

INTRO

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, here's news, real news. No, a man didn't bite a dog, but down in Washington they've at last agreed about Muscle Shoals.

An Associated Press dispatch informs us that the Senate and the House of Representatives have come to a final agreement.

You'll recall that the question has long been whether the government should develop that vast project for producing electrical power, or whether private industry should do it. Well, the decision is that Uncle Sam is to have the job. The question came up as to who should operate the transmission lines to carry the electric power to the public -- the government or private industry? The House of Representatives came out for private industry, but the Senate came out for the government.

That quarrel was the last obstacle in the way of getting something done about Muscle Shoals, and now they've

1 come to an agreement. The House ^{let} ~~agreed~~
2 the Senate ~~should~~ have its way. ~~So~~
3 Uncle Sam is to control not only the
4 great power plant but also the
5 transmission lines.

6 And now that the Muscle Shoals
7 matter is settled, maybe the world will
8 get back to normal again.

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1 Well, the New Year may have
2 marked the turning point. And the
3 beautiful lady Prosperity who jilted
4 us so cruelly a little over a year ago
5 may be knocking at our front door.

6 Anyway, the year 1931 is just a week
7 old today, and ^{the Jobless have already} 60,000 ~~men have~~ gone
8 back to work. ~~already.~~

9 The New York World informs us
10 that the automobile industry in Detroit
11 has recalled 22,000 men. Railway shops
12 have taken back 18,500 ~~men~~ who ~~xxx~~ had
13 been laid off. Steel mills at
14 Youngstown, Ohio, have given jobs to
15 2,000.

16 And so it goes.

17 Many men taken back here and
18 a few men taken back there ^{- in all} - a total
19 of 60,000. Let's hope the second week
20 of 1931 will do even better than that.

1 I want to say right here that
2 I am not ^{such} a solemn fellow myself, ^{even if I do look it,} and I
3 can appreciate Bill. And by Bill I mean
4 ~~XXXXXX~~ Senator-elect William J. Bulow,
5 of South Dakota.

6 He was elected last November
7 and the Associated Press informs us that
8 he won out by telling funny stories.
9 The newspaper men told him that if he was
10 elected he would have to wear a full
11 dress suit in Washington, but Bill
12 said:

13 "I GUESS NOT". I WAS AT A
14 DEMOCRATIC BANQUET IN WASHINGTON A FEW
15 YEARS AGO AND WILL ROGERS AND I WERE THE
16 ONLY ONES THAT DIDN'T HAVE ON SOUP AND
17 FISH. AND DO YOU KNOW, WE WERE THE ONLY
18 ONES THAT YOU COULD TELL FROM THE WAITERS."

19 Bill is a tobacco chewer and
20 the Republicans said that he entered the
21 campaign with great expectorations. Well,
22 that wasn't a bad one either, but Bill
23 came back with a statement of his
24 philosophy:

25 "I MAY CHEW TOBACCO BUT YOU CAN

ALWAYS HAVE A BITE OFF MY PLUG."

Well, it looks as though Bill might liven things up
a bit in the Senate.

1 I always look forward to
2 Wednesday. It's my lucky day. Although
3 the new Literary Digest comes out on
4 Thursday I get my look at it a day
5 ahead of time.

6 Well, tomorrow's copy has a
7 handsome winter scene on the cover. And
8 when I looked inside the first article
9 that caught my attention concerned an
10 ~~somewhat dull sounding but~~ extremely
11 important subject, the subject of
12 unemployment insurance.

13 There seem to be many people
14 who think this country ought to adopt a
15 scheme of unemployment insurance. Others
16 are just as positive that we ought not.

17 There ~~seem to be~~^{are} plenty of
18 strong arguments on both sides of the
19 question, and the ^{new lit.} Digest gives them.

20 "We had better look before we
21 leap", the Digest quotes the New York
22 Journal of Commerce as saying. And then
23 adds: "Let's not be stampeded towards
24 something like the dole."
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1 The dole, of course, is
2 British unemployment insurance, and it
3 amounts to paying wages to folks who are
4 out of work. The complaint against the
5 dole in England is that many of the
6 unemployed who get the dole just prefer
7 to go on living on it without ever going
8 to work again. Why get a job if you
9 get money for doing nothing?

10 The San Diego Union, on the
11 other hand, says that the worker who
12 invests his life in American industry
13 is entitled to protection just as a
14 stockholder's money is protected.

15 The Digest goes on to give
16 the views of other authorities.

17 If you turn to that article,
18 when ^{you get} your new ^{copy} ~~Digest~~ ^{comes} tomorrow,
19 you will ^{find} ~~get~~ both sides ^{presented} of one of the
20 most important questions of the day.

AUTOS

From Montreal comes a story of a blizzard that has been sweeping over Eastern Canada along with a sixty mile gale.

The Associated Press informs us that motor bus transportation in the Province of Quebec is at a standstill, and railway schedules have been affected. Hundreds of automobiles are marooned along the highways.

Well, while some folks are trying to salvage their cars along the snow choked roads of Quebec, a lot more are buying the handsome new high-powered chariots that are on exhibit at the New York automobile show.

I dropped in at the Grand Central Palace today just to see what it was all about. Apparently there are more new features in the cars on display than at any previous show. Engine designs have been improved. Body styles have been changed in order to provide more beautiful lines, and to give the appearance of speed.

Then there are changes in gear shift, brakes, bumpers, lights and so on.

Whether we are going to be feeling optimistic this year or not, we are certainly going to look optimistic. At any rate those who have new cars will. Nearly every color of the rainbow is represented at the auto show.

1 Well, that copy of the Literary
2 Digest ~~which is~~ ^{is finally} on its way to Europe--*I mean*
3 the one I told you about the other night
4 ~~the one that~~ ^{which} is making the trans-Atlantic hop
5 with Captain McClaren and Mrs. Beryl
6 Hart, *the flying widow.*

7 The two aviators in their plane,
8 the Trade Wind, landed at Bermuda today.
9 They started out several days ago for
10 what is intended to be the first cargo-
11 carrying trans-Atlantic flight. They
12 had a copy of the Literary Digest along,
13 ~~with them in the plane.~~

14 They were forced to put in at
15 Norfolk, Virginia. But this morning
16 they took off again and made the jump
17 to Bermuda in high style. According to
18 the International News Service, they
19 expect to start ^{fly} for the Azores tomorrow
20 morning, and then ^{fly} on to Paris.

SHAWNEE

Let me ask you all now, how would you like to be 126 years old? And how would you feel if you also had two counties depending upon what you could remember of a few things that happened about a hundred years ago?

Well, that's what big Chief Little Axe is up against. He is a member of the Shawnee tribe, and, according to the Associated Press, the Shawnees are demanding that the State of Texas turn two whole counties over to them.

They say that 95 years ago, when Texas was fighting against Mexico, the Shawnees sided with the Texans. And in return they were guaranteed the ownership of land which is now Cherokee and Smith Counties on the Brazos River. They never got the land, but they want it now.

And their claim depends largely upon what old Chief Little Axe remembers about the treaty made nearly a hundred years ago. And some of the Texas authorities think that the Shawnees have a valid claim to those two counties. And Old Chief Little Axe counts over his 126 winters and says he thinks so too.

Here's an odd one. We've all heard a lot about curious wills that people have made.

Well, over in England a retired manufacturer has had a talking picture made of himself reading his will. When he dies, the New York Times tells us, his heirs will have to sit there while they put that talking picture on. And there they will see and hear the crusty old gentleman tell each individual just what he thinks of him.

For instance when he comes to his dissolute nephew Reggie, the old gentleman in the talkie will say:

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23 **RETAKE**
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And Now for the most popular bit of scenery in the world. *What's your guess?*
Well, A United Press dispatch tells us ~~what~~ the favorite scene ~~is~~ for artists to paint. It's the Grand Canal in Venice. An expert over in Paris estimates that 100,000 views of that same Grand Canal hang in museums and homes around the world.

The next most popular subject with artists is the great cathedral in Paris, ^{*the cathedral of*} Notre Dame.

1 Lawrence of Arabia is in the news
2 again today. The New York Herald Tribune
3 correspondent in London wires a story
4 telling how Edinburgh University wanted
5 to confer an honorary degree on Lawrence,
6 but they couldn't find him anywhere.
7 So the degree was never conferred.

8 Radio listeners are constantly
9 writing in asking me to say something
10 about Lawrence, how he became famous and
11 what he is like.

12 From way down on the Rio Grande
13 comes a letter ~~asking me to tell some~~
14 ~~thing about this man who has become~~ ~~IV~~
15 ~~perhaps the most romantic figure of~~
16 ~~our time.~~ ^{from} J. C. Brooke, a lawyer of
17 El Paso, Texas, ^{who} wants me to tell
18 something of the personality of Lawrence.

19 To most people ^{he} Lawrence [^] is a
20 man of mystery, and of course all the
21 world loves a mystery. His mother once
22 told me that even she didn't understand
23 him.

24 As you perhaps have heard,
25 Lawrence when he was still a youngster

1 in his twenties, led an army and drove
2 the Turks out of that part of the
3 Arabian peninsula which is called Holy
4 Arabia. At various times during his
5 campaign he had a total of some 200,000
6 wild Arabs under his command, Bedouin
7 nomads mounted on thoroughbred Arabian
8 horses and racing camels.

9 When Lawrence would return from
10 a successful raid he would invariably
11 give all the glory to some Arab, usually
12 a different Arab sheik each time. And,
13 of course they all loved him for that.
14 Yes, he ~~was~~^{is} a born diplomat.

15 The true desert dweller, the
16 Bedouin, is the most independent man on
17 earth. He doesn't like taking orders.
18 So Lawrence cajoled them into doing
19 what he wanted. He even got them to
20 put aside their century old blood feuds,
21 and in so doing he accomplished what no
22 sultan and no caliph had been able to do
23 in more than 500 years.

24 During the Arab revolt Lawrence
25 was wounded some 20 times, and the Arabs

1 loved him for his daring and courage.

2 He made it a particular point
3 to excel the Arabs at those things in
4 which they excel* other people -
5 camel riding, shooting, and nimble wit.

6 Lawrence is a scholar, a poet,
7 a philosopher, a man of letters. From
8 childhood he has kept pretty much to
9 himself.

10 The World War transformed him
11 into a man of action, and he emerged a
12 world figure, one of the most romantic,
13 picturesque and dramatic personalities
14 of our time.

15 He virtually created three
16 oriental monarchs. He was largely
17 responsible for Shereef Hussein Ibn
18 Ali becoming king of the Hedjaz. He
19 helped Hussein's son Abdulla become
20 sultan of Trans-Jordania. And he was
21 largely responsible for his close
22 friend Prince Feisal becoming King of
23 Bagdad, where he rules today.

24 But Lawrence himself cares
25 little for wealth, for position, or for

honors. Most of the things that mean so much to the average person apparently mean nothing to him. He enjoys being with other people, so long as they don't make a fuss over him. If they do he vanishes.

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Here's some late news from Washington. Word came through over the United Press ticker a little while ago that the House of Representatives, late today passed the Urgent Deficiency Appropriation Bill. This provides for the distribution of approximately \$92,000,000 including 36,000,000 for the Veterans Bureau, 19,000,000 for Army and Navy Pensions, 34,000,000 for Federal Aid Highways and 533,000 for the Prohibition Bureau.

At the same time the United Press sent word that the Wickersham Commission's prohibition report will be sent to Congress by President Hoover with the next few days. The United Press states that this will increase the likelihood of an extra session of Congress after March 4th because it will throw the prohibition controversy directly into the hands of Congress at the height of the present already over crowded short session.

QUESTION

I ran into a phrase today that caught my imagination. The phrase was, "the moonlight lady". Well, who is the moonlight lady? The question occurs in the Digest questionnaire.

I turned to the article which tells who the moonlight lady is and found a lot of interesting information about those romantic schools down in the mountains of the South which are held at night and which teach the picturesque mountain folk the elements of common education. The mountaineers are of old pioneer stock but they have been isolated in the mountains for generations, and have not kept up with the times.

Well, the moonlight lady is Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart. She started the movement for night classes among the mountaineers. And they call her the moonlight lady because those classes were held so often in the moonlight, with the people of the hills-- children, grown-ups, and old folks too -- all sitting there learning their abc's.

And another question in the Digest questionnaire interested me. I think we're all pretty much like small boys and we all love anything that goes off with a bang. That question

QUESTION - 2

asks: WHAT IS THE GREATEST RECORDED EXPLOSION? I'll tell you about that tomorrow. Meanwhile, just make a list of all the big noises you can think of and then see whether you've guessed it right.

~~Well~~ At this point any Yale men who are listening in tonight had better rise and sing ~~out~~ the old ~~xxx~~ song

BULL DOG, BULL DOG

BOW, WOW, WOW

because here's an item which tells the origin of Yale's famous mascot, the bull dog.

The United Press quotes the Yale Alumni Weekly as saying that ~~xx~~ it all began with Handsome Dan.

Handsome Dan ^{was a pure} ~~is a thorough~~ bred bulldog that won more than one hundred prizes at dog shows. Back in 1890 he was bought by Andrew G. Graves, a Yale sophomore, who is now a Paris banker. The dog became a favorite on the campus and then was paraded at football games. Songs were written about him, and ever since, Yale has had a bull dog for a mascot.

When Handsome Dan died his skin was stuffed and it now stands in the Trophy Room at Yale.

~~Well~~, He was a great old dog

and he made history.

Well, I'm not a Yale man myself but Yale is a great old college, so I'll close tonight with three rousing cheers and a Princeton Tiger for the old Yale bulldog - and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.