

a round-trip flight, between sunrise and sunset. But he didn't quite make it.

As he darted through the sky over France, he ran into rain, and fog, and heavy winds. He fought the gale until his fuel was almost exhausted. And then he came down near a small town a hundred miles south of Paris. He flopped his plane into a pasture, for a perfect landing, and called it a day.

GNATS

There has been another invasion of Buffalo gnats in the state of Mississippi. Several weeks ago I told how a plague of those pestilential insects had swarmed over a large section of Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas - killing hundreds of cattle. The gnat swarm was driven away by strong winds. But now, according to the Associated Press, the gnats have returned, and they seem to be worse than ever. School children are obliged to wear netting over their faces. The bite of this gnat resembles the sting of a bumble-bee, and several pupils were bitten so badly they fell ill. Folks in the South are wondering what they can do about the new plague; and they are hoping and praying that someone will tell them how to get rid of the pesky nuisance.

1 The richest cat in the world is
2 dead. She was named Mitzi, and she
3 owned ^a \$100,000 home at San Gabriel,
4 California; and ^{she} had \$15,000 in cash.
5 That pussy cat lived a life of luxury
6 and received all the comforts ~~which~~
7 wealth can bring.

8 The International News Service tells
9 us that she was the heiress of Dr. Maude
10 Cain. When the ^{California} woman physician died,
11 she willed to her favorite cat ^{her} the fine
12 home and ~~the bundle of~~ ^{that \$15,000 in} cash. But now
13 the cat has died.

14 Well, that millionaire cat left an
15 estate, and therefore the usual legal
16 formalities are necessary. As in the
17 case of humans, a post mortem was held
18 over Mitzi's remains, to see that all of
19 her nine lives were extinct. And then
20 a death certificate had to be issued.

21 According to Dr. Cain's will, the
22 house and the money that Mitzi leaves
23 will go to a lady who lives in Los
24 Angeles.

1 Here comes a verdict of "not guilty."
2 That is, ^{our present day} ~~the~~ flappers are not guilty of
3 using too much rouge and lip-stick. We
4 are accustomed to think of the dashing
5 ^{damsels} ~~youngsters~~ as being the make-up queens,
6 but, according to the Associated Press,
7 a national survey presented to the
8 American manufacturers of cosmetics
9 discloses that it is the middle-aged
10 women who paint their faces with an
11 enthusiastic lather of crimson and
12 scarlet. The up-to-date flapper uses
13 comparatively little paint - also the
14 society matron. The stately ladies of
15 the upper crust are very gingerly about
16 daubing their cheeks with rouge and
17 smearing their mouths with lip-stick.
18 I suppose they don't think it is quite
19 the thing -- and maybe it isn't.

PHOTO CONTEST

Click goes the shutter. The camera is focused and the picture is taken. That will happen hundreds of thousands of times all round the globe this summer. A world-wide amateur photographic contest was announced today - one of the biggest contests in history. One hundred thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded for the best pictures. The event, although sponsored in the United States, has international flavor. The idea is that the art of photography plays an important part in transmitting information throughout the world and thereby helps create an understanding between nations.

An amazing number of important people are named as patrons for the contest. They, include the Crown Princes of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Belgium, the Presidents of Czechoslovakia and Mexico; Poincare, former President of France -- and also Mussolini.

Ten thousand dollars will be the first prize.

In the United States the contest will begin in May and will continue throughout August. In the fall a supreme board of judges will meet in the Swiss city of Geneva, and the prizes will be awarded there.

1 Well, it seems that this great
2 country of ours has a new and important
3 office-holder. I suppose there are
4 mighty few of us who realize that ~~the~~ ^{we}
5 ~~United States has~~ ^{have} an Assistant President, ^{in Washington.}
6 But the United Press points out that
7 President Hoover has, to all intents and
8 purposes, given Mrs. Hoover the job of
9 Assistant President.

10 He has done this by frequently
11 calling upon the First Lady of the Land
12 to help him ~~out~~ in duties that are
13 outside of the ordinary social functions
14 of the mistress of the White House.

15 When there's a job the President
16 should do ^{but} ~~and~~ can't, he sometimes calls
17 upon Mrs. Hoover to perform the task
18 for him. Twice during the past few
19 weeks the First Lady has represented
20 the President. She delivered a national
21 radio broadcast on unemployment, ~~and~~
22 ~~told the country how the President felt~~
23 ~~about several matters.~~ ^{and} Her pronouncements
24 were just as authoritative as if the
25 President had been at the microphone.

This week Mrs. Hoover is representing the President at the convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They say the Chief Executive found his datebook so jammed that he simply couldn't attend. So Mrs. Hoover is there in his stead.

And on Friday, she again will play a semi-presidential role in Baltimore, at Goucher College commencement.

Yes, the First Lady of the Land does seem to be playing the part of Assistant President and playing it to perfection, according to all reports.

Keller at luncheon.

1 The Boston Transcript states today
2 that Uncle Sam has made an unusual
3 ruling in connection with indignant
4 aliens. It seems that in the United
5 States there are some aliens who want
6 to go back to their native lands. Uncle
7 Sam announces that he will pay the expenses
8 for those who are classed as indignant
9 aliens.

10 Some 250 applications have been
11 received for this free transportation --
12 from folks who are indignant. And nearly
13 all are citizens of Great Britain. And
14 they're going back to dear old London.
15 I guess it's all for the best, because
16 the height of indignation is an indignant
17 Englishman.

1 Uncle Sam has recognized the new
2 Republic of Spain. ~~According to the~~
3 ~~United Press,~~ the State Department made
4 this formal announcement today.

5 Well, a number of the leading
6 governments of the world have already
7 recognized the ^{Spanish} ~~new~~ republic. And now
8 the ^{middle-aged} ~~old~~ gentleman with the red, white,
9 and blue suspenders just about makes
10 it unanimous.

Here goes for
 Now ~~comes~~ ^{as we all} a new Literary Digest
 poll. The Digest, ~~you~~ ^{with rather startling accuracy,} know, is famous
 for conducting polls which have the habit
 of coming out ~~amazingly true~~ ^{in tomorrow's issue}. This
 time, the Digest, ~~in the new~~ ^{that same} issue--the
~~April 25th number that goes on the~~
~~stands tomorrow--~~ conducts a poll on
 the subject of ~~the~~ new republic in
 Spain.

The editors of the ~~famous magazine~~ ^{Digest}
 have, figuratively speaking, gone across
 the ocean to gather significant opinions
~~of~~ ^{regarding} the downfall of King Alphonso.

First of all, they consult the
 Spanish Conservative newspapers. ~~And~~
 They quote the ultra-Conservative
 Catholic journal of Madrid as saying--
 WE LOYALLY ACCEPT THE REPUBLICAN
 GOVERNMENT BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS THE
 UNITY OF THE COUNTRY, AND PEACE, AND ORDER.

"ALPHONSO WAS A GREAT PATRIOT," it
~~declares~~ ^{continues}. "HE LOVES SPAIN. HIS MAJESTY
 MOST FAITHFULLY COMPLIED WITH THE WILL
 OF THE PEOPLE."

On the other hand, the Digest editors

1 show us how another Conservative Spanish
2 paper called "A.B.C.", blames the
3 recent trouble on the disloyalty,
4 ingratitude, and ambition of those who
5 surrounded the king, — ~~it speaks of~~ *parasites*
6 ~~parties~~ hated by the people who lived
7 artificially at the expense of the
8 crown.

9 Then ~~that~~ Digest ^{also} ~~poll goes on to~~
10 consult^s the Republican papers. ^{For instance a} ~~A~~ song
11 of triumph is sung in the journal El
12 Liberal, which cries out: "THRICE THE
13 SPANISH PEOPLE ROSE AGAINST THEIR
14 KINGS--IN 1808, ~~1808~~ 1869, AND 1931."

15 The date of 1808 refers to the
16 time when the Spaniards rose against
17 the king, who was ~~imprisoned~~ placed over
18 them by ~~the great~~ Napoleon.

19 The 1869 revolution was one in
20 which Spain dethroned the reigning
21 queen.

22 On this subject, the Digest editors
23 quote the New York Sun, which reminds
24 us that the present new government is
25 the second republican regime that Spain

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 2 a republic in ~~1808~~ 1868. But, after a
 3 few years of trouble and disturbance,
 4 the monarchy was restored.

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 6 newspapers in Spain shout with glee.
 7 ~~The journal~~ El Socialista recalls that,
 8 at the time of the Spanish republic
 9 ~~more than~~ ^{or} 60 years ago, there was a
 10 jubilant shout that the false Bourbon
 11 race had fallen forever. ~~This, proclaims~~
 12 ~~the Socialist newspaper, will not~~
 13 ~~happen again.~~

14 ~~The newspapers in France are very~~
 15 ~~skeptical about the new Spanish republic.~~
 16 ~~And~~ The ^{new} Literary Digest ^{also} gives us *some skeptical*
 17 ~~several bits~~ ^{excerpts} from ^{Paris} ~~the~~ newspapers ~~of~~
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1 In the south Atlantic this evening
 2 warships and transports crammed with
 3 soldiers are ~~getting~~ ^{getting} making ready to put to sea.
 4 ~~They are on their way to~~ ~~steam for~~ the Madeira Islands. ~~The~~ ^{to stamp}
 5 ~~Portuguese government is acting to stamp~~
 6 ~~out the rebellion at Funchal, the~~
 7 ~~capital of the Madeiras.~~

8 The Lisbon government has been
 9 trying to bring the trouble to an end
 10 without bloodshed. According to the
 11 Associated Press, an ultimatum has been
 12 sent to the rebels, and they have
 13 rejected it. ~~And~~ that seems to leave
 14 no alternative. ~~but fighting.~~ And so the
 15 warships and the troop transports of
 16 the Portuguese government ~~will~~ ^{are} getting ready
 17 ~~under way~~ ^{to leave for Funchal, capital of the}
 18 ~~madeiras.~~

19 ~~Meanwhile, the rebels in the~~
 20 ~~Madeira Islands are fortifying their~~
 21 ~~positions,~~ ^{are} digging trenches, and placing
 22 ~~guns, in readiness,~~ ^{getting all set} to resist the attack
 23 ~~by~~ ^{when the} ships and landing parties arrive.

1 This was Fish Day for newspaper
2 men along the New England coast -- and
3 I happened to be lucky enough to get in
4 on it. ~~In fact, I had one of the~~
5 ~~jolliest experiences of my life.~~ A
6 group of journalists were taken out to
7 sea, ~~taken out to one of the fishing~~
8 ~~banks~~ to watch one of the world's most
9 important industries in operation.

10 We got up at dawn, ~~this morning,~~
11 went down to the famous Boston fish
12 pier, ~~which I believe is~~ the second
13 ^{largest} ~~most important~~ in the world -- second
14 ~~only~~ to Grimsby, in England. And there
15 we saw ^{an} endless ^{procession} ~~streams of trucks loading~~
16 ~~up with~~ ^{of} fish packed in ice ^{headed for all} ~~to send all~~
17 ~~over North America.~~ We rubbed elbows
18 with ^{corrugated} ~~ruddy~~-faced, weather-beaten
19 sailors of a dozen nationalities --
20 brawny Italians, descendants of the men
21 who for thousands of years have fished
22 in the ~~Adriatic, the Tyreanean and~~
23 ~~Mediterranean;~~ Portuguese, descendants
24 of the hardy race of swarthy men who
25 have long been famous up and down the

1 New England coast; stalky chaps from
2 Iceland, Newfoundland, Ireland -- and,
3 well, from everywhere, including, of
4 course, plenty of Yankees.

5 While they worked they roared with
6 laughter and shouted ~~jests~~^{tokees} at each other.

7 In the fish exchange we watched
8 the Captains who had just come in sell
9 their morning's catch. The Boston fish
10 market, as you perhaps know, sets the
11 standard of price for the fish of this
12 part of the world.

13 Then we all climbed aboard a
14 trawler and headed out to sea. Our
15 skipper was Captain Nick Cole, an Irish-
16 man from Newfoundland, a boyhood chum
17 of Bob Bartlett, famous skipper for
18 Perry when he was trying to reach the
19 North Pole.

20 The crew of our trawler were all
21 Newfoundlanders - and mostly Irishmen.

22 As we made our way through the fog
23 to the fishing banks, punctuated by
24 blasts from the fog siren, Paddy Norcutt
25 in ^{as} ~~his~~ rich ^a down-East ^a seaman's ^a brogue as ever I

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1 did hear, told us of his 40 years at
2 sea. Why, in just one year Paddy
3 survived two famous shipwrecks. That
4 was in 1910. He was on the 5-masted
5 "Murtie B. Crowley" when she was blown
6 against the rocks at Martha's Vineyard
7 and pounded to pieces. Paddy and the
8 Negro cook took refuge on a yardarm. ~~A~~
9 ~~dory finally rescued them, and also saved~~
10 ~~the Captain's wife who was dressed only~~
11 ~~in hip boots and her nightgown.~~

12 That same year Paddy went to sea
13 in the only 7-master that sailors
14 hereabouts remember ever having seen --
15 the "Thomas W. Lawson," wrecked by storm
16 on the wild west coast of Ireland.

17 When we got out to the fishing
18 banks, rendezvous for fishermen from
19 ~~Nova Scotia~~ ^{Maine}, Gloster, and all up and down
20 the North Atlantic, a vast net was
21 dropped overboard. The soundings showed
22 that we were in waters 40 fathoms deep.
23 ~~Immense wood and iron doors took the net~~
24 ~~to the ocean floor.~~ Then we got under
25 way, full speed ahead.

1 While we trawled, the cookie, a
2 Newfoundland Frenchman, served us ~~late~~
3 breakfast in the galley. — The ~~fiddles~~
4 ~~were on the tables to keep the dishes~~
5 ~~from going in our laps.~~ He served up an
6 immense kettle of steaming fish chowder,
7 ^{big beef-} ~~then~~ steaks, -- you should have seen
8 ~~those steaks~~ -- hardtack and coffee.

9 ^{Among our} ~~Our principal~~ ^{were} ~~on the~~
10 ~~expedition were:~~ — Frank O'Hara, ~~owner of~~
11 ~~a fleet of trawlers;~~ Jack O'Donnell,
12 ~~descendant of a long line of Irish-~~
13 ~~Yankee fishermen and himself a soldier~~
14 ~~of fortune;~~ and George Willie, ~~president~~
15 ~~of the United States Fisheries Associa-~~
16 ~~tion, the Massachusetts Fisheries~~
17 ~~Association,~~ ^{president of} and the Boston Lobster Group,
18 ^{whom} ~~from these men~~ we learned much
19 about the fishing industry. We found
20 out that today it is almost as easy to
21 get fresh fish a thousand miles from the
22 coast as it is here on the edge of the
23 ocean. Modern methods of refrigeration
24 are responsible for this miracle.

25 These men are trying to make

1 Americans ~~realize what the folks in most~~
2 ~~other countries already know -- that fish~~
3 ~~is a food of surpassing excellence, that~~
4 ~~ought to be eaten all through the week,~~
5 ~~and not just on Friday. In other words,~~
6 ~~they are trying to make America~~ fish-
7 minded and lobster-minded.

8 When we heard the winches start to
9 creak we ~~all~~ ran ~~out~~ on deck and watched
10 the haul. Inch by inch they drew in the
11 giant net, and out on the deck fell piles
12 of shimmering, silvery, wiggling fish --
13 haddock, flounder, gray sole, hake and
14 cod.

1 The New England chapter of the
2 Tall Story Club ^{met today on that trawler,} ~~comes to bat tonight,~~
3 These ~~old and historic~~ northeastern
4 ^{waters} ~~states~~ are famous for the ~~brand of~~
5 ~~imaginary yarns and general~~ ~~all-around~~
6 whoppers that thrive in ~~this~~ ^{the} breezy
7 atmosphere.

8 Of course, no one would venture
9 to say that the spirit of exaggerated
10 ~~prevail~~ication was brought to Plymouth
11 Rock by the Pilgrim Fathers. They were
12 stern, upright men, who shunned
13 ~~frivolity~~ frivolity. And so I
14 suppose the Tall Story telling spirit
15 of New England must have been derived
16 from the Indians.

17 Anyway, Jack O'Donnell, ^{one of our hosts,} ~~the skipper~~
18 ~~of our fishing craft today,~~ is renowned
19 far and wide as one of the tall story
20 tellers of old New England. And he
21 related an extraordinary incident of the
22 ingenuity and progressive spirit of the
23 New England fishermen along the rock-
24 bound coast of Maine, and whatever other
25 kind of shores they have up this way.

1 Jack ^{told us how the} ~~said those~~ shrewd Yankee
 2 fishermen go out in a ^{dory} ~~boat~~ and take
 3 with them a big auger--you know, the
 4 kind of boring implement that you
 5 use to dig postholes. Well, they use
 6 an auger made of wood, so that it won't
 7 rust.

8 ~~Then they proceed to put the~~
 9 ^{And with that} ~~auger~~ ^{they proceed to} ~~to work and~~ dig a hole in the
 10 ~~water.~~ ^{ocean.} ~~When that hole in the water is~~
 11 ~~complete,~~ ^{They} a peculiar thing happens.
 12 They have a fish in ^{of} those parts known
 13 as the skike. The skike is an impetuous
 14 fish, and when he sees that hole ^{in the ocean} he
 15 rushes right up into it. In fact, he
 16 rushes so fast that he shoots out above
 17 the surface of the water.

18 There he gets a deep breath of air
 19 which swells his lungs out. The ^{skike} ~~fish~~
 20 whole body swells so that when he tries
 21 to get back into the ^{in the ocean,} hole, he's too big.
 22 ~~As he is trying~~ ^{tries and tries} to squirm his way down
 23 into that hole. ~~in the water,~~ ^{And then is when} the
 24 fishermen seize Mr. Fish. ~~And then~~
 25 they have skike chowder and fried skike

1 to go along with their baked beans
2 for their supper that night.

3 Well, that's a tall, tall story.

4 And now I think I'll follow the example
5 of that noble fish, the skike. Having
6 reeled off the news of the day, I'll
7 come up for air, and say--

8 So long until tomorrow.

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