

# PAVLOWA

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Good Evening, Everybody!

1 Many people are remembering  
2 tonight--remembering a dance and a dancer.  
3 Anna Pavlowa is dead. She was only 46.  
4 And what a lovely, vivacious, artistic,  
5 dainty creature she was!

6 A wave of influenza has been  
7 sweeping over Europe. <sup>According to the United Press</sup> It caught Pavlowa,  
8 and turned into pleurisy. She couldn't  
9 shake it off.

10 Pavlowa was the personification of  
11 the arts and graces of the dance in our  
12 generation. Most people, I think, will  
13 remember her best as that floating,  
14 exquisite figure in the dance called  
15 "The Dying Swan".

16 I knew her out East, in Calcutta  
17 and Rangoon, when she was making a tour  
18 of the Orient. Later I visited her  
19 famous villa at Golders Green near London,  
20 and she proudly took me into her garden  
21 to see her flock of graceful white swans.  
22 To Pavlowa the swan represented herself  
23 and her art.

24 The International News Service  
25 cables that Pavlowa's last act, as she

1 lay on her sick bed, was to raise her  
2 arms ~~and move them~~ in those unforgettable,  
3 undulating movements with which she  
4 pictured "The Dying Swan".

5           And thus the great Pavlowa floated  
6 from the stage--of life.

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## DISARMAMENT

It was announced in Geneva today that a general disarmament conference will be called for February of next year. The League of Nations will be the sponsor, says the ~~International News Service~~. The purpose of course will be to cut down the huge armies that are still in existence all over the world. In other words it will be a polite invitation for the boys to check their guns at the door.

FRANCE

There ~~also~~ is more optimistic talk today about the possibility of France and Italy coming to an agreement regarding the number of warships each shall have. They have had an agreement, which is said to have expired. There was a good deal of secrecy about it.

The Associated Press states that ~~a~~ spokesman of the French Government has come out with a statement that France is eager to come to an understanding with Mussolini. Dispatches from Rome say that Italy is equally anxious to have the matter settled in a friendly way. The catch seems to be that the French believe they can convince the Italians that France is entitled to the bigger fleet. Mussolini on the contrary is of the opinion that the navies of the two countries should be equal.

From the sea let's take to the air for a moment.

1 A squadron of eighteen Italian  
2 seaplanes is <sup>scheduled</sup> ~~going~~ to fly from Rome  
3 to New York. It will be commanded by  
4 General Balbo who led the recent flight  
5 from Rome to Rio. <sup>The United Press announces that</sup> ~~And~~ the crews of  
6 those eleven planes that flew to Rio  
7 will be aboard the eighteen giant  
8 ships that take off for New York, <sup>next summer.</sup> If  
9 this flight actually comes off it will  
10 be <sup>Just about</sup> ~~one of~~ the most spectacular sky  
11 voyages of all.

1           And now for one that sounds like  
2 talking in telephone numbers.

3                        <sup>about</sup>  
4           It's/a prison term of something  
5 like eleven hundred and sixty-two years.

6           The New York Evening World informs  
7 us that over in Sicily 124 defendants  
8 have just been given a total of more  
9 than a thousand years in prison. They  
10 were members of a Maffia gang that had  
11 been terrorizing their neighborhood.

12           Mussolini is out to suppress the  
13 dreaded Maffia. A thousand years in  
14 jail! That's the way he's doing it.  
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1 Here comes the old story -  
2 Germany doesn't want to pay that huge  
3 reparations bill. Today Chancellor  
4 Bruening came right out into the open  
5 ~~with the fact that~~ <sup>and declared</sup> the German Government  
6 demands a revision of the Young plan,  
7 ~~in a speech that in the city of Chemnitz.~~

8 According to the International  
9 News Service the Chancellor said ~~that~~  
10 the German people simply ~~could~~ <sup>can</sup> not pay  
11 all that money ~~which~~ <sup>demanded under</sup> the Young plan. And  
12 ~~demands~~ <sup>this means</sup> that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> old ~~reparations~~ reparations  
13 question ~~is~~ <sup>may</sup> becoming acute again.

1 Let's see. Here's a football  
 2 item - but it's from France, and  
 3 it's also <sup>about</sup> a murder trial.

4 They don't play the American  
 5 ~~kind~~ <sup>brand</sup> of football <sup>over there.</sup> ~~in France.~~ They go  
 6 in for British rugby, which is <sup>similar and</sup> ~~something~~  
 7 ~~like it, and is very~~ strenuous.

8 ~~In a game in~~ <sup>Pat</sup> Bordeaux a player  
 9 was tackled so hard that he was killed.  
 10 The man who did the tackling was tried  
 11 for homicide.

12 According to the <sup>N.Y.</sup> ~~Evening~~ Sun he  
 13 was found guilty of - homicide by  
 14 imprudence. The judge said three months  
 15 in prison, but the sentence was suspended.  
 16 The defendant, however, was not satis-  
 17 fied by that suspended sentence, ~~and~~  
 18 He is appealing the case. It's a matter  
 19 of principal <sup>he says,</sup> because they <sup>claim</sup> ~~say~~ that if the  
 20 judge's decision is allowed to stand,  
 21 it will hang over the heads of every  
 22 football player as a threat and <sup>might easily</sup> ~~will~~  
 23 result in the abolition of all violent  
 24 sports in France.



## RUSSIA

Word filters through from the bleak wastes of Siberia of a gigantic industrial enterprise. According to an Associated Press dispatch, one of the biggest steel mills in the world is being built near Magnet Mountain in remote Siberia. The mountain is said to be of pure iron, and is called Magnet Mountain because of its singular magnetic powers.

The work is being done under the direction of American engineers, and it is said that a second Gary, Indiana, is rising out there at the foot of that Mountain of iron, far in the wilderness, a thousand miles away from any important city."

1 Here's an industrial note, from  
2 the Equator, from the land of spice and  
3 all things nice. Only it happens to  
4 be about whale oil.

5 An Associated Press dispatch  
6 states that the government of Ceylon has  
7 signed a contract with far off Norway  
8 granting the Norwegians a whaling  
9 monopoly along the palm fringed shores  
10 of Ceylon.

11 Norway whaling interests plan to  
12 erect a large whale oil plant amid the  
13 tropic perfumes and spices. ~~of Ceylon.~~

14 Lately Norway has been ~~■■■■~~  
15 monopolizing the old and adventurous  
16 business of whaling, and this new  
17 contract with Ceylon gives the  
18 Norwegians ~~a~~ virtual world <sup>control</sup> ~~monopoly~~ in  
19 whaling.  
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1 Now comes an interesting  
2 explanation of <sup>the recent</sup> ~~that~~ trouble ~~they have~~  
3 ~~been having out~~ in the Philippines.  
4 ~~Islands~~ It was a minor rebellion  
5 with ugly fighting between the trouble  
6 makers and the American-trained  
7 Philippine Constabulary.

8 The disturbance was caused by  
9 a strange religious sect, <sup>weird</sup> ~~and this~~  
10 ~~week's Literary Digest has some~~  
11 ~~interesting things to say about the weird~~  
12 ~~fanatics out there~~ who raised the  
13 standard of revolt, calling for freedom  
14 and an independent church. They <sup>sect is called</sup> ~~are~~  
15 the Colorums, <sup>and they are said to</sup> ~~who~~ have a curious, ~~and~~  
16 barbaric worship.

17 When Christianity spread  
18 among the people of the Philippines, it  
19 took a curious form in some of the  
20 wilder parts. One singular feature  
21 was the worship of religious & leaders.  
22 These religious leaders are the heads  
23 of various groups of the sect, and are  
24 believed to have supernatural powers.  
25 They are supposed to work miracles.

These medicine men are called Colorums by their followers, but the name has also spread to the whole sect.

This week's Literary Digest quotes the New York Times as saying that bands of these fanatics each under the command of a magician, wander around in the hills and hold weird religious rights in caves. At times they are like the Mohammedan Moros and go Juramentado. That is, they run amuck and go wild with religious enthusiasm.

Recently the Colorums came to the conclusion that the end of the world and a universal deluge is at hand. This got them so excited, that they went Juramentado and are on a rampage.

The new Digest tells of the big fight in which the Colorums were beaten by the Philippine Constabulary. During this battle the Colorums rallied around a sacred banner, and that banner was carried by a girl. She was the daughter of one of the principal leaders. There was a savage skirmish. The girl flag bearer was captured and also a dozen other girl Colorums who were fighting fiercely shoulder to shoulder with their men.

1           The State of Nebraska contributes  
2 a snappy bit of political news this  
3 evening. Indictments for perjury were  
4 returned against two men. One of them  
5 is Victor Seymour, former manager of  
6 the Western Headquarters of the  
7 Republican National Campaign Committee.  
8 The other is George W. Norris. No, not  
9 Senator George W. Norris. There are  
10 two gentlemen by that name, and that's  
11 the cause of all the trouble.

12           In the big political campaign  
13 last fall Senator Norris was running for  
14 re-election. The name of George W.  
15 Norris was entered in the contest, but  
16 it turned out that this particular Norris  
17 was a grocer, and it was charged that  
18 he was put up by <sup>the enemies of</sup> Senator Norris, ~~his~~  
19 ~~opponents, with~~ <sup>was</sup> The idea <sup>^</sup> that the  
20 similarity of names would cause con-  
21 fusion and hurt Senator Norris in the  
22 election. ~~A lot of people wanting to~~  
23 ~~vote for the Senator might vote for~~  
24 ~~the wrong Norris.~~

25           Well, there <sup>has</sup> been a lot of

1 controversy about <sup>this</sup> ~~that~~ out in Nebraska  
2 and ~~this new development~~ <sup>now</sup> comes ~~as a~~ the  
3 climax - with both grocer Norris and  
4 the former head of the Republican  
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1 Great Scott, these news  
2 dispatches this evening have a lot of  
3 queer items. Here's a man who ~~was~~ held  
4 up in Detroit, <sup>and</sup> the New York Sun tells  
5 us ~~that~~ he did <sup>nt</sup> ~~not~~ put up his hands  
6 quickly enough and the bandit ~~d~~ fired.  
7 The victim felt a violent jar on his  
8 chest and thought he was done for.  
9 Instinctively he put his hand to the  
10 place where he had been shot and found  
11 the bullet sticking in his vest. He  
12 just picked it out. It looked to the  
13 bandit as though he had <sup>simply</sup> ~~just~~ reached  
14 into his vest pocket and fished out  
15 ~~that~~ bullet.

16 ~~The~~ bandit ~~must have~~ thought  
17 ~~that~~ the age of miracles had <sup>returned, and</sup> ~~not passed,~~  
18 ~~and that he had run into a man who was~~  
19 ~~invulnerable. Anyway, the robber didn't~~  
20 ~~wait to make sure.~~ He was so startled  
21 he turned <sup>tail</sup> and ran, ~~away.~~ Explanation! Well,  
22 It must have been a defective shell in  
23 the robber's gun.

~~IV~~

1 I see in this next dispatch that  
2 they're training a horse for grand opera.  
3 No, they don't want that horse to sing.  
4 They merely <sup>don't</sup> want it to be such a severe  
5 critic of singing.

6 The Associated Press informs us  
7 that out in St. Paul they had a  
8 performance of Wagner's <sup>die</sup> Gotterda<sup>day</sup>merung.  
9 And in one scene a horse is on the stage.  
10 They used a milk wagon horse for the  
11 part, a particularly tame and well-  
12 behaved animal that had pulled a milk  
13 wagon around for years.

14 But in the opera the soprano  
15 started to sing, and she was right near  
16 that horse's ear. And the old milk  
17 wagon horse tried to bite her.

18 They're having another opera out  
19 in St. Paul, and they want to borrow  
20 the milk driver's horse again. But this  
21 time they're going to train that nag for  
22 opera so she won't bite any more sopranos  
23 or kick any tenors.

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LETTER

I've a letter here from Corwin Cade, of Holmesdale, Pennsylvania. And he tells me about what he claims is the most Biblical county in the United States.

Wayne County, Pennsylvania, is just full of names taken out of the Bible. There is the county seat of Bethany; a few miles away is Damascus; then there is the village of Galilee, and also the villages of Lebanon and Salem. Near the boundary line of Wayne County are the Lord's Valley, Egypt, and the Promised Land.

"Can you beat that?" asks Mr. Cade.

Well, I live in Dutchess County, New York, and we just can't hold a candle to Wayne County, Pennsylvania when it comes to Biblical names.

1 I haven't come to the News Item  
 2 of the Day yet, but here's what <sup>surely</sup> must have  
 3 been the news item of the day 150 years  
 4 ago.

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5 In that fateful year of 1776, the  
 6 Parliament of Great Britain decided  
 7 that a lot of men were being vamped into  
 8 marriage and that the girls were using  
 9 too many feminine wiles in leading  
 10 Englishmen to the altar. ~~I suppose~~  
 11 ~~Parliament decided that Englishmen will~~  
 12 ~~not be slaves, unless they are enslaved~~  
 13 ~~in a proper and modest way. Anyway, a~~  
 14 ~~law was passed. They passed a law that is now~~  
 15 ~~That law is~~ <sup>re</sup> printed in a publication  
 16 called "Aromatics" ~~Magazine~~, <sup>and that is quoted tonight in</sup> ~~and it reads~~  
 17 ~~as follows:--~~ the New York Sun. It reads:--

18 "That all women, of whatever age,  
 19 rank, profession or degree, whether maids  
 20 or widows, that shall impose upon and  
 21 betray into matrimony, any of His  
 22 Majesty's subjects, by the use of scents,  
 23 paints, cosmetic washes, artificial teeth,  
 24 false hair, iron stays, hooks, high-heeled  
 25 shoes, <sup>or</sup> bolstered hips, shall incur the

penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors."

Then the still more important detail is added that the marriage shall be null and void.

Well, it's the law that's null and void now - and a girl, in luring a helpless man to the altar these days is entitled to use any means short of -- well, shall we say rifles.

1 Here's my News Item of the Day.  
2 I haven't much time left so I'm going  
3 to rush right through it.

4 Over in Rumania in the town  
5 of - now wait a minute. I can't hurry  
6 too much with the name like that.  
7 Georovesti, that's what they call it.

8 Anyway, in that town they  
9 put on a motion picture show and the  
10 peasants came from miles around.  
11 According to the Associated Press they  
12 had never seen a movie show before.

13 They thought it was marvelous,  
14 but suddenly on the screen they saw a  
15 locomotive. It was coming straight  
16 toward the audience, and rushing right  
17 at them at top speed.

18 The peasants weren't used to  
19 that sort of thing, and as the huge  
20 locomotive came hurtling, ~~at them~~, they  
21 supposed it was going to come thundering  
22 right on over them.

23 Now, if there is anything  
24 that Rumanians don't like it's being  
25 run over by a railroad train, and most

1 of us are like that<sup>too</sup>.

2 A panic broke out in the theatre.  
3 The people made a wild rush. They  
4 smashed the seats. They smashed the  
5 door. They smashed everything, in a  
6 wild stampede.

7 And talking about stampedes,  
8 there's a minute hand of a watch here  
9 at my elbow, whirling around, as if it  
10 were rushing right at me the way that  
11 motion picture railroad train rushed at  
12 those Rumanian peasants. And it's time  
13 for me to stampede too.

14 So long until tomorrow.  
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