

SPAIN

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Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 (Serious word comes from Spain
2 tonight. The government resigned today,
3 and the situation is so critical that
4 the Associated Press makes the comment
5 that Spain's Republican government seems
6 to have collapsed.

7 The reason of it all is the
8 religious question. The Spanish
9 parliament, the Cortes, has adopted an
10 anti-religious article to go into the
11 new constitution. This articles provides
12 ^{for} a separation of Church and State, and
13 for the expulsion of the Jesuits from
14 Spain.) The extreme Socialists wanted to
15 expel all military orders, but the
16 members of the Cortes came to a
17 compromise, which strikes at, only the
18 Jesuits.

19 No sooner had this anti-religious
20 move been put through than Senor Zamorra, ^{the}
21 ^{provisional President,} announced his resignation. He was, as
22 the United Press explains, opposed to
23 so drastic an attack upon the religious
24 institutions of the country. He
25 declares that the whole idea is wrong,

1 both morally and politically. He
2 advised against the project and voted
3 against it, and when that did no good
4 he resigned.

5 Several other members of the
6 cabinet shared the views of President
7 Zamorra and were opposed to the anti-
8 religious policy.

9 Soon after the resignation of the
10 President the whole cabinet resigned, and
11 so tonight Spain is without a government.

12 A meeting is being held in which
13 all members of the Cortes except the
14 radical Socialist element are taking
15 part. They are trying to form a new
16 government. *A late rumor has it that Senor Agnar,*
the Minister War under Pres. Zamorra, has
been commissioned to form a group of ministers to
carry on the government. There are signs that something
17 like a general break-up may take place.

18 The Basque members of the Cortes have
19 been ordered by telegram to return home.
20 Their constituents, says the International
21 News Service, want them to take no further
22 part in the government.

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24 "Come on home and get ready to
25 fight," is what the Basques are telling

1 their representatives. And the idea is
2 to fight against the law expelling the
3 Jesuit order from Spain.

4 Meanwhile, there are disturbances
5 in various parts of Spain on account of
6 that religious question.

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1 Well, they're not talking to each
2 other - I mean China and Japan. The
3 Associated Press reports that today the
4 two governments broke off the preliminary
5 negotiations that were going on. These
6 preliminary negotiations were intended
7 to open a way for a regular diplomatic
8 pow-wow, to settle the quarrel about
9 Manchuria.

10 But that's all off now. Japan
11 and China have decided there isn't any
12 further use of their trying to get
13 together.

14 The immediate result is that
15 China has put the whole Manchurian
16 problem squarely and entirely up to the
17 League of Nations. China is ~~XXXXXX~~
18 saying to the League: "There's no use
19 of my trying to reason with Japan. You
20 boys are supposed to guarantee
21 international justice. Go ahead and do
22 ~~your~~ your stuff," or ~~whatever~~ *however the Chinese say*
23 *that.*

24 That's a big assignment for the
25 League of Nations, and the peace making
organization at Geneva is calling upon

1 the United States for help. The
2 United Press declares that at a secret
3 session the League Council decided to
4 invite Uncle Sam to sit in and help to
5 straighten out the Far Eastern tangle.

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1 *And* things seem to be a ^{bit} ~~little~~ tense
2 and excited in Ireland tonight. The
3 Irish parliament met today under a
4 strong guard and proceeded to ^{get ready to} ~~begin the~~
5 ~~motion for putting~~ through a drastic
6 bill for the suppression of revolutionary
7 activity.

8 The International News Service
9 tells us that President Cosgrave is
10 worried about the possibility of
11 political disturbances, and has
12 determined to have a severe law to keep
13 down the trouble makers.

14 Labor elements in the Irish
15 parliament are opposed to these
16 ~~coersion~~ moves, and Republican
17 irreconcilables don't like them either.
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Then across the Irish Sea

1 ~~over~~ in England they're busy
2 preparing ~~for~~ the ^{national} election which is
3 approaching. And some of the preparations
4 make it seem as if the campaign were
5 going to develop some wild and woolly
6 excitement.

7 The International News Service
8 tells of the formation of a Political
9 Police Force. That doesn't quite explain
10 the idea. The Political Police Force
11 doesn't consist of cops. It is made up
12 of 200 English athletes, all of them at
13 least six feet tall and handy with their
14 fists. They are going to back the
15 government in its electioneering
16 activities. They will be at political
17 meetings, ready to give the bum's rush
18 to anybody who starts to make a disturbance.

19 It is expected that the
20 Communists will start a lot of fireworks
21 as the political stump speakers swing
22 into action all over England. And
23 those 200 athletes are getting into
24 training for a good deal of rough and
25 ready all round fighting.

1 "We are not Fascists", they
2 declared, "and we don't wear uniforms.
3 But we are ready to use our fists or
4 ~~we~~ do any chucking out that is necessary.
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1 Let's see how that football appeal
2 to the colleges looks this evening. I
3 mean the proposal made by Owen D. Young,
4 chairman in behalf of the President's
5 organization on ^{un-}employment relief. Mr.
6 Young proposed, ^{says the U.P.} ~~xxx~~, that each college in
7 the country should devote one of its
8 football games to unemployment relief,
9 and give all the money taken in at the
10 gate to help the jobless.

11 The International News Service
12 today made a canvass of colleges throughout
13 the country, and ask ^{ed} whether they'd be
14 willing to play one of their games for
15 the benefit of the jobless. Twenty-eight
16 colleges were interrogated. Twenty came
17 back with a quick and snappy yes. They
18 ~~agreed to play one of their games and~~
19 ~~turn the money over to help the jobless.~~
20 Of the eight remaining colleges seven
21 have not been ~~heard~~ from. And only
22 one institution of learning declared
23 that it would be unable to follow Owen
24 D. Young's suggestion and stage a football
25 game to help the unemployed.

1 It is estimated that this new
2 football plan might result in the
3 collection of twenty million dollars
4 for unemployment relief. That's a lot
5 of money, but it isn't any too much.
6 Let's hope the idea is put across with
7 a bang.

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1 Now comes a story of a huge
2 financial plot to wreck the American
3 dollar. It's a scheme to attack the
4 credit of ~~the~~ American currency and beat
5 down the value of the dollar.

6 The story comes from the New
7 York Evening Post correspondent in
8 Paris. He mentioned ^S~~ed~~ the crowd of
9 international gamblers who play a game
10 with the currencies of the world. Since
11 the close of the War they have attacked
12 the German mark, the French franc, and
13 recently the pound sterling. And in
14 each case they have succeeded in beating
15 down the value of the money.

16 And now they say this same gang
17 of gamblers is ~~xxxxxxx~~ conducting a
18 whispering campaign to hurt the credit
19 of ^{Uncle Sam's mazzuma.} ~~the American money~~. But they say
20 that the gamblers have been fooled this
21 time. American bankers in Paris,
22 including J. P. Morgan, have been keeping
23 in touch with the situation.

24 The counter-attack on the
25 gamblers takes the form of keeping the

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world thoroughly aware of the fact that the United States could lose two billion dollars worth of gold and still American money would be backed, dollar for dollar with gold.

When the world knows how financially strong this country is, well that puts the quietus on the attempts to beat down the value of the dollar.

1 There's another fantastic turn
2 to that weird story of a ninety-three
3 year old woman who lived a recluse in a
4 hotel room with a fabulous fortune hidden
5 away in odd corners.

6 Today the investigators brought
7 to light a treasure of magnificent
8 gems and jewelry. They were digging into
9 some old dusty trunks. They plowed their
10 way through faded old dresses and odds
11 and ends of one sort or another, when
12 they turned up ~~that~~ glittering hoard. The
13 International News Service describes
14 gem studded bracelets, watches set with
15 rose diamonds, antique necklaces set with
16 emeralds and rubies.

17 There seems to be no end to the
18 story of the former New York beauty of
19 the past generation who lived for
20 fourteen years a hermit in a room of the
21 Herald Square Hotel. ^{The U. P. reminds us how} She lived
22 utterly apart from the world until
23 recently, when under the supervision of
24 her relatives a search was begun and the
25 hidden treasure trove was found.

1 A story with a familiar wild and
2 woolly ring comes from England this
3 evening. It tells how an Englishman
4 in East Africa was saved by a glass eye.

5 As the International News
6 Service gives the story, the Englishman
7 was captured by a savage tribe in one of
8 the remotest parts of East Africa. They
9 were going to kill him, and the manner
10 of his death was being debated by the
11 assembled tribe.

12 It is explained that the
13 Englishman was nervous. Well, who
14 wouldn't be nervous in a situation like
15 that. He had a glass eye, and he became
16 so nervous, that quite absent-mindedly
17 he took his glass eye out and put it
18 back in again. When the savage tribesmen
19 saw that they nearly collapsed. They
20 thought it was some tremendous kind of
21 witchcraft. No, they figured it wouldn't
22 do to try to kill a powerful magician
23 who was able to take his eye out and then
24 put it back ~~in~~ again.

25 So they elected the Englishman

chief of the tribe.

Well, that has the familiar sound of a lot of stories about how white men have bamboozled savages by using some modern contrivance. And I had a British aviator friend who won fame among the primitive islanders of the Maldives in the Indian Ocean by taking out his false teeth and snapping 'em back again. In fact, this sort of thing dates all the way back to the perfectly true incident when Christopher Columbus astounded the Indians by predicting an eclipse.

1 I had my mind illuminated by a
2 real bit of enlightenment today. Yes,
3 I found the lamp of knowledge shining,
4 and it was in the new issue of the Literary
5 Digest, which comes out tomorrow.

6 Well, I thought I knew a good deal
7 about bears, especially about Alaskan
8 bears. I've done a bit of mushing around
9 up there where the Yukon River flows.
10 I've seen bears, and I've heard plenty
11 about them.

12 And I had one particular idea
13 about bears, which is the same idea which
14 most of you folks have. It's that, old
15 Mr. Bear squats down at the side of a
16 stream and with a flip of his paw, ^{scoops} ~~throws~~
17 ~~throws~~ ^a fish out onto the bank -- the way
18 a cat goes fishing. But apparently that's
19 all wrong.

20 This week's Literary Digest gives
21 us the truth of the matter on the authority
22 of a real bear expert. He is ^{my friend the famous naturalist} William L.
23 Finley of Jennings Lodge, Oregon. Mr.
24 Finley has spent thirty years in getting
25 closely acquainted with bears, particularly

1 with old Brother Grizzly and the giant
2 Kadiak bear of Alaska. The Literary
3 Digest quotes an article in the Christian
4 Science Monitor in which bear-expert
5 Finely tells exactly how a bear goes
6 fishing.

7 No, he doesn't take his place at the
8 side of a stream and flip out a fish
9 with his paw. The great salmon streams
10 of Alaska ~~are~~ are the favorite fishing
11 places for Brother Bear. He goes into a
12 stream and chases the swarming salmon
13 toward the bank. He gets the fish into
14 shallow water, and then he clamps his paw
15 down on a salmon. There, that's how the
16 bear catches fish. *He just slaps it down.*

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17 The Digest gives the additional
18 touch that young bears commonly try to
19 snare a couple of fish after they have
20 driven the salmon into shallow water.
21 Those young bears are more greedy than
22 wise. The older and more experienced
23 bear keeps his attention on one fish, and
24 he always gets him.

25 Well, as I said, I thought I

1 knew a bit about Alaska and bears, and
2 so I'm just a bit obfuscated ^{and chagrined} to find
3 ~~that~~ at this late date ^{that I didn't know} ~~I have first~~
4 ~~learned~~ how a bear ~~really~~ goes fishing.

But on the other hand,

1 ~~Well,~~ I've just been granted an
2 academic degree. You know how various
3 celebrities are honored by Universities
4 and are given honorary degrees of Doctor
5 of Law or Doctor of Philosophy. Well,
6 I'm in that class now, although maybe not
7 in such a solemn way.

8 I've just received a letter from
9 G. G. Hill, secretary of the Indiana
10 County Fish and Game Association, Indiana,
11 Pennsylvania. He announces that a degree
12 has been conferred on me, and writes as
13 follows:

14 "In behalf of the Indiana County
15 Fish and Game Association I wish to
16 confer upon you the degree of LL.D. --
17 Doctor of Liars -- with all the rights
18 and ~~and~~ privileges pertaining thereto.

19 "We therefore convey to ^{adds Brother Hill,} you, [^] all
20 the rights and privileges of ownership
21 of the crocheted bicycle and the fur-
22 lined chafing dish. Cordially yours for
23 bigger and better whoppers..."

24 Well, as scribe of the Tall Story
25 Club, I accept that high honor with all

1 becoming modesty.

2 And by the way, I want to pass
3 out a warning. There are a number of
4 other chaps who are in serious danger of
5 receiving that same degree of LL.D. --
6 Doctor of Liars. As a matter of fact,
7 there are about 300 of them. I mean the
8 ones who are represented and glorified by
9 one or more whoppers in that book TALL
10 STORIES *that has just ~~come out~~ been published by*
11 *the Literary Digest.* You'd better look out, because
12 when the Indiana County Fish and Game
13 Association gets through with that tall-
14 story book, ~~why~~ a number of you devotees
15 of the Great American Whopper are liable
16 to be receiving crocheted bicycles and
17 fur-lined chafing dishes. ~~So you'd better~~
18 watch out.
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AUTOMOBILE

And now for a bit of news without any comment whatsoever.
The facts speak for themselves.

Today John A. Kelly, of Boston, appeared in court for traffic violations. Yes, violations, plural, very plural.

John had to answer for forty-four tickets. His car had been tagged forty four times for illegal parking in the city streets. Twenty-five police officers appeared as witnesses against John.

Yes, John was found guilty, in the forty-fourth degree. The International News Service gives us the terrifying detail that he was found guilty forty-four times, once for each of those tickets, and the judge fined him fifty dollars for each violation. The fine came to \$2200.00 in all.

John is appealing the case. And who wouldn't.

And I'll just give forty-four groans of pity for John and say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.