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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Yes, it's April Fool's Day all right. One of the boys here has just handed me a red hot dispatch straight off the wire which states that Mussolini has eloped with Peggie Joyce. And it goes on with the important information that President Hoover walked ~~over~~ <sup>to</sup> the stately halls of the Senate with an axe and demolished everything.

*Oh* Yes ~~it's~~ <sup>when they give me nonsense</sup> it's April Fool's Day; and *if some of the* and I suppose most of you have had your share of the jokes, both on the giving and receiving end. Maybe somebody gave you a dish of rubber oatmeal.

Well, be that as it may, let's see whether this next dispatch is ~~another~~ <sup>too.</sup> April Fool story. Nope, Liberty--McFadden, this one's O.K.

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1                    *going on from that*  
2                    Well, <sup>^</sup> now let's see. Suppose a  
3                    diver were working down below the  
4                    water and you were at the surface and  
5                    you saw a diver's glove come floating  
6                    up. That ~~is~~ might astonish you a bit. *It would <sup>ms</sup>*

7                    ~~Well,~~ according to the United  
8                    Press, it did astonish the boys out near  
9                    Cleveland, Ohio, who were running  
10                    things on the surface while Thomas  
11                    Carroll, a professional diver, was  
12                    working on a ~~brick~~ pier foundation at  
13                    the bottom of Lake Erie. The glove  
14                    came floating up and after a moment  
15                    of astonishment they hauled <sup>up</sup> <sup>^</sup> the diver.

16                    ~~He~~ He was unconscious but came to.

17                    *accidentally* As he <sup>was</sup> <sup>^</sup> worked <sup>ing</sup> <sup>^</sup> his cutting utensils  
18                    cut his glove off, and naturally the  
19                    water poured into his diving suit. But  
20                    he's all right now, after what we'll  
21                    all agree was an ~~most~~ <sup>and harrowing</sup> <sup>^</sup> unusual experience.



## FISHING

The fishing season being at hand, Uncle Sam has just given out a few figures which indicate that the disciples of Izaak Walton are as enthusiastic as ever.

In one year alone, according to the United Press, the amount spent for fishing equipment in the United States came to a grand total of \$8,500,000. And that ought to buy a lot of fish hooks.

The government figures don't indicate how many fish the fishermen caught with all that fishing equipment. But one thing is certain. And it's that the fishermen didn't catch  $8\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars worth of fish. And if you say they did, why that makes you a member of the Tall Story Club in good standing.

1 Here comes an answer to the *age old*  
2 question: ~~WHY~~ <sup>Did</sup> ~~DOES~~ BABY SWALLOW ~~THAT~~  
3 SAFETY PIN?

4 Dr. Chevalier Jackson, of  
5 Philadelphia, is an authority on the  
6 removal of foreign bodies from the  
7 throat and stomach. He has removed  
8 hundreds of safety pins ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> babies  
9 have swallowed.

10 According to the Associated  
11 Press he tells why baby swallowed the  
12 safety pin. ~~in the first place.~~ It's  
13 all because <sup>of</sup> the way mothers have of  
14 holding safety pins in their mouths.  
15 The child imitates the mother and  
16 gulps down the safety pin.

17 Well, that question seems  
18 to be successfully answered.

19 But there's one ~~xxxxxxx~~  
20 other question which, says the doctor,  
21 is still a profound mystery. Three  
22 hundred patients have had him remove  
23 chicken bones from their throat<sup>s</sup>.  
24 Of these ~~805~~ eighty per cent were women.  
25 It is an undeniable scientific fact



1 that in the matter of getting chicken  
2 bones lodged in the throat, <sup>the</sup> ladies  
3 come first. And the doctor says  
4 that science has been able to discover  
5 no reasonable explanation for this  
6 peculiar phenomenon.

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1 I hope you folks will pardon  
2 me if I moan a little bit before  
3 starting in with this next item. ~~But~~ You see  
4 I'm a farmer and the <sup>is</sup> story concerns the  
5 price that farmers get for milk.  
6 That is, I'm one of those amateur  
7 farmers, one of those city fellows  
8 that invest in a farm and figure he  
9 can find a way to make it show a  
10 profit.

11 The farm consists principally  
12 of fields that grow feed ~~ix~~ for the  
13 cattle and of cattle that produce milk.  
14 I employ a first class farmer named Pat  
15 and we have some good cows. But as  
16 for profits - please excuse me while  
17 I moan again.

18 Anyway, I have an editorial here  
19 from the Boston News Bureau which  
20 deals with the dairy farmer's problem  
21 in New England. It points out that  
22 between lands, buildings and cattle,  
23 dairy farming in New England represents  
24 a total capital of eight hundred <sup>and</sup>  
25 ninety-two million dollars. The milk



1 that is produced fetches ninety-one  
2 million dollars a year. That milk is  
3 sold to the public, cream and butter  
4 included, for a total of three hundred  
5 million dollars. In other words, the  
6 farmer gets less than a third.

7 The editorial goes on to say  
8 that the farmers are disorganized.  
9 What they need is a systematized  
10 industry. Then the suggestion is made  
11 that since baseball, the movies and  
12 other large industries have a czar,  
13 the milk business should also have a  
14 ~~xx~~ czar. That is, there should be  
15 someone who could coordinate and  
16 organize the dairy farms and put them  
17 into a position where they could  
18 protect themselves and develop profits.

19 It is shown that dairy farming  
20 in New England, with a total investment  
21 of eight hundred <sup>and</sup> ninety-two million  
22 dollars, is almost a billion dollar  
23 business. *All over the country dairy farming should*  
24 *represent plenty of billions.*  
25 Well, that cheers me up a  
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farmer a little more dignified even  
though I own a mighty small share of  
the billion<sup>s</sup> ~~dollars~~ and ~~although~~  
don't get any profits *worth writing home about.*



1 I feel <sup>impelled</sup> ~~called upon~~ to sound  
 2 a slogan now and it is - Sweet Sleep!  
 3 ~~Please go way and let me sleep.~~  
 4 ~~And~~ It appears that if you are sweet  
 5 you will sleep better.

6 I have a wakeful night once  
 7 in a while and so I was particularly  
 8 interested when I saw an article on  
 9 sleep in my usual advance copy of the  
 10 new Literary Digest, the April 4th  
 11 number which comes out tomorrow.

12 It tells about a series of  
 13 experiments that were staged at Colgate  
 14 University and the subject of the  
 15 experiments was sleep. Girl and m<sup>ä</sup>n ←  
 16 students were the subjects. The idea  
 17 was to find out how they ~~xxxx~~ slept,  
 18 whether their slumber was sound,  
 19 whether they were fully rested, and  
 20 whether they got up ~~xxx~~ promptly.

21 It was found that the girls  
 22 ~~xxxx~~ slept/better than the m<sup>ä</sup>n. They were  
 23 less disturbed by agitating dreams.  
 24 They jumped out of bed at the first  
 25 tick of the alarm clock and were  
 sprightly and full of life. The m<sup>ä</sup>n

had more dreams and were harder to roust out and had more sleepy eyes and cobwebs in their brains after they did get up.

Well, the girls are just naturally sweeter than the men. But it was found that the sweeter of the girls were the better sleepers; that is, the girls who ate the most sweets, the most carbohydrates. In other words, when the box of chocolates was passed around, the damsel who didn't say: "No, I must be firm. I'm on a diet" - why she was the one who enjoyed the most refreshing slumber that night. Her sleep was the sweetest.

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1           There was a free-for-all fight  
2 today in the Maryland House of Delegates.  
3 As usual it was a case of Communists.  
4 The Reds tried to present a petition  
5 in behalf of the unemployed. They made  
6 an uproar, and a general fight followed.

7           According to the United Press,  
8 chairs and tables were overturned as  
9 the legislators and the Communists  
10 swung and kicked <sup>at</sup> each other. 15 arrests  
11 were made, and in the quietude of jail  
12 the imprisoned Communists are thinking  
13 it over.

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1            Tonight in the <sup>handsome city</sup> ~~good town~~ of Ottawa,  
2 capital of the Dominion of Canada, the  
3 old and historic city hall lies a  
4 smouldering ruin. Fire broke out, and  
5 it was too much for the firefighters.  
6 In fact, those firefighters were lucky  
7 to escape with their lives.

8            According to the Associated Press,  
9 seven were on ~~on~~ the third floor when  
10 a heavy vault crashed down. Those  
11 seven firemen just <sup>plunged</sup> ~~went~~ along <sup>with</sup> ~~after~~ the  
12 vault, and they fell to the basement,  
13 four <sup>below.</sup> ~~floors down~~. Four were pulled out  
14 of the debris. Three were trapped.  
15 They were rescued later. None of the  
16 seven was hurt badly--and that seems  
17 like a miracle.

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## MANAGUA

Tonight the City of Managua is still burning although the flames are reported to be under control.

According to the Associated Press the dead are estimated at between five hundred and a thousand. Two thousand people have been injured.

Not one house in the city remains standing so that people can live in it. New tremors have shaken the earth and have increased the people's terror. Martial law has been declared. The United States Marines have been working day and night, rescuing people and helping the sufferers. Uncle Sam, as you know, is withdrawing most of the Marines from Nicaragua, but the Marine officers the devastated city have asked the government to stop the withdrawals and leave all possible marines on the scene.

The earthquake shook many sections of Nicaragua, but only in the capital city was the damage serious, and there it has been a catastrophe.

According to the International News Service most of the casualties were among women and children - because the women were



in their homes preparing the noonday meal when some violent demoniacal force shook the earth and shattered the city.

A wire from the United Press informs us that the American Aircraft carrier, LEXINGTON, has steamed from Guantanamo, Cuba, for the coast of Nicaragua and will launch seven amphibian planes in addition to a number of land planes. These will wing their way to stricken Managua. Aboard the planes are seven doctors, a corps of hospital assistants and all the medical supplies that could be gathered in Cuba.

The International News Service wires that the Naval Transport CHAUMONT has left California for the Nicaraguan port of Corinto on the Pacific side. The Chaumont will take aboard as many injured people as it can accommodate and carry them to Panama. The American warship, the Rochester, is likewise on its way to the Nicaraguan coast.

The late editions of the New York Evening Sun print a story by Charles J.V. Murphy, a newspaper reporter who happened to be at Managua when the quake took place. Here are a few lines from his description:

"There is no water, and forty

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1 five thousand persons are homeless.  
2 They huddle in silent, speechless  
3 groups in the square in the north end  
4 of the town, or straggle aimlessly  
5 along the ~~xxx~~ rim of Lake Managua. They  
6 lie prone in the dry dirt of the hills  
7 to the south - shelterless, bewildered.  
8 There have been ugly incidents. One  
9 person has been shot for looting.

10 "The fire that flamed up out of  
11 the flattened egg shell that was  
12 Managua, was not altogether the fault  
13 of the earthquake. Some ~~householders~~  
14 house owners not protected by earthquake  
15 insurance have deliberately set fire  
16 to their houses. This suspicion has  
17 been borne out ~~by~~ the curious series <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~  
18 fires at a considerable distance from  
19 the main conflagration."

20 The story goes on to emphasize  
21 the heroic work of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ marines who are  
22 doing their best and bravest in the  
23 merciful work of rescue.  
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1           And now along comes a story  
2 which has leaked out after having been  
3 carefully hushed up. It is revealed  
4 that one rather awkward thing took place  
5 during the recent visit of the Prince of  
6 Wales and his party to Buenos Aires in  
7 the Argentine, to open the British Empire  
8 Trade Exhibition there.

9           Along with H.R.H. was his  
10 brother, Prince George, and lo and behold  
11 Prince George was robbed of a quantity  
12 of jewelry.

13           The Argentine police ~~got~~<sup>were</sup> right  
14 on the job and soon arrested the  
15 culprit. He was a young Argentinian  
16 society man, who had struck up an  
17 intimate acquaintance with Prince George.  
18 <sup>In fact</sup> The two had become bosom friends. <sup>But it seems</sup> The  
19 young society man had sneaked into the  
20 Prince's quarters and swiped the royal  
21 jewelry.

22           The International News Service  
23 wires the story and adds that the Prince  
24 refused to prosecute his false friend.  
25 All he did was ~~to~~ take back an autographed  
portrait of himself which he had given  
to the young society man, who had ~~taken~~  
~~a fancy to~~<sup>promised</sup> the Royal jewelry.

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Well, I guess I'll have to be hurrying along. I have an invitation to a party here and I don't want to be late. It's an April Fool invitation sent by one of the life members of the Tall Story Club. Here's the way it reads:

North Pole-on-the-Equator,

MARCH 32nd, 1931 B. C.

Dear Enemy L. T.:

Yourself and families are cordially not invited to attend an afternoon Moonlight picnic to be held in the morning.

Admission free; children half price; orphans accompanied by their parents double rates.

Amusements:- Men without legs will run a foot race for a pair of silver dumbbells made of tin. The loser to get the cup. Twenty-five million dollars worth of Fireworks will be donated by Ex-President Coolidge, - if you bring them along. Meals will be given away to unknown persons if they are known and have ~~xxx~~ friends to pay for them.

Bill of fare:- Very long short cake. Pea soup 5¢ a