

1 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

2 Well, the boys got their New York
3 welcome today. I mean Post and Gatty.
4 They were given a roaring ovation. Last
5 night they were whirled from the
6 Long Island flying field over to
7 Manhattan Island; and ever since they
8 dropped out of the sky they've had an
9 escort of about 40 motorcycle police
10 who dashed ahead with screeching sirens
11 splitting the air. That was last night.

12 But the big show came today when
13 the boys made their official triumphant
14 procession.

15 "Through a blizzard of ticker tape,"
16 writes the New York Evening Post reporter,
17 "through a roaring tempest of acclaim,
18 they rode up Broadway, that sky-topped
19 arch of triumph, while the multitudes
20 packed from the Battery to City Hall paid
21 them the lusty homage which was their
22 due."

23 Then at City Hall Father Knickerbocker
24 saluted them with the usual speeches,
25 congratulations, and medals.

1 The International News Service
2 contributes the detail that the wives
3 of the two flyers were right in the
4 center of limelight. Mrs. Post and Mrs.
5 Gatty shared their husbands' triumph.

6 Well, New York's hullabaloo is
7 about over except some 10 or 12 banquets
8 which may be harder to survive than the
9 flight around the world. At any rate
10 Lowell Smith, Erik Nelson, Jack Harding
11 and Hank Ogden, who were the first
12 aviators to fly around the world, back
13 in 1924, were so feted and banqueted
14 that they said they'd have to fly around
15 the Globe again just to get rested.

16 Then will come the celebrations
17 in other cities.

18 Meanwhile along came announcements
19 about a couple of other flights that
20 are being launched to beat the remarkable
21 record of around-the-world-in-8½-days
22 just established by Post and Gatty.

23 In Paris two French flyers intend
24 to start off at daybreak tomorrow. They
25 are headed around the world too. One

1 of them is the famous aviator Joseph
2 Lebrix who took part in a memorable
3 flight across the South Atlantic in
4 1928. He and Marcel Doret now plan
5 to circle the world in 4 hops --Paris to
6 Tokyo, Tokyo to San Francisco, San
7 Francisco to New York, and New York to
8 Paris.

9 And in New York, Clyde Pangborn
10 and Hugh Herndon, Jr. are waiting for
11 the word to take off.

12 They intended to start this morning
13 but the weather man, Dr. Kimball, told
14 them things looked bad off Newfoundland--
15 storm and fog and so on. And so the
16 ambitious pair will wait until the end
17 of the week before they make their
18 attempt to lower Post and Gatty's record.
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1 Well, talking about all these
2 great stunts that are being performed,
3 here's one that really deserves a cheer
4 or two.

5 Shooting the falls at Niagara
6 has always been a classic achievement.
7 It's been tried in all sorts of
8 barrels and other contraptions, and
9 sometimes the adventurers have come to
10 grief. But this present incident is a
11 case of shooting the falls without any
12 paraphenalia whatever. And it was a
13 dog that did it.

14 The United Press tells us that
15 the reservation police at Niagara first
16 caught sight of the big German police
17 dog as he was trying to fight his way
18 through the water several ~~xxx~~ hundred
19 feet above the falls. The dog was a
20 powerful swimmer, but the current was too
21 strong. The men on shore wanted to
22 rescue the struggling animal, but they
23 hadn't a chance. To put a boat out there
24 so near the brink of the falls would have
25 been suicide.

1 And so the big police dog,
2 swimming with all his might, was carried
3 inch by inch toward the brink where the
4 water roars over the precipice.

5 Now he was only a few yards
6 away, and next only a few feet. Then
7 the watchers saw the dog swept over the
8 edge and down ^{down into} the boiling ^{maelstrom.} ~~rapids.~~ It
9 just seemed too bad -- another good dog
10 "gone West."

11 But then a man saw something
12 bobbing in the raging swirl at the foot
13 of the falls. That something toiled
14 slowly along, and he saw it was the big
15 police dog. He was pretty well played
16 out, but still ~~he was~~ swimming; and he
17 gradually inched his way along until he
18 came to a big rock near the ~~bank~~ bank.
19 He climbed onto the rock and lay there.

20 He was all in. He couldn't move another
21 step or paddle another stroke.

22 The water around the rock wasn't
23 deep. The man on the shore waded out,
24 picked up the dog and carried him to
25 dry land. That old fellow by what seems

1 little short of a miracle, had survived
2 an experience that doesn't often come
3 in a dog's life. He's O.K. now. He
4 has his breath back and is frisking
5 around.

6 Well, there's a story that ends
7 the way we would all like to have it
8 end. ~~Do I hear a sound of cheers from~~
9 ~~the radio audience? Yes, I guess I do~~
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DIGEST

I suppose we ought to give three more cheers at this point, because here comes a bit of simple information about the biggest international problem of the day,- a problem which is not only big but is a trifle confused.

The new Literary Digest, which came out today, carries an exceedingly important leading article, an article which gives a series of vital facts about the Hoover plan.

For example, what does it mean in dollars and cents to the various nations concerned? The new Literary Digest tells us all of that.

The Digest presents a clear picture of the complicated financial threads. Germany owes money on reparations to the former allied countries, especially to France, England

1 and Italy. France and Italy owe money
2 to England. And all three of the former
3 allied powers owe money to the United
4 States.

5 President Hoover's idea, of
6 course, is to suspend payment on ^{all of} these
7 various debts for a period of one year.
8 Well, how do these payments stack up in
9 ~~the~~ term^s of figures? Here's how.

10 Germany's payments to the former
11 allied countries come to a total of
12 a little more than 406 million dollars.
13 And thus if the Hoover plan goes through
14 Germany will be relieved of paying 406
15 million.

16 France gets money from Germany.
17 She also makes yearly payments on debts
18 which she owes to Great Britain and the
19 United States. But France gets more
20 from Germany yearly than she is required
21 to pay out. She gets 96 million 750
22 thousand dollars more. If the Hoover
23 plan goes through France is out that
24 96 million 750 thousand.

25 Italy also gets money from

1 Germany and pays out to Great Britain
2 and the United States. Italy stands to
3 sacrifice 9 million.

4 Great Britain receives money from
5 France, Italy and Germany, and makes
6 payments on her huge debt to the United
7 States. England gets yearly 20 million
8 dollars more than she pays out, and that
9 20 million is the amount John Bull will
10 sacrifice under the Hoover plan.

11 And then along comes old Uncle
12 Sam. He makes no yearly payments at
13 all. He merely receives money from
14 Great Britain, France and Italy, ^{money that was borrowed} ~~the~~
15 ~~he~~ pockets 246 million yearly, and that's
16 the amount he sacrifices under the

17 Hoover plan. *In other words - it will cost Uncle*
18 *Sam 2 1/2 times as much as it costs France.*

19 The Literary Digest quotes these
20 figures from the New York Times, and if
21 you will consult your copy you will find
22 everything ~~put down~~ in black and white, just
23 as clear as daylight.

And, by the way, the latest news

1 The [^]word on the Hoover plan ~~this~~
2 ~~evening~~ is that a big step has been
3 taken forward. The International News
4 Service has information which states
5 that an agreement in principal has
6 been reached between Secretary of
7 Treasury Mellon and American Ambassador
8 Edge on one hand, and ministers of the
9 French Government on the other.

10 The report is that they have come
11 to an understanding, which leaves only
12 technical details to be thrashed out.
13 This understanding, however, will have
14 to be ratified by the President in
15 Wash ington.

16 When this report was taken to
17 the American Embassy, why, the officials
18 there denied that a positive agreement
19 had been arrived at, but they admitted
20 that a settlement was within sight.

21 At any rate, there have been
22 plenty of negotiations between the
23 two American representatives and the
24 heads of the French Government. There
25 have also been a series of telephone

1 calls, with Secretary Mellon in Paris
2 phoning President Hoover in Washington.

3 ~~The United Press reports that~~
4 President Hoover has called the attention
5 of the French authorities to one
6 pertinent financial angle. France
7 stands to make the money sacrifice
8 if she accepts the Hoover plan, but
9 if the Hoover plan does not go through*,
10 why Germany may declare a moratorium
11 of reparations payments on her own
12 account. That is, Germany will just
13 say she can't pay any money this year,
14 and that's all. In that case the
15 financial sacrifice on the part of
16 France would be considerably greater.
17 She wouldn't receive anything from
18 Germany and would have to go on paying
19 Great Britain and the United States
20 just the same. In that way France
21 would stand to lose about a hundred
22 million dollars.

23 It looks as if the statesmen
24 were doing a bit of exceedingly logical
25 arguing - right to the point.

1 A small story with a sociological
2 meaning comes from Spain.

3 ~~Near Badajoz~~^{TA} a group of workmen
4 employed on a plantation payed a visit
5 to their employer. They explained to
6 him that Spain is now a Republic and
7 that all men are free and equal, and
8 according to the ideas of socialism
9 property should be equal. Therefore,
10 Señor Land-Owner should not have so
11 many acres while his workmen had none.

12 They were exceedingly polite,
13 good-humored, and said ~~they would~~ they would
14 do him a favor -- they would take only
15 two-thirds of his land. They would
16 divide the two-thirds up among themselves
17 and leave him the remaining one-third.

18 The land-owner with equal Spanish
19 politeness told them that it seemed like
20 a reasonable idea but that the whole
21 matter was so deep that he would have to
22 think about it for a while.

23 And the workmen said, "Si Senor[#]--
24 ^{by all means} ~~he should~~ think about it." But meanwhile
25 they went ahead and started to take

1 possession of ~~them~~ what they thought
2 was their two-thirds of the ~~land~~ property.

3 Well, the land-owner didn't do
4 much thinking at all. He informed the
5 authorities, and they sent the civil
6 guard around. Then, the United Press
7 tells us, the land-owner and the civil
8 guard sauntered across the fields and
9 payed a visit to the workmen, who already
10 regarded the land as their own. With
11 all Spanish formalities and courtesies,
12 the land-owner, backed by the civil
13 guard, explained that/^{it} ~~it~~ was all
14 wrong -- that the land didn't belong to
15 them ^{boys} and that they should just go ahead
16 working for him. Then there was a
17 reasonable good-natured discussion, and
18 ~~the~~ finally the workmen decided the
19 civil guard had too many guns, so they
20 agreed:- "Si Señor,* the land ^{is yours,} ~~wasn't~~
21 ~~theirs~~ and ^{we'll} ~~that they would~~ go right on
22 ~~ahead~~ working for you Señor Don Alicante."

23 It really wasn't worth bothering
24 about because the next day was a fiesta,
25 and if there were any trouble that would

1 spoil the merry making on the feast day,
2 *thought the boys.* And that's how the matter was
3 settled. Both the land-owner and the
4 workmen, with all possible politeness
5 and good nature, have just gone back
6 to their former ways, and everything is
7 quiet and serene.

8 If that's any indication of the
9 temperament of the Spanish country-
10 people, why, it may be hard to establish
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1 A couple of lively fights are in
2 the newspapers this evening. And these
3 battles took place in solemn legislat^{ive}~~ive~~
4 halls. I don't know how solemn the
5 Halls of the Tennessee Legislature are,
6 but anyway the fight was a good one.

7 The Tennessee Law makers staged
8 a filibuster. The Associated Press
9 explains^{that} some of the members started in
10 to stave off a bill by talking it to
11 death. They succeeded. I suppose
12 the legislative aspects of the affair
13 are important but the liveliest part of
14 it was the fight.

15 **While** the filibuster was going on
16 there was considerable noise and ^{high jinks}~~disorder~~
17 and the speaker didn't seem to be able
18 to restore order. One of the members
19 decided to do the job himself. He
20 started to clear the aisles. In fact he
21 started to clear out another member and
22 that started the battle.

23 The two legislators went at each
24 other and put on an exciting bout until
25 other members jumped in and separated them.

1 ~~them~~

2 In case the Halls of the Tennessee
3 Legislature don't seem solemn enough
4 let's jump over to the British ~~Maxxx~~
5 House of Commons. Solemn dignity
6 has always been its middle name. But
7 today the dignity of the MP's was a
8 bit miffed, don't you know.

9 A Labor M.P. got up to make a
10 speech. He had neglected to ask the
11 permission of the chair and was rebuked
12 for his un-Parliamentary conduct. But
13 he just went on speechifying.

14 He stopped talking only when
15 attendants grabbed hold of him and
16 started to throw him out, or whatever
17 the British equivalent of that term may
18 be. ^{In London perhaps they call it the Bum's rush.} The speech there-upon turned into
19 a scrimmage. The M.P. went at the
20 attendants with hands and feet. He was
21 husky and they had a ^{tough} ~~hard~~ time ^{with that baby.} ~~of it.~~

22 The International News Service
23 declares that he was finally removed —
24 still hitting, kicking, clawing and
25 biting. ---I say, ^{and wasn't that} ~~It was~~ ^{deuced} awkward?
~~don't you know!~~ Well, rawther!

1 Now I suppose you couldn't
2 reasonably expect a beautiful movie
3 actress to ride a stampeding elephant.
4 The movie actress who found herself
5 sitting on the head of the elephant,
6 when the old pachyderm started his
7 antics, why she thinks it was the most
8 unreasonable thing she ever heard of.

9 The Associated Press informs
10 us that she sued the owner of the
11 elephant for damages, and got two judgments
12 against him. These, however, she could
13 not collect.

14 So now she has sued the financial
15 backers and they say that the case will
16 be settled out of court.

17 In any ~~case~~^{event}, the ~~blatant~~^{blatant} lights
18 were glaring and the movie cameras were
19 grinding away and the elephant with the
20 movie actress sitting on his head was
21 the center of the thrilling scene.

22 I don't know just what the
23 scene was supposed to represent. Maybe
24 it was a case of the High Priestess
25 of Astarte^e riding a Carthaginian war

elephant, or maybe it all concerned a love drama at the court of the Indian Maharajah of Kootch Behar.

In any case, right in the middle of things the elephant got scared and started on a rampage. He bucked and plunged and trumpeted - and the movie actress was trying to hang on to his head. She didn't hang on long. As the elephant made one wild dash she lost her hold and tumbled down, down to the ground.

There's considerable distance from the top of an elephants head to the ground, and the movie actress was somewhat mussed up.

And as a result, we have these various lawsuits -- all because an elephant stampeded and started to go somewhere else.

Which reminds me that it is about time for me to stampede and go somewhere else, too. So,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.