

Good Evening, Everybody!

1 Tonight, in the harbor of Las
2 Palmas in the romantic old Canary
3 Islands, a giant seaplane is riding at
4 anchor. It's the DO-X, and that's a
5 familiar name. There have been reports
6 about that big German plane for months.
7 She started out, but it seemed as if
8 she'd never get anywhere.

9 But this afternoon the DO-X took
10 off from the harbor of Lisbon, Portugal.
11 The International News Service gives a
12 graphic picture of how she rose from
13 the water and then immediately plunged
14 ~~down~~ into a blinding fog bank. The
15 Germans had intended to fly ^{right on} over Madeira
16 and drop a bag of mail, but the fog was
17 so heavy that they ~~had~~ headed straight
18 for the Canary Islands.

19 They landed this afternoon, and
20 are getting ready for the second leg of
21 their trans-Atlantic flight, which will
22 be ~~on~~ to the Cape Verde Islands and then
23 out across the wide spaces of the
24 Atlantic Ocean, and on to *South America*.

MAPS

I'm afraid I'll have to tell you some bad news about one of those adventurous and romantic stunts that tickle the imagination.

It's the use of airplanes in making maps. There has been a lot of talk about photographing wild regions from the air and making maps of remote countries. But here's a United Press dispatch that states that after years of experience the French government has decided that airplanes are not so good at map making. French experts say photographs taken from the air do not give a true picture of distances and proportions on the ground. Also, photographs must be taken from the same height and in the same light and that's difficult.

A plan for a ten year airplane campaign had been worked out for map making in remote Africa.

1 They say that half of Africa is practical-
2 cally unknown. But now that plan has
3 been abandoned, and the map making will
4 have to be done by surveyors on the sur-
5 face of the earth. ~~The work of the aviators~~
6 ~~is not satisfactory, and so~~ It will be
7 necessary for men to go trailing along
8 over deserts and through jungles.

9 Well, maybe so -- but the results
10 have been different in America. Flyers
11 have been exceptionally successful in mak-
12 ing aerial maps over here -- especially
13 maps of coast lines such as were recently
14 made along the Alaskan Coast. Our aviators
15 say there is a place for both types of
16 map making -- the old laborious way on the
17 ground, and the new way -- flying across
18 the sky in a high powered airplane.

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1 Colonel Widow is a curious expres-
2 sion, isn't it? Not the Colonel's
3 Widow. This person is a Colonel and
4 she's also a widow. Yes, and she's
5 China's famous woman bandit. But what
6 brings her in the news is the fact that
7 she has just joined the armies of the
8 Nationalist Government and is in command
9 of a force of soldiers.

10 Out in the East this slant-eyed
11 Amazon has been a figure of terror. The
12 Associated Press informs us that they call-
13 ed her China's female Robin Hood. She com-
14 manded a gang of bandits and they said she
15 was utterly merciless. She robbed, and
16 killed, and plundered.

17 The story they tell of her is that
18 she was the wife of a wealthy merchant.
19 Bandits murdered her husband and her chil-
20 dren. And then she turned bandit to avenge
21 herself. She gathered a force of wild
22 brigands and hunted down the killers. ~~of her~~
23 ~~husband and children.~~ She brought a whole
24 district under her control, and then ~~she~~
25 levied taxes and reigned as a bandit queen.

1 Not long ago China's female Robin
2 Hood created considerable astonishment by
3 announcing that she would hereafter de-
4 vote her life to the service of the poor.

5 For the merciless widow, that certainly
6 was turning over a new leaf. At any rate
7 she has now joined the forces of law and
8 order. And as a Colonel in the National-
9 ist Army this former queen of ~~the~~ bandits
10 is now hunting bandits.

1 This evening's dispatches from
2 South American bring word of an
3 interesting migration. Those wild
4 horsement of the Steppes, the Cossacks,
5 are moving into lands that lie in the
6 shadow of the Andes.

7 The Associated Press states that
8 the republic of Chile has arranged for
9 the migration of 10,000 Russian Cossack
10 families. These Cossacks are
11 anti-Bolshevists who were driven out of
12 their native Steppes, and now they're
13 moving to form a ~~dm~~ colony on the
14 plains and in the valleys of Southern
15 Chile. They've already begun to arrive,
16 and the South Americans are said to be
17 greatly impressed with the physique and
18 ~~the~~ vigor and ~~the~~ magnificent horsemanship
19 of those wild riders of the endless,
20 dreary Steppes of the Volga and the Don.
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1 At this point I guess I'll have
2 to pass out a few razzberries to all you
3 big game hunters. I mean all you folks
4 who shoot lions and tigers. And then
5 I'm even going to toss a bit of asparagus
6 in the direction of my stout hearted friends
7 who collect wild and ferocious beasts and
8 bring 'em back alive.

9 In fact, this dig at the mighty
10 nimrods is my News Item of the Day. It
11 was picked for me by my handsome friend,
12 Arthur Hornblow, Jr. the playwright and
13 author.

14 When Arthur was an Intelligence
15 Officer in France during the War, he help-
16 ed me out of a couple of scrapes.

17 When I asked him what he thought was
18 the most interesting bit of news today, he
19 looked through the dispatches and said:
20 "WHY, HERE'S A BIG GAME HUNTER WHO HAS
21 COLLECTED WILD ANIMALS FOR YEARS AND HAS
22 BEARDED THE FEROCIOUS TIGER IN ITS LAIR.
23 AND HE SAYS IT'S ALL AS EASY AS PIE. HE
24 SAYS HIS REAL TROUBLE DIDN'T BEGIN UNTIL
25 HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF THE DETROIT ZOO.

1 What could be more interesting than
2 that? Well, ^{it certainly} ~~that~~ did sound kind of
3 peculiar.

4 The man referred to ^{is an ex-} ~~used to be a~~
5 big game hunter. ^{He} and is John T. Millen, and
6 he ~~certainly does~~ tell^s of ^{his} ~~the~~ troubles ~~that~~
7 ~~have come to him~~ since he has become the
8 Director of the Detroit Zoo. He explains
9 that hunting lions is not ^{half as tough a job as} ~~ing like~~ making
10 ~~the~~ lions keep the peace in that Detroit
11 Zoo where they are always getting into
12 fights. Over in Africa, why you just let
13 'em fight. But in Detroit, that's di f-
14 ferent.

15 Then there ~~were~~ the badgers. All
16 day they sit around moody and silent.
17 But just wait until night comes!

18 They live in a den that has a
19 cement floor, but the badger is a great
20 digger. They dig right down, cement or no
21 cement. Mr. Millen says that, give a family
22 of badgers two weeks, and they'll make the
23 rock of Gibraltar look like a Swiss cheese.
24 Out in Detroit a bunch of badgers dug a 21
25 foot tunnel right through the cement and

1 on out into the open air.

2 The tiger may be a ferocious
3 monster in the jungles of Bengal, but
4 Mr. Millen reports he'd rather face a
5 whole regiment of tigers in the jungle
6 than keep his eye on a half a dozen caged
7 badgers.

8 So, ~~I suppose~~ when he gets a vaca-
9 tion out there in Detroit I suppose just
10 for a little real relaxation and rest
11 ^{he'll probably} ~~that he will~~ go over to the jungles of
12 Malaya, and put on a wrestling match
13 with a python or a boxing match with a
14 Barneo ou^uran - u - tan.

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1 Here are a few people who don't
2 seem to agree. They are ~~just~~^{all} shouting
3 "Yes" and "No" at each other. And the
4 subject of the disagreement is nothing
5 less than that famous report of the
6 Wickersham Commission.

7 This week's issue of The Literary
8 Digest gives ~~the following~~^a summary of how
9 the country has reacted to that much dis-
10 cussed report. The Digest article
11 starts off by telling us how confused a
12 lot of people were ^{and are -} and quotes the Boston
13 Herald as saying that "THE REPORT IS TOO
14 DRY TO BE CHARACTERIZED AS WET AND TOO
15 WET TO BE CHARACTERIZED AS **DRY.** ~~THE~~

16 The Digest goes on to summarize
17 what prohibitionists think. The Nebraska
18 State Journal ^{for instance remarks:-} says: "IT IS A DRY REPORT."
19 In the Los Angeles Times, we find the
20 opinion that ^{"WITH BETTER} ENFORCEMENT ALONG THE
21 LINES THE COMMISSION POINTS OUT, THE
22 ATTITUDE TOWARD PROHIBITION IS LIKELY TO
23 BE CHANGED AND ^{is likely to} PRODUCE BETTER OBSERVANCE."

24 The anti-prohibitionists naturally
25 have their ideas and many of them ^{regard} ~~think~~

1 ~~that~~ the Wickersham Report is a blow to
2 prohibition. This attitude is summed
3 up by The New York World which ^{declares} ~~says~~ that
4 "THE REPORT HAS OPENED UP TO THE DRYS A
5 VISTA OF DEFEAT AND TO THE WETS, A VISTA
6 OF VICTORY."

7 While ^{of course} we all cannot think the
8 same, every week there are articles in
9 The Literary Digest which sum up the various
10 ^{and conflicting opinions} contrary reactions which the people of the
11 country have ^{regarding} ~~to~~ the important news of the
12 ~~times~~ day.

LOS ANGELES

They had a freak tornado out in Los Angeles today, A sort of Tom Thumb tornado, but it had plenty of zip to it.

They've been having drenching rain on the Pacific Coast, and eye witnesses described the tornado as the usual funnel-shaped cloud, although this one was rather small.

It hit the airport out there and messed things up. It damaged the hangars and took parked automobiles and boosted them along. According to the International News Service, nobody was hurt, but the aviators and mechanics in the hangars at the time thought sure they were going to be blown right over the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

1 Well, All the world loves a fight -- and
2 here's the story of one that has been wag-
3 ed by one of America's best loved men.

4 Today Booth Tarkington packed his
5 grips and left Johns Hopkins Hospital.

6 And he was able to see and recognize the
7 faces of people he knew. He could even
8 distinguish the colors of the landscape,
9 something he has not been able to do for
10 a long long time.

11 For fourteen years the author of
12 "Penrod", has been fighting against blind-
13 ness, and it seemed a losing fight. His
14 eyesight dimmed until he was blind. Recent^{ly}
15 ~~by~~ he went to Johns Hopkins and there the
16 surgeons operated. And now Tarkington is
17 able to see once more.

18 The Associated Press tells us that
19 his progress will be gradual, and that he
20 is still required to have three pairs of
21 glasses. ~~for various uses.~~ But in any case,
22 the creator of Penrod can see once more,
23 and I'm sure we're all delighted to hear
24 that.
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1 As I ran through the news dispatches
2 today, I found one phrase that I liked
3 particularly. Here it is: THE MAN WHO
4 FIRST CARRIED THE AMERICAN FLAG OVER THE
5 NORTH POLE IN AN AIRSHIP, SHOULD ALSO BE
6 THE FIRST TO CARRY IT UNDER THE NORTH
7 POLE IN A SUBMARINE.

8 Well, that seems to be ^{altogether proper} ~~well~~ and
9 fitting, and perhaps it may turn out that
10 way. ^P The man who first carried the
11 American flag over the North Pole in an
12 airship is Lincoln Ellsworth. He carried
13 the flag over the pole on that famous
14 ~~airship~~ flight of the Norge, the ~~one~~ ^{expedition}
15 headed by Ellsworth, Amundsen, and Nobile.
16 Ellsworth also accompanied Amundsen on a
17 ^{previous} ~~early~~ polar airplane flight, ~~made by the~~
18 ~~great Norwegian polar explorer~~. And, by
19 the way, Lincoln Ellsworth was just
20 recently given the Congressional Medal
21 of Honor as a reward for those epoch
22 making flights.

23 Well, all the newspapers today
24 inform us that Ellsworth, ^{who is a modest, retiring but wealthy man,} is joining
25 forces with Sir Hubert Wilkins on that

marvelous voyage by submarine to the North Pole, which will be attempted next summer. That amazing trip will be called the Wilkins-Ellsworth Expedition. Ellsworth is helping Wilkins to put the thing through, and it's announced that he will be among those present in that North Pole going submarine unless other exploration plans that he had been working on previously prevent it.

One thing that we have been saying to ourselves is that the submarine will certainly have a long trip under the ice on its way to and from the North Pole. But that Wilkins-Ellsworth submarine the Nautilus is going to have a drill with which it will bore a way up to the surface. Just the same it looks like a long long trip under the ice.

But an International News Service dispatch tells us that according to Sir Hubert it won't be any such thing. He says that he has already done some 20,000 miles of polar travel and that he has never seen an ice field more than 25 miles long. That is he has never traveled more than 25 miles without coming upon a break in the ice, a stretch of open water.

1 He adds that in the undersea
2 craft he is going to take, it will be
3 possible for the men operating it to
4 live under water for from five to seven
5 days. And so he believes that the pole-
6 going submarine will always be within
7 reach of the breaks in the ice field,
8 those stretches of open water where the
9 submarine can rise and lie on the surface.

10 At any rate it all sounds ^{as though} ~~like~~ it
11 might be the most romantic adventure of
12 our time.

13 Ellsworth in announcing his joining
14 the expedition referred to Sir Hubert
15 Wilkins as a man who talks little and does
16 much.

1 Here's a letter that has just come
2 in. It's from Roswell Frisbie of Valencia,
3 Pennsylvania and it tells^{of} us a curious
4 discovery. If we let our imaginations
5 run free we can picture all sorts of
6 romantic situations around the incident
7 that Mr. Frisbie refers to.

8 He says that a friend of his sawed
9 into an old beam used a long time ago in
10 rigging up a Pennsylvania oil well. As
11 he sawed into the wood, he found a wooden
12 plug which apparently had been burned into
13 the tree from which the beam was cut.
14 Inside ~~of~~ that plug he found a lock of hair
15 a perfectly preserved, lovely lock of girl's
16 hair.

17 Evidently it dated back for a
18 hundred years or more. Probably some
19 sentimental lover had taken a lock of his
20 sweetheart's hair and enclosed it in a
21 wooden plug and burned that plug into a
22 growing tree.

23 Well, just start with that ~~now~~
24 and let your imagination work out the
25 rest of the story.

1 This afternoon, down at Daytona
2 Beach, Florida, Captain Malcolm Campbell
3 zipped along at the rate of 200 miles
4 an hour--not in an airplane, but in an
5 automobile.

6 Captain Campbell is out to do 250
7 miles an hour, which will break all
8 speed records for vehicles running on
9 the ground. According to the International
10 News Service, he said things weren't just
11 right this afternoon, and that's the
12 reason he couldn't do any better than 200 ^{flat.} _λ

13 Well, that bit of speeding reminds
14 me that I'm going to attend the big show
15 of the N. Y. Policemen's Benevolent
16 Association tonight at Madison Square
17 Garden, along with 25,000 other people,
18 which means that I won't be able to
19 start for the farm until late.

20 I understand from the International
21 News Service that there ^{has been} a tremendous
22 snowfall in New England ^{today,} _λ and I live ^{just} _λ two
23 miles from the borders of New England. ^{So}
24 I suppose I'll run into plenty of snow
25 and blizzard. Captain Malcolm Campbell

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may be doing his 200 or 250 miles an hour in Florida, but I'll be doing - let's see, I'll be doing about 22 flat if the old bus doesn't break down.

Aside from carburetor trouble, a leaky radiator, sand in the transmission, and mysterious noises in the differential, my old bus is in first class shape.

Here's hoping she gets me there --

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.