

INTRO

Good Evening, Everybody:

Well, I don't know what has happened on January 9th in other years. For example on this day of the month in the year 2,000 B. C., the Romans may have declared war on the Eskimos for all I know. But this particular January 9th in the year 1931. I am glad to report, will not go down in history as a day of any world shaking calamities. The news from all over the globe seems to be fairly cheery.

There's a two billion dollar steel merger under discussion, and a wide judge tells us there ought to be more domestic troubles - which is rather a new optimistic note; some fishermen were rescued just in the nick of time; A politician went right in a cage full of lions and tigers. Then there's the story of the man with the beautiful eyes, and another one about a prize fighter who knocked himself out.

MERGER

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1 First let's take the
2 ~~Here is~~ a dispatch telling of the
3 a proposed enormous merger of steel
4 companies. If the plan goes through
5 it will mean a two billion dollar
6 combine.

7 The Associated Press quotes
8 the Cleveland News as saying that the
9 merger is being pushed by the Bethlehem
10 Steel leaders, and they expect to
11 establish a huge ^{concern} ~~steel combination~~ ~~xxx~~
12 that will rival the United States Steel
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EYES

At this point of tonight's broadcast I seem to hear the refrain of a plaintive old song. Maybe you'll remember it.

"SHE HAD SUCH BEAUTIFUL EYES" And then it goes on:

"SHE TOLD SUCH BEAUTIFUL LIES".

Well, in the case of this news dispatch I have in my hand we will have to change that song to

"HE HAD SUCH BEAUTIFUL EYES", and then follow with -- he committed such a beautiful robbery. Yes, and those beautiful eyes have landed him in jail.

The Associated Press informs us that a hold-up man was arrested out in Los Angeles, and a woman witness was identifying him. She declared she recognized him positively - because of those beautiful black eyes. Said she:

"HE HAD SUCH GORGEOUS EYES - I'LL NEVER FORGET THEM.
OH JUDGE THEY JUST THRILLED ME."

Then the judge thrilled the man with the beautiful eyes by giving him one of the most beautiful cells in the San Francisco jail.

1 Next comes a rescue at sea.
2 The fishing schooner Stranger with
3 eight **men** aboard was disabled in a
4 storm and drifted for two days. The
5 men had neither food nor water and
6 were rapidly becoming desperate.

7 *Finally* the schooner drifted near ~~the~~ a
8 lighthouse at the ^{tip} ~~end~~ of Cape Cod, and,
9 according to the International News Service,
10 coast guard patrol boats ~~went out and~~
11 rescued the castaway fishermen. *It was a*
12 *close call.*

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DOMESTIC FIGHTS

In the old days of long ago when people talked more poetically and grandiloquently than they do now, when they wanted to say how many things there were they did it this way - AS NUMEROUS AS THE SANDS OF THE SEA, or AS THE STARS IN THE SKY. And one might even say as numerous as domestic quarrels, marital rows and household arguments.

Well, we all know that there are plenty of tempests on the sea of conubial bliss but here's one man who says there aren't enough. According to the Associated Press, he is Judge Thomas Graham of San Francisco. And out there at the Golden Gate they call him the great reconciler because of the way he handles domestic cases and gets the embattled married couples to kiss and make up.

Well, Judge Graham comes out in favor of domestic quarrels. He says they are a natural part of marriage and we should have lots of them. Married people would get along better if they would have more fights. Only, of course, while there should be plenty of quarrels there should also be just as many reconciliations, because to quarrel and then make up is the true

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sign of a happy marriage.

Well, those are heartening words, and if any married couple feels in the mood for strife and storm they ought to go right ahead.

Lolita says: "WELL, TO THINK OF ALL THE MEN WHO WANTED TO MARRY ME AND I PICK YOU. THAT'S THE BIGGEST MYSTERY OF MY LIFE. I WAS DUMB."

That's fine Lolita, go right ahead and tell him some more, says Judge Graham.

And then husband Horatia says:

"WELL, OF ALL THE RE-ENFORCED CONCRETE BISCUITS I'VE EATEN IN THESE TWENTY TWO YEARS WITH YOU, IT'S A WONDER I AM ALIVE. IF YOU'D ONLY LEARN TO COOK YOU MIGHT BECOME A GREAT WIFE. IT WAS ME THAT WAS THE DUMB-BELL."

Great work, Horatia, that's exactly the way the judge says you ought to quarrel. Anyway, we'll leave the two of them to continue their battle and we'll give them a cheer, because Judge Graham of San Francisco says it's a sign that all is well if you have a few spats with the missus.

1 Well, let's see. Here comes
2 the old familiar word "COWBOY." This
3 dispatch is about a cowboy, only this
4 particular cow-puncher has just become
5 a leading executive in one of the
6 biggest packing concerns in the country,
7 and behind it all is an interesting
8 story about a millionaire's son.

9 His father is Thomas E.
10 Wilson who is one of the great magnates
11 *and a real red-blooded, two-footed man himself, if there*
12 of the packing industry. Well, Wilson
13 Sr. wanted his son to start in from the
14 bottom and it happened that in the
15 packing industry the bottom is really
16 cow-punching. That's where it all
17 starts. So ~~XXX~~ young Edward Foss
18 Wilson went out on the range and lived
19 the life of a common cow-^{hand,}~~puncher~~.

20 The Associated Press tells us
21 that he became an expert at roping steers,
22 *and could twirl a lariat with any of the boys at the round up.*
23 and now his father has pushed him on up.
24 He has become a vice-president of the
25 packing house of Wilson [&] Company, and is
26 said to be the youngest ^{important} executive in the
27 packing industry.

ever was one.

PRIZE FIGHTER

Well, here's a man you've all heard about, and I'll bet most of you thought he never existed. He's a fighter who knocked himself out.

According to the United Press, they were putting on some boxing bouts in a theatre out at Allerton, Iowa, and Johnnie Callon was in there fighting. That boy certainly gets enthusiastic about his punches. He started a haymaker right down from the ankles, but his opponent ducked. Johnnie spun round so hard that his head hit a piece of scenery, and he knocked himself out.

They ought to put that boy on in some of the big bouts. If he were to knock himself out in one of those million dollar fights - well it would be a show ~~xxxxx~~ worth the price of admission, which the average "Battle of the Century" is not.

1 Out in Montana there is a large
2 section of country that comes pretty near
3 being the loneliest inhabited part of
4 the United States. Dr. Isaiah Bowman,
5 Director of the American Geographical
6 Society, ^{in the N.Y. Times} tells us that the Jordan
7 Country in Montana is as big as the State
8 of Connecticut, and contains only 850
9 families. It hasn't a mile of telegraph
10 line, not a mile of telephone line, and
11 not a mile of railway. They have
12 automobiles but there are only six hundred
13 miles of road in 5,000 square miles.
14 They have no way of communicating with
15 the outside world except by letter or
16 messenger. There is only one doctor in
17 the whole section, and there are no
18 schools. The only way they have of
19 knowing what is going on in the outside
20 world is ^{from} ~~by~~ the radio. And that's what
21 it's like out in the Jordan Country of
22 Montana. I wonder how many other districts
23 there are like that in North America?

I had a sort of half way notion
~~I thought~~, that in the course of a
lot of wandering around the world I had
heard of pretty nearly every famous
mystery that is written big in the records.
But here's one that's ~~certainly was~~ brand
new so far as I ~~was~~^{am} concerned. It's a
famous mystery--or at least it should
be famous. I wonder whether you've
ever heard of it?

It's about the Father of the Movies.
He was Louis Le Prince, and he is said
to have been the first man to make a
~~practicable~~^{useable} motion picture camera. That
was back in 1888. Le Prince was the son
of a French army officer, and he conducted
his experiments first in New York and
then over in England. Others had
devised motion pictures of a sort, but
Le Prince built the first machine that
worked out in actual, every day practice.
Now for the mystery about him.

It's given in an article in this
week's Literary Digest. The Digest
quotes the Manchester Guardian, and goes
on to say that on September 16, 1890,

Le Prince entered a train, bound for Paris. And then he vanished; his luggage with him. He was never seen again. The mystery was never cleared up.

Well, if the strange disappearance of the Father of the Movies isn't a famous mystery it surely ought to be. The Digest tells a lot about it.

AIRPLANE

With all this news every day about aviation, here's a new one. It's about the stratosphere plane. They are building that mysterious aircraft over in Germany. But it's being kept dark and secret.

The machine is designed by Professor Junkers, famous German airplane constructor and the idea is to send it on a transatlantic flight. They say it will cross from Europe to America in twelve hours.

That plane certainly will be a high flier. It is supposed to zip along at an altitude of twelve miles. That is, it will be up in the stratosphere, the belt of extremely rarified air which lies above the Earth's normal atmosphere.

There will be very little air resistance up in the stratosphere and the Junkers mystery plane will be able to get up terrific speed.

Of course, there isn't enough air to breathe far up in the stratosphere and so, according to the International News Service, the stratosphere plane will have an air tight cabin, in which normal air pressure will be maintained.

And talking about the stratosphere the Air Service of the Spanish Army seems to be well up in the air, in fact almost up in the stratosphere. The United Press tells us that the Spanish Air Service has been officially disbanded. They are just eliminating the Spanish Air Corps altogether and are organizing a new one.

That's the result of the recent attempted revolution in Spain in which Ramon Franco and a few other Spanish aviators took a prominent part.

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1 news bulletin. This next ~~xxxx~~ dispatch is not a late
 2 ~~not~~ [^] about Daniel in the lion's den. But it is
 3 ~~It's~~ ^{the British} about a member of [^] Parliament in
 4 a den of both lions and tigers.

5 Over in Glasgow, Scotland,
 6 according to the Associated Press,
 7 John Clark, a labor member of Parliament,
 8 walked into a cage in which were two
 9 lions and two tigers. A big crowd
 10 looked on and half expected to see the
 11 ^{and, as some of his political enemies said "the not altogether disagreeable"} unusual [^] spectacle of a member of
 12 Parliament being eaten alive. ^{However} Nothing
 13 like that happened.

14 Clark went in first with the
 15 trainer and then by himself, and he
 16 stayed in with those lions and tigers
 17 for several minutes. The animals were
 18 not at all friendly. They didn't
 19 seem to appreciate the honor of being
 20 visited by an M. P. They snarled and
 21 made faces, but that was all.

22 ~~xxxx~~ A bill is up in Parliament
 23 to abolish wild animal acts on the grounds
 24 that cruelty is necessarily used in
 25 training the animals. Clark is against

1 the bill and wanted to prove that lions
2 and tigers could be approached without
3 intimidation. So he arranged a big
4 show and went into the cage, and to the
5 skill of pipes John Clark became
6 Scotland's Daniel in the lions' den.

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1 Sometime ago I mentioned a news
2 item from one of the New York papers about
3 an aged goose that was said to be the
4 oldest goose in the world. Well,
5 judging from the flood of letters pouring
6 in that goose was a mere gosling.

7 Earl Flemmons of Pinehurst,
8 Georgia, writes me about a goose that he
9 ~~says~~^{claims} is the Methuselah of all geese.

10 He says his friend Lou Boram of
11 Unadilla, Georgia, was given a pair of
12 geese as a wedding present by his mother-
13 in-law. Both Mr. Gander and Mrs. Goose
14 were then twenty years old. But Lou
15 kept the pair for forty years and then
16 sold them. Maybe they're still alive.

17 Then there was that news item
18 I gave out about a collision between
19 a railroad train and a boat.

20 Robert W. Boyse of Glen Ridge,
21 New Jersey, writes that he was traveling
22 by train from Newark to Beachhaven, New
23 Jersey, in 1928. A storm was on. It was
24 the tail end of a hurricane that had
25 come up from the Caribbean. The tide

1 was high. The train had to go across a
2 tressle and the water had risen over
3 the tressle. The train went splashing
4 through slowly. Then it bumped some-
5 thing. A boat had drifted across the
6 tracks and the train had to push it
7 out of the way.

8 And here's a real oddity from
9 a Mr. Jacobus of West Brookfield, Mass.
10 who says that he and his wife were
11 driving along recently in the family car
12 when a big butterfly flew into his
13 wife's face. She made a grab at it
14 and caught it - and found that ^{the butterfly} ~~it~~ was
15 a dollar bill.

16 Mr. Jacobus adds that his wife
17 would like to have more butterflies of
18 that species fly into her face.
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~~I don't know how you feel about it,~~
1 ~~but~~ Nothing tickles my funny bone ~~so~~ more
2 ~~than the brand~~
3 ~~much as the kind~~ of jumbled up English
4 ~~you get~~ ^{encounter} out in China, particularly when
5 some imposing Celestial wants to write
6 very grandly in English.

7 On the Spice of Life page of this
8 week's Literary Digest, among a lot of
9 other comic items, is a bit of priceless
10 prose taken from a circular in English
11 sent out by a Chinese company. It comes
12 from Macao, on the China coast, and it
13 describes the merits of some kind of
14 polish that this Chinese company
15 manufactures. Maybe it's shoe polish.
16 Anyway, here it is: *That Chinese circular says:-*

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18 COMMUNITY, AS AN OMNIPOTENT DAILY UTILIZED
19 NOVELTY, AS A PIONEER OF THE SCIENTIFICAL
20 ELEMENT, IS THE NEWLY DISCOVERED WONDERFUL
21 POLISHING POWDER THAT TO BE HEARTILY
22 WELCOMED WHERESOEVER.

23 DESPITE THE HEAVY SACRIFICE OF
24 CAPITAL AND THE CONSUMPTION OF BRAINS,
25 WE HAVE THEREBY SUCCEEDED IN RESEARCHING

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OUT THE USAGE OF THIS POLISHING POWDER.

WE LOSE NO PROMPTITUDE IN TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO RECOMMEND TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS POLISHING
POWDER IS THE CONQUEROR.

Well, that leaves me kind of dizzy. In fact, I feel
an overwhelming impulse to talk that way myself. So here goes:--

As an omnipotent beatitude and as a resumption of
happiness I expostulate the hope to have the wonderful glory
of returning tomorrow night for a joyful broadcasting full of
more abundance of news which gives great jublations to me
wheresoever.

In other words, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.