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20 ~~HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES~~

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1 as a matter of fact the shouting is  
2 over right here, that is, it's time  
3 for me to follow Chicago's example and  
4 lapse into a discreet silence, ~~and~~ —  
5 so ~~I say~~ so long until tomorrow.

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The Democrats might organize the House and elect a new Speaker.

But people are asking was it premonition when he uttered the words:- PERHAPS THIS IS THE LAST TIME I WILL ADDRESS YOU FROM THIS ROSTRUM.

It was indeed the last time. From all over the country are pouring in expressions of regret at the passing of Speaker Longworth. On all sides his brilliant career is recalled. The Associated Press reminds us that his marriage to Alice Roosevelt, was one of the famous romances of the White House. The story has been often told of how the personable and genial young man, then at the threshold of a brilliant career, won the dashing Princess Alice.

Thereafter Nicholas Longworth, with his wife ever at his side, rose step by step to a unique position in American public life. He was a brilliant member of Congress and a power in the inner circles of the Republican Party. He became Speaker of the House and was mentioned as a possible candidate for the Presidency.

He had talent. He had also a singularly genial and lovable personality. President Hoover expresses it well today in a telegram of condolences which he sent to Mrs. Longworth.



According to the United Press, the President spoke of Nick Longworth's happiness, his honesty, and his courage.

The Speaker and the former Alice Roosevelt made a charming couple, those years ago, at the brilliant White House wedding. As the years passed over them they seemed to increase in charm. They enjoyed the distinction of being just about the most popular couple in this whole wide land of ours.

## RUSSIA

A wild and wooly idea comes flashing from Soviet Russia today. According to the United Press, the official Communist newspaper, Pravda, charges that President Hoover was one of the plotters who formed that supposed big international conspiracy against the Soviet Government.

The Bolshevist leaders, as you may recall, have shouted far and wide about an international conspiracy which was supposed to have been headed by prominent French and British statesmen, and also by the mysterious Colonel Lawrence of Arabia. And now they go so far as to drag President Hoover into it.

The Communists point out that the Federal Farm Board has made ~~gx~~ huge purchases of grain. This, as we know, was done in an effort to keep the price of wheat from falling too low. But it doesn't mean anything of the sort to the Bolshevists. They say that the buying of wheat by the Federal Farm Board indicates that President Hoover's part of the big international conspiracy was to provide supplies for the international armies that were to invade Soviet Russia. Just another one of those nightmare pipe-dreams with which our Bolshevist friends seem to kid themselves.



1 Now comes something that is wrapped  
2 in considerable mystery. A sensational  
3 arrest has been made in the Vivian  
4 Gordon case, and that case itself ~~xxx~~ is  
5 one of the most sensational on record.

6 A Russian, named Harry Stein, is  
7 in ~~the Tombs~~ <sup>sail today</sup> charged with the actual  
8 killing of the woman who was to have  
9 appeared as a witness in New York's  
10 ugly vice investigations. The United  
11 Press adds that three other men were  
12 arrested along with him.

13 The latest reports today were that  
14 the police <sup>are keeping mum</sup> ~~weren't saying much~~ about  
15 the arrests. There <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ only a few  
16 strange hints. In Vivian Gordon's diary  
17 according to the United Press, was  
18 a mysterious entry relating to a bank  
19 in Oslo, Norway. The men arrested had  
20 been in Oslo, ~~Norway~~

21 A valuable fur-coat which Vivian  
22 Gordon was wearing at the time of the  
23 crime was missing when ~~her~~ <sup>she</sup> body was  
24 found. The police are said to have ~~got~~ <sup>picked</sup>  
25 ~~up~~ <sup>up</sup> the trail of the coat and that trail  
led to the prisoner Harry Stein.

He protests that he is innocent.

1        Now comes a story told in figures.  
2        The new Literary Digest, the April 11th  
3        number which came out today, pays its  
4        homage to Knute Rockne.

5        Immediately after the airplane  
6        crash in which the greatest of all  
7        football ~~players~~ coaches lost his life,  
8        newspapers ~~all over the country~~ <sup>everywhere</sup> spoke  
9        their tribute. The Digest sums it all  
10       up in an article packed full of  
11       information. That article points out  
12       that figures tell Rockne's story better  
13       than words.

14       The Digest editors go to the All  
15       Sports Record Book compiled by Frank G.  
16       Menke, and give the record of the great  
17       coach in one brief summary.

18       During 13 seasons, from 1918 to  
19       1930 inclusive, Rockne's Notre Dame  
20       football teams played 122 games. Of  
21       these they won 105; they lost 12; and  
22       they tied 5. Yes, sir, those figures  
23       certainly do talk.

24       Then the Digest <sup>tells of</sup> ~~sums up~~ the  
25       influence of Rockne on American football,



1 and again it's a case of figures.  
2 Football is taught by coaches, and it's  
3 amazing how many coaches were taught  
4 by Rockne. The New York Times is quoted  
5 by the Digest editors to show that ~~data~~  
6 throughout the ~~area~~ United States--  
7 north, south, east, and west--there are  
8 23 head coaches of football who learned  
9 the game at Notre Dame. For example,  
10 prominent among them are Rip Miller,  
11 the old Notre Dame man who ~~this year~~  
12 has <sup>Just</sup> been made head coach for the Navy.  
13 In addition, there are dozens of Rockne  
14 taught pupils serving as assistant  
15 coaches in colleges from one end of  
16 the country to the other.

17 Well, as a final tribute to the  
18 great genius of football, I know of  
19 nothing better than that same line, out  
20 of this week's Literary Digest--FIGURES  
21 TELL ROCKNE'S STORY, <sup>more eloquently</sup> ~~BETTER~~ THAN WORDS.  
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## PORTUGAL

Today was a nervous day over in Lisbon, Portugal. There have been rumors on all sides that a revolution is scheduled to break out at any moment.

According to the Associated Press, the government is holding its forces in readiness to meet the expected revolt. All soldiers are being kept in their barracks and under arms, ready to march at an instant's notice and suppress any trouble that may start.

No word has reached Lisbon for 24 hours from the Portugese colony of Angola in Africa. This has caused many people to believe that a revolt has already broken out among the troops who are stationed in the African colony.

Meanwhile, the revolt of the Portugese garrison in the Madeira Islands is in the familiar state of status quo.

The rebellious regiments are in control of the city of Funchal, the capital of the Madeiras. British warships are in the harbor to protect British residents. A report has been flashed to London that Portugese troops, who have been sent to



Madeira, have themselves mutinied, and have refused to fight against the revolting soldiers at Funchal.

A late report from Lisbon states that the rebels have offered to negotiate with the government for an armistice, but the government turned the proposition down.

Well, Lisbon is a beautiful and, ordinarily, a quiet placid old city on the River Tagus. But it's a nervous city tonight, and I suppose all I can do is report -- all unquiet along the Tagus.

## ZEPPELIN

And, this evening across the sea a great airship is headed southward. It's Germany's giant dirigible, the Graf Zeppelin. She set out today on a jaunt across the Mediterranean, bound for Egypt and Palestine.

According to the Associated Press, this is a trip that was planned for the big dirigible back in 1929, but it was then forbidden by the British government. The London authorities objected to the Graf Zeppelin passing over Egypt, which was in an unsettled political state.

The Graf made a southern trip at that time, but when she reached the Egyptian border she shifted her course so as not to pass over British protected territory. Dr. Eckener, her commander, smoothed things over by reporting that his ship had simply changed course on account of unfavorable winds.

But now, three years later, the British government has given the Graf Zeppelin permission to visit Egypt. And the big globe trotting silver cigar will land at Cairo on Saturday.



## SYRIA

Along comes a story that is reported in Jerusalem and denied in Paris.

The Associated Press wires that word has reached Jerusalem that the French government has signed an agreement to appoint a king to rule over Syria. The Paris Foreign Office however says tut tut - there's no such agreement. However, you never can tell in diplomacy or state craft where no so often means yes.

The man who will become king is said to be my old Arabian friend, Emir Ali, one of whose brothers is king of trans-Jordania, the Land of Moab east of the River Jordan. Another of his brothers is King Feisal of Iraq, or Mesopotamia.

The report from Jerusalem explains that the French want to pay a debt, something of a debt of honor, incurred during the World War.

It's an old story with me, and I've told the tale again and again:- The tale of how that almost fantastic young Oxford scholar, Colonel Lawrence, aroused the tribes of the Arabian Desert in revolt against the Turks. And how he led them on a fighting

campaign which greatly assisted Lord Allenby's British Army in the conquest of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

Perhaps the most important thing that Lawrence did was to line up on the side of the Allies a venerable old Emir who was perhaps the foremost Arab leader of his day. I mean Emir Hussin, Ibu Ali, descendant of the Prophet Mohammed and Grand Shereef of the Holy City of Mecca.

Lawrence pledged the word of Great Britain and her allies that if the Arabs rose against the Turks they would be given their ancient lands as an independent nation.

When the end of the war came, that promise was not kept. And the Arabs naturally were bitterly disappointed. One of the things that rankled with them most was the fact that Syria, which they claimed as their own, was given to France as a mandate.

However, two of Hussein's sons are kings. And now comes the rumor that France is about to do something further in repayment of that war-debt-of-honor to the Arabs by putting Syria under the rule of another of the sons of the old Emir.

And if that comes to pass there will be much joy and jubilation among the black tents of the Bedouin.



1 Now comes my News Item of the Day,  
2 and, while some people may not think it  
3 of world shaking importance, it  
4 nevertheless means much to me.

5 Week after week I've had to  
6 broadcast a succession of news dispatches  
7 about the little brown man in the loin  
8 cloth. Of course you know who I mean--  
9 Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of the Indian  
10 Nationalist Party, who makes it a point  
11 to dress like the humblest Hindu that  
12 ever <sup>plowed with a crooked stick</sup> dug in a Bengal rice field.

13 ~~And~~ Here comes an Associated Press  
14 dispatch which states that Gandhi is to  
15 be the little brown man in the loin  
16 cloth no longer. He's going to put on  
17 ~~a pair of~~ pants. That's because he's  
18 going to London to represent India at the next  
19 a great Round Table Conference <sup>— the one that will finally</sup>  
20 decide the fate of the ancient land of  
21 Hindustan, <sup>so they say.</sup>

22 At first Gandhi planned to appear  
23 among the high dignitaries of the British  
24 Empire in his usual garb. Amid ~~the~~  
25 evening clothes, <sup>resplendent</sup> ~~gorgeous~~ uniforms, and





1 holy man will also appear at the Round  
2 Table Conference without his customary  
3 pigtail. Gandhi wears the chuta, a long  
4 lock of hair arising in the middle of  
5 a head shaved perfectly bald. According  
6 to Hindu belief, a man wears a chuta  
7 so that his friends will be able to  
8 get hold of it after he is dead and  
9 pull him out of the infernal regions.

10 But the real news item of the day  
11 is that ~~the~~ Gandhi is going to put on  
12 pants. And so we won't say any longer--  
13 the little brown man in the loin cloth.  
14 <sup>From now on</sup> We'll say--the little brown man in  
15 pants.

1 I have a brief item here which  
2 tells us how many meals--breakfast,  
3 dinner, and supper--are eaten each  
4 day from the rock-bound coast of Maine  
5 to the sun-kissed shores of California.

6 According to the International  
7 News Service, Colby Chester, a food  
8 industrialist, stated in an address to  
9 Boston business men that the people of  
10 the United States consumed each day  
11 350 million meals. And that means a  
12 lot of "poke" chops and bread and gravy.  
13 Ooh uh!

14 And that item ■■■■ reminds me that  
15 it's dinner time right now. And as I've  
16 just driven ■■ in by car all the way  
17 from <sup>the fair city of</sup> Scranton, Pennsylvania, those  
18 350 million meals sure sound good to me.

19 So here's wishing you all a good  
20 appetite too--and,

21 So long until tomorrow.  
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