

1 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY! Today
2 was a gala day in Washington. Official
3 circles in the national capital received
4 a king and queen, and the king is one of
5 the very few absolute, despotic monarchs
6 left in the world. They are, of course,
7 the crowned heads of Siam. President
8 Hoover entertained the royal guests in
9 formal state at the White House. And the
10 President^{is} also ~~is~~ entertaining a 13-year-
11 old boy from Colorado.

12 Their Siamese majesties drove
13 up to the White House at 10:15 this ~~a~~
14 morning, ~~and were received by President~~
15 ~~and Mrs. Hoover.~~ Then the Chief Executive
16 and the First Lady of the Land returned
17 the call. Other officials likewise paid
18 their respects to the Siamese monarchs.

19 The New York Evening Post
20 comments that not since Queen Marie of
21 Roumania was in the United States has such
22 an imposing group of high officials called
23 upon any one person within the space of
24 an hour.

25 It was all very grand and stately,
and meanwhile the 13-year-old boy from
Colorado, ~~who was a guest at the White~~
~~House,~~ was looking with wondering eyes

at the splendor which surrounded him.

Well, I suppose I ought to do something to celebrate the grand reception of the King and Queen of Siam. I'll just tell a story I heard once. It's about the sacred white elephant of Siam.

The great and fabulous Barnum first brought a sacred white elephant to our shores.

The story runs that Barnum toured the country with that white elepahtn and created an immense sensation. Then another circus man decided to get in a little competition. He came forward with a white elephant of his own and started touring the country with it.

Then one day in some Western town, while the circus parade was making its stately progress through the streets, and the second white elephant was the cynosure of all eyes--why, just then it started to rain, and it was one of those western cloud-bursts. The downpour washed the white wash right off the sacred white elephant of Siam. And there Mr. Elephant stood, as dark and brunette as any elephant that ever hauled a log of teak along

the road to Mandalay.

It created something of a scandal. Barnum shouted from the housetops about what a terrible piece of fakery that phoney white elephant was. He said it was an awful thing when people perpetrated fakes like that on the American public.

You see, Barnum didn't use any whitewash on his sacred white elephant of Siam. He used peroxide. And peroxide couldn't wash off!

Well, it was a great Siamese sensation.

HERO

While the King and Queen were being entertained at the White House today, a pair of boyish eyes were looking on.

The lad is Bryan Untiedt, the boy hero, of Lamar, Colorado. Bryan's fame spread far and wide a month ago when he was emblazoned forth as the hero of that sad tragedy in Colorado, when a bus full of school children was caught in a blizzard. Bryan is credited with saving the lives of the 16 children who survived. They were huddled together in the cold, and were freezing.

Bryan coaxed them into jumping about to keep warm. He staged shadow-boxing bouts with them. He made a fire out of the school books. He gave his own clothing to the younger children who needed it more than he.

Well, Bryan deserved all the honors that could be heaped upon a boy, and he got them. President Hoover invited him to the White House as a Presidential guest.

And so Bryan arrived in Washington today, the very day on which the royal visitors from Siam were given their formal reception. And, according to the International News Service, the

boy hero was given a good look at King Prajadhipok and Queen Rambi Bami from far off Bangkok.

Just think of seeing a president and a king and queen all on one day. Yes, it was a grand occasion for the 13-year-old boy from Lamar, Colorado.

AIRPLANE

This summer is going to be a great time for jumping across oceans with wings. Dozens of aviators are planning them.

The season began this morning when a plane took off from Roosevelt field, Long Island on its way to visit Governor Teddy Roosevelt in Porto Rico.

It's to be just a TUNE-UP FLIGHT. After winging their way down to Porto Rico and back the flyers intend to take a spin around-the-world.

The ambitious sky rovers are Hugh Herndon, Jr. and Clyde Pangborn. Herndon is a wealthy chap from Park Avenue. His partner is a famous stunt flyer.

On their way to Porto Rico they may stop off at Miami or Cuba but they intend to make the return a non-stop hop direct to New York. Their bus is a Bellanca Monoplane. They have aboard three carrier pigeons named LINDBERGH, CHAMBERLIN and ACOSTA. Also a birthday cake which is so big that a single man can't lift it. It is for young Quentin Roosevelt, the son of Teddy Roosevelt, Jr., the Governor of Porto Rico. The lad was named after his uncle Quentin, the aviator who was killed in France.

The flyers are taking copies of the Literary Digest
for Governor Roosevelt.

At any rate, the summer season for spectacular flights
is under way.

OIL-WELL

Well, another huge oil-well is on fire. This time the raging, blazing inferno is at Gladewater, Texas.

Fire gushed suddenly from the deep mouth of the well. According to the Associated Press, seven men have been killed and all day that gusher has been blazing - with flame and smoke shooting sky-ward.

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The men were driving along, each with a wagon load of dirt. They seemed to be bent on carting the entire levee away. The attorney told them to put that dirt right back where they found it. One man ^{obeyed} ~~resisted~~ and returned to the section of levee. But the other man ^{did not} ~~did not~~ just kept on going. He must have thought that levee was his. Maybe somebody sold

LEVEE

1 Way down South in the land of
2 cotton two men tried to steal a levee.
3 They tried to swipe one of those huge
4 dikes, walls of stone and dirt, that
5 ■ keep the Mississippi ~~River~~ from
6 running ■ over its banks and all over
7 the place.

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23 ~~section of levee.~~ ^ But the other ~~man~~ chap
24 just kept on going. He must have thought
25 that levee was his. Maybe somebody sold

it to him as they sometimes sell 'em the Brooklyn Bridge in
New York.

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12 punch at Fred, a good hefty swing.

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14 judge said, he's old enough to know
15 better, *but boys will be boys.*

1 Now comes another attack on an old
2 American institution. And that
3 institution is the campaign cigar. You
4 know how the candidate goes around
5 among the voters and passes out cigars.

6 Well, the New York Sun informs us
7 that there's a bill up in the Illinois
8 legislature to abolish the campaign
9 cigar. Candidates will be forbidden
10 by law to pass out smokes ~~among~~^{to} the
11 voters.

12 Well, the campaign cigar has long
13 been a famous American ~~institution~~ institution.
14 Great issues of state have been decided
15 by ~~those~~ free smokes. ~~the candidates~~
16 ~~have handed to the voters.~~ → Candidate
17 Jones is talking to a group of the
18 electorate in the old country store.
19 He explains to them how the ~~country~~^{nation} can
20 be saved, and he ~~explains~~^{declares} eloquently
21 how these United States are on the
22 verge of destruction, unless he,
23 Candidate Jones, is elected. The voters
24 listen but it's doubtful whether the
25 candidate's eloquence will persuade them

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to go ahead and save the country. Then Candidate Jones passes around those free smokes, and that decides the minds of the patriotic citizens. They vote for the generous candidate - and save the country!

And so, if the campaign cigar is abolished, it may mean the end of liberty and democracy, and those glorious stars and stripes will no longer wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Wait a minute, I'm a little breathless after that. But what American wouldn't grow breathless defending the good old American campaign cigar - which could be smelled around the world?

NURSERY RHYMES

All of you grown-ups don't have to listen to this one. It's for the children and it concerns such matters as LITTLE BOY BLUE and THE LITTLE RED HEN and JACK WHO JUMPS OVER THE CANDLE STICK, and so on.

For example, we might start to sing HERE WE GO ROUND THE MULBERRY BUSH. Or it might go:- HERE WE GO ROUND THE MANGO TREE. At least we would sing it that way if we were out in the Philippine Islands.

An Associated Press dispatch informs us that Mother Goose Rhymes are taught in the Philippine schools but they have to be changed around to fit the ideas of the little Philipinos.

LITTLE BOY BLUE isn't under the HAY-STACK fast asleep. The Filipino kiddies have never seen a HAY-STACK. So they put little Boy Blue under the RICE-STACK fast asleep. And the Little Red Hen doesn't find the grain of wheat - she finds a grain of RICE. And it's JUAN who JUMPS OVER THE CANDLE STICK - not JACK. And the GINER BREAD BOY is a RICE CAKE BOY.

Well Mulberry bushes may turn into Mango-Trees and Hay-Stacks into Rice-Stacks, but children are children the whole world over. And I for one wish that I were nine once more - instead of thirty-nine.

RESCUE

A Swedish airplane is on its way to Greenland. A wireless message was picked up today from a man marooned in the middle of Greenland - on the giant Greenland ice cap. He is Augustine Courtauld, the son of a British Silk Millionaire who went to Greenland with a party of British explorers and scientists nearly a year ago.

The young millionaire has been taking care of a metrological station on the ice cap. He has been living in a log-hut. But now a wireless distress call has come from him. He states that he is without food and is in danger of starvation. And so, according to the United Press, a Swedish airplane is on its way to the rescue. The pilot is Captain Ahrenberg, a noted Swedish flyer.

DIGEST - NICARAGUA

I suppose there are a lot of things one could say about the times we live in, but one sure thing is that these are times of controversy. There are more arguments going on about more different subjects than ever before in the history of the world -- at least I should imagine so from the noise the boys make while doing the arguing.

I've been waiting for the new Literary Digest, the one that comes out tomorrow, because there's one big question of the day about which the debate is raging fast and furious. It's the new policy which the United States government has adopted toward Latin-American countries -- Nicaragua in particular.

When the administration announced its new policy of no longer protecting American citizens in the bandit - infested interior of Nicaragua -- why that was sure to cause a loud discussion. The Digest editors have collected a whole raft of expressions of opinion from far and wide.

Congressman Britten, of Illinois, insists it looks as if we were raising the white flag.

The Mobile Alabama Register holds that the new move is a dangerous attack upon the traditional policy of the nation.

On the other side of the fence, Senator Borah is strongly in favor of the decision not to protect American citizens at all costs.

And the Newark News rejoices that a quietus has been put on the old idea of sending an American fire department whenever a brush fire starts near the premises of some American abroad.

The editors of the Literary Digest have gathered enough opinions from all sources to constitute a real analysis of that troublesome Nicaraguan problem. It's a fascinating article and I've only given you a hint of what it contains.

1 There seems to have been a slight
2 revolutionary flurry in Brazil. An
3 Associated Press dispatch from Rio de
4 Janeiro states that the trouble has
5 been put down without ~~any~~ bloodshed.

6 It all happened at the city of
7 Sao Paulo, the coffee capital of the
8 world, chief city of coffee-growing
9 southern Brazil.

10 A statement given out by the
11 Brazilian government tells us that the
12 ~~disturbance~~ disturbance was not political. It was
13 merely a bit of discontent among the
14 police.

15 A few changes have been made in the
16 police administration, and the Brazilian
17 cops were angry.

18 From Mexico City comes word that
19 ~~the postulant~~ Sandino ~~down~~ in
20 Nicaragua is not in league with the
21 Communists. Sandino's representative
22 in the Mexican capital has given out a
23 statement that a year ago Communists
24 offered him 5,000 rifles and \$100,000
25 in cash if he would carry on his fight

1 under the Red flag of world-wide
2 Bolshevism. Sandino refused. He
3 claims, according to the Associated
4 Press, that he was badly in need of
5 both rifles and money, but he wouldn't
6 fight under the Red flag.

EARTHQUAKE

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1 This next bit of news is a trifle
2 old. The earthquake happened on Monday,
3 and it was a bad one. But the region
4 where the mountains shook is so isolated
5 and far away that it's only now that
6 word comes to the outside world.

7 The district of Nakhitchevan is in
8 Soviet Russia on the northern border of
9 Persia, west of the Caspian Sea. And
10 that is one of the most remote parts in
11 central Asia. Tradition has it that
12 the patriarch Noah lived among those
13 hills for a while after he left the ark, ^{and}
the district is the birthplace of Stalin, the Red Dictator.

14 At a little after nine o'clock in
15 the evening on Monday, the earthquake
16 struck. 12 towns were completely
17 destroyed. In the town of Nasirvaz, all
18 the houses collapsed. 50 people were
19 killed and nearly every one of the
20 survivors was hurt more or less severly.

21 The United Press reports that there
22 was much damage and many casualties in
23 a number of villages throughout that
24 old region where Noah is said to have
25 lived after he left the ark.

Telegraphic communication was cut off, and it was only when a Soviet official succeeded in making his way out of the devastated district that word was telegraphed to Moscow.

The International News Servied prints a cable from London, via the Baltic port of Riga, which states that when the earth shook the peasants went wild with fear and religious frenzy. They fled in a panic and then began to attack the local Soviet authorities. They believed that the wrath of heaven had descended because of the irreligious campaign of the Bolsheviks. They turned their fury especially upon the Soviet organization known as the League of the Godless which has been conducting a harsh campaign against religion.

The dreaded O.G.P.U., the Soviet political secret police, got busy, and 14 people were executed. Then order was restored.

Meanwhile, the Soviets are rushing help to the stricken district.

END - (Joseph)

Well, by Joe -- as my sea-going friend Count Luckner would say.

The New York Sun tells us that a society has been formed in the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia, and the society certainly should be named THE BY JOE SOCIETY. It consists of men whose first name is Joseph.

All the boys named JOE in Czecho-Slovakia are invited to join. There is Joe Smith and Joe Green, or at least the Czecho-Slovakian equivalents of those names.

All of which leads me to say BY JOE it's time to say SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.