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INTRO- FLIERS

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Well, I'd certainly like to be over in Budapest tonight. The twin cities Buda and Pest on the banks of the Danube are having a wild celebration. Those two fliers got there. Captains George Andre and Alexander Magyar made it. Non-stop, all the way from New York to Budapest, 3400 miles. At any rate, they came so near their goal that you can count it a complete flight. They were forced to land about 20 miles from Budapest, and of course that means right on the outskirts of the capital city of Hungary.

After twenty-six hours in the air, and after traveling 3400 miles, their fuel ran out, right on the edge of Budapest. When they came down they cracked up the landing gear of their plane simply because they were trying to avoid hitting some people in a cornfield. But the two men themselves didn't get a scratch.

The International News Service reminds us that it was a flight with a political angle. The two Hungarians undertook

their adventure to advertise to the world that their native country of Hungary hasn't been treated right.

This evening and tomorrow morning the name of their plane - JUSTICE TO HUNGARY - will be blazened in newspapers all over the world.

Well, the Hungarians sympathize entirely with the ideas of the two fliers about the way Hungary has been treated, and that only makes their welcome tonight in Budapest all the wilder. Citizens of the twon are yelling their heads off with cheers for the aviators Andre and Magyar, and their plane -- JUSTICE OF HUNGARY.

Captain Magyar in an exclusive statement to the International News Service, stated that never even caught a glimpse of the ocean on their way across. They flew above a dense fog and the first land they sighted was central France where they flew low and read some road signs - and then on they went to Budapest.

1 Now comes a bit of news about  
2 some more round the world jaunts<sup>ing</sup>. After  
3 Post and Gatty's remarkable circumnavigation  
4 by air, it's a bit tame. But just the  
5 same, it would have been a great stunt  
6 a few years<sup>back</sup> - or rather two great stunts.

7 Two Japanese set out on a race  
8 around the world. Kenzo Fukuma started  
9 west, Sute Maru Shingu started east.  
10 And the two men beat it around the world  
11 as fast as they could, <sup>in opposite directions.</sup> ~~one hurrying~~  
12 ~~westward, and the other hurrying eastward.~~

13 The Associated Press explains  
14 that they took only normal means of  
15 passenger travel, steamships, railroads  
16 and whenever possible airplanes on the  
17 regularly organized passenger airlines.

18 Kenzo Fukuma, who traveled  
19 west, has won out. He made the round the  
20 world circle in thirty-one days and  
21 six hours. Sute Maru Shingu's time ~~is~~ was  
22 over thirty-five days.

23 Well, that's about as fast as  
24 man can go by ordinary means of travel,  
25 but it certainly does seem slow going

1 when you think of that flight to  
2 Budapest which the Hungarians have just  
3 made, and Post and Gatty's whizz around  
4 the world in eight and a half days.

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1 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ And while we're on the  
2 subject of travel and adventure let's  
3 go back to the familiar theme of Polar  
4 exploration. People are always asking  
5 what's the use of all those trips to  
6 those ~~use~~<sup>and</sup>less expanses of ice and snow.

7 Well, the New Literary Digest, the  
8 one that came out today, tells us ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
9 something illuminating about that.

10 This time the Literary Digest goes  
11 to a French periodical for a shrewd  
12 bit of information. The name of this  
13 magazine translated into English means  
14 "All the World," and it begins by saying  
15 that the barren regions that surround  
16 the Pole are likely to be a fruitful  
17 source of international disputes. The  
18 nations will quarrel with each other for  
19 the possession of those deserts of ice  
20 -- that's how important they are. The  
21 Digest goes on with the explanation that  
22 the shortest route between Europe and  
23 North America is across the Polar  
24 regions. The most direct line lies  
25 over Greenland and the frozen Franklin

1 archipelago. Travel from Europe to  
2 America by that route would save  
3 airplanes and dirigibles thousands of  
4 miles.

5 And then the Literary Digest gives  
6 us this additional piece of illumination.  
7 Sky voyagers traveling across the Arctic  
8 don't have to worry about nightfall and  
9 darkness. They're in the Land of the  
10 Midnight Sun. The Digest tells us that  
11 travelers leaving Paris or London in the  
12 morning would be in the Land of the  
13 Midnight Sun by evening, and by the  
14 time they had crossed it day would ~~be~~  
15 have broken in the more ~~southernly~~  
16 southernly regions. They'd be traveling  
17 in daylight all the time.

18 All of us who wonder about what  
19 possible use the Polar regions can have  
20 might ~~just as~~ well consult the Literary  
21 Digest article and get the full  
22 explanation.  
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1           They're dancing tangos in  
2 Buckingham Palace tonight. Yes, and  
3 maybe a wedding is being announced.

4           Tonight is the night of the Royal  
5 Ball. King George and Queen Mary are  
6 holding the first dancing entertainment  
7 since 1924. It's not a formal state  
8 affair, stiff and solemn with ceremony.  
9 Their Majesties are just throwing a party  
10 for the younger set.

11           And the London newspapers are full  
12 of rumors and gossip. It's hinted that  
13 tonight's jollification may be an  
14 occasion set for the announcement of a  
15 royal marriage.

16           Of course the Prince of Wales is  
17 mentioned. The fact that he still  
18 obstinately remains a bachelor is an  
19 endless source of talk. And so the  
20 gossips in London see the possibility  
21 that the Prince of Wales may at last  
22 have decided to take a better-half unto  
23 himself and that his engagement will be  
24 announced tonight.

25           In the better-informed social

1 circles of Mayfair, however, it is  
2 believed that if any wedding is  
3 announced tonight, Lady Mary Cambridge  
4 will be the prospective bride. She is  
5 the daughter of the Princess Alice,  
6 Countess of Athlone, ~~and~~ She is the  
7 first cousin of the Prince of Wales and  
8 his brothers. The International News  
9 Service goes on to give us other royal  
10 names that are mentioned in the rumors  
11 of a wedding. There's Princess Ingrid,  
12 the beautiful daughter of the Crown  
13 Prince of Sweden. She is a granddaughter  
14 of King George and is now on a visit to  
15 the British court. And some believe  
16 that she may marry the Prince of Wales  
17 ~~or~~<sup>or</sup> one of his brothers, <sup>^</sup> the Duke of  
18 Gloucester or Prince George.

19 ~~And so rumors of a royal wedding~~  
20 ~~are drifting around in fashionable London.~~  
21 Perhaps there'll be a wedding -- and  
22 perhaps there won't.

23 As to the Prince of Wales, all he  
24 says on the subject is, "Let's tango."  
25 H.R.H. has insisted that among the



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dances tonight there must be several tangos. The Associated Press reminds us that he's a splendid dancer and loves to glide across the floor in the slow sinuous grace of the ~~tango~~ *South American slide.*

PAJAMAS

A great pajama battle is on at Asbury Park, New Jersey. In that popular seaside resort the city fathers and the leading citizens have lined up in opposite parties -- the pro-pajamas and the anti-pajamas.

It appears that the ladies vacationing at Asbury Park have gone in for beach pajamas. In fact I was down there enjoying the pajama scenery myself this morning. At any rate a number of citizens of Asbury Park are shocked. They say there ought to be a law. "Can you imagine," they ask, "those beach pajamas worn over a wet bathing suit?"

They say the effect is best described as shocking.

And then Asbury Park is right next door to Ocean Grove, which is a famous Methodist Camp Meeting ground and summer resort. And right now at Ocean Grove the Women's Christian Temperance Union is holding a big gathering. And the question grows louder -- ARE BEACH PAJAMAS IN HARMONY WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE W. C. T. U.? And the

1 answer is NO, a hundred times No.

2 The Asbury Park Hotel Men's  
3 Association declares that those beach  
4 pajamas tend to lower the fair name of  
5 Asbury Park. They've gone to the City  
6 Council and have demanded that something  
7 be done about it. And so the City  
8 Council is now debating the question --  
9 SHOULD THE LADIES WEAR BEACH PAJAMAS OR  
10 -- WHAT SHOULD THEY WEAR?

11 Meanwhile, the ladies don't seem to  
12 be particularly interested in the  
13 controversy. They lounge around the  
14 beach in their pajamas and talk -- well,  
15 what do they talk about? Why, about the  
16 Hoover moratorium, I suppose.

*And by the way,* That moratorium habit seems to be spreading.

The Republic of Chile today declared a moratorium on its foreign debts. All payments to foreign countries will be suspended temporarily.

During the rest of July, Chile is supposed to pay a little over 2 million dollars in interest and charges on debts. These payments will be postponed until August 1st. On that date the Chilean government will make a decision about future payments and will announce when the money will be forked over.

The Associated Press reminds us that the world depression has badly disorganized the market for minerals and nitrates, and these are the principal source of wealth of the Republic of Chile. The result has been financial stringency and hard times.

And from Mexico comes word that government officials and important financiers are looking to the United States to give them a hand. The

1 International News Service explains that  
2 the Latin-American countries in general  
3 are having a hard time <sup>making</sup> ~~to make~~ payments  
4 on their national debts. An official  
5 of the Mexican Ministry of Finance  
6 declares that Mexico needs aid and if  
7 she gets it she will not only be able  
8 to make her debt payments but will also  
9 be able to buy increased quantities of  
10 goods from the United States.

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1 Things seem to be a bit more  
2 cheerful tonight over in Europe -- I  
3 mean with regard to the financial  
4 situation of Germany. A conference has  
5 been called to be held in Paris between  
6 the Chancellor and the <sup>Foreign</sup> ~~Prime~~ Minister of  
7 Germany, <sup>on one hand</sup> and officials of the French  
8 government, <sup>on the other.</sup> This will be followed by a  
9 conference on Monday in London, when the  
10 British will have their say.

11 The New York Evening Post gives the  
12 information that the United States will  
13 take a large hand in these proceedings.  
14 Secretary-of-State Stimson, who is in  
15 Europe, will participate in the  
16 discussions. It looks as if a big  
17 concerted effort is being made to pull  
18 Germany off the financial rocks.

19 The United Press cables that the  
20 French cabinet today discussed the  
21 possibility ~~es~~ of arranging a big loan for  
22 Germany, with Europe putting up half ~~of~~  
23 the money and the United States the other  
24 half.

25 The International News Service adds

1 the detail that optimism in French  
2 financial circles was reflected today in  
3 a rise of prices in the Paris stock  
4 market.

5           Anyway, statesmen are getting  
6 together, and the general word seems to  
7 be that something will have to be done—  
8 *and there's a strangely familiar*  
9 *ring to those words.*

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1           Now comes word of a armistice, a  
2 truce. The Vatican and the Italian  
3 government have agreed to call off their  
4 big controversy during the rest of the  
5 summer. The International News Service  
6 calls it a truce until autumn and  
7 explains that newspapers and spokesmen  
8 representing the Vatican on one side and  
9 the Fascist government of Italy on the  
10 other, will stop making charges and  
11 countercharges.  
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1 They still seem to be having  
2 bomb outrages over in Italy. Each of  
3 two Fascist officials at ~~XXXXX~~ Genoa  
4 received from the postman two packages  
5 which seemed to contain nothing more  
6 than mail order fountain pens. But  
7 those fountain pens were bombs, and  
8 when those two Fascist officials  
9 opened the packages the fountain pens  
10 went off with a roar and <sup>two</sup> the men were injured.  
11 ~~badly hurt. around the hands.~~

12 That was today's big source of  
13 excitement in Genoa, but it wasn't  
14 the only source. A bomb <sup>also</sup> went off  
15 near the water front. ~~Nobody was hurt.~~

16 Well, these are the <sup>latest</sup> ~~last~~ of a  
17 series of bomb explosions that Italy  
18 has been having. Most of them have  
19 ~~xxxxxxx~~ done very little damage.

20 The Associated Press sends  
21 word that the Fascist authorities are  
22 ~~not under the collar~~ <sup>in an angry mood</sup> and are mobilizing  
23 ~~their~~ secret police in an effort to arrest  
24 the bombers.  
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1           There was a flare-up of race war  
2 in New York today, and it only goes to  
3 show what a cosmopolitan city New York  
4 is.

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5           The race riot was between Porto  
6 Ricans and Filipinos. They lived in  
7 adjoining neighborhoods in the lower  
8 part of Harlem, and bad feeling has  
9 been brewing. And now it has flared  
10 up and mobs of Filipinos and Porto  
11 Ricans went <sup>battling</sup> ~~babbling~~ through the streets.

12 One man was killed and several badly  
13 wounded, and tonight the police are  
14 keeping a close watch to prevent any  
15 more trouble in that little corner of  
16 New York's gig-saw puzzle of nations  
17 and races.

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## The talk among the boys

1 ~~It's too bad the boys~~ out at  
 2 <sup>Penn., is that it's too bad they</sup> Norristown, didn't have a new <sup>edition of</sup> ~~addition~~  
 3 ~~to~~ Noah's Ark. That's what they needed.

4 There were ~~the~~ animals of many  
 5 kinds and the waters began to rise but  
 6 there was no ark.

7 The Associated Press explains that  
 8 Norristown, ~~Pennsylvania~~, has a real  
 9 nice Zoo, or at least it had. The zoo  
 10 was near Stony Creek.

11 Well, it began to cloud up and the  
 12 sky grew black. There was a tremendous  
 13 cloudburst over that part of Pennsylvania  
 14 and Stony Creek began to rise.

15 Ordinarily, it's a dinky sort of brook  
 16 --about 12 feet wide, but the waters  
 17 came swirling down and Stony Creek rose  
 18 until it was 200 feet wide and 20 feet  
 19 ~~xxx~~ deep. And it washed out the zoo.

20 The Norristown Zoo long had been  
 21 ~~the~~ proud of its ten alligators. They  
 22 were the wonder of all the children of  
 23 the countryside. Well, of course the  
 24 ~~axkixaxkax~~ cloudburst and the flood  
 25 didn't distress those alligators

1 particularly. When the waters rose, foot  
2 by foot, in the menagerie, the alligators  
3 just had a good swim for themselves.  
4 They swam right out of their enclosures  
5 and went paddling down Stony Creek.

6 Other animals were in danger of  
7 being drowned and the keepers had a hard  
8 time saving some of them. Harmless  
9 critters such as deer or antelope were  
10 released. Eight deer went parading down  
11 the main street of Norristown. They  
12 trotted along with a friendly curiosity.  
13 Later on one of them came wistfully  
14 back to the flooded zoo. The waters  
15 still were deep and the poor old deer  
16 couldn't get in, but he was doing his  
17 best to return to the only home he knew.

1 Yes sir, the weather is hot.  
 2 That's what i am saying, and that's what  
 3 you've been saying. It's also what  
 4 Charlie Seabury's hen said.

5 <sup>"Cluck, clack"</sup>  
~~"who"~~ groaned Charlie's hen in  
 6 the language of chickens. "It certainly  
 7 is hot today. But it isn't the heat.  
 8 It's the humidity."

9 And then that bird went on to  
 10 add what millions of folks have been  
 11 saying all day - "it's just too hot to  
 12 work."

13 The Associated Press passes  
 14 along the story that Charlie Seabury's  
 15 hen, at Plainfield, Nebraska, went on  
 16 strike today. It was just too hot and  
 17 she refused to set on her eggs. ~~There~~  
 18 ~~was one thing, today, however, that was~~  
 19 ~~not on strike, and that was the heat.~~  
 20 And the <sup>in the hot weather</sup> ~~heat~~ went right ahead and did the  
 21 work <sup>for</sup> ~~of~~ Charlie's hen. ~~The hot weather~~  
 22 <sup>It</sup> hatched out four eggs which ~~were~~ <sup>had been</sup>  
 23 abandoned when that hot and bothered  
 24 bird went out to seek some cooling  
 25 breezes.

1 Well, like Charlie's hen I am  
2 warm. I haven't gone on strike, ~~but~~ I've  
3 ~~have~~ hatched out my nest full of news  
4 items.

5 And now, like Charlie's hen  
6 I think I'll seek whatever cooling  
7 breezes I can find.

8 Meanwhile, so long until  
9 tomorrow.

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