.

DIGEST--HOOVER

The word -- economy -- figures prominently in this next dispatch. That word used to be associated with the name of Coolidge. In fact, the two terms were sort of married -- Coolidge-Economy. But now it seems to be ~~xxx~~ changing - changing to Hoover-Economy.

A big slash in government expenditures is promised.

The reason why the government is 'going Scotch' is simple. The treasury faces a deficit. With the 1932 election in the offing the administration does not want to raise more money by increasing taxes. The other alternative is to cut down expenses.

Uncle Sam's financial situation has

1 been the subject of a flood of recent
2 news items, which, when put together and
3 systematized, tells a great deal. Well,
4 that job of putting together and
5 systematizing is accomplished in the
6 new Literary Digest, the April 4th
7 number. ~~which came out today.~~ The leading
8 article is entitled--UNCLE SAM IN THE
9 RED. The Digest editors ~~■~~ sum up the
10 situation as a whole and put the facts
11 right next to each other where they
12 mean something.

13 We've all been hearing that income
14 tax returns have fallen off. For the
15 first quarter of last year income tax
16 payers handed over to the treasury a
17 total of \$559,000,000, which is plenty
18 of shekels. Of course it was expected
19 that the figure for the first quarter
20 of this year would be considerably less.
21 It was estimated that the income tax
22 total would be about ~~■~~ 425 millions.
23 Then that estimate was revised downward
24 to 400 million^s. Then it dropped to 375.
25 And now the figure is 350. ~~million.~~ In

1 other words, the income tax payers will
2 kick ⁱⁿ into Uncle Sam \$209,000,000 less
3 than they did last year. As a result
4 the government is facing a deficit of
5 between seven and eight hundred million
6 bucks.

7 The Digest editors go on to
8 investigate how the public feels on the
9 subject. I haven't time to give you
10 the various opinions quoted. You'll
11 find them in your copy of ^{this week's} ~~the~~ Digest.
12 I can only point out the fact that
13 opinion, as usual, is divided. The
14 President and the administration leaders
15 do not want an increase in taxation.
16 Senator Borah thinks there won't be any
17 increase before the 1932 election, but
18 he believes that an increase of the tax
19 rate on the larger incomes will have to
20 come in the long run. [^] Senator Cordell
21 Hull, a Democrat of Tennessee, suggests
22 both a reduction of expenses and some
23 increases in taxes.

24 But that's only a hint of the ample
25 information contained in the Digest article.

EARTHQUAKE

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1 Now comes a bit of prophecy, and it
2 will be interesting to see if it turns
3 out to be true.

4 Dr. A. M. Lowe, a foremost British
5 scientist, predicts that there are
6 likely to be volcanic eruptions in the
7 islands of the West Indies.

8 According to the International
9 News Service, the doctor bases his
10 forecast on that disastrous earthquake
11 which destroyed the capital of Nicaragua
12 two days ago. He points out that
13 earthquakes in Central America seem to
14 have some connection with the eruptions
15 of volcanos on the West Indian Islands.

16 In 1902, within a period of two weeks,
17 occurred the terrific explosion of
18 Mt. Pele in Martinique, and a violent
19 earthquake in Guatemala.

20 Going back to the year of 1811. Only
21 a brief interval of time separated an
22 earthquake that destroyed the city of
23 Caracas, Venezuela, and a great volcanic
24 eruption on St. Vincent's Island, and
25 so it may be that the destruction of

1 Managua, which has just happened, may
2 be followed by an outbreak of fire and
3 lava somewhere in the West Indies.

4 Meanwhile, the work of rescue is
5 going on in the devastated capital of
6 Nicaragua. ~~The United States Marines~~
7 ~~are taking a leading part in the work~~
8 ~~of mercy.~~

9 A flash from the International News
10 Service states that today the American
11 Red Cross took formal charge of the
12 relief. ~~work.~~

13 According to the Associated Press,
14 there's an ugly rumor that bandits are
15 marching on the ruins of the city. On
16 the other hand, in Mexico City, a
17 statement was given out by the official
18 representative of Sandino, the fiery
19 rebel leader who has been fighting
20 against the Marines. It states that
21 Sandino has called off all hostilities
22 against the Marines until the earthquake
23 is over.

24 Sandino states that he will not
25 raise a hand against Uncle Sam's Devil

1 Dogs who are engaged in helping the
2 stricken inhabitants. ~~of the city.~~

3 The United Press reports that the
4 rebel leader will keep his men in the
5 mountains until the situation has
6 changed, and then he will start fighting
7 again.

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1 That old and familiar naval agreement
2 between France and Italy pops up in the
3 news again today, and this time with a
4 note of pessimism.

5 According to the Associated Press,
6 the report in Paris is that the Italians
7 and the French are having a row in
8 deciding upon the details of the treaty.
9 The two countries are agreed upon how
10 many ships each shall build. And the
11 bone of contention is said to lie in the
12 question of what they're to do about
13 replacing old ships that become obsolete.

14 From Washington comes a United Press
15 dispatch which states that American Naval
16 officers have confirmed the rumor from
17 Paris and declared that the Italians and
18 French delegates, who are discussing
19 the naval treaty, have reached a deadlock.

20 Well, those chaps have been deadlocked
21 several times before, and here's hoping
22 they can squirm their way out once more.

1 An appropriate Easter note comes in
2 the new and scholarly theory that Noah's
3 Ark landed on Mt. Ararat^{at} about Eastertime.
4 Colonel F. C. Maiseworth, a British
5 authority, tells us that the ark landed
6 and Noah took a look around, and then
7 sent out the dove at about this time of
8 the year.

9 The Colonel  also draws an
10 impressive picture of Old Boy Noah stroking
11 his beard with one hand and writing
12 entries in a diary with the other. In
13 other words, Noah, like a good skipper,
14 kept a log of those forty days and forty
15 nights when the ark was navigating on
16 the surface of the water.

17 The Colonel has made a close
18 analysis of the Biblical account of the
19 Flood. And, according to the United
20 Press, he has come to the conclusion
21 that the events ~~are~~^{and} the periods of time
22 jibe with each other so well that they
23 must have been taken from notes based on
24 actual firsthand experience and written
25 by Noah himself.

1 He reckons by a close calculation
2 of the Biblical narrative that the ark
3 landed on the seventh day of the Hebrew
4 month of Nissam, and that's pretty
5 close to our present Eastertime.

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7 of hers which has become a byword.

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9 emotional Ethel Barrymore role. And
10 at one of the most emotional points, the
11 great actress spoke up in that deep,
12 contralto, emotional voice of hers, and
13 said--"That's all there is. There isn't
14 any more!"

15 Well, none of the old-timers could
16 remember just what play it was, and the
17 whole matter ended in doubt.

18 But, anyway, that famous Barrymore
19 phrase is right to the point just now.
20 I've finished my last dispatch,
21 and so far I can see only one thing
22 all there is; there isn't any more.

23 And, so long until tomorrow.

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1 I listened to an amusing discussion
2 in the editorial offices of the Literary
3 Digest this afternoon. Several of the
4 old-timers, veteran theatre goers, were
5 trying to remember in what play ~~in~~
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21 and so ~~and~~ I can ~~only~~ only say--that's
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