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Homer Croy:—

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The flood news is better today. The rivers are receding, <sup>—</sup> the Ohio, the Potomac, the Rappahannock, and in Ontario, the Thames. But they are not subsiding any too soon. Behind them <sup>i</sup> the floods leave a trail of damage, suffering and desolation. Not so bad as last January, to be sure, but still bad enough. Three thousand homeless in Wheeling, West Virginia; hundreds of families along the banks of the Rappahannock, others in New Cumberland, Wellsburg, Steubenville, Ohio; Martins Ferry, ~~Moundsville~~ Moundsville, and New Martinsville. From McKeesport several deaths were reported.

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Several of the parks in Washington, the nation's capital, are under water.

Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, today looked like a lake. The Ohio reached a crest ten feet above flood stage before

the waters began to recede.

But here's a still more encouraging bit of news.

The City Council of Pittsburgh appealed to Congress to build storage reservoirs in the basins of the Alleghany and the Monongahela. "Let flood control become a reality," they said.

Before that petition was received in Washington, the engineers of the Tennessee Valley Authority announced the completion of a plan for one gigantic reservoir to provide flood control ~~not~~ in, not only the Ohio, but also the Tennessee and the Cumberland.

That information was conveyed to members of the House this afternoon. Dr. Morgan, Chairman of the T.V.A., declared that if it were constructed it would be almost the greatest engineering project in America. It will cost about three hundred million dollars.

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The subject came up because the T.V.A. went to the Appropriations Committee of the House, asking for money to make further studies of the project. If we construct a single dam across the Cumberland and the Ohio at the mouth of the Cumberland, we'll have one enormous reservoir that will tend to control floods

on the three rivers at one water level. It will be a project at least as stupendous as Boulder Dam and perhaps of greater importance.

SAILORS

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Here's an economy note. The Senate has taken one step towards meeting President Roosevelt's demand for reducing Uncle Sam's expenses. It has cut down the money that Uncle has to pay when a sailor or leatherneck feels frisky in a foreign port. Every time a gob or a leatherneck socks anybody, Uncle has to pay!

Among your Uncle's unpaid bills that have just come before the Senate, is one from China. In May, Nineteen Thirty-One, Private Bill Daniels of the Marines was <sup>jogging along</sup> riding in a rickshaw.

Private Bill Daniels' hat blew off. Cheu Hai Kow, a citizen of Shanghai, politely ran to pick it up. But Private Daniels, being of a suspicious turn of mind, thought that Cheu Hai Kow was trying to swipe his lid. <sup>So</sup> Private Daniels ungratefully socked Cheu Hai Kow on <sup>on his Oriental</sup> ~~the~~ nose.

Two other citizens of Shanghai, Cheu ~~X~~ Ziang and Mo Zung Poo, thought it looked like an interesting fight, so they stopped to watch. Private Daniels evidently was indignant at <sup>- as</sup> that they hadn't paid to see the show. So he took it out in <sup>^</sup> bruises, socked those two peaceful Shanghai citizens.

At that moment, a street car was passing by and

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Corporal Moon of the Marines saw the row. And, <sup>deciding</sup> judging that it was not a private fight, he hopped off the street car and joined in! Before long ~~there~~ <sup>it</sup> was ~~a peach of a fight!~~ <sup>- well, just a bowl of chop suey!</sup>

It might have gone ill with the two leathernecks if the Corporal hadn't had a knife with him. When it was all mopped up, two Chinese gentlemen were found badly injured. They claimed compensation from Uncle Sam. The Senate cut them down to three hundred bucks. Senator Robinson of Arkansas said: "That fight happened six years ago. Surely their bruises must have healed ~~long~~ before this. Nevertheless, Cheu Hai Kow and Mo Zung Poo are to receive three hundred of Uncle Sam's best fifty-nine cent dollars.

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But that's nothing compared to the case of Miss Lucia de Jeanneret. Described as a young lady of good family, she was walking down the street one afternoon in Valparaiso, Chile. <sup>in</sup> <sup>so</sup> doing, she encountered Able Seaman Andrew Stanley Kondek of Uncle Sam's Navy. Able Seaman Kondek was not only going in the opposite direction but he was going in a pretty <sup>zigzag</sup> ~~tortuous~~ path. In fact, he <sup>imp</sup> <sup>!</sup> ~~bumped~~ into Miss deJeanneret and knocked her down.

Miss de Jeanneret's mother claimed twenty-five thousand dollars damages. But when able seaman Kondak's commanding officer slapped him in the brig, she shaved the claim to five thousand bucks. And now the Senate has shaved it still further, -- to two thousand dollars. Two thousand dollars' damages for an assault that happened sixteen years ago!

The moral is when you are in Valparaiso, Chile, watch where you are going!

## PERSHING

Solomon in all his glory never was arrayed like one of our representative who'll attend King George's coronation. General John J. Pershing, -- popularly known to the A. E. F as "Blackjack", -- sailed for London today. In his trunk was the uniform that a military tailor in Washington had made for him. As a full general in the United States army, in fact its ranking officer, he is the one person in the United States who has the right to design his own togs. And has he designed them! Not even the Emperor of Abyssinia at the height of his power, was ever so bespangled and bedecked and befrilled as Blackjack Pershing will be when he arrives in that coronation procession.

He has, to be sure, declined to wear knee breeches. He'll wear long pants with two gold stripes running down each leg.

These gorgeous regalis, which will adorn the body of our General, are said to have cost over six hundred bucks, which would furnish any ordinary citizen with twelve brand new suits, a new one for each month in the year. It evidently is General Pershing's ambition to look as much like General Grant as possible, -- though it

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has not been announced that he will grow a beard for the occasion.

Here's a description of the uniform! It's a ~~dark~~ <sup>dark</sup> blue full dress uniform of Civil War model. Over this goes a high colored coat, knee length, with gold embroidered oak leaves around the collar and cuffs. On each sleeve are four gold stars, on each shoulder huge gold epaulets. Down the front, two rows of twelve gold buttons, arranged in series of four. Over the right shoulder, our General will wear a wide buff sash draped around the waist. Around his waist goes a belt composed entirely of gold embroidered oak leaves. And from it he will dangle the ceremonial sabre given him by the First Division.

But that isn't all of it. His black hat, afore and aft, is all dolled up with enormous ostrich feathers and heavy strings of gold braid. On the dogs, patent leather shoes.

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~~age xxx "Is it correct?" I asked xxx Mr. Krapp replied xxx "Yes xxx~~  
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ADD PERSHING

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But, wait a minute, there's still more to this story.

~~The first consequence of its being published was, of course, vastly to amuse the public. The second was to infuriate the General.~~

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When the reporters gathered at the pier to give <sup>the General</sup> ~~him~~ a send-off, they received a warning. "The General is sore about the story of the uniform. Don't ask him about it." When the General strode on the gangplank, a sergeant walked ahead of him. He declined to pose for the cameramen and said to his sergeant: "If they get in the way, knock them <sup>em</sup> down."

The reporters finally saw him outside his cabin. The brashest of the group asked him the fatal question. The General's face assumed a look of despair. Then he said sternly: ~~that~~ "the description of that uniform has been very much exaggerated." He explained: "It's ~~xxx~~ simply a modification of the old Brigadier-General's full dress uniform that I wore twenty years ago. It's just changed to correspond to my present rank."

Just to settle the question, I called up Mr. Frank Krupp, the Washington tailor who made that uniform for the General.

I read him the description as I told it to you a minute ago.

"Is it correct?" I asked. Mr. Krupp replied: "Yes, it is correct, except that the four stars on each sleeve are not gold, but silver." Mr. Krupp gave me some additional information about the General's cape. It's a most ~~an~~ handsome affair lined with yellow satin.

Gosh, I wish my home folks back in Missouri could see Blackjack in that get-up. They'd think they'd already seen the Coronation.

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*Admiral*  
Julian Bryan  
SIMPSON

On the eighth of last September I was in Istanbul Turkey, when the then King Edward of England, Mrs. Simpson and a party of friends arrived on their yacht. They came to pay a visit to Kemal Ataturk, President of the Turkish republic. Even then rumors were current, and these from sources close to the king. Everybody was whispering that he was determined to marry the American woman, even if it meant giving up his throne. All of us know the story since then.

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Today ( Mrs. Simpson ~~today~~ came one step nearer to becoming H.R.H., the Duchess of Windsor. Her solicitor made formal application to the Probate, Admiralty and Divorce Division of the British Courts to have her Nisi Prius decree of divorce made absolute. The petition will probably be granted Monday. And so the romance that upset an empire and almost spilled a royal dynasty, will be on its way to consummation. )

Meanwhile, we are reminded that for the second time in twenty-six years, a member of the British royal family is bringing a libel suit in the British courts. In Nineteen Eleven, an American journalist named Edward S. ~~Mylius~~ Mylius, was publishing a magazine called "Liberator." In it he wrote that King George the Fifth, while he was just plain Prince George, married the daughter of a British admiral on the Meditterrean station. Mylius even mentioned the admiral's name and declared

56 that the wedding had taken place in Malta, in Eighteen Ninety. Prince George then was an officer on a battleship of the Mediterranean squadron.

Mylius was brought to book, tried for libel,

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criminal libel. By the time he published that story, H.R.H. Prince George, had become His Majesty, King George. In court Mylius demanded that the King be subpoenaed. This was overruled, since it was legally impossible in British custom and law for a king to appear in a court of law, though King George's father, Edward the Seventh, when Prince of Wales, had been subpoenaed as a witness in a famous gambling case.

Mylius was convicted for criminal libel, and sentenced to twelve months of hard labor. The charge that he had brought against the King was definitely disproved.

There's one difference between that case and the one now being brought by the Duke of Windsor against the author of "Coronation Commentaries". The Duke is bringing a civil, not a criminal action.

SPAIN

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Tonight's dispatches from Spain sound like the death knell of one of the oldest, most picturesque, civilizations of Europe. (Bilbao, principal city of the Basques, seems at its last gasp. From different directions, three Rebel armies are marching in a final relentless attack on that ancient capital. The Basques themselves charge that those armies are under the direction of German and Italian Generals.) They say, indeed, that the entire staffs of those advancing columns are foreigners from the Fascist countries.

The country of the Basques faces today the greatest danger in all its long history. The menace of General Franco's army is greater even than the conquest of the Visigoths in five <sup>the year</sup> hundred and eighty, which drove many of them over the Spanish border into France. Greater even than the invasion of the Moslems.

These people of mysterious origin, have Despite conquest after conquest, ~~they have~~ retained their individuality as a race, their language, their social code.

58 Will their individuality survive even a conquest by the Rebels?

The ~~Basques~~ Basques are fighting today even more fiercely than they fought the armies of Charlemagne in seven

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hundred and seventy-nine. They're fighting to the last drop of their blood. One illustration of the desperate nature of their resistance is told in today's news. Forced back towards Durango, the survivors of three desimated battalions made a stand sixteen miles from the capital. They seized a church at Durango, bringing with them their cannon and machine guns. With that church as a fortress, they kept up an improvised last minute defense, riddling the flanks of the advancing Rebel armies. But even that fierce effort was apparently of no avail. General Franco's armies marched around them. The last thing we hear is that they were on their way to Bilbao with only a bare handful of defenders to stop them.

Rioting broke out in the Basque capital today. The city was under terrific bombardment from artillery and air bombers.

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The military command was considering the evacuation of all the civilians in Bilbao, that is, all the women and children.

The only hopeful news for the people of Bilbao is that three more British ships were preparing to run the blockade of the ~~xxx~~ harbor. One of John Bull's men-o-war, the ROYAL OAK, is standing by, seeing to it that they are not attacked in Rebel warships.

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