

AVIATION

Good evening, everybody:

Let's fly to India! I mean let's talk about flying to India. In today's news is a report of one of the biggest aviation enterprises that has been projected so far. The idea is to have a combined airline and ocean line half way around the world - all the way from New York to India.

The New York Evening Post states that plans have just been given out by the manager in the United States for the British Imperial Airways. The Associated Press informs us that announcements were published simultaneously in London.

The plan is to transfer freight from any part of the United States to New York by airplane, then by fast liner to England, and then by plane to Karachi, India.

That's a big assignment and it is said that this air and ocean transport of freight will begin in the spring.

So if the Maharajah of Seringapatan, the Khan of Kalat or the Sultan of Swat suddenly decides that he wants the Detroit manufacturers to make him a new baby roadster all inlaid with gold or mother of pearl, he will be able to get it delivered in half the time by having it flown to India.

INDIA

Now let's see. Here comes India again, a dispatch about that problem of the Hindus and the Mohammedans.

At the Round Table Conference over in London, Britain, ~~as I mentioned last night~~, agreed to give to India nearly all the rights that are enjoyed by the British dominions. Then trouble instantly arose between those old enemies, the Hindus and the Mohammedans.

~~A late cable to the International News Service states~~ that ^{the} the leader of the Mohammedans at the Conference has made an offer to come to terms if the Mohammedans in the Punjab (which is a vast section of Northwest India) are guaranteed 49% of the delegates in any new governmental body of representatives. Also, the Mohammedans demand 46% in Bengal, with that 46% later to be boosted to 51%. Of course the Mohammedans are far in the minority in India, but they represent a very powerful and aggressive element. The Hindus at the Conference are said to be debating among themselves as to whether they can accept this truly amazing Mohammedan proposal.

1 Down in South Africa the police
2 have ordered a 73-year-old beggar to
3 stop soliciting alms on the street. *But*
4 They say he may still go on sleeping in
5 a stable.

6 He's a stately old fellow, well
7 born, ^{and} well educated. He speaks several
8 languages. The United Press tells us
9 that he is Prince Louis Robert George de
10 Bourbon Orléans, Duc de Bourbon, ~~He is~~
11 a descendant of the old kings of France,
12 *and now a beggar.*

NEWS ITEM

My News Item of the Day was picked for me by a lady.

I suppose it would have to be, because it would be somewhat unchivalrous for a man to select this story of "spanking mammas" as the most interesting dispatch in the day's news.

Well, the lady who picked it is Marian Telva, the Metropolitan Opera House contralto. She's one of the most brilliant of the younger American singers, and in addition has a rare sense of humor. She got a big laugh, she said out of a yarn she had just seen in one of the evening papers about "spanking mammas." Well here's the story.

In Cuba where they're having a bad case of revolutionary nerves these days, there has been an outbreak of what might be balled "lady spank lady." That is, the ladies have been spanking each other. Maybe it's just a revival of a quaint old Cuban custom!

Anyway, the Associated Press informs us that the fair members of the feminist organization who are supporting the government have been administering spankings to Cuban women who are of the

1 revolutionary turn of mind. Those
2 "spanking mammas" just get ahold of a
3 sister who's agin the government, and
4 they put her across their knees and give
5 her a sound ~~spanking~~^{padding} to improve her
6 understanding of political matters.

7 One slight complication came when
8 four young men got a bright idea. They
9 wanted to heckle some government officials
10 and thought ~~that~~ they would be safer in
11 women's clothing. So they dressed up in
12 skirts and silk hose and so on, and
13 started in with their heckling act. The
14 "spanking mammas" were right there on
15 the job. They saw those supposed
16 revolutionary women and started in to
17 give them a spanking. Well, that was
18 just where they made one big mistake.
19 A lively fight started, one ^{of the} ~~the~~ "spanking
20 mammas" was taken to the hospital, and
21 the others, after being soundly spanked
22 themselves, ran away as fast^t as they
23 could. *It's just an old Cuban custom.*

1 There has been another tremendous
2 volcanic eruption down in the Andes.
3 One peak in Northern Argentina has
4 poured forth an immense torrent of
5 water, mud, stone and lava.

6 According to the United Press
7 while refugees were fleeing from the
8 eruption they were overtaken by a torrent
9 of water which had burst from the volcano
10 before the lava started to stream out.

11 Tremendous forces of nature
12 seem to be in upheaval all along the
13 Pacific Coast from Mexico to Cape Horn.
14 Perhaps this latest eruption is in some
15 way related to the disturbance that has
16 been causing the penal islands off the
17 west coast of Mexico to tremble and
18 shake.

1 Here's a question:

2 WHERE WOULD YOU GO TO FIND
3 ARISTOCRATS?

4 Of course, most of us will answer
5 England. England has long been famous
6 as the home of ~~xxx~~ aristocratic
7 distinctions. However, if you will
8 consult the new Literary Digest, not the
9 one you have now, but the one that will
10 be on the news stands tomorrow, you'll
11 find the answer to that question is
12 something else again. I saw an advance
13 copy of the new Digest today; and in it I
14 read an article which says that you
15 won't find aristocracy in England.

16 The Digest quotes a shrewd
17 German writer who says that aristocrats
18 are obsolete in England, and that the
19 ~~only~~ people who look for caste and
20 snobbery in England ^{nowadays} are mostly Americans
21 and ~~some~~ Germans. An Englishman may be
22 Sir John Jones and his wife Lady Mary
23 Jones, but the chances are they are
24 very definitely of the middle class.
25 At the same time people with no title

1 at all may be of families not at all
2 noble, but so old that they rank above
3 titled persons.

4 Well, I've heard it said many a
5 time that England's last great aristocrat
6 was ^{the Marquis of} ~~Earl~~ Curzon. He was the very ^{acme} ~~type~~
7 ~~and figure~~ of a magnificent, stiff and
8 formal nobleman of the old British type.
9 He gained world fame as the viceroy of
10 India, and never has there been ~~such~~
11 another viceroy who was such a ~~xxx~~
12 stickler~~x~~ for form, so grandiose, so
13 pompous.

14 I lived in India at one time and
15 everywhere I heard ^{the recent reign of} tales of the noble
16 Marquis of Curzon. India certainly was
17 the place where his taste for aristocratic
18 grandeur could be satisfied to the full.
19 Maharajahs are haughty, but Curzon was
20 haughtier. Royalty is idolized in India
21 and Lord Curzon was there ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ vice regal
22 capacity, and therefore entitled to
23 much pomp and circumstance and saluting
24 of guns.

25 Yet, he was a very kindly man,

and there is a story to illustrate both his pomposity and his kindness.

At state receptions or at even the smallest dinner everybody had his place at the table according to rank. Down at the bottom of the table came the young Army Officers who were his aide de camps, the A.D.C.'s who flit here and there at the beck and call of the great man and his lady.

On one occasion an unfortunate A.D.C. fell asleep at a magnificent vice-regal dinner and he started to snore. Somebody was about to awaken him, but the majestic Curzon, who often spoke of himself in the plural as kings do, called down from the head of the table and said:

"PRAY DON'T DISTURB HIS SLUMBER. WE ARE NOT PERTURBED. UNDOUBTEDLY HE IS FATIGUED FROM WAITING UPON OUR PERSON."

And talking about aristocracy, the cover of the Digest which will be on the news stands tomorrow shows a lovely scene of the stately formalities of old colonial society here in America. It is called "The Marriage Contract". The bride is Martha, the oldest daughter of Thomas Jefferson, and the groom is Thomas Randolph of Virginia. Well, she's

1 a beautiful bride. Just watch for her
2 smile on the cover of the Digest which
3 will come to you tomorrow.

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2 look as though we'll have a big heavy-
3 weight championship fight next summer--
4 in fact, two of them.

5 Max Schmeling announces that he
6 will accept the contract which his
7 manager made for him to fight young
8 Stribling in Chicago, and also to fight
9 the Italian heavyweight, Carnera,
10 likewise in Chicago.

11 Carnera is known as "Fiddle feet"
12 because his shoes look like a couple of
13 fiddle cases--but that's not news.

14 When Schmeling first heard about
15 the contract, he said he wouldn't live
16 up to it, but a late International News
17 ~~Service~~ Service flash states that after he
18 had received a cable from his manager
19 explaining the details, he ^{replied} ~~cabled~~ back
20 that it was O.K. by him.
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1 ! might as well tell you now
2 to be on the look-out for King David.

3 If you see him walking around
4 playing the harp, or with his sling ready,
5 looking for another Goliath, just tell
6 him that there's a \$75,000 home and
7 a new sixteen cylinder automobile
8 waiting for him out at San Diego,
9 California.

10 According to the United Press
11 a former Missouri Judge has an idea
12 that David, King of Israel, will return
13 to the earth, and that ^{the} former Judge
14 has prepared a magnificent house with a
15 big automobile to be in readiness for
16 the reappearance of the conqueror of the
17 Philistines.

18 One claimant has already shown
19 up and asked for the house and the
20 automobile. He claims that he is David.

21 *But he didn't get the house or the car.*
22 *The judge, as I mentioned is from Missouri,*
23 *and has to be shown.*

1 At White Plains, a cop arrested a
2 man driving a car. The cop thought
3 the driver had been drinking too much
4 because he had such a glassy look in
5 his eye. At any rate, that was the
6 reason the cop gave to the judge.

7 But the motorist explained to
8 His Honor, the magistrate, that he
9 merely gave the cop that glassy look
10 for the reason that he has a glass eye.

11 Whereupon the judge dismissed the
12 case.

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1 Now this is about a skyscraper,
2 and ^{its real} ~~that skyscraper is~~ news - because ^{that}
3 ~~it's~~ ^{skyscraper is} in Europe. It's in the ancient
4 city of Antwerp which was old when
5 Columbus discovered America, and it
6 will be twenty stories high. That's
7 not so gigantic for the United States,
8 but it is for the older continent
9 over there. London, for example,
10 won't allow a building to be built over
11 eighty feet high.

12 The ~~new~~ new Literary Digest which
13 will be on the news stands tomorrow
14 informs us that Antwerp's new skyscraper
15 is built along typical American lines.
16 It's ~~is~~ not far from the old cathedral
17 in Antwerp and it rises like a symbol
18 of the new world among the surroundings
19 of a very old world. *you will find the*
20 *rest of that unusual story in tomorrow's*
21 *Digest.*

1 Well, let's have a little
2 sentimental dialogue for a moment. First
3 there's a man's voice saying:

4 "Hello, is this you, Gwendolyn?"

5 Then a woman's voice:

6 "Yes, this is Gwendolyn."

7 "Well, Gwendolyn, how about a
8 little date for tonight?"

9 "All right, where will we meet?"

10 ~~Well~~ Well, I'll leave the rest of
11 that dialogue to your imagination, with
12 the date being fixed up properly, and
13 a bit of lovey-dovey along with it. But
14 here's where the trouble comes. The
15 poor man wasn't talking to his Gwendolyn
16 at all.

17 The wires were crossed and, without
18 his knowing anything about it, he got
19 his own house, and his wife was on the
20 phone.

21 This painful bit of drama was
22 brought out in a separation trial which
23 the Associated Press tells us was held
24 out in Los Angeles.

25 And that is the sad, sad story of

1 a husband and wife and a charming young
2 woman named Gwendolyn.

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1 One night I mentioned a man out in
2 the Philippine Islands who had been a
3 subscriber to the Literary Digest for
4 some thirty years.

5 Now another ~~Digest~~ reader, Mr.
6 D. L. Miller, of Confluence, Pennsylvania,
7 writes in that he can beat the Philippine
8 gentleman's record all hollow.

9 "Why, I've been a Digest reader
10 for two-score years--ever since I was
11 a college student out in Pennsylvania,"
12 says Mr. Miller.

13 Another letter has just come in
14 from Robert Fallon, of Hollis, New York.
15 Now, Robert is a small boy aged eleven,
16 hence a more recent Digest fan. Well,
17 Robert heard me tell about the Cassowary
18 at the Bronx Zoo, the bird that ate a
19 lady's vanity case.

20 "Huh, that's nothing," says Robert.
21 "I've got a dog named Susie who eats
22 cement, wood, stone, coal, silver, copper
23 money, and her particular favorite is
24 tin foil. But the funniest thing about
25 Susie is that she won't eat meat and she

1 won't gnaw bones." "But," adds Robert,
2 "she dearly loves to lick postage stamps."

3 And G. H. Phelps, of Hackensack,
4 New Jersey, tells me about a remarkable
5 old black tom cat called "Baby". That
6 cat has a number of unusual accomplishments.
7 But most extraordinary of all is the
8 way he eats peas.

9 Peas are his favorite vegetable
10 and he knows exactly how to handle them.
11 No, he doesn't balance the peas on a
12 knife, either. But he does something
13 better than that. If the peas are too
14 hot that cat will take each individual
15 pea in his paw and wave it around in the
16 air until it gets cool.

17 Mr. Phelps states that he is now
18 teaching the cat a new way of cooling
19 peas. He's teaching the cat to blow
20 on them.
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1 Down in Jacksonville, Florida, three
2 colored men were standing on a street
3 corner, singing at the top of their voices.

4 A cop arrested them for excessive
5 inebriation.

6 "Well," said the Judge, "just
7 because they were singing doesn't prove
8 they were drunk."

9 Then he turned to the colored men
10 and asked:

11 "What were you singing?"^{Boys}

12 "Sweet Adeline," they replied.

13 "Huh, that's different," rumbled
14 the Judge. "If you were singing Sweet
15 Adeline I'll fine you ten dollars apiece."

16 Well, that Judge in Jacksonville,
17 Florida, is a long way off and I like
18 Sweet Adeline. So when I leave here I'm
19 going to stroll down Fifth Avenue
20 singing, "You're the idol of my heart
21 Sweet Adeline."

22 So long until tomorrow.
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