

1 ^{a little} Good evening, everybody. I'm
 2 ~~just a bit~~ out of breath tonight. The
 3 ~~reason is that~~ I've been rushing ^{half way} across
 4 the continent this week end -- making the
 5 jaunt out to Chicago in ^{two} ~~a series of~~ jumps.
 6 ~~I made the first lap on~~ (the Twentieth Century
 7 ~~Century.~~ Then dropped off) at Toledo and
 8 made a speech and hopped another train
 9 and came on in to the Windy City.

10 Shortly after the Century rolled
 11 into Toledo, I met Grove Patterson, the
 12 Editor of the Toledo Blade, and one of
 13 the best known newspaper men in the
 14 country. I asked Mr. Patterson to help
 15 me a bit by giving me his slant on the
 16 important news of the day.

17 Well, first of all he pointed
 18 out that for several hundred thousand
 19 people from coast to coast the big news
 20 today is that its the last day to pay up
 21 your income tax to Uncle Sam. And as
 22 usual a lot of the last minute boys have
 23 been busy making out their returns.

24 Then there is the fact that
 25 President Hoover has a new secretary. He

is Theodore G. Joslin, who for fifteen years was Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript.

There also is the announcement of the invention of a new process that will produce an absolute anti-knock gasoline.

A news dispatch from Joliet, Illinois gives a startling new angle of that Joliet outbreak is the forced resignation of the chaplain of the prison, the Reverend George Whitmire. He is accused of having helped the prisoners to arrange what was intended to be a jail break. They say he was used as a tool by the convicts. According to the Chicago Daily Times, one of the plotters persuaded the chaplain to smuggle out of the prison a short story that the convict had written. The chaplain, it is charged, thought the story was nothing more than a bit of literature and accordingly conveyed it to the convict's wife. But that piece of artistic fiction turned out to contain a code which gave instructions to confederates on the outside and was part of the plan the prisoners had formed to make their escape. The Warden states that, in addition, the chaplain was caught secretly carrying letters to and from prisoners. The story seems to be one of a simple-minded, unsuspecting man being made the dupe of a set of tricky rogues.

1 A big trial got under way today
2 out here in Chicago. A St. Louis gunman
3 who is described as having eyes like ice,
4 and nerves like steel, is on trial for
5 what was perhaps the most celebrated
6 murder of recent years. I mean the shoot-
7 ing of Jake Lingle, the Chicago newspaper
8 reporter.

9 The man on trial is Leo Brothers
10 and the authorities say ~~that~~ they will
11 convict him of the crime. According
12 to ^{the Chicago Evening Post} ~~International News Service~~, Brothers
13 claims he has an iron-clad alibi. Anyway,
14 he seems confident as he sits there in
15 the court with ^{those widely heralded} ~~his~~ eyes of ice and nerves
16 of steel ~~that the reporters are writing about.~~

1 Four men were arrested at Akron,
2 Ohio, today. Federal authorities say that
3 they are a gang of high-powered counter-
4 feitters. They were driving in a big
5 car, and in a secret compartment the
6 officers who made the arrest found more
7 than \$2,000 in counterfeit ten and twenty
8 dollar bills.

9 According to the United Press,
10 the four men have been hunted for a year
11 and are said to be members of a counter-
12 feit ring which has been flooding
13 Pennsylvania, southern Ohio, New Jersey
14 and New York with thousands of dollars
15 in fake money.

1 Vague reports drifted in early
2 this afternoon about a disaster to a
3 ship which was engaged in making motion
4 pictures. The vessel is the sealing
5 ship Viking, and she was up in White Bay,
6 Newfoundland, with ^{quite} a large ^{crowd} ~~group~~ of movie
7 ~~people~~ ^{folks} ~~people~~ ^{— people} aboard who were making a northern
8 picture.

9 Fragmentary reports came through
10 that the Viking had blown up. It was
11 known that something serious had occurred
12 when the Newfoundland Legislature, which
13 was in session, adjourned after receiving
14 secret word about the disaster.

15 Now the International News
16 Service relays ^{us word} ~~to us a wireless received~~
17 from the government wireless man at Horse
18 Island, ~~which is~~ at the tip of White Bay.
19 He states that there was a terrific
20 explosion aboard the sealing vessel, ~~and~~
21 Just what caused it seems to be a mystery.
22 A hundred and fifty people were engaged
23 in making the motion pictures. ^{Of these} Twenty
24 were killed, ^{— as the report reads.} Many survivors have been
25 fighting their way ashore across ^{the} loose ^{drift} ice

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that is being pounded against the bleak island by the wind.

From all reports it looks as if the quest for a movie thriller had ended in a real thriller--and a grim disaster.

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2 Morrow of New Jersey. He is on his way
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4 United Press, he will represent the
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1 There was an attempt to assassinate
2 a high Russian diplomat over in Japan.
3 His life was saved by a police dog.

4 Paul Anikieff is a Soviet represen-
5 tative on a Russian trade delegation *that*
6 ~~which~~ is negotiating with the Japanese
7 authorities. (There is a dispute about
8 fisheries ~~between~~ between Russia and Japan.)

9 *P* Anikieff was driving his car through
10 Tokyo Street when a Japanese jumped on the
11 running board and opened fire. Two
12 bullets struck the Soviet representative.
13 Then, according to the Associated Press,
14 a big police dog belonging to a Japanese
15 who lived nearby came tearing down the
16 line and grabbed hold of the would-be
17 assassin. The man turned and shot the
18 dog and then fired the last bullet in his
19 pistol at the diplomat.

20 Anikieff is ^{*reported*} seriously wounded. *P* The
21 man who shot him is a Japanese merchant who
22 used to be in business at Vladivostok.
23 He claims he didn't get a square deal with
24 the Russians there, ^{*and he also claims*} that Anikieff was the
25 cause of his troubles.

1 As the Twentieth Century Limited rushed
2 across the country, hurrying me toward
3 Chicago, I suddenly heard a familiar voice.

4 They say if you sit long enough at the
5 Cafe de la Paix in Paris you will see ~~ex~~
6 everybody in the world that you know.

7 Well, the same is true of the Twentieth
8 Century. You see everybody on it --
9 sooner or later.

10 "I say, L. T., old chap, where are you
11 bound for? Eh what?"

12 It was a very English voice. And
13 looking up I saw before me a very English
14 person, a gentleman I had known in London.
15 The odd part about him is that he is the
16 world's greatest expert on an exceedingly
17 American creature--the eagle.

18 Captain C. W. R. Knight, M.C., F.R.P.S.,
19 F.Z.S., has made a life study of eagles,
20 their lives and their habits. He lives
21 among them, builds a nest for himself in
22 a tree or on a cliff near the nests of
23 the eagles. He watches them and photo-
24 graphs them, makes a record of their joys
25 and their sorrows, their domestic lives

1 and their domestic quarrels.

2 Captain Knight informs me that a
3 domestic quarrel among eagles is a
4 marvelous show because at the business
5 of being a wife Old Lady Eagle makes the
6 ladies of the human race look like the
7 mild and gentle angels they seem to be
8 before you marry them.

9 In fact, Captain Knight lives with an
10 eagle. He has what is said to be the only
11 tame, trained eagle in captivity. That
12 bird is named "Mr. Ramshaw", and in hotels
13 when the chambermaids walk into the
14 Captain's room to clean up and find them-
15 selves gazing into the eyes of the old
16 American eagle himself--why that sometimes
17 creates consternation.

18 However, I didn't intend to talk
19 particularly about eagles. Captain Knight
20 and I reminisced as the train sped up the
21 Hudson and on across New York state. And
22 then when we got the Cleveland morning
23 papers and when my first batch of dis-
24 patches were brought on board, I asked him
25 to glance through and select what he

1 thought was the most interesting item.

2 Captain Knight is an Englishman with
3 ~~a roaring~~^a wild, delightful sense of
4 humor, and he picked a story which may
5 be of cosmic importance, in fact, inter-
6 planetary.

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1 RUSSIA

2 I don't know whether the inhabitants
3 of Mars, or the moon, are listening in
4 today, but if they are I want to give them
5 a bit of warning. The Mere Earth isn't
6 big enough for the Bolshevik enthusiasts
7 of Soviet Russia, and they are extending
8 the scope of world revolution to the
9 planets. In other words, they intend to
10 start planetary revolution.

11 Of course the planets already have
12 their own revolutions--that is, revolu-
13 tions around the sun--and now the boys
14 at Moscow threaten them with Red revolu-
15 tions.

16 It is all a part of the rocket craze.
17 Everywhere in the world somebody is build-
18 ing a rocket, either to penetrate the
19 world's outer atmosphere or to wing its
20 way to the moon, or Venus, or Mars.

21 According to the Moscow corresponden^t of
22 the ^{Chgo} Daily News Soviet Russia, too, is
23 having a rocket craze. Working men in
24 factories are building rockets, and there
25 is an old professor who is at present

getting a lot of publicity on account of a remarkable planetary projectile he is constructing. And of course everything in Russia takes a revolutionary and Bolshevik flavor these days, - and so have the rockets. Ordinary rocket builders merely plan trips to the moon or the planets. But the Bolsheviks are going to send propaganda and agitators to start the inhabitants of Mars on a wild and Red revolution.

Tremendous things may come when they start working on the man in the moon. I don't know how much that old fellow understands about communist or socialist theories, but you never can tell! He may turn into the wildest Bolshe of all, and maybe it won't be long until you will see up there in the sky, not the round, grinning, jovial face of the Man in the Moon. Instead you may see the wild glaring eyes and the equally wild whiskers of a Bolshevik.

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1 Now comes a story of domestic life
2 which seemed as if it might result in a
3 domestic tragedy, but in the end the
4 home was saved. It took place down on
5 the road to the South Pole and the
6 characters in the little drama were
7 penguins, those strange, flightless
8 birds that look like weird little human
9 beings.

10 There was a young pair of penguins
11 that had set up housekeeping. One day
12 the husband came home and found that
13 his wife had company. A sheik among
14 the penguins had intruded and was trying
15 to break up the home. The fight started
16 right away, with Mrs. Penguin looking on.

17 After a few minutes of lively
18 battle the enraged husband made a
19 desperate rush at the sheik. The sheik
20 side-stepped and the husband, pecking
21 violently, collided with the wife. And
22 she indignantly retaliated by attacking
23 him. And now the unfortunate husband
24 was beset by both the intruding sheik
25 and his own wife. And yet the home was

1 saved.

2 This is one of the animal stories
3 in the current issue of the Literary
4 Digest. The Digest editors this week
5 have gone strong on dramatic and comic
6 tales of the creatures of the wilds.
7 The penguin story is ~~quoted~~ quoted from
8 a book called the "Island of the Penguins"
9 by Cherry Kearton.

10 The story of the battle goes on
11 with the fight getting wilder all the
12 time. Mrs. Penguin, after taking the
13 part of the sheik against her spouse,
14 worked up such a fury of battle that
15 she attacked both of the scrapping
16 males indifferently. She'd hit her
17 husband a whack, and then take a whack
18 at the sheik.

19 The battle finally began to veer
20 in favor of the husband, and that seemed
21 to ^{cause} ~~the~~ the lady to make up her mind.
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25 his feathers torn off his body and the

1 blood streaming over the few feathers
2 that remained, and with one flipper
3 out of action, he backed away, He
4 took a dive into the water and swam
5 off as fast as a penguin with one
6 flipper out of commission can swim.

7 And so peace and domestic happiness
8 returned to the family of penguins.

1 Now there is a red hot item about
2 Sports in all of today's papers--both
3 morning and evening. It tells of a
4 boxing bout out in Romantic India. The
5 contestants are described by the Chicago
6 Tribune as two Indian society ladies,
7 Mrs. Kamalaba, of Malabar, and Miss
8 Sitibai, of Tanjore. The referee was a
9 man, Mr. Banerji Ginwala, from Trichino-
10 poly.

11 An immense crowd looked on, with wild
12 applause. Jai, jai, they yelled, as the
13 ladies socked each other with the 4-ounce
14 gloves. They hit each other with jabs
15 and hooks and swings and tropical hay-
16 makers. In the sixth round **BATTLING MRS.**
17 **KAMALABA**, of Malabar, knocked out Miss
18 Sitibai, of Tanjore, with a terrific
19 uppercut to the jaw that made Miss Sitibai,
20 of Tanjore, sit down for the count of ten.

21 It was a clean knockout, but the
22 referee called the bout a draw. He said
23 that as a man he was too gallant to decide
24 between two laides, and so he decided that
25 neither had won--perhaps he meant that
both had won.

1 At any rate, Miss Sitibai, who was knocked
 2 out, declared an hour later that her ears
 3 still rang like a Hindu temple gong.

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1 Well, happy days are here again!
2 That is, at the Michigan State Reformatory.
3 Clifford Slade is back in the cooler, and
4 Cliff is a star xylophone player.

5 During a former term in the
6 institution, he was the pride of the
7 prison band and his specialty is a
8 touching and heart-throbbing rendition of
9 the song, "Happy Days are Here Again".

10 At the end of Cliff's last term,
11 in 1929, he remained at the Reformatory
12 for two weeks after the expiration of his
13 sentence, just so he could play in the
14 annual Christmas concert there. And at
15 the Christmas concert Cliff was at his
16 best, and the way he played "Happy Days
17 are Here Again" was something the boys in
18 the ~~house~~^{lock up} never forgot.

19 Recently Cliff got mixed up and
20 forged a check and when the judge was
21 about to sentence him, Cliff asked if he
22 couldn't have a life term just so he could
23 perfect his technique on the xylophone,
24 but the cruel judge, according to the
25 United Press, said he could only have from

1 14 to 24 years in the jug. But in spite
2 of that Cliff is joyful and gay--glad
3 to be back with his old friends and fel-
4 low musicians, and is warming up the old
5 xylophone and breaking into the thrilling
6 strains of HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN.

7 Well, Cliff is back in the cooler and
8 I am back in Chicago, which used to be
9 the old home town for me. I will be
10 seeing lots of old friends and running
11 over past experiences with them and
12 enjoying their acquaintance once more.
13 And I think I will follow Cliff's example
14 and break into the sweet refrain of
15 HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN. Cliff is
16 playing it on the Xylophone, but I think
17 I will play it on the slide trombone.
18 Meanwhile--so long until tomorrow!

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