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INTRO

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Before we start off with the news of the world this evening, let's have a bit of news about the moon. It seems that the old man in the moon isn't behaving himself these days. His habits aren't as regular as they should be, and he's causing the astronomers of the earth a lot of bother.

In fact, Old Man Moon has been misbehaving for the past three years. He's been traveling too fast. The International News Service quotes Sir Frank Dyson, the astronomer royal of the Greenwich Observatory, who tells us that the moon has been exceeding the speed limits to such an extent that he's six miles ahead of himself.

1 The astronomers have calculated the  
2 motion of the moon with the utmost care.  
3 But the old man in the moon never quite  
4 lives up to expectations. Sometimes  
5 he goes too fast and sometimes he goes  
6 too slow.

7 For the past three years he's  
8 been going too fast, but now he's begun  
9 to put on the brakes. And that is the  
10 recent startling discovery--I mean,  
11 startling to the astronomers.

12 Well, anyway, the man in the  
13 moon is slowing down, and he is now  
14 beginning to lose the six miles that he  
15 had gained. And what a jolly old loafer  
16 he's turning out to be.

17 But now let's leave the moon and  
18 see how things are loafing along down  
19 here on the old Earth.  
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## AIRPLANE

Well, those fellows Boardman and Polando didn't loaf. And they certainly did travel fast and far. There has been a bit of uncertainty about whether they have established a new non-stop, long-distance record.

The International News Service in a check-up quotes experts as saying that the two aviators probably have established a brand-new record.

It appears that they flew over Newfoundland, the British Isles and Paris and then on to the ancient Capital of the Sultan of the Golden Horn. The fact that they flew over Paris is indicated by a note which was picked up at the French Capital - - although some ~~xx~~ suspect that this note may possibly have been a hoax.

But anyway, Boardman and Polando have successfully made their flight from New York to Istanbul and tonight are getting a big welcome, from Abdul the Turk. Also they are now thinking of flying on around the World. And at the rate they've gone, why not?

At Berlin this afternoon two

1 ships of the sky landed within a little  
2 more than an hour of each other. The  
3 first was the Graf Zeppelin on her  
4 return home from her magnificent Arctic  
5 sky voyage. The adventurers told of  
6 a glorious trip. The scientists declare  
7 that they discovered new islands in  
8 the vicinity of Franz Josef Land.

9 The International News Service  
10 in covering the Zeppelin story gives  
11 us no word of confirmation about that  
12 report which was printed yesterday,  
13 the report ~~that~~ <sup>was</sup> stated that Franz Josef  
14 Land was really not a group of islands  
15 but an immense peninsula.

16 Well, the long job of mooring  
17 the big dirigible was scarcely  
18 completed when Pangborn and Herndon  
19 landed at the Berlin ~~xxxx~~ flying field.  
20 The arrival of the Graf Zeppelin rather  
21 took the edge off the welcome of the  
22 two American ~~flyers~~ <sup>lads.</sup> Herndon and  
23 Pangborn who had to land at England  
24 and then hop on to Berlin ~~are~~ waiting  
25 just long enough to ~~get some more~~ <sup>take on</sup> gas  
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1 and then they'll start out for Russia.  
2 They still hope to beat the round-the-  
3 world record made by Post and Gatty.

4 And now let's round off this  
5 aviation news by taking a look at  
6 Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh. Slim and  
7 his better half started out for Ottawa  
8 today on their way across the Continent  
9 to Alaska, whence they will hop across  
10 to Japan.

11 So they are under way, off on  
12 that grand cruise to the Far East.  
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# AIRPLANE

But wait a minute, here's <sup>Page</sup> 6  
another flying item. No, I mean horse back  
riding. ~~Let's have a bit of news about~~

~~the dangers of aviation - no I mean the~~  
~~dangers of horse-back-riding. Pardon~~  
~~my error.~~

At El Paso, Sergeant Joseph  
Montano has just come out of the  
hospital. The Sergeant is a parachute  
jumper in the army. He was scheduled  
to make a jump at a flying exhibition  
and give the crowds a thrill but the  
Government said "no". The Army  
authorities forbade the Sergeant to  
make the parachute jump. ~~saying that~~  
They didn't want him to risk his life  
just to amuse the crowd.

And so, as the United Press tells  
us, Sergeant Montano didn't do any  
parachute jumping that afternoon. Instead  
he went ~~sight~~ riding, on horseback.  
He thinks the horse they gave him must  
have been a high jumper. Anyway, he  
was cantering along when the horse  
suddenly took a flying leap over a  
fence. The Sergeant <sup>did a nose dive</sup> ~~went down~~ and  
broke his arm, and was bruised up a bit

1 and maybe you think he wasn't sorry  
2 he didn't make that parachute jump instead  
3 of doing anything so dangerous as  
4 horseback riding.  
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CAPONE

Well, well Scarface Al Capone wants to plead NOT GUILTY. The Big Shot and his lawyers changed their minds today. They had entered a plea ~~xx~~ of "guilty" to charges of income tax and prohibition violations, but today they decided to change the plea.

The reason, as the Associated Press explains it, is that the judge has indicated that in sentencing Capone he will give the king of the gangs a long term in prison. He declared that he would not abide by any agreement that had been made between the Big Shot and the prosecuting attorneys.

The International News Service reports that there was a confabulation, and when it was over it was announced that ~~when~~ Capone would change his stand and go to trial with a plea of not guilty. I suppose he figures that if he is going to get a long term anyway, he might as well fight it out. But the United Press reports that the Federal Court Judge refuses to enter the plea of "not guilty" until there is further discussion. So there may be a big legal battle and it may be one of the most sensational trials of our time.



1           An attempt has been made to  
2 assassinate the President of China.

3           General Chiang Kai Shek, the  
4 head of the Nationalist party, was  
5 driving in his automobile through the  
6 town of Nanchang, where he is directing  
7 a military campaign against the  
8 Communists.

9           Suddenly there was a burst of  
10 rifle fire from among the trees of a  
11 park. The would-be assassins were  
12 hidden in the shrubbery and were blazing  
13 away. ~~Xxxxx~~ Their aim was poor, however,  
14 and they didn't hit anything. Chiang's  
15 guards replied with a bit of gun fire  
16 of their own.

17           The Associated Press adds the  
18 detail that later on a man was observed  
19 loitering near Chiang's headquarters.  
20 He and two companions were arrested.  
21 The Chinese officials declare that the  
22 three men had ~~de~~ confessed that they were  
23 sent to assassinate Chiang. They  
24 claimed that they were employed for  
25 the job by the heads of the Revolutionary

1 government at Canton, which is in  
2 revolt against Chiang and the Nationalist  
3 Regime.

4 Well, this follows right on  
5 ~~xx~~ the heels of a recent desperate  
6 attempt to assassinate the Nationalist  
7 Finance Minister, Mr. Soong. ~~and it~~  
8 ~~looks as if the~~ Chinese political  
9 enmities ~~were bitter indeed.~~ *seem to be*  
10 *growing more and more bitter.*

LLOYD GEORGE

It looks as if we might have another distinguished visitor over in this country pretty soon. He is David Lloyd George. Yes, that's right -- none other than Lloyd George.

Now, I'll bet you are saying: "Why Lloyd George has just undergone a serious operation." Yes, that 's right. The fiery dynamic little Welshman who was one of the great leaders during the World War has been dangerously ill and was operated on yesterday. He seems to be coming around in fine shape. There was a report that he had had a relapse, but this is officially denied.

It is entirely characteristic of the brisk, lively and energetic little man from Wales that already he is planning a long tour including a visit to the United States.

The United Press informs us that after looking over the Americans, Lloyd George intends to keep right on and make a trip around the world. And so we may have a chance to see the sparkling little fellow with the big shock of grey hair, who during those eventful days of the World War was a dominating figure in the troubled affairs of this globe of ours. What a little giant he was in those days.

OFFICE

Well, it's too bad about Fritz. He was fired. His boss chased him right out of the office. Of course, you couldn't blame the boss, and I suppose you couldn't blame Fritz.

Fritz Lehmann is a sentimental young man. He craves self-expression - only he shouldn't have self-expressed himself on the typewriter.

The New York Evening Post comments that it was all right when Fritz made it a practice of dictating love letters to a stenographer. There's no harm in that.

But one day at lunch time Fritz was bored stiff. Yes, sir, it was a dull office and Fritz craved for loftier and more imaginative things. His self expression got the best of him and he sat down at his typewriter and wrote out his most secret thought. He wrote what he thought about the office and he wrote what he thought about the boss. He had just got to the point where he had typed out long, heavy <sup>and</sup> ponderous German words which told how incompetent and weak minded his boss was. Then the telephone rang. Fritz answered it and right at that moment the boss came in from lunch. He happened to look over to see

what was in the typewriter and he read all about himself, what a dumkopf he was.

And that's when loud sounds of roaring German echoed and resounded in those parts. "Heraus. You're fired," howled the boss. Fritz asked "Vas is?" but all he could get was that bellowing refrain: "Heraus, you're fired."

Fritz argued that he couldn't be fired likt that. According to German law an employer upon discharging an employee must pay the employee a month's salary. And now Fritz has gone to law and the judge says it wasn't anything unusual for people in an office, shop or factory to think that the boss was a half witted fat-headed fool, or a dumkopf.

And so the employer has been ordered to pay Fritz that month's salary. But the next time Fritz sits down to write what he thinks about his boss, he's going to use invisible ink.

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Now for a dinner time (after dinner) story. It's about dining - dining well and plenty.

Something new has been happening in the restaurant business. For example, you will see the signs - ALL YOU WANT TO EAT FOR SIXTY CENTS. Yes sir, for that set price people can eat just as much as they like.

I'll bet you that most of us who've heard about the idea, have wondered a bit. How can a restaurant make out when anybody can go in there and eat about four dollars worth. Anyway, there are certain to be plenty of husky, hungry citizens who can eat more than sixty cents worth at a sitting.

And then, you certainly would expect that there would be some cases of extraordinary gorging and stuffing in those restaurants that give you all you want to eat for sixty cents. Wouldn't you like to hear some of those stories?

1 Well, as usual the Literary  
2 Digest comes to the rescue. The  
3 new Digest which ~~comes out~~<sup>appeared</sup> today carries  
4 a howlingly funny story under ~~the~~ the  
5 headline - ALL YOU WANT TO EAT FOR SIXTY  
6 CENTS.

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7 The Digest relates one story  
8 which certainly should be embalmed as a  
9 classic. In New York a woman went into  
10 one of those restaurants that give you  
11 all you want to eat for sixty cents.  
12 She sat down and went to work. She  
13 ~~kept~~ kept eating steadily for one hour  
14 and a half. She ate all the appetizers  
15 on the bill of fare, and then went on to  
16 soup, fish, steaks and chops, ~~a~~ salads  
17 and several kinds of dessert. She just  
18 kept eating and eating. Finally when  
19 her appetite was satisfied, she discovered  
20 she couldn't move. She had eaten so  
21 much that she was anchored there to the  
22 chair. They had to give her bicarbonate  
23 of soda, ~~to fix her stomach up, so that she~~  
24 ~~was able to leave the place~~ and that  
25 bicarbonate of soda was also included in

1 the sixty cents.

2           The Literary Digest quotes from  
3 a series of amusing tales by Edward  
4 Angly of the New York Herald Tribune.  
5 Reporter Angly has made some highly  
6 scientific investigations on the subject  
7 of all you can eat for sixty cents, and  
8 the Digest passes along to us the most  
9 spritely of his anecdotes.

10           In one of those ~~sixty cent~~  
11 places the owner told <sup>just</sup> how a real  
12 champion eater ~~just~~ had invested his sixty  
13 cents. "He had a tomato juice cocktail,  
14 soup, three orders of liver ~~with~~ <sup>and</sup> onions  
15 and potatoes, two salads, four cups of  
16 coffee, ~~a~~ pie a la mode, <sup>cup of</sup> a custard  
17 and some other dessert, ~~a~~ watermelon. I  
18 think. For bread, he had crackers,  
19 corn muffins, and whole wheat rolls.  
20 I don't think he knew what he was doing  
21 when he walked out."

22           Then there were four tourists from  
23 Pennsylvania who had a six course meal  
24 and then decided to have a dessert  
25 contest. They started out to see which



1 one could eat the most pie a la mode.  
2 The winner consumed seven orders of  
3 pie with icecream. Two others got  
4 away with six hunks of pie a la mode,  
5 and the chap who came in last could  
6 eat only five. *What a duffer he was!*

7 Then there was a man who ate  
8 three orders of lobster salad and two  
9 orders of ice cream for his sixty cents.  
10 He went away perspiring and they say  
11 he hasn't come back for any more  
12 punishment. *And the probabilities are hell  
never come back.*

13 Some people amuse themselves by  
14 ordering one dish after another, and just  
15 tasting a bit of each. No, that isn't  
16 included in the sixty cent contract.

17 The manager of the restaurant walks up  
18 to a fastidious person of that kind and  
19 says: "You can eat all you want for  
20 sixty cents, but you can't waste all  
21 you want for sixty cents."

22 And then a Scotch note is  
23 sounded in that Digest article when a  
24 plump lady started in to have her sixty  
25 cents worth. She just kept ordering

1 and ordering. ~~xxx~~ Then they observed  
 2 that she was wrapping up part of the  
 3 food in paper napkins and was making  
 4 a package to take home. <sup>The manager said sadly:-</sup>  
~~lady, this way out,~~

5 We learn ~~xxxxxxx~~ from that  
 6 Digest article that most people are  
 7 quite fair about that proposition of  
 8 eating all you want for ~~xxx~~ sixty cents.  
 9 They don't eat any more than they  
 10 ordinarily would for the price - that  
 11 is about ninety per cent don't. The  
 12 human appetite keeps to a pretty good  
 13 average. But the other ~~x~~ ten per cent  
 14 certainly can get hungry, and that's  
 15 where you find the comedy in that idea  
 16 of eating all you want for sixty cents.

17 Well, I've got the feeling now  
 18 that I could eat a bite of dinner (supper)  
 19 myself, about sixty cents worth. But  
 20 I don't think I'll eat ~~any~~ three orders  
 21 of lobster salad <sup>topped off with</sup> ~~and~~ two orders of ice  
 22 cream. <sup>Nope. Not me!</sup> And with that firmly fixed in  
 23 mind I'll say - so long until tomorrow.