

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY

Over in Madrid this evening the first National Parliament of the Spanish Republic is opening its sessions, and the boys are in ordinary every-day clothes--business suits. Today, just before the new Parliament convened there was a lot of argument on the subject of what kind of clothes the Spanish law-makers should wear for this evening's opening.

Some of the boys said it was a very grand occasion and they should dress formally--in evening attire. Others *declared that would be* ~~this was~~ too snobbish and came out for common every-day clothing.

The International News Service in telling about it doesn't say that any of the hidalgos or ~~matadors~~ <sup>*toreros*</sup> advocated the Spanish National costume--those short coats, sashes around the waist and knee breeches. ~~at least I think that's what~~ <sup>*Maybe that would make the new parliament*</sup> ~~the Spanish national costume is like~~ <sup>*seem too much like the bull ring.*</sup>

There was a lot of arguing and it

1 looks as if there ~~was~~ a Minister of  
2 Finance ~~who~~ decided the issue. He's  
3 against full-dress and ~~he~~ declared that if  
4 evening clothes were made the rule, why he  
5 would come in overalls. Anyway, the  
6 final decision was that all the boys should  
7 come in business suits.

8 The Spanish law-makers have a lot  
9 of important matters to thrash out in  
10 their first session and many of them are  
11 already hot under the collar about a rule  
12 the <sup>new</sup> Government has made. This rule limits  
13 all speeches to thirty minutes. None of  
14 the ~~hidalgos~~ <sup>or toreros,</sup> or just  
15 common Spaniards, will be allowed to talk  
16 more than a half hour and plenty of them  
17 are saying that's not enough.

18 Spain hasn't had a Parliament for  
19 eight years and <sup>each of</sup> the newly-elected members  
20 has plenty to say. He has an ax to grind  
21 or a grievance to air and he figures it's  
22 going to take him more than thirty minutes  
23 to do it.

24 However, there are 470 members in  
25 the new Parliament and every one of them



wants to make a speech. If each of the  
470 were allowed to talk and indulge in  
the old Spanish custom of bull-fighting--  
I mean bull-throwing, as long as he pleases,  
why it would take up an awful lot of time.  
And so the Government is determined to  
keep the speeches down to thirty minutes.  
But it looks as though they'll have a tough  
~~awful~~ time making some of those  
bull-fighters pipe down ~~maxxx~~ once they  
~~enter the arena - I mean~~  
~~have started talking.~~ get the floor.

1 The word this evening on Germany's  
2 financial crisis is that the Bank of  
3 International Settlements at Basle has  
4 renewed a credit of 100 million dollars  
5 to the hard-pressed Government at Berlin.  
6 The Associated Press explains that this  
7 credit of 100 million had formerly been  
8 extended to Germany and will fall due <sup>for repayment to the</sup> ~~on~~  
<sup>But</sup> ~~on~~ Thursday. <sup>now</sup> The Bank has extended it for  
9 another 3 months.

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11 The United Press tells us that ~~inside~~  
12 inside of Germany the financial machinery  
13 of the country was at a standstill today.  
14 Germany's banks have been closed to  
15 prevent further financial disasters. The  
16 German public is described as being dazed  
17 and confused ~~and~~ not knowing what to ~~now~~  
18 expect next.

19 The financial crisis has spread to  
20 other central European countries. All of  
21 the banks in Hungary have been suspended.  
22 The Associated Press reports the closing  
23 of a bank at Vienna, of another in  
24 Roumania, and of a third in the Republic  
25 of Latvia.



1 The International News Service  
2 gives a summary of an article in the  
3 important German newspaper Germania which  
4 represents the views of the Chancellor  
5 of the Berlin government. This article  
6 has a conciliatory tone toward France  
7 and some people interpret it as indicating  
8 that ~~the Germany government~~ will meet <sup>the</sup>  
9 conditions which France has laid down and  
10 in that way will get the huge international  
11 loan ~~which~~ she needs.

12 Word comes tonight that the  
13 German Govt. may declare martial  
14 law.

15 The Geneva Bank in  
16 Switzerland has been obliged  
17 to close its doors.

18 The situation seems  
19 critical indeed:  
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1 From opposite sides of the  
2 world this evening come ~~reports of~~  
3 ~~trouble~~ *sounds of shooting and general*  
4 *trouble.* One <sup>report</sup> comes from Central America.  
5 The International News Service ~~reports~~ <sup>tells of</sup>  
6 an attempt to overthrow the government  
7 of the Republic of San Salvador. In  
8 the capital of San Salvador revolutionaries  
9 suddenly attacked the police station and  
10 the jail. The attempt was unsuccessful,  
11 however. The soldiers were called out  
12 and after some sharp street fighting  
13 the revolutionaries were sent running to  
14 cover. Martial law has been declared.

15 Well, it's a long way from San  
16 Salvador to Kashmir, that lovely  
17 ~~garden land~~ <sup>surrounded by the towering Himalaya mts.</sup> in the northern part of  
18 India. But this next account of trouble  
19 comes from the City of Srinagar, in the  
20 romantic Vale of ~~Kashmir~~ <sup>a</sup> Kashmir. It  
21 was the sort of trouble <sup>that constantly occurs in</sup> ~~usual for~~ India;—  
22 a fight between the Hindus and the  
23 Mohammedans. A Mohammedan was under  
24 arrest for leading a demonstration  
25 against the Hindus. His fellow Moslems



1 tried to rescue him. Nine of them were  
2 killed and then the rioting spread  
3 far and wide. And tonight in the  
4 *on placid Dal Lake, near the Garden of Shalimar,* lovely city of Srinagar, there is  
5 bitterness and anger with the  
6 police doing their best to put down  
7 the disturbance.

1 Those French fliers who started  
2 out on a non-stop flight from Paris to  
3 Tokio, seem to have had an exciting  
4 time of it. They <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ down ~~on earth~~  
5 tonight in <sup>remote</sup> ~~Eastern~~ Siberia, and their  
6 plane is <sup>a total</sup> ~~wrecked~~. They had ~~de~~ flown all  
7 the way from Paris to an isolated region  
8 of Siberia, near the West Sayan <sup>Sayan</sup> Mountains,  
9 a distance of 3600 miles, <sup>— in a non stop hop.</sup> There they  
10 came ~~to~~ to grief and the adventurous  
11 fliers had to take to their parachutes.  
12 Three men were in the plane, two aviators  
13 and <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ mechanic. One after another  
14 they jumped. Their parachutes billowed  
15 and they fluttered to earth <sup>in lonely Siberia.</sup>

16 One of the three sustained a  
17 sprained ankle. Otherwise they are O. K.

18 The region where they landed  
19 is remote and desolate, and words ~~from~~  
20 there is slow in coming through. <sup>Details of the</sup>  
21 <sup>accident are lacking.</sup> They made just about half of the  
22 distance of their proposed flight from  
23 Paris to Tokio, and although they failed  
24 in their attempt, they certainly did  
25 make one long hop - 3600 miles.



## DIGEST

Well, here's how somebody got out a yardstick and proceeded to measure beauty -- beauty in one of its most splendid manifestations. Briefly, the scientists have gone to work and measured the height of the Aurora Borealis.

I have seen the Aurora Borealis among the northern snows of Alaska and many of us have heard Northern travellers tell about it. I'll never forget the astonishment of the American Army aviators who made the First World Flight when they caught sight of the Aurora Borealis in its full magnificence. They saw it in Greenland while they were making that memorable First Flight around the World.

Erik Nelson, and Lowell Smith give a graphic account of it in the book which told the exciting story of ~~it~~ the first circumnavigation of the globe through the sky. "Those Northern Lights", declared Erik, "are the most uncanny things in all the world. They just whip across the heavens noiselessly and luridly, lighting up the gaunt mountains and the glittering icebergs."

In this week's Literary Digest there is an amazing picture of a brilliant display of the Aurora Borealis in Norway. You seem to see the familiar funnel-shaped cloud of the cyclone -- only it's not a black cloud, it's not a cloud at all. It's a whirl of light. It looks like a maelstrom of the incredible luminous beauty of the Aurora Borealis.

But wait a minute, let's come down to earth and science. The article that goes with that picture in the Literary Digest tells us how scientists of the University of Toronto went into Northern Canada and made a series of clever experiments to measure the height of the Aurora Borealis. They put a yardstick on the old Aurora; and now they tell us how big it is.

The Digest quotes from Science Service and tells us that the wierd flashes of the Northern Lights shoot up to a distance of from 50 to 75 miles above the surface of the earth. Sometimes they may even whip and crackle and hover above the earth at a height of 150 miles. But most often the Northern Lights, extend across the Polar sky at an altitude somewhere under 100 miles in the air.



An amazing story of a carrier pigeon comes from the Army Signal Corps at Fort Mammoth, New Jersey.

Last night Florence Nightingale, the prize carrier pigeon of the <sup>post</sup>~~coast~~, came in flapping and wobbling. The bird had been missing for twenty-three days, and had last been seen <sup>at</sup>~~on~~ Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

The New York Sun tells us that when the bird showed up last night it was in bad shape. Somebody had shot Florence Nightingale as she was winging her way with a message from Tennessee to New Jersey.

One wing was half shattered by gunshot, and the bird had small shot embedded in its back and breast.

The camp veterinarian examined the wounds and found that they were at least three weeks old. The bird must have travelled for that length of time and <sup>for</sup>~~over~~ three hundred miles ~~of~~ ~~country before it could make its way to~~ ~~its home~~ <sup>post</sup>~~coast~~.

1 Wounded as she was, the best  
2 Florence Nightingale could have done  
3 was to have flown or rather hopped  
4 for a few feet at a time. The bird  
5 must have walked <sup>and fluttered</sup> all the long way.

6 The story seems almost  
7 unbelievable, but over there at Fort  
8 Mammoth, New Jersey, is that carrier  
9 pigeon, Florence Nightingale, with  
10 the tell-tale wounds inflicted by gunshot,  
11 and you can bet the boys of the  
12 Signal Corps are making a heroine  
13 of that bird tonight and doing all they  
14 can to help her.



In Chicago a monkey has been sent to jail. Jocko is doing 5 days in the cooler on a charge of shop-lifting.

The United Press passes along the information that the monkey is the property of Clarence Warren. Clarence made it a habit of taking his intelligent pet around to stores. And Jocko would steal articles from the counters and stuff them into Clarence's pockets. The monkey was clever and well trained. He was an expert shop-lifter.

Clarence figured that they couldn't send a monkey to jail. Here's the way he explained it to the Judge:-

"It isn't my fault if that fool monkey kept picking things up from the counters and putting them into my pockets. Go ahead and prosecute <sup>old Jocko if you dare,</sup> ~~the monkey~~. Send him to jail if you can find a law to that effect, <sup>a law about monkeys."</sup>

Well, the Judge did send the monkey to jail. He gave him 5 days in the custody of the janitor of the court. But the Judge sent Clarence to jail also -- gave him a sentence in a common regulation hoosegow.

And there's another

1 ~~There is one~~ up and coming  
2 young business man ~~xxxx~~ who's in ~~jailed~~ the  
3 tonight. He had a good idea while  
4 it worked, but he tried it once too  
5 often and now he's doing ten days in  
6 the <sup>jug</sup> ~~cooler~~.

7 The Associated Press describes  
8 this brilliant young business man's  
9 scheme as highly ingenious.

10 He <sup>would</sup> ~~had an oil can~~ and he'd walk  
11 up to a parked car and nonchalantly  
12 siphon out the gas. Then when the  
13 motorist returned and tried to start his  
14 car and found he had no gas, why, the  
15 clever ~~xxxx~~ young merchant would  
16 obligingly <sup>amble</sup> ~~walk~~ up and do him a favor  
17 by selling him some fuel. He'd sell  
18 the automobile driver his own gas.

19 He worked this profitable  
20 sort of business right along, until a  
21 cop followed him and the judge said -  
22 ten days <sup>on the rock pile</sup>.



1       The experts have been saying  
2 that we are on the way to become a  
3 nation of old people - that is, in the  
4 future there will be more of the old  
5 folks and fewer of the young folks in  
6 the world.

7       And that seems to be borne out  
8 by some figures given today by the  
9 Federal census bureau. These figures  
10 quoted in the New York Sun concern the  
11 city of New York. They show that there  
12 are fewer children in New York today  
13 than there were in 1920. In 1920 the  
14 city had a population of almost  
15 109,000 <sup>babies.</sup> In 1930 that figure had dropped  
16 to 100,000. That means 9,000 ~~xxxx~~ less  
17 infants <sup>to</sup> grown <sup>in</sup> to children and young  
18 folks.

19       On the other hand the percentage  
20 of men and women in their prime, that  
21 is, between thirty and forty years,  
22 has increased.

23       Well, the fall of the birth  
24 rate means fewer children. The conquest  
25 of disease means more old ~~xxxxx~~ folks

1 and so the future promises less youth  
2 and more age.

3 And that's why some social  
4 philosophers are looking forward to  
5 the decline of the power of youth  
6 in the western world.

7 They say the world is  
8 growing old.  
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1 That word "grow" reminds me of  
2 the fact that I was browsing around today  
3 in one of those four red books that the  
4 Literary Digest is putting out to help us  
5 improve our English. I was looking under  
6 the letter "g" in the volume called  
7 "Better Say" and I came upon "grow."

8 And right there I read the answer  
9 to a question which had bothered me for  
10 some time. We say that something "grows  
11 less," but is that correct? "Grow" means  
12 to increase. So how can a thing grow  
13 less?

14 Well, that handy red book tells  
15 us that some critics object to the use  
16 of "grow" as simply meaning "become."  
17 They say that such a phrase as "grow  
18 less" or "grow smaller" is self-  
19 contradictory. But just the same such  
20 self-contradictory terms seem to be in  
21 every respect good first-class English.

22 The famous Doctor Johnson is  
23 quoted as saying "grow fewer" and "Grew  
24 able" and "grew less." Steele<sup>the essayist</sup> and Gray<sup>the</sup>  
25 poet used "grow less," and Macauley wrote

"grow small."

So I guess, according to what we are told in "Better Say" we can go right ahead using such phrases as "the animals grew fewer" or "the storm grew less violent, or that my time grows less."!

Still there is time for one more item, a short talk about a long speech.



1 I guess most of us have listened  
2 to long sermons in church, so we'll *now proceed*  
3 give one gasp of wonder and admiration,  
4 ~~when we come to this next item.~~

5 At Cotton Valley, Louisiana,  
6 a preacher started to preach last  
7 Sunday, and he kept preaching all day  
8 and all night and all the next day.  
9 He started out on a marathon sermon,  
10 determined to break the record.

11 He is the Rev. A. E. Sandifer,  
12 and he set his mark at ~~xxx~~ forty-eight  
13 hours of solid ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ preaching, with a  
14 *few Amens thrown in for good measure.*  
15 And that certainly does break the  
16 record for marathon preaching, ~~which is now~~  
17 held by a Los Angeles minister of the  
18 gospel, who not long ago preached  
19 sixteen solid hours. ~~And~~ *and* The Reverend  
20 Mr. Sandifer of Cotton Valley, *Louisiana,* had an  
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1 of continuous preaching the marathon  
2 preacher's voice began to get hoarse,  
3 but he kept right on, determined to  
4 complete that sermon forty-eight  
5 hours long.

6 ~~But the~~

7 Well, the rules of radio  
8 prevent me from offering any  
9 competition to the Rev. Mr. Sandifer  
10 of Cotton Valley, Louisiana.

11 About all I have time to  
12 say is so long until tomorrow.  
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