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CUBA

Good Evening, Everybody:

From along the South Jersey Coast come tales of conspiracy and revolution. No, South Jersey isn't plotting any revolution for itself. It seems that Cuban conspirators are using the bays and inlets of South Jersey as a base for operations against the Cuban government in Havana.

Thirty-eight Cubans have been arrested on the Jersey Coast by United States government authorities. The officers who made the arrest declare that the thirty-eight Cubans slipped down from New York to the neighborhood of Atlantic City. There they intended to hire boats to take them to a ship said to be awaiting the plotters at sea. They were aboard a small schooner and were slipping out of an inlet when the coast guard and members of the department of justice nabbed them.

The prisoners told a story of how they had been out looking for the ship that was to take them to Cuba. They hadn't been able to find the ship and after drifting around for two days with little food or water, they put

1 back to the Jersey coast, planning to  
2 try it again.

3 The Associated Press described  
4 the Cubans as ~~being little more than~~ *mere youngsters - just*  
5 boys. But they were all <sup>been</sup> ~~eager~~ to  
6 return to their native country to fight  
7 President Machado and his cohorts.

1 A bit of an international storm  
2 has been aroused by the order of the  
3 German government barring certain  
4 classes of American imports to come  
5 into the country. <sup>Berlin</sup> The authorities,  
6 so the United Press <sup>recounts</sup> ~~tells us~~, have  
7 ordered that a permit should not be  
8 issued for importing American automobiles,  
9 wool and chemicals. There was an  
10 immediate avalanche of protests from firms  
11 dealing in American goods. The Berlin  
12 correspondent ~~of~~ <sup>n.y.</sup> the Evening Sun  
13 cables that later indications ~~were~~ that  
14 the German government ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> call off  
15 that prohibition of American imports  
16 and ~~would~~ allow goods from the United  
17 States of <sup>pass</sup> ~~go~~ through.

18 Meanwhile Chancellor Bruening  
19 of Germany is being received with all  
20 honors in Rome. He's on a visit to the  
21 Eternal City to talk over matters with  
22 Mussolini. The United Press <sup>adds</sup> ~~tells us~~  
23 that the conferences between the German  
24 Chancellor and the Italian Ministers  
25 are bubbling over with cordiality.

1 *Yes, like* protest has been registered  
2 against the sale of <sup>that</sup> cotton by the  
3 American Government to Germany--in fact  
4 several protests. One complaint comes  
5 from France. The French don't like the  
6 idea of Uncle Sam selling ~~to~~ Germany  
7 600,000 bales <sup>of the ~~that~~</sup> cotton ~~which~~ the  
8 Farm Board has accumulated. They  
9 say doing business like that tends to  
10 dis-<sup>international</sup>organize markets. The <sup>French</sup> seem to  
11 think it's a kind of dumping, maybe  
12 something on the order of the dumping  
13 of merchandise of which Soviet Russia  
14 is accused.

15 And then another protest comes  
16 from the cotton-growing states of the  
17 South. They object to the sale ~~by the~~  
18 ~~Government~~ of all that cotton to  
19 Germany. They think that if the German  
20 market is glutted with Farm Board  
21 cotton why that will hurt the market  
22 for the cotton crop which is being  
23 picked in the South along about now.

24 ~~The Washington correspondent of~~  
25 ~~the New York Evening Post is of the~~

1 I have a report here that tells  
2 of some sensational doings that are  
3 being planned in Central Europe. It's  
4 a quotation from the French Socialist  
5 newspaper Populaire to the effect that  
6 the Royalist party in Hungary has laid  
7 definite plans to proclaim Archduke  
8 Otto, King of Hungary, and to crown  
9 him with the ancient ceremonies of the  
10 kingdom.

11 Archduke Otto, of course, is the  
12 son of the last Hapsburg emperor, Charles,  
13 who was driven from his throne at the  
14 end of the World War. *That was after the death*  
*of old Franz Joseph.*

15 This extract from the French  
16 Socialist newspaper is printed in the  
17 ~~week's~~ *this week, and the Digest* Literary Digest, ~~which~~ goes on to  
18 say that a declaration has already been  
19 prepared which Otto is to give upon  
20 seizing the Hungarian crown. This  
21 declaration is supposed to have been  
22 written for the young prince by Count  
23 Apponyi, one of the important leaders of  
24 Hungary.

25 The Associated Press gives the

1 information that if this Royalist project  
2 goes through, why, Admiral Horthy, the  
3 present ruler of Hungary, will be  
4 made perpetual vice-roy for the kingdom.

5 The story goes on that Otto, if he  
6 becomes king, will lay claim to a large  
7 slice of territory that used to belong  
8 to Hungary, but is now the property  
9 of Yugo-Slavia.

10 Whether these big projects will  
11 go through or not is, of course, doubtful,  
12 but at any rate they seem to be part of  
13 a definite plan which the Hungarian  
14 Royalist<sup>shave</sup> cooked up.

15 These are important bits of  
16 political information, but the Digest goes  
17 on to give us a figure that stands in the  
18 background, a fascinating personality.

19 We see a woman dressed in black with a  
20 sad, sweet face and a queenly dignity -  
21 every inch ~~of~~ a queen in fact. She is  
22 the Empress Zita, and the last woman to  
23 sit on the throne of the Austro-  
24 Hungarian monarchy. She is the mother  
25 of Archduke Otto, the pretender to the

1 crown of Hungary. She is the powerful  
2 figure in the background, the dauntless,  
3 determined moving spirit in the effort  
4 to make her son the king, as his fore-  
5 fathers were.

6 The Literary Digest goes to the  
7 Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung for a pen  
8 picture of the ex-Empress Zita. We are  
9 told that if it were not for her Otto  
10 would ~~not~~<sup>never</sup> have a chance of ever becoming  
11 king of Hungary. When she married the  
12 man who was to become the last emperor  
13 of Austria, she was a timid speechless  
14 girl. X They called her a little peasant  
15 girl. Yet today she is the leader of a  
16 great cause. She dresses in black almost  
17 like a nun. She has never ceased to  
18 mourn the death of her husband. How  
19 does she work in pulling the strings  
20 that govern nations and empires? We  
21 are told that she goes about it cautiously  
22 sweetly, pleadingly, insistentlly, toiling  
23 in behalf of her son.

24 She has a voice that an actress  
25 might envy, and as for gestures, no

1 queen on the stage can act so eloquently,  
2 with such a royal dignity as this woman  
3 who was formerly a queen. A Hollywood  
4 moving picture star might learn from  
5 Zita how to dazzle people and dazzle  
6 the world, and yet she never deviates an  
7 inch from propriety and dignity.

8 She knows how to do the  
9 sensational thing without making it seem  
10 sensational. She knows how to keep  
11 herself and her son always in the news  
12 of the world, without seeming to step  
13 forward. She is a master of the art  
14 of publicity and she publicises  
15 herself in just the right way. She  
16 stands before the world as a picture of  
17 the faithful mother and sad widow.

18 This is the picture the Literary Digest  
19 gives us of the woman who when ~~she~~<sup>a</sup> young  
20 royal bride years ago, was called the  
21 little peasant girl, <sup>but</sup> who became an  
22 empress, and who now in times of  
23 adversity <sup>seems</sup> more of an empress than  
24 ever.

1 Over in France a man bought  
2 a **can** of asparagus. He opened it and  
3 found inside not only asparagus, but  
4 also a note, a brief letter which he  
5 read with considerable interest. And  
6 now that letter is making something of  
7 a political stir in France.

8 Here's the way that letter in  
9 the asparagus read: "These asparagus<sup>it</sup>~~s~~  
10 were grown, and packed in this can by  
11 me, a farmer at the town of Guernes.  
12 I received six francs for the can.  
13 Will the person who buys it be good  
14 enough to let me know the price he had  
15 to pay for <sup>my asparagus?</sup> ~~them?~~" The note was signed  
16 by the farmer in question.

17 He was putting across a neat  
18 little trick. Just like most other  
19 farmers he was indignant about the  
20 small price which he received for his  
21 produce in comparison with the large  
22 price the public had to pay. And so  
23 he was determined to find out just how  
24 much that can of asparagus for which  
25 he had received six francs, was going

1 to cost the ultimate consumer. It  
2 was a dramatic little stunt quite  
3 in character with the dramatic instincts  
4 of the French people.

5 Well, the <sup>consumer</sup> ~~man~~ who opened the  
6 can of asparagus and received the note,  
7 promptly sat down and wrote a reply.  
8 Here's what he told the farmer of  
9 Guernes: "I purchased your <sup>can</sup> ~~box~~ of  
10 asparagus at the Routh <sup>ux</sup> market for  
11 eleven francs, and I had trouble in  
12 getting it that cheaply. The salesman  
13 were making ~~xxxx~~ other people pay twelve  
14 francs for similar cans of asparagus."

15 When the farmer at Guernes got  
16 the reply he rose on his hind legs. That  
17 agriculturist <sup>now</sup> had ~~now~~ vivid proof that the  
18 middlemen were taking just about a  
19 hundred per cent profit on his asparagus.  
20 And now he is bombarding the government  
21 and the newspapers with protests. Quite  
22 a stir has been created. The New York  
23 Evening Post tells us that the matter has  
24 been put up to Andre Tardieu, the  
25 Minister of Agriculture who is called  
upon to do something about that matter  
of the letter concealed in the can of  
asparagus.

## AVIATION

The aviation situation is about the same tonight. The Lindberghs are still up there at Aklavik where the malamute and husky dogs bay at the Midnight Sun. They are being held up by back weather, and will wait until blue skies appear again before hopping across Alaska.

They've been delayed for two days now and the Associated Press says that the Colonel is uneasy, restless and anxious to push on.

And then a few thousand miles to the south of us there's the DO-X making what the International News Service calls railroad-schedule-progress on her way up the coast of South America for her visit to the United States.

Yes, and Parker Cramer, the flying man who is charting an air mail route across the north Atlantic, has left Greenland for Iceland. Shorty Cramer is going about his job in a methodical way.

In Japan, Pangborn and Herndon who are planning a Tokio to Seattle flight, have run into a bit of trouble with the Japanese authorities. They

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1 landed in Japan without a permit. They  
2 flew over Japanese fortifications and  
3 they had a camera along. The Associated  
4 Press gives the detail that the Japanese  
5 were a bit excited recently about the  
6 fact that a couple of planes from  
7 American warships flew over Japan. The  
8 idea is that somebody is liable to take  
9 pictures of the Japanese military  
10 constructions, and so the Japanese have  
11 taken exception to Pangborn and Herndon's  
12 camera, but the report is that they  
13 are not likely to do anything much about  
14 it.

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1           Somebody had a medal pinned on  
2   him out in Chicago today, two medals  
3   in fact. It was a double header.

4   And the man who was solemnly decorated  
5   is Jimmy Archer, the old-time catcher  
6   of the Chicago Cubs.

7           ~~Old-time~~ Baseball fans won't have  
8   to be told anything about Jimmy Archer.  
9   He succeeded Johnny Kling, as the  
10   catcher in the old "TINKER TO EVERS TO  
11   CHANCE" days.

12           Well, Jimmy Archer is getting  
13   along in years. He is not in baseball  
14   any more. No, he's doing something  
15   else again.

16           He wasn't decorated for any  
17   baseball exploit, for lining out a  
18   two-bagger or catching a runner off  
19   second with a fast throw. He got those  
20   two medals for life-saving.

21           President C. W. Berquist of the  
22   National Safety Council walked up to  
23   Jimmy Archer this afternoon and pinned  
24   on him the President's medal for  
25   life-saving, and also the official bar,

1 which is ~~xxx~~ only awarded when the hero  
2 has saved two lives at the same time--  
3 a double-header.

4 But Jimmy Archer isn't a <sup>professional</sup> life-saver,  
5 either. He's a hog-buyer. After he  
6 retired from baseball he went to work in  
7 the Chicago Stockyards as an official  
8 supervisor of the buying of hogs. And how  
9 does that make him a life-saving hero?  
10 Well, ~~||||| tell you:~~ here's the way it was.

11 Two farmers drove into the  
12 stockyards with a truckload of porkers.  
13 It was raining cats and dogs and the two  
14 farmers in the driver's seat <sup>were</sup> closed ~~xxx~~  
15 ~~themselves~~ in as well as <sup>possible</sup> ~~they could~~ to  
16 avoid the downpour. It was the old story  
17 of accumulated gases. When the two  
18 farmers stepped out of the truck at the  
19 stockyards they both collapsed. They  
20 might have died right there if somebody  
21 hadn't been nearby who knew what to do  
22 and that somebody was Jimmy Archer, ~~xxx~~  
23 old-time catcher of the Chicago Cubs.

24 Some time or other he learned a  
25 bit about the life-saver's art. He knew

1 what they call "prone pressure  
2 resuscitation". He used to be a  
3 cracker-jack at inside baseball, but now  
4 he proved to be equally a cracker-jack  
5 at "prone pressure resuscitation". He  
6 went to work on those two farmers and  
7 Jimmy Archer never put a ball on a runner  
8 sliding <sup>into</sup> ~~at~~ home any harder than he clamped  
9 two brawny hands to those asphyxiated  
10 men. And he brought them around in good  
11 shape--two lives saved--a double-header.

12 And that's why an old-time baseball  
13 hero was doubly decorated for life-saving  
14 in Chicago this afternoon.

1 By *golly*, but it's warm here  
2 tonight. In fact, it's been sweltering  
3 hot all day. *I'm dripping.* And that, so the newspapers  
4 tell us, is the way it's been all over  
5 the country.

6 Well, just in honor of the  
7 hot weather I suppose we might as well  
8 have a bit of news which tells us why  
9 it's ~~so~~ so hot in cities.

10 Louis Sherwin, the roving  
11 reporter of the New York Evening Post,  
12 gives us an interview with <sup>*our old friend*</sup> Dr. Kimball,  
13 the weather expert whom they call the  
14 patron saint of aviators. He's the man  
15 who tells the boys how the weather's  
16 going to be when they start flying  
17 somewhere. Dr. Kimball in talking  
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19 humidity. No, he says, it's the smoke.

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feet more. It's caused by the burning of soft coal. It accumulates during the day with smoke particles filling the atmosphere. And then at night, unless there's a strong wind to blow it away, it just stays there and acts like a blanket. It traps the heat, just like a blanket. It holds the hot weather right down on the ground so that instead of cool nights which we are supposed to have we have hot nights instead.

Thanks to that curtain of smoke which hangs up there in the atmosphere, we sleep under one huge blanket, and naturally we swleter. Of course, you folks who live in the country don't have any such blanket up in the air and I suppose it's a lot cooler for you. But with us in the cities it's just plain hot. In fact it's hotter than blazes. In fact, it's so blazing ~~xx~~ hot that I feel capable of stuttering just four words more, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.