

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 There's a funny look this evening
2 in the eyes of that famous Monarch,
3 King Cotton. His Majesty may have a
4 vacation next year.

5 Today the State Legislature in
6 Louisiana passed a bill declaring a
7 cotton holiday in 1932. This bill was
8 sponsored by Governor Huey P. Long
9 and it went through in a hurry. It
10 ~~proposes~~ to forbid the growing of any
11 cotton in 1932 in the State of Louisiana,
12 provided the other cotton-growing states
13 of the South will ^{also refrain from growing any.} ~~put through similar~~
14 ~~laws of their own.~~

15 Louisiana is saying to her Southern
16 brothers:

17 "BOYS, THE PRICE OF COTTON HAS
18 GONE DOWN AND DOWN. WE HAVE BEEN
19 PRODUCING TOO MUCH ~~COTTON~~. THE WAY WE
20 CAN BRING THE PRICE UP IS BY CUTTING THE
21 PRODUCTION OF COTTON. HOW ABOUT ^{holding up}
22 ~~STOPPING THE PRODUCTION~~ ^{on it} FOR A YEAR?
23 WE'LL TAKE THE LEAD. HERE IS THIS NEW
24 LAW OF OURS. NOW WHAT WE WANT IS FOR
25 EACH OF YOU TO PUT THROUGH A LAW OF THE

1 ~~XX~~
2 SAME KIND. WE WON'T GROW A BALE OF
3 COTTON IN 1932 IF YOU WILL GUARANTEE TO
4 ~~DO THE SAME.~~ *follow suit.*"

5 The State Government of Louisiana,
6 says the Associated Press, is taking
7 up the matter with the other ~~states~~
8 cotton-growing states and these are
9 debating the question of whether they
10 should join in the movement and make
11 1932 a cottonless year--in fact the only
12 cottonless year since those old days when
13 Colonists in America introduced the
14 plant that grows the white and fluffy
15 stuff and made King Cotton a Monarch
16 of ~~the South Land~~ *Dixie.*

1 It was announced today that
2 between fifteen and twenty five thousand
3 men had been ordered to return to work
4 on September 8th at the Ford Plant in
5 Detroit. The company made a big cut
6 of its working force on August 1st
7 but now ~~all those~~ thousands are going
8 back. And the Associated Press quotes
9 officials of the company as saying that
10 fifty thousand men were expected to be
11 taken back by the middle of September.
12 Former employes will get the jobs.

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1 Three hundred thousand people
2 over in England had their pay cut today.
3 They are government employes. The new
4 "economy government" of Great Britain has
5 started in on its money-saving drive, and
6 ~~they~~ began with the civil service. The
7 amount cut off from each man's ^{or} ~~and~~ woman's
8 salary won't be much, only a little more
9 than ten dollars a year.

10 But multiply that by 300,000 and
11 you have a good deal of money. The
12 figure given by the Associated Press is
13 400 ^{million} dollars a year -- and that's a
14 considerable saving for a country that's
15 as up against it for ^{ready cash} ~~money~~ as England is ^{just}
16 now.

17 Meanwhile, Prime Minister MacDonald
18 is being expelled more and more from the
19 Labor Party -- that is, more and more
20 various branches are showing him the
21 gate. The ~~London~~ ^{for the London district} branch, in which he
22 lives ~~was~~ Prime Minister has said, "Good-
23 bye, Ramsey old chap, ^{toodle-oo}" and the
24 International News Service cables that
25 even in his old home district in Scotland,

1 where he's now having a vacation, the
2 local Labor party has voted to expel him
3 from its ranks.

4 They accuse him of having formed
5 an anti-socialistic government, the
6 purpose of which is to put through
7 legislation which is against the
8 interests of the working class.

Well, Gandhi has sailed, Amid a scene of wild demonstrations. He is now on the high sea aboard the steamer Rajputana, on his way to London to attend the conference which it is hoped will ^{definitely} decide the ^{present} fate of India.

But Gandhi doesn't seem to have much hope. He declares that he doesn't believe that London conference will settle the Indian question or that it will accomplish anything in particular. But just the same he is going. He is quoted by the Associated Press, as declaring:

" I SEE NOTHING ON THE HORIZON TO WARRANT HOPE. I WAS BORN AN OPTIMIST, AND I AM HOPING AGAINST HOPE."

Before he sailed he made an address to ~~an endless~~ group of followers in which he said:

"I AM A CRIPPLED MAN. BUT IT IS NATURAL THAT A CRIPPLED NATION SHOULD HAVE A CRIPPLED DELEGATE."

On his way to the ship at Bombay huge crowd^s gathered and yelled frantic

1 cheers for the little Holy Man. But
2 there was one loud and discordant note.
3 A group of Reds gathered with banners
4 and howled denunciations against Gandhi.
5 They protested with wild yells against
6 his trying to make peace with the British
7 and his departure for the London
8 Conference. But they were outnumbered
9 by Gandhi's followers.

10 There was a lively fight. Fists
11 flew and missiles were hurled. The
12 International News Service says that the
13 friends of Gandhi won. They swooped down
14 ~~on~~ on the Mahatma's enemies and gave
15 them a thorough beating. ^{TP} Of course ~~a~~
16 Gandhi's trip to England has an important
17 sartorial angle. The Mahatma's clothes
18 are going to provide one of the most
19 interesting slants ^{s in} of the news concerning
20 his trip to London. ^{The United Press mentions that} he went aboard ship
21 clothed as usual in a loin cloth, with
22 a scarf hung about his shoulders. He
23 will live on goat's milk and fruit.
24 Miss Madeline Slade, English woman, and
25 daughter of a British Admiral, is Gandhi's
attendant on the voyage and she is ~~in~~
~~charge of the goats.~~ the milkmaid to the goats.

1 An Associated Press cable from
2 Paris denies ^a~~the~~ report that France
3 is about to get out of Syria. The
4 French have been in possession of
5 Syria under the mandate system since the
6 end of the World War.

7 *But* The denial doesn't say outright
8 that there's nothing to the rumor that
9 France is going to give up Syria. A
10 spokesman for the French foreign office
11 merely says that the report is premature.

12 The explanation was made that
13 negotiations are now under way for
14 the framing of a treaty which will give
15 the Syrians the right of self-govern-
16 ment. The French say the time isn't
17 ripe now, but when it is, France will
18 withdraw her soldiers, will declare the
19 autonomy of Syria, and will give the
20 Syrians the right to enter the League
21 of Nations.

22 The arrangement which France
23 proposes is something like the agreement
24 which England made with the kingdom of
25 Irak -- that is, Mesopotamia. Both

1 Irak and Syria are somewhat similarly
2 situated. One is to the east of Arabia,
3 and the other is to the west. Their
4 problems are ~~somewhat~~ similar, and I
5 suppose the solution^s might as well be
6 similar too.

1 Now let's begin where I left off
2 last night -- I mean that story I
3 didn't have time to tell.

4 Picture the ^{sub-}~~barren~~ Arctic land
5 along the Peace River, ^{far up near the}~~that is in the~~
6 ~~desolate borderland of Canada and~~
7 ~~Alaska.~~ A canoe paddling on the river.
8 In it are a white man and two Indians.
9 The white man is a priest. He looks
10 very old. He has a long white beard.
11 In fact, he's very old -- more than a
12 hundred.

13 This picture is drawn for us in
14 the current issue of the Literary Digest.
15 It is quoted from a Methodist periodical,
16 Zion's Herald, which prints an interview
17 with Carveth Wells, the far-journeying
18 traveler.

19 ~~Wells~~ Far up there in the North
20 Carveth Wells met that ancient priest
21 traveling along the river, still active
22 despite his hundred odd years. The old
23 man was Father Grouard, well-known among
24 the hardy people along the Arctic circle
25 of western Canada and Alaska. He was a

1 middle-aged man already, back in 1873,
2 when he set out with a bullock-cart from
3 Chicago and headed to the Northwest.
4 He was looking for a parish. First he
5 went to the little log-cabin villages of
6 Minneapolis and Saint Paul, but they
7 weren't primitive enough for the
8 pioneering priest, ~~to make the right kind~~
9 ~~of parish.~~ He kept on in his bullock-
10 cart, heading North. He traveled
11 through the untamed Indians of those
12 days until he came to the present site
13 of the city of Edmonton. Then he put
14 on snow-shoes and walked a distance
15 that now takes two days by train. He
16 came to the Peace River, but still that
17 wasn't far enough and wild enough for
18 the parish that he wanted.

19 With a couple of Indian companions
20 he built a raft and floated northward
21 along the river. Finally he came to a
22 place sufficiently desolate and far
23 enough in the country of the ^{most northerly} Indians
24 ~~and Eskimos~~ to please the fancy of this
25 adventuring missionary. He built a

1 church with walls and ceilings of
2 moose-hide. And there he conducted his
3 mission for years.

4 He passed his spare time painting
5 sacred pictures for the walls of his
6 church. He was quite an artist in his
7 way.

8 Carveth Wells, as quoted in the
9 Methodist ~~Zion's Herald~~^{periodical}, tells us that
10 when he was up that way a couple of
11 years ago the church was still standing
12 and the paintings were still on the
13 walls. They are considered artistic
14 treasures by now. Several museums have
15 tried to buy them. But the understanding
16 was that they would remain in the church
17 until the old priest had died, and then
18 they would be given to one of Canada's
19 large museums.

20 At that time Father Grouard,
21 although more than 100 years old, was
22 still healthy and active -- and he may
23 still be.

24 Well, that article which the
25 Literary Digest gives us is an impressive

panarama of missionaries in the wilds.

Carveth Wells goes on by telling how last year in the depths of Central Africa he met a man distributing Bibles. He was traveling all the way from the East to the West coast of Africa, pushing along his stock of Bibles in a kind of wheelbarrow.

Yes, it's a parade of missionary heroism that that Literary Digest article gives us this week.

1 The ^{national} air races opened at Cleveland
2 today. There was a flower procession
3 that made its way through the streets of
4 the city. It was sponsored by the
5 Cleveland Plain-Dealer; and the United
6 Press describes it as a splashing display
7 of colorful floats and gaily bedecked
8 marchers. The procession made a 25-mile
9 trip through the city streets and on out
10 to the airport.

11 Well, at the airport they had
12 another kind of procession. A squadron
13 of fighting Naval planes thundered through
14 the air, and those boys made speed as they
15 wheeled around the sky in their skillful
16 formations.

17 ~~Well~~ ^{And}, these were just opening
18 festivities. And the next few days are
19 going to see the thrilling contests, with
20 their mad ~~ad~~ orgies of speed -- speed and
21 more speed.

22 And among those present
23 will be the giant DO-X.
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George
Sanford
Holmes

(Wash.
correspondent
of Scripps-
Howard
chain)

Nineteen years ago a milk-faced, guileless youth, came down out of the tops of the Rocky Mountains, and knocked timidly at the door of the editor of the big-town newspaper, a great editor, a noble editor - he saved me from starving to death.

Well, I ~~was to be~~ the milk-faced youth. And since ~~that time~~ a lot of snows have melted on the slopes of old Pikes Peak and that first soft-hearted editor who took me under his wing, has become a newspaper man with a national reputation. In fact, today he is Washington correspondent of a whole chain of dailies, the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Not only does he write political and general articles that are printed from coast to coast, but he also reels off poems which are read daily, by hundreds of thousands of folks on this continent.

His name is George Sandford Holmes. And my old boss George Holmes happens to be in New York this week. I invited him to come along to the studio with me tonight and tell us some news item of the day that strikes his fancy. I even told him ~~that~~ he might burst into verse ~~about it~~ if he wanted to.

Well, George, how about it?

1 I'm glad to know that unconsciously
2 I have been responsible for saving a
3 human life--if starving newspaper men
4 are human. I suppose they are, but they
5 don't always look it. But now that
6 "story of the day". To me it was the
7 reception to the Old Frigate CONSTITUTION,
8 --a welcome such as only New York can
9 give, to the old historic relic, now
10 rebuilt and repaired and being towed about
11 the country as Exhibit A of patriotic
12 tradition. This was the way it impressed
13 me, in a verse which I have called, "Give
14 Back Her Wings!"

15 HER TAPERING MASTS AND YARD-ARMS
16 TOWER BARE
17 HER SAILS ARE FURLED FOREVER TO THE
18 BREEZE;
19 A TUG AND TOW-LINE DRAG HER THRU
20 THE SEAS
21 THAT ONCE SHE RULED AMID THE
22 BATTLE'S GLARE;
23 NO MORE HER MUZZLE-LOADERS BELCH
24 AND BLARE
25 OR GRAPPLING-IRONS GRIP HER ENEMIES,
HER PEACEFUL MISSION NOW TO FLOAT
AT EASE
WITH "TATTERED ENSIGN" IDLING IN
THE AIR.
O CRIPPLED BIRD FROM OUT THE GLORIOUS

1 past,
2 SHORN OF SNOW PLUMAGE, CANVAS BATTENED
3 FAST,
4 PRAY SOON TO SPREAD THY PINIONS TO
5 THE GALE,
6 MAN RIGGING, DECK AND SPAR, CROWD SAIL
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O SET HER FREE AND CUT HER LEADING-STRINGS
GIVE BACK TO IRONSIDES HER GORGEOUS WINGS

SWINDLE

That was superb. And certainly a grand way to tell about that glorious old ship. By the way, George, you're an heir to an estate over in England are you? If so, just listen while I tell the folks this one:-

The stately activities of diplomacy and state-craft were livened up a bit today by the American ambassador to Great Britain coming out and denouncing a swindle. Ambassador Charles G. Dawes and his pipe still upside down, made a public declaration in which he denounced the "imaginary estate" swindle which is said to be taking millions of dollars out of the pockets of gullible Americans.

The "imaginery estate" game is usually a case of British crooks persuading Americans that they are heirs to a fortune over in England.

John Q. Jones of Hayseed Corners has a little money saved up, and the next thing you know he gets a letter from a supposed firm of eminent London solicitors who tell him that he is an heir to the fabulous fortune left by Lord Bareacres or the Duke of Emptiland.

Of course John Q. Jones, Esquire, will have to put ^{up} a bit of jack for the expense of establishing his title

1 to all that wealth. John does, and he's
2 just plain swindled. *Ah ha, and that's how*
3 *the touch is made.*

4 There is no estate such as the one
5 described, and even if there were John
6 wouldn't be entitled to any of it.

7 It's an old game. It's been going
8 on for ~~years~~ *decades*, but it's been flourishing
9 with a new crooked glory during the
10 past couple of years. Ambassador Dawes
11 is quoted by the United Press as
12 declaring that one of the singular
13 effects of the world depression is
14 shown in an increase in the number of
15 Americans who are swindled by crooked
16 British lawyers by means of the old
17 "imaginery estate" racket. And the

18 American ambassador is in a position to
19 know, because sooner or later these
20 swindles come to the notice of the
21 American diplomatic officials in London.

22 And so Ambassador Dawes wants the
23 word to be spread far and wide, warning
24 Americans against any supposed
25 information they may receive about
estates in England.

The ambassador comes right out and states that any American who, without preliminary investigation, sends money to a stranger to be used in establishing a claim to an estate, why that American is a double-distilled fool.

So let's all be on the look-out.

And, as I leave here now I'd like to see some slicker come up to me and tell me how I'm the heir to the two hundred thousand pound fortune left by his Grace the Earl of Flubdub.

I'd tell him just what I'm saying now:-

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.