

CAVE-IN

I feel like starting off with a cheer tonight, a cheer for a quick thinking young chap out in California.

According to the Associated Press, they had a cave-in out there. Men were working in a big tunnel of a municipal water project at San Francisco when tons of earth and rock slid down and completely blocked the opening. Twenty men are trapped inside.

It was just when all that rock and earth were sliding down that Welby Morgan did his particular bit of quick thinking. He was near the opening and he saw the cave-in coming. As he dashed out, he grabbed a 20-foot length of four-inch iron pipe and shoved it into a position just where all that rubble was coming down. He figured the pipe would be a way to communicate with the men trapped inside and that it would provide them with air. And he was right. A late dispatch from the International News Service states that food and water have been shoved through the pipe to the men trapped inside. Meanwhile, rescuers are digging away, and they have just broken through to them, according to a late dispatch from the United Press.

AIRPLANE

Well, the "Trade Wind" is on its way again. It hopped off from Bermuda this afternoon bound for the Azores. Captain McClaren and Mrs. Beryl Hart, the flying widow, have had a few delays on what they intend to be the first cargo carrying flight across the ocean. From the Azores they hope to fly on to Paris.

1 Now comes--no, not ^{the} high-flying
2 hostess--just the flying hostess. She's
3 a new figure in the world of aviation.

4 The Eastern Air Transport line has
5 gone in for this latest gadget of
6 aviation--the flying hostess. Five snappy
7 girls are already on duty, flying in the
8 big planes between New York and Washington.²

9 Their duties are to entertain the
10 passengers and ~~to~~ make flying seem *sorta*
11 home-like. ~~The planes have a smoking~~
12 ~~compartment, an observation room, and~~
13 ~~also facilities for playing bridge.~~ One
14 of the most important jobs of a flying
15 hostess is to make a fourth hand, when on
16 needed, in a bridge game *up there in the clouds.*

17 An article in the New York Telegram
18 informs us that she must know a good deal
19 about planes, because she has to answer
20 the thousand and one questions the
21 passengers ask, mostly ~~foolish~~ questions.
22 Also, she must be a first class general
23 conversationalist so as to distract the
24 minds of passengers who might be inclined
25 to be nervous. She must know how to

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brew coffee and prepare sandwiches. And, lastly, we are informed, she must be beautiful and charming at all times.

Well, I've ridden in planes where a flying hostess might have still more complicated duties. For instance, feed the chickens. I traveled from Bruseels to Paris in a plane once that had a cargo of chickens aboard. She might also have to dish up a bale of hay for the horses, because I once saw a race-horse traveling by plane. Out in Arabia they even carried a camel in a big military bomber. At any rate the flying hostess wouldn't have to give the camel a drink.

Well, how would you like to be a flying hostess?

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1 That noise which has been drifting
2 all over the country today, with angry
3 shouts and pounding of fists on desks,
4 is just another ~~fight~~^{row} down in Washington.
5 Those boys who run this country certainly
6 can find more things to quarrel about
7 than a henpecked man's wife.

8 This ~~newest~~^{latest} row, ~~which is~~^{that's} getting ~~the~~
9 headlines in ~~all the~~^{tonight's} papers, is between
10 the President and the Senate. ~~And that's~~
11 ~~not the first disagreement they've had.~~

12 The United Press informs us that
13 the Senate demands the removal of three
14 members of the President's Federal Power
15 Commission which regulates the distribution
16 of electrical power. The members of the
17 commission are appointed by the President
18 and then the Senate has to O. K. the
19 appointments. Well, the Senate did O.K.
20 President Hoover's Power Commission, but
21 now they want to take that O.K. back.

22 A combination of Democrats and
23 Republicans has put through a motion
24 revoking the Senate's confirmation of the
25 selection of Messrs. Smith, Garsaud, and

1 Draper of the Power Commission. And they
2 demand that the President send back to
3 the Senate the papers by which the
4 Senate confirmed the appointment of
5 those three commissioners.

6 The President this afternoon
7 flatly refused to return ~~these~~ papers.
8 In other words, he ~~****~~ came right out
9 and defied the Senate. *All of which undoubtedly*
10 ~~That~~ means
11 another big battle down ~~there~~ in
12 Washington.

13 ~~The International News Service~~
14 ~~tells us that this is the first time~~
15 ~~in history that the Senate has ratified~~
16 ~~appointments and then taken the~~
17 ~~ratification back.~~
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1 ~~Some strange and fantastic tales~~
2 ~~come over the press wire these days; but~~
3 ~~here's about as strange a one as I've~~
4 ~~seen in quite a while.~~

5 According to the Associated
6 Press a sixteen months old baby is
7 being held for an unpaid board bill of
8 \$46.00. The story comes from Tulsa,
9 Oklahoma. The mother wants her baby
10 back and is applying for a writ of
11 ~~habeas~~ corpus. The story states that
12 the landlady is holding the baby.
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Well, they say there are two things ~~that~~ the movie millionaires ~~out in~~ of Hollywood can't quite fathom. One is ~~xxxxxx~~ Einstein's theory of relativity; and the other is Einstein's refusal to pose for the camera, in spite of the large checks that ~~xxx they~~ have ^{been} waved in his face.

Frau Einstein, according to an Associated Press wire, explained that her famous husband had promised the German movie people long ago that he would pose exclusively for them, whenever they wanted him - provided all ^{the} proceeds went to the relief of poor children.

And by the way, while we are on the subject of Hollywood, do you remember the palmy days ~~back in 1918~~, when the movie fans of ~~America~~ were all wild about Francis X. Bushman? ~~Bushman was all the rage at one time~~. According to the New York Evening World, he is reported to have made about eight million dollars ^{in his hey day,} ~~when he was going~~

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But where is that eight million now? Gone. Every last dollar of it. Bushman is 47 now and broke. He's playing in a stock company in an obscure theatre, for a small fraction of the staggering salary he once got.

NEWS ITEM

A famous traveler dropped in on me today. He is William P. Finley, explorer and naturalist, who for thirty years has been photographing and studying the habits of animal life in Canada, Alaska and the United States. He leaves for the West tonight to sail shortly from Seattle for a few months' stay with those jolly little Kodiak bears that weigh only about a ton.

Well, I immediately commandeered Mr. Finley and asked him to pick out the news item of the day for me.

And
~~Right here~~ as I glance at ~~this~~ ^{the}
~~next~~ ^{he chose} dispatch, I feel an impulse to duck.
It's about a right hook ~~straight~~ to the
jaw, and it's Jack Dempsey ^{who's delivering} ~~lashing out~~
~~with~~ that right hook.

Yes, Dempsey has returned to the
ring, and once more shown his old punch.
According to the Associated Press, it
was a wrestling match, ^{out in Dallas, Texas,} and Dempsey was
the referee.

Two ponderous pachydermes were
pulling and tugging at each other, and
one of them was Billie Edwards, who
specializes in head ^{locks} ~~lines~~.

Well, Edwards is famous for
being rough on referees, and Dempsey as
you know can be a bit rough himself at
times. Once when the two huge mountains
of muscle were tugging at each other
~~xxxx~~ Dempsey started ~~to work~~ to make
them break, and in the scramble Edwards
tore the silk shirt right off the former
heavyweight champion of the world.
Dempsey didn't like it. ^{he} But just scowled.

Then he tried to pry Edwards

1 loose again, and some of Dempsey's
2 undershirt was torn off, and Edwards,
3 the terror of the referees, swung a
4 haymaker on Jack. Dempsey pulled his
5 head away from the punch and then stepped
6 in with that famous old right hook,
7 and that was when about 250 pounds of
8 brawny muscle went crash to the canvas.

9 ~~Then~~, according to the
10 International News Service, about fifty
11 ~~women who were~~ among the spectators
12 staged a little battle of their own,
13 ~~They~~ pushed ^{ing} and howled ^{ing and} trying to get
14 bits of Dempsey's silk shirt as
15 souvenirs.

JERICHO

Of course there isn't any need of mentioning here how the walls of Jericho fell down. You all know all about that.

But here's a dispatch that's different. It's about the building of the walls of Jericho. Yes, the same ones that fell when Joshua and his good men blew that mighty blast.

The International News Service informs us that archaeologists from Liverpool University who are excavating at Jericho have shown that those famous walls were built about 1400 B.C. This new information, they say, will enable students to tell more accurately when the Israelites entered Palestine, back in the days when Moses stood on Mt. Pisgah and gazed upon the Promised Land.

And now I'll give

1 ~~Now here's one on which I'll give~~
2 you three guesses. Which of Uncle Sam's
3 48 states is the most citified? Sounds
4 absurd, I know. But that's the question.
5 What state in the U.S.A. is the most
6 citified? In other words, which ^{state} ~~one~~ has
7 the greatest percentage of people living
8 in cities?

9 I'll bet you won't guess it in
10 three tries. At any rate I didn't.
11 Although, when you come to think about
12 it the answer does seem absolutely pat.

13 The answer is Rhode Island.
14 This week's Literary Digest tells us that
15 only 8% of all Rhode Islanders live
16 on farms. That is, 92% of the people in
17 Rhode Island live in cities. Well,
18 Rhode Island hasn't any huge metropolitan
19 cities, except Providence. It's the
20 smallest state in the Union. It's the
21 most densely populated, and it's one of
22 the oldest, so it just naturally couldn't
23 have much land left for farming.

24 The Literary Digest prints an
25 article that affects all of us because

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1 it gives the relation of our city
2 ~~population~~ to our rural population.

3 Which state do you think comes
4 next to Rhode Island? Yes, you guessed
5 it. It's Massachusetts. Massachusetts
6 has a population of more than four
7 million and only about four hundred
8 thousand of them live under circumstances
9 that permit them to enjoy that grand and
10 glorious feeling of rolling out to milk
11 the cows at four in the morning.

12 New York and Illinois, with the
13 two largest cities in the country, have
14 lots of farmers. New York State has more
15 than ten and a half million city dwellers,
16 and a fifth ^{of} that ^{number} ~~many~~ on the farm.

17 Illinois has over five and a half
18 million ~~xxxxx~~ city folks and nearly
19 two million farmers.

20 But the rural population jumps
21 to its highest peak out in the grand old
22 wheat state of North Dakota. Less than
23 a sixth of the folks in North Dakota live
24 in towns.

25 That Digest article is packed

1 with facts of vital interest to all of
2 us whether we live in town or in the
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And now for a story about a man who is going on a diet. His name is Captain Malcolm Campbell. He's strong for reducing, doing all those unpleasant things that keep people thin. And no wonder. Because Captain Campbell is out to break the land speed record, and his car is something very special. It's quite small and built to order, pretty much as a suit of clothes is made to order. That is, it just fits the Captain, just as though he were poured into that car.

But the Captain has a tendency toward plumpness and so he is out-growing, not only his clothes, but that small, fast car in which he intends to race to a new record. If he puts on another pound he won't be able to get into it even with a shoe horn.

So, no wonder Captain Campbell is eating crates of grapefruit and doing those ~~hixyais~~ bed room bicycle exercises day and night.

1 I got ^{a bit weary} ~~tired~~ sometime ago of ^{all those}
2 stories about ~~those~~ Communist bandits
3 in China. But here's a dispatch from
4 China which is not about Communist
5 bandits at all. ~~No, it's about the~~ ^{They're}
6 Mohammedan bandits, ^{this time.} How do you prefer
7 your bandits, Communist or Mohammedan?

8 The ~~xxxxxx~~ International News
9 Service informs us that the Nationalist
10 Government of China has sent a strong
11 military force against swarms of
12 Mohammedan bandits in the Province of
13 Kansu where they have been conducting
14 a reign of terror. I am afraid that
15 news from China simply can't get away
16 from some kind of bandits or other.

BAKERSTOWN

A letter has just come in from George Stewart, the editor of the Valley Daily News, Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

Editor Stewart writes these scathing lines:

"DEAR SIR:

YOU MAY HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE CITIZENS OF THE MANY
PODUNKS YOU TOLD ABOUT WERE WRATHY WHEN YOU DENIED THEIR VERY
EXISTENCE. BUT THEIR IRE WAS AS A GENTLE PEEVE COMPARED TO THE
INDIGNATION AND RIGHTEOUS PIQUE OF THE 259 INHABITANTS OF THE
FAIR VILLAGE OF BAKERSTOWN PENNSYLVANIA."

And Mr. Stewart types that word "Pennsylvania" in large
and ominous capitals.

The other night I told how the brave postmaster of
Bakerstown foiled two robbers. The information came to me in a
telegram from a Pittsburgh newspaper and was handed to me just
as I went on the air. And that telegram said definitely
Bakerstown, Ohio. However, Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, was really
the place.

And J. C. Donahue, of Union Town, Pennsylvania, chimes
in with:

SORRY, MR. L. T. BUT WE CAN'T LET OUR SISTER STATE
OF OHIO GET AWAY WITH THIS.

Well, maybe some day I can make a humble pilgrimage
out to Bakerstown just to tell them how proud of them we are.

But here comes a funny twist:

1 I expect to get letters every once
2 in a while telling me where I'm all wrong.
3 But I certainly never expected to be
4 both wrong and a sort of radio Sherlock
5 Holmes at the same time.

6 But ~~here's~~ a telegram ~~that~~ came in
7 the day after I told the Bakerstown
8 story. It was from Burgess Snyder, of
9 Shippenville, Pennsylvania. It read:

10 YOUR BULLETIN LAST NIGHT ABOUT
11 BAKERSTOWN BANDITS AIDED GREATLY IN THEIR
12 CAPTURE HERE BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

13 Then the next day I got a special
14 delivery letter and it told how that
15 broadcast concerning the robbery roused
16 the authorities all over that end of
17 Pennsylvania. Posses scoured the
18 countryside for the robbers. After an
19 all day hunt the searching parties found
20 the two burglars hiding in the woods
21 near the town of Clarion, Pennsylvania.

22 Well, I'm very glad if we were of
23 any help to the folks out around
24 Bakerstown, but I'd rather see all of
25 the credit go to that plucky Bakerstown

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1 postmaster and his wife, and of course
2 the boys who finally captured the
3 robbers.

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My Saturday night news broadcasts are always just a prelude to an automobile drive. Because this is the time when I hop in the old bus and start for the farm.

Tomorrow instead of scanning the news dispatches, I'll be sitting out there on a stump talking to Pat, finding out how many calves we've got, how much butter fat he's getting in the milk, whether the veterinary thinks he can save the old gray mare, and so on.

So, for one day instead of being a Radio Voice I'm just a plain farmer with hay in my hair, doing a little skating on the side if the ice is okay.

What do you say we all go skating tomorrow afternoon?

Well, I'll see you on the old pond, or if you're not there --

SOLONG UNTIL MONDAY.