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2 Good Evening, Everybody:-

3       Uncle Sam has a new speed king  
4 tonight, and his name is Major James H.  
5 Doolittle. When I left Cleveland last  
6 night the topic of the hour was the big  
7 coast-to-coast air race today. Nearly  
8 everyone seemed to think that Jimmie  
9 Doolittle would win -- and Jimmie sure  
10 did. Jimmie won the Bendix prize, and he  
11 smashed the coast-to-coast record. Nine  
12 famous flyers took off in their speed  
13 planes from California this morning.  
14 Well, Jimmie flew from the West coast to  
15 the East coast in 11 hours, one minute,  
16 and fifteen seconds. It wasn't so long  
17 ago that Captain Frank Hawks, the speed  
18 demon, made his remarkable record. He  
19 made the coast-to-coast flight in 12  
20 hours and 25 minutes. But now Jimmie  
21 Doolittle has beaten this by more than  
22 an hour.

23       Jimmie made two stops on his buzz  
24 across the continent, the first at Kansas  
25 City, and the second at Cleveland. There

1 was a \$15,000 prize up for that flight  
2 from Burbank, California, to Cleveland,  
3 where the National Air Races are being  
4 held. Eight other machines tried to give  
5 Jimmie a bit of competition for that  
6 Bendix prize, but he came into the Newark,  
7 New Jersey, airport roaring at 250 miles  
8 an hour, like a green and yellow  
9 projectile.

10 And so Jimmie Doolittle, as the  
11 International News Service sums it up,  
12 did two jobs today. He broke the trans-  
13 continental coast-to-coast record. He  
14 also won the prize for the flight from  
15 California to Cleveland.

16 But even then Jimmie didn't call  
17 it a day. He refueled his little Laird  
18 monoplane, rocketed into the air in a  
19 steep climb and vanished into the  
20 darkening clouds. Yes sir, after that  
21 Pacific to Atlantic jump he doubled back  
22 to Cleveland and made that return flight  
23 from Newark Airport to Cleveland in one  
24 hour and 51 minutes. In fact he made the  
25 round trip from Cleveland to the Atlantic  
coast and back to Cleveland in 4 hours,  
38 minutes.

## WILKINS

In the barren Arctic land of Spitzbergen, watchers gazing northward over the icy expanse of the Polar Sea, claim they have seen lights, which seem to be signal lights. Who can be up there amid the floating ice shooting off signal flares? The only reasonable surmise is that it must be members of the Wilkins Expedition.

Perhaps they are aboard their submarine, the Nautilus, or they may be marooned on the drifting ice. At least these are guesses that are raised by cables received today by the International News Service. There has been no definite word from Sir Hubert Wilkins now since last Saturday. On my way back from Cleveland, I picked up the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette this morning and read how faint wireless signals are reported to have been picked up from that party of adventurers headed for that submarine trip under the ice to the North Pole.

Of course there are in the Polar regions curious phenomena of nature which would account for the silence of a radio, but on the other hand people are beginning to worry. Those recent radio messages from Wilkins were so weak

that no sense could be made of them. And that has raised the supposition that perhaps the adventurers have had to abandon their submarine and the powerful wireless set that it contained and are now on the ice with nothing more than an ordinary portable radio set, which isn't capable of transmitting signals for any great distance.

Yes, there's a good deal of worrying about that submarine expedition that, day after day, forced its way through the Polar Ice. On my way through Philadelphia this afternoon I read in the Evening Public Ledger that the Norwegian government has ordered planes to fly north to hunt for Wilkins and his men. These planes are headed for the top most shore of Norway where they will be taken to far Northern Spitzbergen. Using that as a base they are expected to fly over the Polar ice, scouting for the North Pole going submarine and its crew. They are to investigate those lights that were seen glimmering faintly far out over the Arctic Sea, to the North of Spitzbergen.

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CHILE

Well, that trouble in Chile seems to be settled, that is, the mutiny in the Chilean navy. An Associated Press story in the Evening Bulletin of Philadelphia includes ~~xxx~~ ~~xxx~~ a statement that was given out by the Government at Santiago today in which it said that the naval authorities and the revolting sailors on the warships have come to terms.

It looked as if the Chilean Government gave in and granted the demands which the sailors were making. These demands have to do with the old subject of money, cash, pesos. Business conditions are not so good in that long strung out republic along the western coast of South America. The President decided to do a little economizing. Economy is a good thing, but the president of Chile seems to have made a slight mistake when he decided to cut the pay in the navy. The sailors aboard the Chilean battlefleet at Coquimbo were highly indignant when they heard about that cut and the next thing you know, they mutineered, seized the ships and,

1 demanded that the government forget all  
2 about that cut in pay. Now the  
3 authorities at Santiago have said:  
4 "O. K. boys. We may cut our noses off  
5 but I guess we won't cut your pay."

6 There had been some talk of  
7 sending ~~an~~ airplane<sup>s</sup> to bombard the  
8 ~~mutineer~~ <sup>mutinous</sup> ship, but in the end, as the  
9 International News Service reports,  
10 the government thought better. Negotiations  
11 were conducted by the Admiral <sup>of</sup> ~~and~~ the  
12 Chilean Navy. His name is Admiral von  
13 Schroeder, and that's a good old  
14 Chilean name, <sup>nicht wahr?</sup> At the Admiral's advice  
15 the sailors' demands were granted, so the  
16 mutiny seems to be off.

17 The United Press <sup>remarks</sup> ~~comments~~ that  
18 communists in Chile took advantage of the  
19 naval mutiny to start a little dis-  
20 turbance of their own. There were battles  
21 in the streets between the Reds and the  
22 police. There is some talk that there is  
23 serious danger of communism in Chile, ~~but~~  
24 The Commander in Chief of the army has  
25 issued a long eloquent circular, telling  
the soldiers about the perils and errors  
of Bolshivism and urging them not to pay  
any attention to Red agitators.

1 Here's a follow up on that story  
2 we had last night about the crisis  
3 between Mexico and China.

4 The jails on the Arizona side  
5 of the Mexican border are crowded with  
6 Chinese. These have come across the  
7 line from Mexico without permission  
8 and have been arrested by the American  
9 authorities.

10 The Associated Press reminds us  
11 that there is a bitter anti-Chinese  
12 campaign on in the Mexican states of  
13 Senora and Sinalao. ~~The Chinese have~~  
14 ~~been ordered to leave the country. They~~  
15 ~~have been attacked by mobs.~~ As the  
16 result thousands of <sup>Chinese</sup> ~~them~~ are trying to  
17 ~~keep~~ get out of Mexico and many of  
18 them in their desire to get away, kept  
19 right on going across the border into  
20 Arizona, where they <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ picked up by the  
21 American authorities for violating the  
22 immigration law.

1 Over in Spain in the old city of  
2 Barcelona, the trouble has been declared  
3 off - but there seems to be more trouble  
4 than ever. *HP The Evening Public Ledger,*  
*points out that* a general strike has been going  
5 on in <sup>Barcelona</sup> ~~the city~~ and today there was a  
6 conference between government authorities  
7 and the leaders of the strikers. When  
8 the conference was finished everything  
9 seemed fine and rosy with the announcement  
10 that an agreement had been made and the  
11 strike was over.  
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13 The International News Service  
14 reports that the good news doesn't seem  
15 to have taken with the bulk of the strikers  
16 who have been raising particular Cain  
17 for the past few days. They act as if  
18 they weren't going to pay any attention  
19 ~~to~~ the agreement their leaders <sup>have</sup> ~~had~~ made.  
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21 The day just kept on with  
22 constant clashes between the police and  
23 rioting mobs. In several sections of  
24 the cities there was ugly fighting with  
25 the police charging the crowds. A  
number of people are reported wounded



1 and the strike is said to be spreading  
2 throughout all of the four provinces of  
3 Catalonia. Fighting has been going on  
4 in Barcelona for several days now. The  
5 United Press gives us a description of  
6 the machine guns rattling in the streets  
7 along with the sharp pop of pistol and  
8 rifle fire. Four people have been  
9 killed. A church was set on fire by a  
10 mob of red radicals. ~~The~~ food shortage  
11 is threatening the city. The supply of  
12 illuminating gas is almost exhausted.

13 The Associated Press <sup>dispatch to the Evening Bulletin of Phila.</sup> says that  
14 the women of Barcelona are taking a hand  
15 in the situation which is threatening  
16 them and their children with discomfort  
17 and hunger. They are demanding that  
18 their husbands abandon the strike and  
19 go back to work. They declare that the  
20 men won't get any more meals served  
21 to them at home unless they put an end  
22 to the trouble.

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1 Well, here <sup>are</sup> quick results. Last  
2 evening I told how the Austrians and  
3 Germans had called off that famous  
4 Anschluss. They decided to yield to  
5 the opposition of other nations, France  
6 in particular, and drop their plan to  
7 form a customs union. Yes, and now  
8 comes news that this decision has been  
9 followed by ~~■~~ swift results.

10 Today, so the International News  
11 Service sends word, the French  
12 government announced that it was lending  
13 a bit of money to Austria. The sum is  
14 a hundred fifty million Austrian  
15 shillings. That means twenty-one million  
16 dollars in American money.

17 Well, the Austrians chucked  
18 the Anschluss out of the window and the  
19 result is expressed in terms of cash.

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1 This afternoon I read a story.  
2 I read every word of it right through.  
3 It was an experience related by a  
4 college girl. She wrote it as an  
5 original theme in the course of her  
6 studies in English composition. Her  
7 name is Rhoda Reynolds. She's at  
8 Wellesley, <sup>in the</sup> Class of 1933.

9 ~~I want to give you the gist of~~  
10 ~~that story, because it really means~~  
11 ~~something.~~ It begins with a picture of  
12 a little girl, smiling yet always  
13 squinting her eyes. Somehow these two  
14 things don't seem to go together -- a  
15 bright childish smile, and a squinting  
16 of the eyes that looks like worry. The  
17 little girl smiled because she was happy.  
18 She squinted her eyes because she was  
19 near-sighted -- although she didn't  
20 know it.

21 It had never occurred to her that  
22 anybody ~~could~~ could see any better than  
23 she did. In grammar school she couldn't  
24 distinguish the figures on the black-  
25 board <sup>clearly</sup> unless she sat in the first row

1 of seats. At hide-and-seek she was  
 2 always it, because she seldom noticed  
 3 the other kids hiding and peeking out  
 4 from behind trees and bushes.

5 One day she was walking along the  
 6 street when she saw three people. She  
 7 thought they were her father, mother and  
 8 brother. She <sup>w</sup>aved to the <sup>m</sup>, but they  
 9 didn't pay any attention to her. When  
 10 they drew close she found ~~that~~ they were  
 11 strangers, and she flushed scarlet with  
 12 the embarrassment of a child.

13 When a beautiful landscape was  
 14 pointed out to her she ~~was~~ saw mostly  
 15 a green blur, but she was too proud to  
 16 admit it. She merely had the vague  
 17 notion that something was wrong with her,  
 18 and all the time she squinted.

19 It was inevitable that sooner or  
 20 later a child like that would be fitted  
 21 with glasses. They put a pair of  
 22 spectacles on her nose.

23 "It was almost like being born  
 24 again," writes Rhoda Reynolds. "Every-  
 25 thing became clear and distinct. I

could recognize people on the other side of the street. I could sit in the back row at school and read every figure on the board."

And here's a curious thing -- what surprised the girl the most was the floor. Heretofore it had seemed nothing more than a brownish surface. But now she could tell that it was made of planks, neatly fitted together. She was so astonished and delighted that she counted every plank.

She had never observed before that her father's hair was so thin at the top. And she never knew her mother's hair was turning gray.

Well, that is the human little story which Rhoda Reynolds, Wellesley '33, tells us. And I think it's an appropriate tale to pass along in connection with that article in this week's Literary Digest on the re-opening of school.

There are thousands of children who are suffering from weak eyes, defective vision, as Rhoda Reynolds suffered. Did I say thousands? Well, I meant millions. Of 25 million school children in this country, 5 million have bad eyes. And

a large proportion of weak eyes can be permanently cured by wearing a pair of spectacles for only a couple of years.

Eighty-five per cent of all knowledge is gained through the eyes. Eighty per cent of all muscular activity is controlled by the eyes. All those millions of youngsters that are about to begin a new school season need 100 per cent normal vision if they are going to get a fair chance at their studies.

1 There seems to be a slump in  
2 the divorce market. <sup>ed</sup> ~~That~~ Man depression  
3 has done a lot of mean things, but he  
4 seems to be less of a home breaker  
5 than the radiant spirit of prosperity.

6 An Associated Press wire from  
7 San Francisco quotes a local judge as  
8 pointing out that the number of divorces  
9 is decreasing, <sup>yes decreasing, at least in</sup> ~~It has gone down~~  
10 ~~considerably since the last year of the~~  
11 ~~boom. But the~~ <sup>The</sup> San Francisco judge  
12 points out the reason: When the stock  
13 market was <sup>at</sup> high level<sup>s</sup>, says he, it seemed  
14 almost everybody was either getting  
15 alimony or paying alimony.

16 Yes, ~~that's~~ that's the key to the  
17 situation - alimony. Husbands haven't  
18 got so much money nowadays, and don't  
19 part with it so easily. And what is  
20 divorce without alimony? ~~Any modern~~  
21 ~~woman can answer that question without a~~  
22 ~~bit of trouble.~~

23 And so, with the slump in the  
24 alimony market there is also a decrease  
25 in the number of divorces.

1           And that same mean looking fellow,  
2 Old Man Depression, seems to be a good  
3 friend to man's familiar friend, the  
4 horse.

5           The Department of Agriculture  
6 reports that there is an increasing  
7 demand on farms for horses and mules.  
8 The Associated Press gives a reasonable  
9 explanation. Farmers are short on money  
10 but long on crops. You can't feed the  
11 crops to a tractor but you can to a  
12 horse. Of course, the farmers <sup>have</sup> heard  
13 all about the glories of mass production.  
14 And Old Dobbin isn't so good at mass  
15 production. That's where the tractor  
16 comes in. More recently the farmer  
17 has been accused of the crime of over-  
18 production. Well, how can he do the  
19 noble deed ~~of~~ mass production without  
20 committing the mortal sin of over-  
21 production? Well, that's a puzzler that's  
22 a little too perplexing for Hiram's  
23 brain, and you can't blame him if he's  
24 inclined to say that the grand and  
25 glorious doctrine of mass production



1 was just a bunch of hokum so far as  
2 he was concerned.

3           Anyway, the Department of  
4 Agriculture reports that the farmer is  
5 turning against mass production and  
6 against the tractor. He isn't thinking  
7 so much about hitching his wagon to a  
8 star any more. He's just hitching Old  
9 Dobbin and Dobbin's cousin the Missouri  
10 mule in their familiar places in front  
11 of the plow.

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1 I realize that at this point I  
2 ought to let out one loud deep note, and  
3 try to roar like a lion. Because that  
4 would be the proper way to illustrate  
5 the little trick which Ed Stevenson  
6 pulled at the Zoo down in Washington.  
7 Yes, Ed roared like a lion. In fact he  
8 roared at the lions.

9 Ed seems to be a humorous chap  
10 with a sense of the appropriate. He was  
11 ~~in~~ <sup>at the</sup> Zoo and the lions roared at him so  
12 he just roared back at them.

13 This is the place where I ought to  
14 exercise my voice and give a demonstration  
15 of just how the lions roared and how  
16 Ed roared in reply.

17 Well, the ~~xxxxxxx~~ more the  
18 lions roared the more Ed roared, and the  
19 more Ed roared the more the lions roared  
20 and there was one grand pandemonium in  
21 the zoo.

22 Keepers came rushing along and  
23 told Ed to shut up, but Ed just roared  
24 like a lion at them.

25 I don't know if he roared at the

1 cop who was the next arrival but anyway  
2 the cop took him to the lockup.

3 The cop testified against Ed  
4 and ~~xxx~~ told the Judge that Ed sounded  
5 more like a lion than the lions themselves.  
6 And just to make his testimony stronger  
7 that Washington policeman, <sup>right</sup> ~~write~~ there  
8 in the courtroom gave what the Associated  
9 Press calls a "mild duplication of  
10 a lion's roar." The Judge was shocked  
11 by Ed's sense of humor. "If I had been  
12 the keepers" declared his honor, "I  
13 would have taken this man, opened the  
14 cage and thrown him ~~in~~ into the lions".

15 And I suppose Ed let out a roar  
16 when he heard that.

17 Well, as I said before, I am not  
18 so good at ~~this~~ roaring, <sup>like a lion.</sup> I'll ~~xxx~~ <sup>leave</sup> that  
19 kind of vocal exercise for Ed Stevenson.  
20 I'll content myself with a mild and  
21 peaceful *bleat, something a lamb, as I say:-*

22 So long until tomorrow.  
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