

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1931

MARRIAGE

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The President of France got married today; and his marriage came as quite a surprise.. In fact the President of France had been a bachelor for sixty-eight years.

President Doumergue will retire from office on June 13th. He will be succeeded by President Doumer. I mention this just because I want to keep those names straight.

Anyway, President Doumergue, who will retire, has been expected to take a wife unto himself, but it was thought that he would wait until he was out as president. The International News Service tells us that rumors of the President's marriage have been current for the last few days.

The President didn't wait until he stepped out of office. He fooled everybody by going to the altar today with Madame Gaves. The Associated Press, refers to the ceremony as a private affair as well as a surprise.

A note of rustic simplicity is added by the statement

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that President Doumergue and his wife will retire to the President's farm, where they will live like simple country folk among the cows and chickens.

Italy There have been signs of peace in
today — I mean

1 ~~From Italy comes~~ signs of peace
2 in the dispute between the Vatican
3 and the Fascist government. ^H Pope ~~the~~
4 Pius the 11th had an important conference
5 today with 24 cardinals. In ^a strictly
6 private session the ecclesiastical
7 dignitaries discussed the situation,
8 which, as the Associated Press reminds
9 us, has been caused by the attacks of
10 the Fascist government on Catholic
11 organizations in Italy. ^H The meeting
12 adjourned after an hour, and no official
13 statement was given out of what
14 transpired. But it is said that the
15 Pope told the cardinals that he does
16 not want to bring to an end the ~~Lateran~~
17 Treaty between the Vatican and the
18 Italian government. ~~But~~ The Pontiff
19 added that he wished the Fascist
20 authorities to regard the ~~Lateran~~ Treaty
21 as an international agreement, subject
22 to the regulations of international law.

23 The Pope then made what looks like
24 a move for peace. He ordered the editor
25 of the official Vatican newspaper not

1 to print any more attacks against
2 the Fascist students who have been
3 acting against the Catholic organizations.

4 The ~~International News Service~~^{United Press} tells
5 us that the Pontiff also has bidden
6 the Italian bishops not to hold any
7 public processions or demonstrations
8 for the present.

9 On the other side of the fence,
10 Mussolini too has started a policy of
11 peace. The Duce has passed word along
12 to the editors of Fascist newspapers to
13 stop their editorial campaigns against
14 the Church.

15 The United Press has conducted a
16 survey of the principal Italian cities
17 and finds that in the majority of these
18 the local authorities have ^{already} closed the
19 clubhouses of the Catholic organizations.

20 But right on the heels of the above
21 news which indicated that peace might be
22 in sight a later Associated Press report
23 tells of Mussolini dissolving all organiz-
24 ations of Catholic youths by decree and it
25 is believed in Rome that the Pope may sever
diplomatic relations with Italy. Well, all this
sounds conflicting and complicated.

Ambassador de Martino, Mussolini's envoy to the United States returned to America today. Twenty-five patrolmen and detectives guarded him as he came ashore in New York. Evidently there was fear of attack by anti-fascists. The Ambassador simply seemed to be amused and surprised, and not at all alarmed.

RUSSIA

A dispatch from Moscow tells of a bandit raid which resulted in a disastrous panic.

At the town of Sucharevsky 5,000 people were jammed into a public market place.

Several men rushed into the crowd yelling: "Run for your life -- the police are coming. They're going to arrest all the merchants. They'll take all your property."

The men were bandits and they threw smoke bombs which exploded and gave off clouds of acrid fumes. In the panic which resulted the huge crowd of people trampled on each other in a mad rush to get away. Twenty persons were killed in the crush.

The bandits then plundered the deserted booths, snatching money and food. Then most of the robbers got away, although several were captured by mounted police who came galloping to the scene.

The International News Service

1 cabled^s a dispatch from Bucharest,
2 Roumania, which states that at
3 Ekaterinburg, in Siberia, the head-
4 quarters of the 4th Red Army was bombed.
5 There were a number of casualties.
6 The Soviet authorities are said to have
7 made a number of arrests and to have
8 declared martial law. ~~It~~ ^{however,} This story [^] has
9 been denied by the officials of the
10 Soviet legation at Bucharest.
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The Stars and Stripes are waving merrily over at Carnoustie, Scotland. That is, Old Glory is waving as merrily as is possible in dismal weather.

It has been raining pitchforks on the 1931 British Open Championship Golf Tournament. The skies have been pouring down floods of water while the golfers have been swinging their mightiest. The fairways, and the greens, and the sand bunkers are flooded. As the International News Service puts it, the boys are playing under water polo conditions.

The American golfers made out pretty well in today's qualifying round. Playing over a water logged course suitable only for web-footed golfers, most of the Yanks ran scores in the middle 70's, while some of the British golfers were in the middle 80's.

Tony Manero, the American pro, got around the course in 72, with Johnny Farrell and Gene Sarazen next. But the best score was turned in by McDonald Smith who also hails from the U.S.A. He was playing in a wind which the United Press describes as a gale. His score was an even 70.

They say that Mac Smith is the popular favorite to win this aquatic golf tournament. If he does, a lot of folks in Scotland will be happy too because MacDonald Smith was born right over there on those stormy shores of the North Sea.

DIGEST

I ran across a good piece of advice today. It's something that ought to help me in my job, something to guide me in passing along to you folks the news of the day.

This bit of advice comes from Frank Mason, president of the International News Service. And Frank, naturally knows plenty about journalism and news.

Frank Mason comes out with a strong blast and tells us that journalists should not glorify the crook. An article of his in Editor and Publisher lays down an important rule for newspaper men, and that rule is:- Don't make a gangster, a thug or a gunman seem like a modern Robin Hood.

The Literary Digest, in quoting from Frank Mason's article, passes along to us a few practical rules:-

When a crook refuses to tell the police anything, his silence is not courageous. He's afraid of the underworld.

When a thug or a gangster keeps a dumb and stolid face, don't say he's got nerves of iron. He may be just dull and empty.

Don't make a gunman's moll a romantic heroine. She isn't anything of the sort.

Well, as I said, that's good advice, a good policy for news as printed on a page -- and also for news spoken over the air. I'm going to take Frank Mason's advice to heart.

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Former Secretary of the Interior Fall came out on the losers ~~xxx~~ end today. He had appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States for a review of his case. A dispatch in the New York American states that the Supreme Court has decided not to review the case.

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From France comes word that Texas Guinan and her chorus girls must leave that country by Wednesday evening. Latest reports are that they will try to gain admittance to Germany or Austria.

1 A bit of real heroism is reported
2 from Copalis, Washington.

3 An airplane with two passengers
4 aboard caught fire in the air. The
5 cabin was blazing. The pilot, Lana
6 Kurtzer of Seattle, ordered the two
7 passengers, one of them a woman, to
8 climb out on the wings to escape the
9 flames.

10 The machine was over the coast-
11 line. The pilot made a quick landing on
12 the beach, ^{then gave her the gun and tank} ~~and drove~~ the burning plane
13 ~~out~~ into the water, and put ^{out} the fire.

14 ~~out~~ For a fire extinguisher he used the well
15 known Pacific Ocean.

16 ^{Quickly written} The Associated Press reports that
17 this ~~brave~~ and resourceful flying man
18 was painfully burned, but the two
19 passengers were uninjured.
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1 As I read this next dispatch I
2 can't help thinking that it was kind
3 of hard on the old lady. But, just
4 the same, here's the story:

5 Mrs. Barbara Wise is 80 years old,
6 and she doesn't like airplanes--at least
7 **she** didn't. I don't know how she feels
8 about them now. Mrs. Wise lives in
9 Detroit but she was on a vacation at
10 Traverse City, Michigan. [#] She had an
11 accident and broke her hip, and was
12 mending nicely in the hospital. But
13 her family wanted to get her home, and
14 there was no way of doing it except by
15 taking her in an airplane.

16 Of course they knew how much she
17 disapproved of those new-fangled flying
18 machines. She was afraid to ride in one.
19 She just ~~at in the hole~~ wouldn't do it.

20 So they had her chloroformed.
21 They had the **doctor** give her enough
22 anaesthetic to last her over the hundred
23 mile jaunt in the sky. And then they
24 carried her aboard the plane. Her two
25 sons accompanied her.

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 2 ~~The~~ Associated Press ~~reports~~ ^{adds that it} account of
 3 ~~that~~ the trip [^] was made without any
 4 mishap. The plane landed at Detroit
 5 and Mrs. Wise was taken home.

6 I don't know what she said when
 7 she came to, but maybe it was plenty.



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 9 In a Commencement address
 10 at Berea College in Kentucky the youthful
 11 and brilliant president of the Univ. of Chicago
 12 today gave his views on the ills that beset
 13 the world.

14 "The leaders of the next generation,"
 15 said Doctor Hutchins, "will not be those who
 16 have memorized the encyclopedia. They will be
 17 those who can see and learn essential facts and
 18 who can develop ideas."

1 Now all of you seafaring men, any
2 of you fellows who've sailed on ships,
3 here's a bit of ^{sad} ~~bad~~ news for you. The
4 next time you're at sea on a liner, or an
5 old tramp, or a windjammer, and you put
6 into the port of Savannah--~~so~~, as you
7 pass Elba ^{light house} Island, there won't be a girl
8 waiting for you, at least not the "Waving
9 Girl".

10 She won't be there on ^{Savannah's} Elba Island,
11 waving with a white cloth in the daytime
12 or with a lantern at night. And your
13 ship won't answer her salute. If you're
14 on a steamer you won't whistle three
15 times--~~or honk a horn if you're on a~~
16 ~~motor craft--~~ or dip your flag if ^{you're aboard a} ~~this~~
17 windjammer. ~~on which you're sailing.~~

18 And something will be missing from
19 life at sea for any of you old-timers
20 who know the port of Savannah or have
21 heard the story of the "Waving Girl".

22 Nearly all of you know about her,
23 because for more than 40 years seafaring
24 men have talked about her. And she has
25 been a legend.

She's not there any more, sailor. And when you see she's missing, you'll sit around in the fo'c'sle with the other old salts and tell the story of the "Waving Girl" -- how 41 years ago her sweetheart went to sea and his ship never came back. And how day after day and at night she watched and waited at the Savannah lighthouse on Elba Island. She waved at every ship with a cloth by day and a lantern by night, hoping that her sweetheart might be aboard. He never returned, and she never married. But she never lost hope and just kept on waving to the passing ships -- for 41 years.

That, is the legend of the sea, the story that Jack Tar tells about the "Waving Girl". In reality she's Miss Florence Martus. Her brother, George W. Martus, is the keeper of the lighthouse on Elba Island. She went to live with him those years ago, when she was only 19. And there she sat waving at the passing ships.

Now her brother is 70 years old, and he has retired. She has left the lighthouse with him and they have moved to Savannah.

1 A strange sight was seen in
2 Washington today. A traffic jam was
3 caused by a snapping-turtle ~~which~~
4 waddled ^{ing down} ~~along~~ the street smoking a
5 cigar.

6 Some jokester must have put the
7 lighted cigar in the turtle's mouth.
8 A turtle, as we all know, gets a grip
9 on something and ^{then hates to} ~~never~~ turns loose.
10 And that snapping-turtle in Washington
11 certainly had a great grip on that
12 cigar. Then the jokester turned the
13 turtle loose and the critter went
14 strolling down the street with the
15 cigar still burning.

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16 The Associated Press reports
17 that the ~~traffic~~ traffic jam was only
18 dispersed when a policeman carried
19 the cigar-smoking turtle away to jail.
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1 We ought to have a theme song all
2 this week, and that theme song ought to
3 be:- "Down where the Cotton Blossoms
4 Grow" - or if you prefer something not
5 so languishing, a little more brisk,
6 and just as appropriate, we might sing
7 "Dixie", starting in: "I wish I were in
8 the Land of Cotton". - Why? - Well
9 because this happens to be Cotton Week.

10 All over the country, commencing
11 today, honors will be paid to King
12 Cotton. Merchants everywhere in America
13 are displaying cotton goods. Manufacturers
14 are holding meetings, talking about ways
15 of improving the cotton industry. Below
16 the Mason-Dix^{on}~~e~~ Line it's cotton picking
17 time, and darkies are in the fields
18 chopping out the weeds between the cotton
19 stalks, and singing ^{mammy}~~darky~~ songs.

20 I had a chat today with the
21 President of The Cotton Textile Institute
22 of America, Mr. George Sloan, and he was
23 bubbling over with news about Cotton Week
24 and the importance of Old King Cotton.
25 Mr. Sloan told me that five billion
dollars are invested in one way or another

1 in the cotton industry, and twelve
2 million people in this country gain their
3 living from the fluffy white ball that
4 grows on the green stalk. Of course
5 anything that interests 12,000,000 of us,
6 intimately, is pretty vital to all of us.

7 This week 11,840 retail stores in
8 all of the forty-eight states are
9 observing cotton week, and are putting
10 cotton goods on display in their show
11 windows. Governors in ten states have
12 telegraphed their enthusiastic interest
13 and support.

14 Mr. Sloan pointed out that this
15 year women's fashions everywhere are
16 featuring cotton fabrics. The smart new
17 styles are going in for cotton batiste,
18 voile, lawn, and ^{whatever they are,} dimity, with stunning
19 embroidery effects. I don't suppose the
20 fashionable girls are taking up calico,
21 but it might be a grand idea if they did.

22 And then the big industries, such as
23 automobiling, are finding more and more use
24 for cotton in their manufacturing processes.

25 It looks like a big year for cotton,
and that's a good thing, because Old King
Cotton has been one of the great
figures in American history.

1 The Tall Story Club is celebrating
2 ~~cotton week with a truthful anecdote~~
3 anecdote. Anybody who has been to the
4 South during ^{the} a time when the cotton is
5 ready to be picked, will have an
6 unforgettable impression of the snow white
7 fields that stretch dazzling in all
8 directions. In the light of a bright
9 southern moon the snowy expanse of a
10 cottonfield is a thing of eerie loveliness.

11 This fact is pointed out in
12 considerable detail by G. S. Clark of
13 Savannah, Georgia, who tells a sad story
14 of the Georgia farmer who got a chance
15 to buy a ~~California~~ ^{northern} mule cheap. That
16 Georgian should have known that there is
17 no mule like the southern mule, but as
18 Mr. Clark emphasized, he bought the
19 ~~California~~ ^{northern} mule cheap.

20 He planned to use the ~~animal~~ ^{critter}
21 in his cotton field, but that plan didn't
22 work out at all. When the mule got one
23 look at the white expanse of cotton
24 stretching to the horizon, he began to
25 shiver. He thought the cotton was snow.

1 That old mule just lay down and froze
2 to death.

3 And with that the band will
4 strike up - "I wish I were in Dixie,
5 hurray, hurray."

6 And while the merry southern
7 strains are sounding in honor of cotton
8 week, I'll be gwine down the road
9 wishin' good luck to all you folks in
10 the Land of Cotton, - and

11 Solong until tomorrow.
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