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Well, I'm saying tonight what thousands of others, or even millions might be saying: Yes, this is Armistice Day; but there has been and always will be only one Armistice Day for me.

Most of you, no doubt, have a vivid memory of that dramatic November ^{eleventh} ~~day~~ in 1918. I happened to be in Paris. ~~that day~~

The story of that wild day has been related a thousand times, and ~~those~~ of you AEF veterans who were over there, well you'd laugh at any attempt to describe those hours of almost insane rejoicing.

I had recently arrived in Paris from Palestine, where I had seen a good

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1 deal of the campaign in which Allenby,
2 ~~the last crusader~~, freed the Holy Land
3 from the Turks. And I had been with
4 Lawrence in Arabia.

5 And just before that I had seen
6 pictures as grandiose and terrible as
7 the visions out of the Inferno of Dante.
8 They were along that indescribable battle
9 line where the Italians and Austrians came
10 to grips amid the granite and ice of the
11 Alps. They didn't dig their trenches in
12 the mud of Flanders. They blasted them
13 in the bitter hardness of Alpine granite.
14 They hauled their heavy guns to the tops
15 of mountains. Their high explosive
16 shells flung, not masses of earth and
17 mud, but splinters of rock.

18 Well, I never encountered, and
19 I imagine very few Americans along the
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1 Italian front did encounter a certain
2 young man, a mere youth in the Italian
3 Army. He had enlisted as a private,
4 but after a year in the trenches he
5 was a lieutenant. He was just another
6 one of those thousands of Italian
7 officers in their smart grey uniforms,
8 unnoticed, obscure.

9 But, tonight, that same chap,
10 and he's still a young man, is on his
11 way across the Atlantic aboard the
12 Italian liner, the Conte Grande. And
13 today he's one of the great personages
14 of statecraft and the affairs of the
15 nations.

16 Yes, I mean Dino Grandi,
17 Foreign Minister of Italy, who is now
18 on his way to Washington, to hold a
19 series of conferences with President
20 Hoover on a subject that is most
21 appropriate to Armistice Day. That
22 subject is peace.

23 In this week's Literary
24 Digest we read that Dino Grandi,
25 Mussolini's right hand man, is one of

1 the world's foremost exponents of peace.
2 It was he who proposed to the world
3 the idea of a disarmament holiday. And
4 in this the Italian Foreign Minister
5 stands shoulder to shoulder with
6 President Hoover.

7 I remarked last night that this
8 evening's broadcast would be put on
9 a world-wide short wave hook-up. The
10 National Broadcasting Company and the
11 Literary Digest have arranged this with
12 the idea that it may reach the government
13 and the people of Italy, and perhaps
14 Senor Grandi, aboard that big liner now
15 plowing its way across the North
16 Atlantic. This is a gesture on the part
17 of the National Broadcasting Company,
18 and the Literary Digest toward the
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1 people in Italy and also toward the
2 Italians in this country.

3 And appropriately this week's
4 Literary Digest gives us a brilliant
5 personality sketch of the distinguished
6 visitor that we Americans are soon to
7 receive. It tells us of Dino Grandi's
8 war career, how he distinguished himself
9 in the bitter fighting among the Alpine
10 rocks, so that he swiftly rose from the
11 station of a mere private to a lieutenantcy
12 and then a captaincy. ^{that article} And ~~the Literary~~
13 ~~Digest~~ tells us how he became a Fascist.

14 ^ He had been a law student before
15 the war. When the ^{fighting} ~~war~~ was over he went
16 back to his studies. He was just another
17 young fellow who had served his turn in
18 the army and was back **in** civil life.
19 One night he was studying in his room.
20 There was a wild hullabaloo down in the
21 street. It disturbed him. He listened.
22 It was a socialist meeting. Red radical
23 agitators were whipping up a mob to a
24 fury. They were shouting violent
25 denunciations. Whom were they denouncing?

1 Well, they were pouring the ~~the~~^{vials} of
2 their wrath upon the men who had fought
3 in the war, especially the men who
4 had enlisted in the service of their
5 country. That angered the young student.
6 It left a profound impression upon his
7 mind. He remembered all the nightmare
8 terror of those battles in the Alps.
9 And here were these people pouring scorn
10 and contempt upon the men who had been
11 through that inferno.

12 The Literary Digest quotes the
13 United Press in saying that Grandi heard
14 of a leader who was organizing ^{an} opposition
15 to socialism. This leader was a man
16 named Mussolini. Yes, the future Duce
17 was just starting his political movement
18 which was to result in the triumph of
19 Fascism in Italy. Grandi joined him, *and soon*
20 became his right hand man.

21 The Literary Digest, still
22 quoting the United Press, ~~XXXXXX~~ goes
23 on to tell us of the political battles,
24 the struggles and the controversies
25 which raised the former private soldier

1 to his present eminence as Foreign
2 Minister. He was only twenty-four when
3 he was elected to the Italian parliament.
4 He was never allowed to take his place,
5 because he was below the age limit.
6 He represented in a striking manner - youth
7 and the vigour of youth which Mussolini
8 made the ideal of Fascist Italy.

9 George Bernard Shaw saw him in
10 action in the hurly-burly of the great
11 international conferences at Geneva and
12 London, and Shaw described him as "the
13 dynamic Mr. Grandi, who speaks with
14 pontifical authority."

15 I wish I could give you the full
16 picture that the Literary Digest presents.
17 It's a vivid pen portrait of the tall,
18 powerfully built young man with a square
19 cut Assyrian beard of jet black, who
20 is aboard the Conte Grande tonight on
21 his way to confer on the subject of
22 world peace with President Hoover.

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It is announced today that

1 The United States, is going to
2 have a delegate at the Session of the
3 Council of the League of Nations, which
4 begins on Monday, ~~and~~ Uncle Sam's repre-
5 sentative will be former Vice-President
6 Charles G. Dawes, now American Ambassador
7 at London.

8 The Associated Press reminds us
9 that the proceedings of the League Council
10 will concern itself largely with the trouble
11 in the Far East, and the appointment of
12 Ambassador Dawes to represent the United
13 States is an indication of the importance
14 that the Government at Washington gives
15 to that row between the Chinese and the
16 Japanese in Manchuria.

17 Fresh forces of Japanese troops
18 are being sent into Manchuria. Today the
19 Mikado authorized the transfer of a
20 brigade of Japanese soldiers from the soil
21 of Nippon to the troubled areas in China's
22 northern province. Desultory fighting is
23 reported in various parts of Manchuria.

24 *Sec. A State Stinson received a*
25 *note from Japan today - the subject being*
Manchuria. The A. P. quotes the secretary
as saying that the note is conciliatory.

1 From Spain comes the report of
2 an attempt to re-establish the Monarchy
3 and put King Alfonso back on his throne.

4 The International News Service
5 ~~reports~~ ^{cables} that the Republican Government
6 has made a number of arrests, including
7 the eldest son of Primo de Rivera, ~~who~~ ^{former}
8 ~~was~~ Dictator of Spain. Two other sons
9 of the ~~former~~ ^{one time} Dictator are being sought.

10 They say that the conspirators
11 met every night in a secluded corner of
12 the great Cathedral of Madrid and there
13 laid the plans to overthrow the Republi-
14 can Government and restore King Alfonso.

ROUMANIA

The royal romantic rumpus in Roumania seems to be more ruppety rump than ever tonight. King Carol is now said to be trying to annul the marriage of his brother Prince Nicholas, the marriage he couldn't stop.

You may recall that the Prince ~~XX~~ went ahead and eloped with a lady whose rank was somewhat less than royal.

And furthermore adds the International News Service, King Carol has refused to give the young couple any money. A honeymoon without money is rather more lika vinegar than honey. In fact, as Dr. Vizetelly wouldn't say a honeymoon without money might properly be called a vinegar-moon.

However, it is explained that things are not so bad for Prince Nicholas and his bride. It is quite true that he has no money. Not a single dollar, or maybe I should use the Roumanian word and say not a single lei. But, ha, ha, it appears that the bride has some cash. No, she wasn't born to wealth or anything like that. But she seems to be of a saving disposition. She's been saving up her spare change for the past few years. That is, she has saved up the presents

which Prince Nicholas has given her, and they say this totals about Five Hundred Thousand Dollars. Yes, sir, and all that is saved up from the presents she got from the Prince. And that ought to put the honey back in honeymoon.

1 I'd like to call this next bit
2 of news to the attention of some of the
3 boys down in Washington whose hair is
4 turning grey on account of ~~these almost~~
5 deadlock ~~situations~~ in the Senate and
6 House of Representatives, where a
7 majority of one looks big *right now.*

8 Yes, the two parties are almost
9 evenly divided in Congress, but let's
10 take a look over in England.

11 The International News Service *gives*
12 *reports*^m the first vote in the House of
13 Commons which went into session
14 yesterday. What the M.P.'s voted about
15 doesn't mean anything in particular.
16 It was entirely a minor affair. It
17 was just a test to put the line-up of
18 parties on record. The government
19 forces voted for the bill and the
20 opposition voted against it. Well, the
21 vote was 378 to 9, a majority of 369
22 in favor of the government.

23 That ought to provide ~~the~~
24 material ~~for~~^{for} a pleasant dream for some
25 of the politicians in Washington who
still don't know just who is going to be
in control of the Senate and the House
of Representatives.

1 Gales, tornadoes, and ~~sand~~^{snow} storms,
2 that's the kind of weather the United
3 Press reports in Europe today.

4 The British Isles are being
5 lashed by severe tempests. Ships are in
6 trouble ~~at sea~~^{on the ocean}. Tremendous ~~seas~~^{seas} and high
7 tides have flooded the resorts along the
8 south coast of England. At one place the
9 water of the ocean swept inland ^{for} a mile
10 and a half and threatened to wash away ~~homes,~~
11 ~~houses and barns.~~

1 Well, as Walter Winchell ^{says of himself:-}
2 am I a Dr. Vizetelly or something? ~~no~~, Well,
3 I'm not, so I went to the learned lexi-
4 cographer, who is the editor of the Funk
5 and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary, and put
6 to him ^{the} ~~the~~ question which seems to be
7 causing considerable bother.

8 The New York Times informed us
9 that the Weather Bureau at Washington has
10 felt impelled to give to the country a
11 definition of and a few words about the
12 spelling of the word Drought.

13 Well, in the history of this
14 country of ours a drought has been such
15 a familiar thing that you'd think that a
16 definition wouldn't be needed. But just
17 the same people don't seem to know quite
18 what a drought is. I suppose they must
19 be city folks. You don't have to tell
20 a farmer.

21 The Weather Bureau definition
22 tells us that drought is lack of rainfall
23 so great and long continued as to affect
24 injuriously the plant and animal kingdoms.
25 Yes, sir, those kingdoms are somewhat in

difficulty when old man drought comes around. Well, I compared that definition with the one in the Funk and Wagnalls Standard Dictionary. It tells us that drought is dry weather, especially when so long continued as to cause vegetation to wither.

Yes, those two definitions seem to tally all right.

But on the subject of the spelling of drought, the Weather Bureau is in a haze. It tells us that the spelling of the word has never been officially determined. The weather bureau itself spells it -D-R-O-U-G-H-T, while the Department of Agriculture has a different form -D-R-O-U-T-H.

I took the question to Dr. Vizetelly and said: "Doctor, how do you spell drought?" The learned doctor replied that he had already answered that in that department of the Literary Digest known as The Lexicographer's Easy Chair, which

1 tells us that historically the first form
2 of the word was D-R-O-U-T-H-E. In 1440
3 it was spelled D-R-O-W-T-E.

4 At present, D-R-O-U-G-H-T is the
5 form in standard English. But in the
6 North of England and Scotland the word is
7 spelled D-R-O-U-T-H or D-R-O-W-T-H and
8 these forms are constantly used by English
9 writers.

10 Pronunciation should vary with the
11 spelling. If you spell it D-R-O-U-G-H-T
12 it should be pronounced Drought; if you
13 spell it D-R-O-U-T-H it is pronounced
14 Drouth. That thumbnail article in the
15 Lexicographer's Easy Chair, which is
16 written by Dr. Vizetelly, gives us all
17 sorts of side-lights on the disputed
18 spelling of that word which means a long,
19 continued period of dryness, and doesn't
20 refer to prohibition.
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FOOTBALL

Here's a thing I've been admitting all along. I'm a football fan. And right now there are a couple of gridiron struggles to be waged in the near future, which I certainly would like to see.

Yes, of course, I'd like to be at the Yale-Harvard game, the Army-Notre Dame battle, and that Rosebowl extravaganza at Pasadena. But these aren't the games I'd like to see the most.

We're always attracted by the idea of a grudge fight, a game where the players have particular personal and private reasons for winning. The other night I mentioned the fact that the boys are going in for punts and forward passes and pigskinitis at Sing Sing. The convicts at New York State's great prison have formed an Eleven and are playing some hard football.

Today a bit of information about their schedule was given out. The International News Service reports Warden Lawes as saying that several games are being arranged in which the Sing Sing Eleven will play Police Department teams. That is

convicts versus cops. Sing Sing will swing into action against teams representing Police Departments of various towns.

And those are the games that I'd like to see most of all.

The cops say they are going to cop the game while the convicts say: "We'll steal it."

From which the echo comes back -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.