

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 There was a real bit of romance
2 in an airplane flight today. The huge
3 German flying-boat, the DO-X is on
4 her way up the coast ~~of~~^{to} New York.
5 She made the jump from Charleston, North
6 Carolina to Norfolk, Virginia, ~~today~~^{this afternoon,} and
7 in doing so she passed over a bleak set
8 of sand-dunes along the North Carolina
9 shore.

10 Derricks are set up down there
11 and men are working. Yes, that was
12 Kittyhawk where the Wright Brothers
13 made their first flight a quarter of a
14 century ago and where a monument is now
15 being built in honor of the first time
16 that men ever flew with artificial wings.

17 The International News Service
18 has a correspondent aboard that German
19 flying boat, the biggest in the world, a
20 and he says that everybody aboard looked
21 down with a profound interest on those
22 dunes at Kittyhawk and thought of the
23 contrast. How the Wright Brothers in
24 their flimsy box kite had begun the
25 history of aviation and how now over

that same stretch of shore was flying a 60 ton liner of the sky with its terrific power!

What a contrast between that old crate in which the Wrights made their first flights and the giant DO-X, the final word in huge air-craft.

The DO-X is expected in New York around noon tomorrow.

1 The last we heard of Sir Hubert
2 Wilkins was that his submarine was a bit
3 damaged by the ice in northern waters and
4 that he was heading South. But he seems
5 to have repaired the damage, because
6 today Captain Wilkins sends a wireless
7 from the Far North that he is pushing
8 on further toward the Pole.

9 The International News Service
10 states that he is ^{now} within 350 miles of
11 the top of the world. He's still
12 ramming his way through broken ice, but
13 he soon expects to meet a solidly
14 frozen surface. And then he will dive.
15 He seems determined to make that
16 submarine trip right to the North Pole,
17 after all.

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19 According to reports tonight
20 Al Capone of Chicago has been
21 ordered arrested in connection
22 with the kidnapping of John Lyndi
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1 In Mexico City a special committee
2 was appointed today to investigate a
3 shooting affray which ^{must} ~~was~~ ranked ~~as~~ as one
4 of the wildest and ugliest in the history
5 of government.

6 There was a stormy session in the
7 Mexican Chamber of Deputies. An attempt
8 was being made to throw the Governor of
9 the state of Jalisco out of office.

10 ~~At~~ Supporters of the Governor ~~shot~~ ^{cried}
11 ~~it~~ out in his defense. One of them ~~then~~
12 ran to the speakers' rostrum and called
13 his fellow deputies cowards. Instantly,
14 all over the Chamber ~~of Deputies~~ members
15 drew pistols, and a wild orgy of shooting
16 began. The defender of the Governor was
17 killed. Two other ~~members~~ members were wounded,
18 one of them seriously.

19 The charge is made, says the
20 Associated Press, that ^{the} supporters of the
21 Governor of Jalisco are to blame. They
22 are said to have crowded the Chamber of
23 Deputies, with their pistols ready. They
24 are blamed for the shooting -- although
25 it does seem odd to place the
responsibility on the victims.

JAPAN

A reminiscence of political assassination comes from Japan while the Lindberghs are being wildly acclaimed and showered with congratulations on all sides in Tokyo. Yes, they have reached their destination.

The death of former Premier Hamaguchi has cast a shadow over the immense and jubilant celebration that is shaking Tokyo in honor of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh. The former Premier was shot by an assassin almost a year ago. They say he was a martyr for peace. His labors in negotiating the naval treaty between the United States, Great Britain, and Japan had provoked a storm of protest among the ultra-Nationalists. And the feeling thus aroused against the Premier led to the shooting.

The Associated Press comments that he never quite recovered. He couldn't shake off the result of the injury he sustained, and now, after almost a year, he has died.

In spite of this the Lindbergh reception is referred to in press dispatches as the greatest in the history of Tokyo. Almost the entire population of the city tried to see them.

1 It was announced today that
2 Mahatma Gandhi will board a ship on
3 Saturday and sail for London, ~~Yes, he's~~
4 ~~going to attend the conference in London~~
5 after all.

6 The little Holy Man of India had
7 decided he wouldn't go. His refusal was
8 based on an argument he was having with
9 Lord Willingdon, the British Viceroy.
10 The ^{United Press} ~~International News Service~~ reminds us
11 that Gandhi claimed that the British
12 officials were using violent methods in
13 collecting taxes from Hindu peasants.

14 Just the other day the British
15 government at London instructed Lord
16 Willingdon to make peace with Gandhi. The
17 idea was that the London conference on
18 India wouldn't amount to much if the
19 Mahatma was not there.

20 This morning Gandhi had a conference
21 with Lord Willingdon. It was said to
22 have been highly satisfactory to the
23 Mahatma, and immediately afterward he
24 announced that he would gladly attend the
25 conference at London.

1 Meanwhile, this mystic saint of
2 India has made a new convert -- an
3 American woman. She is Miss Nilla Cram
4 Cook, the daughter of George Cram Cook,
5 the American poet and playwright.

6 In joining Gandhi she renounces
7 the world. She prepares herself for a
8 life of self-denial, of sacrifice and
9 service. She gives up everything for the
10 cause of India and Gandhi.

11 The Associated Press states that
12 Miss Cook is the first American to be
13 admitted to the model colony which Gandhi
14 has established on the banks of the
15 Sbarmati. Here the Mahatma has gathered
16 his disciples who live according to his
17 ideas of holiness. Miss Cook will have
18 for a companion an English woman, Miss
19 Madeline Slade, who is of an aristocratic
20 British family and is the daughter of ■■
21 a British Admiral, but who nevertheless
22 has taken up the life of a Hindu ascetic
23 and has devoted her life to the service
24 of Gandhi as his attendant and disciple.

1 Word has reached London from
2 Portugal that a military revolt has
3 broken out against the dictatorship
4 of President Carmona. And right afterward,
5 says the International News Service,
6 telephone communication between Lisbon
7 and Madrid was cut. ~~This seems to~~
8 ~~indicate that some sort of trouble is~~
9 ~~under way.~~

10 Later dispatches indicate that
11 the trouble has been serious today,
12 airplanes were used in the uprising
13 and a score or more were killed.
14 But the government of Portugal claims
15 to have put down the revolt.
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VATICAN

Word comes of the agreement made between the Italian government and the Vatican. The terms have not been officially announced, but they come along on good authority. As outlined by the United Press, the main point is that the Catholic clubs will be allowed to re-open in Italy.

In the new agreement the Vatican formally assures the government that Catholic associations will be altogether non-political.

William
Thornton
Watson

A traveler from one of the most remote corners of the earth dropped in while I was running over the news dispatches this afternoon.

He is a New Zealander, but he has spent so much time with Australians that he has a pure Australian accent. If you have never heard a real, nukka digger accent, I thought you might like to. So I told him to come along and give us his slant on one of the most interesting news stories that I have passed on to you during the year. I mean ~~that~~ story of the German officer, Eric Baum, who was in New Guinea when the World War broke out. The Australians sent troops to capture New Guinea in 1914. Eric Baum, not wanting to be a prisoner, escaped into the jungle. After years of adventure in the dense tropical forest he discovered gold.

Just the other day ~~xxx~~ an Associated Press story came from the wilds of New Guinea stating that the savage cannibals had turned on Baum, had danced the dance of ~~xx~~ death around him and only two of his Kanaka boys reached civilization to tell the tale.

William Thornton Watson knew Eric Baum. In fact, he has just come from the same region. He's right here; and now Mr. Watson, how ~~under the sun~~ did you happen to go to New Guinea, and what happened to Eric Baum, the Kaiser's officer?

Well, Mr. Lowell Thomas, when I went to New Guinea I didn't know I was going there. Although a New Zealander I was in Australia when war was declared, and was one of the first thousand men to volunteer. They put us on a ship and we thought we were headed for Europe. But the first thing we knew we landed on the north coast of New ~~Guinea~~ ^{Britain} ^a the part ^{of} that belonged to Germany. We captured the town of Rabaul, the capital of German New Guinea, and ~~xxxxxx~~ that was when this German officer, Eric Baum, disappeared into the jungle. He went "bush".

From New Guinea I went with the first Australian Division to Gallipoli to fight the Turks. I was ~~just~~ a digger, a private when I went, but ^{was lucky enough to} ~~became~~ an officer. I was one of the few who came through ~~that hell at~~ Gallipoli alive and not wounded. But I got knocked a couple of times in France.

When the war was over I returned to ~~xx~~ Australia and with three pals decided

to head back to New Guinea, the country we had helped capture.

We became South Sea Island traders. Then when gold was discovered in New Guinea in 1927 we joined the rush.

New Guinea is shaped like a crocodile. Gold was found in the tail. Although it is only eighty miles inland to this El Dorado of the South Seas, it took us ten days to get in. The ridges were so steep that you could shake hands with a man a day's march ahead of you. Eric Baum who had gone bush was in there. We used to see him often. He was killed just a half a mile from the place where I was digging for the yellow stuff. *- the Kukan Kan bus.* We were right in the heart of the cannibal country. They often captured our Kanaka boys and that was the end of them. Eric Baum had been with the natives so long that he trusted them ~~altogether~~ too much. He got careless, that's all.

New Guinea is the second largest island in the world; it's next to Greenland. But it has no more chance of ever having a big white population than Greenland has, and just for the opposite reason. It is covered with the most terrible jungle on earth. There's too much humidity for the white man, and a day's march from

any point on the New Guinea coast brings you into the cannibal country.

I married an American, and she talked me into coming here to her country to live. And take it from me, I like it a lot better than New Guinea, ^{New Britain,} or the New Hebrides, or any other wild place in the South Pacific, although I ^{do} notice your heat here [^] more than I ever noticed it there.

DIGESI

isn't such a bad country after all. We have a few things worth seeing. For example, jumping frogs.

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Well, you can't keep a good frog down. Yes sir, that's what the new Literary Digest tells us -- I mean the issue of the Digest that comes out tomorrow. The Digest treats us to an appealing article on the subject of frogs -- the jumping frogs of Calaveras County.

A good deal of mention was made about this year's annual frog-jumping contest in Calaveras County, California, ~~not long ago~~. But it takes the Literary Digest to bring to its millions of readers the full color and emotional interest that is to be discovered in the exploits of the jumping frogs.

Good old Bud -- he showed ~~them~~. No siree, you can't keep a good frog down. His full name is Budweiser -- Bud for short -- and it looked as though he was a has-been, just an ex-champion. He is a handsome frog, is Bud, with his bulging pop-eyes, and his big cavernous mouth, and his long muscular legs. He is owned by Louis Fisher of Stockton,

1 California. He won the frog-jumping
2 championship in 1928. In 1929 he
3 failed to repeat, and again in 1930
4 Bud jumped his longest jump. The noble
5 old fellow gave everything he had. But
6 once more he was beaten by a frog that
7 could jump farther. And so they said Bud
8 was a has-been. ~~They said he was getting~~
9 ~~old and weak in the legs and couldn't~~
10 ~~jump any better than a 300-pound Missouri~~
11 ~~porker.~~

12 And so this year ~~nobody gave Bud a~~
13 ~~chance.~~ They said the old fellow was in
14 for another licking. ~~What chance had he~~
15 ~~against that whole big field of up-and-~~
16 ~~coming jumping frogs.~~ For example,
17 what chance would he have against
18 Puddle-Jumper, the jumpingest frog that
19 ever jumped, who was entered by John
20 ^{Dechenino} Decchenino of Oakdale, California?

21 Well, the story, as the Literary
22 Digest tells us with tears of sentimental
23 joy in its eyes -- if you'll pardon that
24 figure of speech. Well, anyway, the
25 Literary Digest tells that it was the

1 old heart-throbbing story of a champion
2 that comes back.

3 Old Bud made a wonderful jump.
4 "A truly epic leap." ~~the Literary Digest~~
5 ~~calls it.~~ Old Bud jumped eleven feet and
6 5 inches. That's a good jump for any
7 man or frog. Old Bud had to jump his
8 head off to beat his hated rival, John
9 Decchenino's Puddle-Jumper. Eleven feet
10 and one inch was the best Puddle-Jumper
11 could do.) And just to show you how
12 those frogs were jumping out there in
13 Calaveras County, take the jump made by
14 Joe, who was entered by Joe Cesa of
15 Antioch, California. Joe jumped 10 feet
16 and 6 inches.

17 The Literary Digest, quoting from
18 an article by Charles ~~W.~~ Byers in Boys'
19 Life, gives us some historical background
20 of that frog-jumping contest. Of course
21 it was inspired by Mark Twain's famous
22 story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of
23 Calaveras County." The original jumping
24 frog about which Mark Twain tells us ~~which~~
25 was named Dan'l Webster. Any of us that

have read the well-known story will remember the dirty trick that was played by the owner of ~~xx~~ a rival jumping frog. He fed a handful of bird-shot to poor old Dan'l Webster. And Dan'l with that weight of lead in his stomach - why, he worked his legs as hard as he could, but he couldn't get off the ground.

1 Well, it looks as though two
2 records might be made.

3 Shipwreck Kelly has achieved
4 renown as a flag-pole sitter. Not so
5 long ago he made a record of 43 days on
6 top of a flag-pole. ^{now} He's out to beat it.

7 At Long Branch, New Jersey, ~~he~~ today
8 he climbed to the top of a flag-pole and
9 just sat there. He intends to keep on
10 sitting for more than 43 days -- and he
11 may do it. He may stay up on top of that
12 flag-pole indefinitely, because just as
13 he ^{climbed up there} ~~sat~~ the Constable of Long Branch
14 appeared on the scene with a judgment for
15 \$75 against the flag-pole sitter. He
16 wanted to hand that judgment to Shipwreck
17 Kelly, but the Constable being no flag-
18 pole sitter was unable to climb the pole.
19 He called to Shipwreck Kelly to come down,
20 but Shipwreck announced that he was going
21 to stay right up there. He said he'd
22 out-wait and out-last the Constable.

23 The Constable said like fun he
24 would. He'd sit at ^{bottom of the} ~~the~~ flag-pole as
25 long as Shipwreck Kelly sat on top of it.

He'd just wait down there until the flag-pole sitter came down.

And so the double endurance contest is on between Shipwreck Kelly and the Constable.

But as I am taking part in no endurance contest of any kind I'll just climb down off my flag-pole and say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.