

TEARS

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Good Evening Everybody:

1 EXCUSE me, folks, while I get out
2 my handkerchief, because this is a
3 tearful story, and I may be in tears
4 before I get through with it.

5 It begins with the old but ever
6 new theme of love and romance. The
7 Associated Press informs us that in
8 Chicago Miss Peggy Costella was
9 engaged to be married to Timothy
10 Cummings. It was love and romance
11 all right, but it ended in tears.

12 Timothy borrowed a diamond
13 ring from Peggy, and he wouldn't give
14 it back. Peggy decided to get that
15 ring, and the way she tried to do it
16 was what you'd have to call very
17 tearful.

18 She went to Tim's apartment
19 and when Tim still refused to give back
20 the ring she took out a fountain pen.
21 It was a tricky fountain pen. In fact,
22 it was a tear gas fountain pen, and
23 Peggy proceeded to release a cloud of
24 tear gas. Tears streamed out of Tim's
25 eyes. The gas drifted toward Peggy

1 and tears 'streamed out of her eyes.

2 Oh, it was one tearful scene.

3 Peggy fled still weeping. The
4 police seized her. She was hauled to
5 court where Tim told what had happened.

6 The Judge fined Peggy \$30., but made

7 Tim fork over the diamond ring. So

8 Peggy was really ahead of the game.

9 Her tears were not in vain.

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1 A curious bit of law was written
2 in the Statute books today. Governor
3 Roosevelt ^{of N.Y.} signed a bill which makes it
4 a crime to use a glass pistol---yes,
5 a pistol made out of nothing more
6 dangerous and desperate than glass.

7 This law is intended to strike at
8 criminals who hold people up with a
9 dummy gun. Of course you think the glass
10 weapon is a real bullet-shooting piece
11 of artillery and that ordinarily is
12 sufficient to make ^{any} a man put up his *mits.*
13 ~~hands~~. At the same time if the robber
14 is captured he cannot be convicted of
15 ~~a~~ committing a crime by the use of deadly
16 weapons. That glass pistol can no more
17 be used against him than if he had had
18 in his pocket a watch crystal, ^{or a monocle,} or wore
19 a glass eye.

20 It will be different in the future
21 in New York State. According to the New
22 York Sun it will be against the law to
23 use an imitation pistol or ^{even} ~~to~~ carry or
24 possess one. Yes, fellows you'd better
25 check your glass pistols at the door, and
those squirt gun pistols, and those pistols that pass
out cigarettes when you pull the trigger.

1 Now comes - no story ^{at all,} The
2 American Society of Newspaper editors
3 is ~~xxx~~ holding a ~~xxxxxxx~~ convention
4 in Washington. President Hoover will
5 address the editors tonight. He will
6 give them a heart to heart talk, candid,
7 confidential. He will just speak his
8 mind right out. ^{But} It will not be for
9 publication.

10 The President will talk to
11 the assembled heads of American
12 publicity, ^{and Journalism -} but, according to the
13 Associated Press, not a line that the
14 President utters will be given any
15 publicity at all. As the newspaper
16 men say, it will be - no story.

1 A strange story comes from that
2 region of strange stories---Hollywood.
3 ~~Saturday evening~~ a man jumped from a
4 pier into the sea--five life-guards
5 had a hard time rescuing him.

6 According to the United Press,
7 he was Michael Romanoff, a film
8 director, of Hollywood.

9 Now ^{this} Mr. Michael Romanoff is, *so he says,*
10 haunted by Prince Michael Romanoff. The
11 Prince is an imposter. He is said to be
12 the son of a Cincinnati tailor. ~~Some~~
13 Sometimes he poses as Rockwell Kent, the
14 artist. Sometimes he pretends to be
15 another celebrity but nearly always he
16 passes himself off as Prince Michael
17 Romanoff, brother of the late Czar
18 Nicholas, ~~the Second~~ of Russia.

19 He follows a profession of general
20 swindling. Every so often the report
21 comes out that somebody or other has
22 been victimized by the bogus Prince
23 Romanoff. And constantly, his nefarious
24 doings have been attributed to ^{this real} Michael
25 Romanoff, the film Director, at Hollywood.

everywhere, so he says,
1 People think that he is the one who has
2 passed himself off as a Prince and
3 jipped somebody out of some money. His
4 protests and denials have been vehement
5 but still many people doubt.

6 Recently the fake Prince has been
7 busy in Hollywood and even the friends
8 of the real Michael Romanoff grew
9 doubtful.

10 And so the persecuted film director,
11 haunted to desperation, jumped into the
12 sea and had to be fished out.

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1 Here's a late International
2 News Service flash which makes it
3 look as if there will be a big heavy-
4 weight boxing bout this summer between
5 the giant Italian Primo Carnera and
6 the loquacious Lith^{uanian} Jack Sharkey of
7 Boston.

8 The New York Boxing Commission
9 today reinstated Carnera. Fiddlefeet,
10 as the big Italian is known because of
11 the enormous size of his dogs, was put
12 on the black list by the New York
13 Commission sometime ago because of a
14 bad looking bout that he fought out
15 on the Pacific Coast.

16 But now he will be allowed
17 to fight in New York State, and if the
18 bout between Fiddlefeet and Sharkey
19 materializes, why, some of the proceeds
20 will be divided between fifteen charities.
21 I suppose that fifteen charities have
22 been selected because Carnera is said
23 to wear a number fifteen shoe.

DIGEST - GIRL PITCHER

I've been looking at pictures today, just thumbing through the pages, looking at pictures.

This week's issue of the Literary Digest, the April 18th number, has an unusual assortment of interesting illustrations. One in particular caught my eye.

A photograph of Jackie Mitchell, the Chatanooga girl pitcher who fanned the Sultan of Swat the other day. It shows the girl-wonder in full baseball regalia. She's in the act of throwing the ball - an out-shoot, in-shoot, or almost any kind of shoot. And it's easy to tell that it's a girl. Jackie is throwing the ball with that characteristic feminine muscle-bound, cramped-shoulder heave.

You will all remember that recent amazing exhibition game in Chattanooga, - the one in which Jackie pitched against the New York Yankees. The girl wonder struck out the mighty Bambino.

Well, the Digest has gone far and wide to collect all the comedy that developed out of that funny bit of baseball farce. One snappy line is culled from an article by Rud Rennie in the New York Herald Tribune. You know the common baseball phrase that a

recruit player is sent back to the miners for further seasoning. Well, Rud Rennie remarks that after Jackie couldn't get the ball over the plate for Push 'Em Up Tony Lazzeri, she was taken out of the box and sent back to the kitchen for further seasoning. The double meaning of that word "seasoning" is the spicy part.

The Digest quotes the Cincinnati Times Star as saying that Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig displayed real gallantry in striking out. When faced with an ordinary pitcher those ponderous sluggers are primeval brutes, but with a lady tossing the ball they were polite, refined gentlemen.

It reminds the Times Star of Bob Fitzsimmons, the heavyweight champion and the deadliest hitter of them all. Bob showed up one day with a black eye. He displayed the shiner with great pride, and explained:- "the little woman thinks she can lick me."

Yes, sir, it does come to pretty much the same thing - when Bob Fitzsimmons' wife slammed him in the eye, and when Jackie Mitchell, the girl wonder, struck out Babe Ruth.

1 Right now over in London they
2 are getting ready for a crucial vote
3 in the House of Commons. A big debate
4 has been going on all afternoon, and
5 in fact the balloting may be going on
6 right now. It is a ^{vital} ~~big~~ test for the
7 Labor Government. The Conservatives
8 have introduced a motion which reads
9 as follows:

10 "That his Majesty's Government
11 having failed to carry out their
12 election pledges with regard to
13 unemployment - do not deserve the
14 confidence of this House."

15 That's the motion the
16 M.P.'s are voting on.

17 The International News Service
18 informs us that the Liberal Leader,
19 Lloyd George, has promised that his
20 party will support the Labor Government.
21 A group of ~~Labor~~ ^{Liberal} members, however, have
22 bolted Lloyd George's pledge and state
23 they will vote with the Conservatives.
24 Ramsay MacDonald, the Labor Prime
25 Minister, expects that his Government

1 will win with a margin of about thirty
2 votes.

3 All England is watching because
4 if the Labor party is beaten, there
5 will almost certainly be a dissolution
6 of Parliament and a general election.

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1 The state of affairs in Spain
2 this evening is about the same as it
3 was yesterday. The radicals are still
4 grumbling ~~and threatening~~ ^{against the new Republic,} but their
5 activities have not become any more
6 violent. In fact, they have quieted
7 down a bit.

8 ~~According to the Associated~~
9 ~~Press,~~ King Alfonso, who is now in
10 France, has made a declaration that
11 he did not abdicate the Spanish throne.
12 He merely left the country to avoid
13 civil war. He says he is still King
14 of Spain and he is certain the
15 Spaniards will ^{re-} call him ~~back~~ to his
16 throne. ~~again~~

17 Many skeptical observers in
18 ~~Rxxxxxx~~ various European capitals are
19 saying the new Spanish Republic will
20 have plenty of trouble, and that King
21 Alfonso's former subjects may indeed
22 call him back.
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NICARAGUA

In Nicaragua, Sandino's rebels are closing in on Puerto de Cabeza, and they are said to be determined to take the town. This is an International News Service dispatch.

The government at Washington has formally declared a policy of non-intervention. The New York Evening Post describes the program that Mr. Hoover is following as a reversal of the former American policy of protecting American property by force of arms.

The President is helping Americans get out of dangerous places. He is aiding the Nicaraguan government to use the Marines to put down the recent outbreak, and he will not pay any attention to the requests of American property owners who want the Marines to jump in and protect their belongings from the insurgents.

I asked Frank Higgins what he found the most interesting in my nightly broadcast.

"The Tall Story Club!" he replied.

"When I was a youngster," he added, "I lived among the lumbermen of Northern Minnesota, and those chaps all loved to spin tall yarns. My Dad ran a hotel. We had a bell boy named Mickey Doolittle, and an Irish terrier that was a wonderful retriever."

"One day Mickey took the dog down to the Mississippi River. There was a pier jutting out into the river, and on one side of it water was three feet deep and on the other it was ten feet deep."

"If Mickey dropped a stone on the shallow side, that dog would dive down, fumble around among the rocks and then bring up the stone Mickey had dropped."

"One day Mickey was trying to show off the dog. But he didn't have a stone so he threw in a silver dollar. Accidentally he threw it in on the wrong side of the pier, the deep side."

The dog dived in, but many minutes passed, and he didn't

return. Only a lot of bubbles came to the surface of the water. An hour went by and Mickey gave up in despair. He came back to the hotel and was trying to think up some good excuse to tell my Dad for having let the terrier drown. But while he was doing this in walked the dog, wringing wet, carrying, not the silver dollar, but four pounds of fish and twelve cents in change.

And that, says Frank, became the champion Tall Story of Minnesota.

1 Well, this seems to be the
2 Tall Story Club's official fish story
3 day. Fish stories are in the news.
4 Here's an Associated Press Dispatch
5 which states that Bob Renison of Sault
6 Ste. Marie, Ontario, is retiring as
7 President of the ~~H~~ackle Club, which is
8 an association of ^{some} 300 fly fisherman.

9 Bob is famous for a rule
10 which he passed as President of the
11 Club. He decreed that no women should
12 be admitted as members because he said
13 after long experience he found that no
14 woman could ever be taught to lie, and
15 fib and fabricate, and tell Tall Stories
16 as a true fisherman should.

17 Well Bob Renison ought to meet
18 Courtney Ryley Cooper, a writer who in
19 the Elks Magazine, states that fishermen
20 are not liars at all. He declares
21 himself in this way: INSTEAD OF BEING
22 AN UNMITIGATED, FOURTEEN-CARAT,
23 CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN LIAR, THE USUAL
24 FISHERMAN IS A FAIRLY STURDY EXAMPLE OF
25 HONESTY AND NAIVE TRUTHFULNESS.

New New York Sun informs us that Mr. Cooper explains that the fisherman's reputation for lying and tall-story telling is based on that BIG FISH THAT GOT AWAY. That big fish did get away, declares Courtney Riley Cooper. Being a big and powerful fish, he ~~was~~ was qualified to look after himself and escape from danger; so he got off the hook, or broke the line. Anyway, he did get away and the fisherman is not a liar.

Well, I can't decide between these two learned gentlemen. I'll have to pass it on to some of you educated and talented members of the Tall Story Club. And at the same time I'll say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.