

BRITISH FLEET

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2 GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:
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5 The biggest piece of news this
6 evening is about trouble in the British
7 Fleet. It was announced in London this
8 afternoon that there is discontent and
9 unrest among the Jack Tars aboard John
10 Bull's mighty warships. The whole British
11 North Atlantic fleet has been ordered
12 back to port, so that the bad feeling
13 among the men may be investigated.

14 The fleet has been lying off the
15 Northeast coast of Scotland. It was
16 scheduled to hold a series of Naval
17 Maneuvers. But these naval maneuvers,
18 cables the Associated Press, have been
19 called off. ^Q ~~The~~ statement ^{from} ~~of~~ the British
20 Admiralty tells us that the sailors of
21 the fleet have been aroused over the
22 fact that their pay has been cut. In
23 the course of its economy policy the ~~Rxxx~~
24 British Government reduced the pay of
25 both officers and men in the Navy.

1 And now ^{as} we are advised by the
2 International News Service, the men
3 are growling *and grousing and threatening trouble.*

4 The Admiralty announcement has
5 caused a sensation in London. There had
6 been no hint of any discontent in the
7 Navy and so tonight Britons are talking
8 over the amazing news while the great
9 North Atlantic fleet, which comprises
10 some of the most powerful warships in
11 the world, is steaming back to port.
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MAHATMA

Gandhi made his plea for India at the Round Table Conference in London today. He spoke in a gentle, humble voice. He spoke soft pleading words. "If I want freedom for India," he declared, "it is for India as a valued partner of Great Britain, not held by force, but ~~xxx~~ by the silken cord of love."

However, the Mahatma is not such a visionary, but that he knows what it's all about. ~~The Associated Press~~ quotes ~~him as uttering wise words~~. Speaking of the freedom of India, he said to the British:- "It might be of considerable interest to you in balancing your budget."

Yes, the Mahatma tied up that cord of love idea with some of the most tangible cords of good business. He talked to John Bull about the lofty things of the soul - and also about money in John's pocket.

1 Serious affairs of state are going
2 on over in London. The future of India
3 is being discussed. But you might think
4 that the most important matter of all was
5 the costume worn by Gandhi. He ~~xxx~~ is
6 appearing at ~~that~~ majestic round-table
7 conference in his traditional loin cloth
8 and a blanket. He also wears a pair of
9 white socks.

10 A rumor comes along that the
11 Mahatma has been seen wearing a pair of
12 white linen trousers. *And that has caused a*
13 ~~political~~ ~~That's a big~~ sensation. And then the
14 International News Service cables a
15 further report that Gandhi is scheduled
16 to call on King George at Buckingham
17 Palace toward the end of this month.

18 The London Herald claims to have
19 inside word that when Gandhi ~~xx~~ calls
20 on the King he will wear his usual loin
21 cloth ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and also ~~xx~~
22 ~~xxxxxxx~~ that pair of white socks. ~~That~~
23 ~~is going to be in special homage to His~~
24 ~~Royal Majesty the King.~~ The white socks
25 are of home-spun material made for Gandhi
by a devoted follower in Northern India.

re Mrs.
Margaret
Story, author
of
Individuality
and Clothes

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CLOTHES

Well, Gandhi certainly knows the value of individuality in clothes. Which recalls a little human interest story, one of those small happenings that are really so big in people's lives.

I was talking to Mrs. Margaret Story and she was telling me a few things about clothes. She is the author of a brilliant book - Individuality and Clothes.

Well, Mrs. Story was telling me how important clothes are to a woman. She related the case of a family, that was about to go on the rocks. The husband was a man who had gone up in the world. Then his home life had become unhappy. It was the old familiar case. His wife had not climbed along with him. She definitely belonged back to a period of his older and smaller days. She didn't fit in in the new and prosperous picture. He was ashamed to take her anywhere. A divorce was in the offing.

"You know," Mrs. Story told me, "it was all a matter of clothes. The wife was an educated, graceful and good looking woman, but she was the dowdiest thing you ever saw.

"Not that she was careless. She tried her best. She bought the best clothes and tried to give herself a smart, well turned out appearance. But she was going about it in the wrong way. The more she spent on clothes the worse she looked."

"Well, what was wrong?" I asked.

And the author of that illuminating volume, Individuality and Clothes, replied:

"Well, I'll tell you what I told her. Women's clothes as related to their particular personalities, has been my life study. I always felt deeply how much the happiness of women depended upon what they wore. I told that wife it was the clothes she wore that was the cause of all her trouble."

"She was a tall, very slender woman. She was conscious of it. She tried to dress in ways that she thought would make her not so tall and not so thin. Well, that's a hard thing to do. It's much easier for me to make a stout woman look thin than a thin woman look plump. I said to her: "My dear, you have certain characteristics. You are trying to conceal them.

1 She wore a lot of ruffles and
2 fluffy things thinking that they would
3 make her look a trifle plumper. All they
4 did was to create a contrast which made
5 her look positively scrawny.

6 I told her that instead of trying
7 to hide her natural qualities she should
8 make use of them. If she were tall and
9 very slender she shouldn't try to be a
10 fluffy little thing. She should be
11 willowy and stately. Her clothes should
12 be designed to have that effect. That's
13 the meaning of individuality in clothes.

14 I suggested a costume for her
15 with simple and graceful lines. Yes,
16 of course she looked tall in that outfit
17 and she looked thin. But she also
18 looked smart and well-turned-out. She
19 had the air of a stately lady.

20 You should have seen her husband's
21 face when he saw her. ~~Her gawkiness had~~
22 ~~embarrassed him, but now she was a woman~~
23 ~~who looked the part of a~~ ^{grand} ~~great~~ lady. Her
24 clothes not only fitted her individuality.
25 They also fitted ~~xxx~~ his station in life.

1 The wife took the lesson to heart.
2 Ever since she has paid the closest
3 attention to her clothes and has made a
4 study of adapting them to her own
5 individuality.

6 I can tell you that the divorce
7 which was in prospect is off. The
8 husband now has a wife whom he can take
9 around without embarrassment. They are
10 now a happy couple."

11 Well, when Mrs. Story told me
12 about that particular case I understood
13 ~~what~~ much better what she meant^s by ~~her~~
14 ~~doctrine of the importance of~~ Individuality
15 in clothes as she tells it in her book
16 which is published by the Lit. Dig. and is
17 on sale in all book stores.
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1 We have a new speed record tonight,
2 which has nothing to do with sky-darting
3 airplanes or moon-going rockets. It's
4 just a railroad train over in England,
5 which they claim went the fastest-ever.
6 Today the London Flier of the Great
7 Western Railway covered 77½ miles in
8 59½ minutes. That represents an average
9 of 78 miles ^{an hour} and at one time on that
10 space-destroying run the train hit it up
11 as high as 89 and 1/10th miles an hour.

12 Well, I have always heard that the
13 European trains make better speed than *ours*
14 ~~the American trains~~ on account of short
15 runs and level road beds. And so
16 it is not so astonishing that the new
17 speed record for Railroad travel should
18 be made in England.

1 Great Guns, what a fight this
2 must have been. It happened over in
3 Germany. Yes, the boys were talking
4 politics. A political meeting was
5 scheduled to be held in the Sportspalast
6 in Berlin. A big crowd was trying to
7 get in to the hall. The crowd was
8 divided between Social Democrats and
9 Communists. The agitators started
10 shouting inflammatory remarks and then
11 the fight began.

12 The International News Service
13 describes it as a terrific free-for-all.
14 Those political enthusiasts battled
15 their way up and down the streets. Police
16 came charging. One section of the mob
17 gathered in Potsdammerstrasse, and gave
18 the Berlin cops a tremendous battle.

19 Sixty people got black eyes, bashed
20 noses and bumps on their heads. They say
21 it was one of the best street fights
22 ever staged in Berlin and that's saying
23 a good deal.
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1 Yes, the great question has been
2 answered. It has been answered by the
3 Academy of France in Paris. The way you
4 say it is ood-jenny.

5 All over the world women have
6 been wearing the hats and trying to
7 figure out how to pronounce the name. *Yes,*
8 The beautiful Empress of France, wife
9 of Napoleon III, caused a bit of trouble
10 in pronunciation when her hat became the
11 ruling style of this late date.

12 But now, as the United Press
13 relates, the learned and august Academy
14 of France has come forward to tell the
15 world just how it is pronounced. Yes,
16 the way you say it is ood-jenny.

1 Here's another one of those tragic
2 ironies. A few years ago Paul Hurley,
3 a school boy, won a prize for an essay.
4 His essay was on capital punishment, and
5 in it he defended the death penalty. He
6 wrote eloquently to prove the death
7 penalty was necessary.

8 Today Paul Hurley, now grown up,
9 died in the electric chair at Boston.

10 The boy who had written in favor
11 of the death penalty had become a robber.
12 He ~~xxxxx~~ killed a policeman who was
13 trying to arrest him in a stolen
14 automobile.

15 During his days in the death
16 house he spent some of his time reading
17 a book called the life of Robert G.
18 Elliott, executioner, and it was Elliott
19 today who ^{threw} ~~drew~~ the switch.
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1 There is no word from the fliers
2 *the 2 Germans and the Portuguese.* tonight, After the good news of last
3 night their fate has faded into blank
4 doubt.

5 The United Press reports that ~~xxxx~~
6 nothing more has been seen nor heard
7 of them since they were sighted by a ship
8 off the coast of Newfoundland. It has
9 been pointed out that storms have been
10 raging in the skies through which they
11 would have to fly to reach New York.
12 That may be the explanation. But hope
13 has not been ^{entirely} given up.

14 The ^{Associated Press} ~~International News Service~~
15 tells ~~of~~ of the search that ~~xxx~~ is being
16 made for the missing fliers. They may
17 have been forced to land in some obscure
18 place along the Canadian or New England
19 coast. ~~Here's hoping it~~ They had
20 only enough fuel to last them until
21 five o'clock this morning.
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EMPIRE STATE

There's been a lot of talk about mooring an airship to the top of the Empire State Building in New York. That giant structure as most people know, has a mooring mast at its tip, but until today no ship of the air had ever tied up to it. Well, the attempt was made this morning.

Thousands of people in the streets got cricks in their necks staring upward, as a semi-rigid airship, a blimp, sailed right up to the mooring mast of the Empire State Building. Two airplanes flew around making photographs while the blimp tried to make fast to the mooring mast. The whole affair was something of a surprise. No announcement of the plan had been made.

The scheme was for the blimp to hover over the tip of the immense building and try to drop a noose. Yes, that's what it was - an attempt to lasso the Empire State Building. And that's quite a job of roping as any cow puncher will tell you.

Well, the blimp tried again and again and finally made it.

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1 That is, men at the very pinnacle of the
2 building caught the line and held the
3 airship for a few minutes.

4 The tricky upward currents of wind
5 among the sky scrapers kept pushing the
6 blimp about. But it was able to make the
7 maneuver. And when it was all over the
8 airship went gliding away through the
9 sky.

10 I happened to be on top of the
11 Empire State Building this morning and
12 the officials I talked to were delighted
13 over the experiment. They say the next t
14 time they do it they expect to have
15 special pulleys and tackle in place so
16 an airship can have a regular mooring
17 ~~max~~ place and land passengers.

1 In Chicago the second International
2 Patent Exposition opened today. Yes, sir,
3 the inventor^s have been busy this past
4 year. That patent exposition is just
5 one long series of new and wonderful
6 inventions, simple and complicated, big
7 and small. The biggest, by the way,
8 is a contraption almost as large as a
9 street car. Here's what the inventor,
10 Clarence Dungan says about that gigantic
11 gadget:

12 "It's a combination tractor,
13 twin-cycle header, mowing machine, thresher,
14 huller, shredder, grinding and pulverizing,
15 twin hay rakes, self-feeding rolls and
16 cylinder compression hay and straw press."

17 That ought to turn every trick
18 that is to be turned on a farm, except
19 the really wonderful trick of making a
20 farm pay. Some bright inventor ought to
21 tackle that problem.

22 Then there's a water walker from
23 San Diego, California. It's a contraption
24 which enables you to walk on the water.
25 The United Press described it as a small

1 boat with two holes in the bottom.
2 Attached to the two holes are two rubber
3 boots and attached to the rubber boots
4 are two oars.

5 You step into the boots and the
6 boat comes up to your armpits. Then you
7 walk down the shore and into the water.
8 When the boat is afloat you just keep
9 on walking and that makes the oars go.
10 They propel you through the water.

11 And then there's a combination
12 salt and pepper shaker. Salt comes out of
13 half of the holes and pepper out of the
14 other half. It doesn't say what happens
15 if you want salt without pepper or pepper
16 without salt.

17 And you folks who like to
18 go skating on the ice ought to be
19 interested in this life saver for skaters.
20 Yes, it looks something like a wagon
21 wheel with a harness in the middle. The
22 skater wears it as he goes gliding along
23 the ice. Then when he hits a hole in
24 the ice, why that wagon wheel life saver
25 prevents him from going through.

1 There's one invention at that
2 Chicago Patent Exposition which I think
3 must have been entered by the Tall Story
4 Club. Anyway, there seems to be a gag
5 to it. It's a ~~xxxxxxx~~ perpetual motion
6 machine that consists of a wheel with a
7 lot of spokes. At the end of the spokes
8 are glass bulbs marked with a No. 6. The
9 idea is that all these sixes go up
10 on one side and when they come down on
11 the other they are upside down. Each six
12 thereby becomes a nine. Nine is greater
13 than six and therefore the nines go
14 down and pull the sixes up. And so it
15 goes on forever.

16 Well, after those marvelous
17 inventions I don't think that I'll try to
18 invent anything. I'll just say something
19 that's old and familiar, which is -
20 so long until tomorrow.
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