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1 The evening before Thanksgiving
2 is certainly the wrong time to talk about
3 a new way to diet and keep thin. But
4 this diet hint comes from no less a
5 person than the Prince of Wales.
6 According to the International News
7 Service, the Prince will be the guest of
8 honor tomorrow at the Thanksgiving Day
9 dinner of the American Society in London,
10 and they're wondering whether the Prince
11 will break his diet long enough to eat
12 some turkey and dressing and pumpkin pie.
13 You see, His Royal Highness the Prince
14 of Wales is afraid of getting fat. So
15 he limits himself strictly to the
16 following diet: a ^{dish}~~plate~~ of caviar and
17 then two lamb chops and green vegetables.
18 It might be interesting to try that
19 diet--I mean it might if you've got the
20 price of the caviar.
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THANKSGIVING

From Washington comes word that President and Mrs. Hoover will spend their Thanksgiving in the same traditional way that most other American families do, - around the family fireside.

The weather man says that a lot of you will have snow tomorrow and that it's time to shake the moth balls out of your mittens and ear muffs. Well, here's hoping that you have all somehow managed to get hold of a turkey and that it's a whopper.

Up at New Haven ~~xx~~ quite a few of the jobless are going to have something to cheer them up. Yale University is getting ready to spend \$200,000, just to help ease the unemployment situation. Most of the money will be spent for the development of new playing fields and will go into wages.

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Well, Al Smith ^{got a Thanksgiving day present.} is a Doctor of ^{He} Laws now - or maybe I should say "again" instead of "now". Anyway, an honorary degree was conferred on ex-Governor Smith - by the National University of Dublin.

STRIKE

There isn't much rejoicing down in Danville, Virginia tonight. Employees of the Danville textile mills are on strike, and they have been rioting with the non-union workers employed by the mills. A crowd collected a lot of bricks and marched down to a hotel and to several houses where the non-union people were living. Then they started a bombardment, and the police arrested thirty-five of the rioters.

GASOLINE

A million gallons of gasoline are knocking around on the ocean tonight. According to the International News Service, a barge loaded with gasoline was being towed by a tug off the coast of Newfoundland. The waves were high, and the lowline broke. The sea was too rough to get another ~~low~~ tow line over. So the tug went back to port and that million gallons of gasoline? Well, it's still bouncing around somewhere in that sixty mile gale.

UNIFORMS

The United states army has changed the color of its uniform. According to the Evening World, the good old olive drab is going to be discarded. Henceforth Khaki is to be the standard color. They're changing the style of uniform too. New roll collars with lapels, so they won't squeeze anybody's Adam's apple any longer. The sad part is that they didn't get around to this back in 1917.

That's our evening style note for the men.

Now, with the ladies, their ~~xy~~ styles change so fast you need a dictionary to help understand them. And that's exactly what a New York style authority has just brought out. According to the New York Telegram this style dictionary is so complete that even a man can learn the difference between a berth and a game, or between a basque and a bustle.

1 They ought to translate that
2 dictionary into Eskimo. The Associated
3 Press says that even the dark-faced
4 damsels up in the Arctic are ~~beginning~~^{becoming}
5 ~~to be~~ style conscious. First they ^{Eskimo maidens} took
6 to wearing skirts. Now they're going
7 to have a beauty contest -- regular
8 ~~Atlantic City~~^{Galveston} stuff. The winner will
9 have the honor of being called Miss
10 Northwest Territories, and the prize
11 will be something that is very rare
12 but highly prized in the Arctic - a
13 looking glass.

14 Those Eskimo beauties are
15 brunettes, but,
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2 Speaking of blondes, ^{which} - ^ someone
3 always is - a story from Paris tells
4 us that the average blonde gets her man
5 all right, but another thing she gets is
6 a cold in the head. A group of learned
7 European physicians, according to the
8 United Press, declare that blondes are
9 twice as susceptible to colds as
10 brunettes are.

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1 Out in Chicago where the wind
2 is whistling down Michigan Boulevard
3 tonight, the cops wear Sam Brown^e belts,
4 and they look very snappy, too. But ~~how~~
5 Alderman John Tonan is out campaign-
6 ing against those Sam Brown belts.
7 According to the International News
8 Service, John admits they're pretty,
9 but he says Sam Brown belts don't
10 belong on cops. He says he saw two
11 women catch hold of two coppers by
12 ~~their~~ Sam Brown belts, and pull them
13 together, and every time those cops
14 tried to grab the women the two cops
15 hit each other instead of the women.
16 ~~they were tussling with.~~ In other
17 words it was like a Hollywood movie
18 comedy. ~~instead of the serious thing it~~
19 ~~should have been.~~

EINSTEIN

I saw an article today that I found absorbingly interesting. It told about a man's religious beliefs -- and that man is Einstein. Well, what kind of religious beliefs would this man have, this man who has been sounding out the universe with that strange theory of relativity? Some have accused him of being an atheist. Of course, it is known that he is a Jew and a loyal member of the European Jewish community in which he lives. The article I refer to was in an advance copy of the new Literary Digest, the Digest that will be out tomorrow.

Well, Einstein's religious views certainly are picturesque and striking. The Digest quotes the New York Times in giving Einstein's ideas on the subject of the world's religions. The great scientist goes on to say that there is a special religious feeling which comes to exceptionally gifted individuals and to those who have studied the universe. He calls it a "cosmic religious sense". In

1 the Literary Digest article, Einstein
2 tells ^{us} what that Cosmic Religious Sense
3 is. You will enjoy reading it and ^{you may enjoy}
4 comparing it with your own religious
5 views. Thanksgiving Day ^{will} ~~might~~ be an
6 appropriate time ^{for us} to reflect for a while
7 on this Universe, and its Creator.
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EARTHQUAKE

Last night while I was reading off the evening's news, a thin strip of ticker tape was handed to me. On it was typed a late dispatch from the United Press to the effect that there was another earthquake in Japan, but that was all the ticker said. There were no details.

Earthquake tremors occur in Japan every day and frequently oftener than that. While you are having tea with one of your Japanese friends there will be a rumbling like a lot of heavy trucks going by. No one pays any attention to it.

But today all of the press associations tell us that it was more than an ordinary earthquake. More damage was done than in any other quake since that terrible one back in 1923 when the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were almost entirely destroyed, and when more than 100,000 people were killed. 250 people were killed, many hurt, and some hundreds of buildings leveled to the ground. The property loss is put at \$100,000,000.

There is not a single building left standing in the

town of Mishima. Refugees pouring into Tokyo from the devastated region say there are great cracks three feet wide extending for miles. Some of them go right across the famous Tokaido highway between the cities of Tokyo and Kyoto.

A few thousand miles farther south, on the island of Java, the volcano Merapi is rumbling and grumbling. The Associated Press cables from the Dutch East Indies that a stream of molten lava is pouring from the crater and running in a red hot river down into the valley.

GERMANY

Let's make a non-stop flight to Europe.

A dictatorship is threatened in Germany. According to the International News Service, the German Economic Party has announced that it will not support the government any longer. To meet this, it is expected that President Von Hindenberg and Chancellor Bruening will issue a decree that will amount to nothing less than a dictatorship.

MUSSOLINI

Rumors have been coming from Rome about that always interesting question -- what would happen if something should happen to Mussolini? Dame Rumor says that Mussolini is giving a lot of thought to this. He is said to be figuring out just who is qualified to be his successor. The New York Evening Post prints a long article on the subject, and states that the most likely candidate is Count Ciano, whose son married Mussolini's daughter. That would make the succession a sort of family affair.

Count Ciano is a naval man and a World War hero. He commanded some of those spectacular and daring raids of the Italians against the Austrian fleet, which were among the most remarkable episodes of the War. He is described as a burly sailor, a simple, jovial soul and not at all subtle. But, according to the New York Evening Post, there is another strong man who would like to be Mussolini's successor. He is Italo Balbo, Minister of Aeronautics. General Balbo, is anything but the simple sailorman ~~ix~~ type. On the contrary he is subtle and clever.

1 Meanwhile, Mussolini has made ~~an~~
2 *a curious*
3 ~~interesting~~ appointment. He has
4 appointed Edmondo Rossini to the Fascist
5 Grand Council. The interesting thing
6 about it is that this same Rossini used
7 to be an I.W.W. agitator here in the
8 United States.
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RUSSIA

In a Moscow courtroom today a man read what was virtually his own sentence of death. He is blond and intelligent, and he read a long paper in an even voice. He is Professor Ramzin, one of those eight engineers and professors who are on trial for their lives before a bolshevik judge.

He made a full confession charging that he and his companions had conspired with French and British high officials to overthrow the soviet government. He confirmed the charge which the soviet officials have made - that there is a gigantic international plot against the communists. He even read his statement into a microphone, so that all Russia might hear. Meanwhile, outside, a huge crowd yelled and clamored for the execution of the men on trial.

RUSSIA

A late dispatch from the United Press states that the French government is protesting against those charges of an international conspiracy. The French want to know what the Soviets mean by all that sensational talk. The French ambassador to Moscow has been instructed to demand an official explanation of the accusations against the French government. Anti-Bolshevik Russians in Paris say that the confessions made at the Moscow trial are all lies, and that they must have been extorted by means of torture.

In Washington too, Bolshevik affairs are being looked into. A former Russian Communist agent told the Congressional Communist Investigating Committee that 400 Liberty motors had been secretly taken out of the United States and sent across to the soviet authorities in Russia. According to the Associated Press, the motors were sold by the U. S. Government, sold to American citizens, who then illegally re-sold them to bolshevik agents who smuggled the motors into Russia.

The witness also stated that the bolsheviks had somehow got hold of the American government's secret plans for the improvement of military airplane motors.

1 I've been getting quite a stack
2 of letters from folks who send me strange
3 and sometimes humorous news items. Here's
4 one from Mrs. J. B. Wellman of St.
5 Petersburg, Florida. It was printed in
6 the Saint Petersburg Times, and it's
7 about a colored woman who walked solemn-
8 ly up to the judge in a Florida court-
9 room.

10 "Jedge," she said, "Ah wants *a puhmit,*
11 *I wants* a puhmit to kill mah husband."

12 Naturally the judge was some-
13 what startled, and Eliza went on to
14 explain that her husband was just plain
15 no 'count, and didn't deserve no mercy *no how.*

16 "Ah took a pair of scissors to
17 him," Liza went on, "and ah stuck him
18 good. But he's too tough, an' it's
19 gwine to take a gun to kill him. So,
20 I jes wants to make shuah about mah
21 legal rights, and if it's all right,
22 jedge, ah'll get a gun and kill him."

23 The judge gently explained to
24 Liza that he could give permits to do
25 many things but that there was a closed

1 season on shooting husbands in this
2 country just at present. Yes, and a
3 lot of us can include that among the
4 things we are thankful for tomorrow.
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1 Do you want to live a long life?
2 Well, here's the secret. Miss Geraldine
3 Fitzgerald of Bournemouth, England, is
4 eighty-four, and she says that if you
5 want to survive to a ripe old age you
6 should live in a glass house. She's
7 been doing that. She has a house made
8 of glass in her back yard, with a sign
9 above the door reading: this is "home
10 sweet home." She doesn't say what she
11 does when she wants to throw stones.
12 Maybe another reason she has lived so
13 long is because she doesn't throw any
14 stones.

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COCKROACHES

1 Here's a profound scientific news
2 dispatch. A London scientist declares
3 that the maternal instinct is lacking
4 in ^{the} cockroaches. In other words, ^{the} cock-
5 roach ^{does} not make ^a good mother. This,
6 according to the International News
7 Service, is revealed in a profound
8 scientific treatise just published over
9 in London. The cockroach mother takes
10 no interest in her children, which
11 means that in the ~~xxx~~ cockroach world
12 there is no hand that rocks the cradle.
13 That London scientist has also shown
14 in his experiments that ^{the} cockroaches
15 will eat anything, from white wash to
16 old shoes. I could have told ~~xxx~~ the
17 scientist that years ago, because I once
18 travelled on a ship so full of them that
19 I slept in a hammock on deck ^{just} to be out
20 of reach. It was on a steamer crossing
21 the Bay of Bengal.

22 And here's a science note from the
23 new Literary Digest that comes out
24 tomorrow. It's on the topics in Brief
25 page, the Digest's weekly collection of

bright lines. It's quoted from the Toledo Blade, and here it is: A scientist says human intelligence is 450,000 years old. Yet motorists still cling to the illusion that they can untangle a traffic jam by honking. I get that illusion once in a while myself. I wonder how many of you do? I've got my car down here tonight. An the old gray bus she ain't what she used to be. Anyway, I'll be driving across town in a few minutes now and when I get in that Broadway traffic jam I'll be showing my intelligence by honking right along with the rest of them.

SO LONG, UNTIL WE MEET AROUND THE BIG TURKEY TOMORROW.