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VETERANS

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Today uniforms of gray appeared again in the South - at Montgomery, Alabama -- uniforms of gray and clouch hats that bring back shadows of old times and memories of a lost cause.

The 41st annual reunion of the Confederate veterans went into session today at Camp Stephens, near Montgomery, Alabama. The men who fought under Lee and Jackson have gathered to commemorate the days when they marched to the defense of their native states seventy years ago.

More than 500 Confederate veterans are at this year's reunion to tell the southern story of those heroic days. Their ranks are thinning fast, but still the veterans bear themselves bravely under their burden of years, as bravely as when they wore the uniform of gray in their stalwart youth.

Simultaneously the United Sons of Confederate Veterans are holding their thirty-sixth annual convention at Camp Stephens. And they're showing the old fellows a great time. There's a band

concert nearly every hour, and vaudeville, and motion picture shows, and sight-seeing tours.

The Associated Press has referred to a rumor that this would be the last reunion of the Confederate veterans. The report is denied. The veterans are going to select a site for next year's convention. As one grizzled old fellow put it:-

"So long as there are two of us who can get together to raise the rebel yell, and so long as some southern city wants us, there'll be a reunion."

And that's the spirit; and there'll always be, not one southern city, but many southern cities to want them.

The men who fought in uniforms of gray are still full of fire and spirit. And tonight the rebel yell is ringing down in Alabama.



1           Here's an interesting coincidence:-  
2   The Confederate veterans got their 41st  
3   reunion under way in Alabama today --  
4   and in Washington, D.C., the Government  
5   of the United States accepted a statue  
6   of Jefferson Davis, president of the  
7   Confederate States. The statue ~~of Jeff~~  
8   ~~Davis~~ is of bronze and is presented to  
9   the federal government by the State of  
10  Mississippi.

11           The Associated Press reminds us  
12  ~~something~~ of the brilliant career of  
13  ~~Jefferson~~ Davis, the leader of the lost  
14  cause. As a military officer he was a  
15  hero in the Mexican War. He was a  
16  Senator, and then became Secretary of  
17  War of the United States.

18           Then he led the movement of  
19  secession and stood opposite Abraham  
20  Lincoln in the war of the states.

21           Well, it's just another happy  
22  indication, <sup>of the healing of old wounds</sup> when the statue of the  
23  leader of the Confederacy is placed there  
24  in Washington among the other important  
25  personalities of American history.

It's a striking symbol of the reconciliation of the  
blue and the gray.

## AIR MANEUVERS

President Hoover expressed himself today regarding those recent air maneuvers. He wrote a letter of congratulation to Secretary of War Hurley. The President seemed to be highly pleased and referred to the whole affair as having been carried out with remarkable success.



1 A bit of important business  
2 news was given out in Washington  
3 today. The government announced that  
4 it will take no further steps to  
5 interfere with the gigantic merger of  
6 the Standard Oil Company of New York  
7 and the Vacuum Oil Company.

8 When the two huge organizations  
9 announced a merger the government  
10 filed suit. A decision in the lower  
11 courts was that the merger was O. K.  
12 and the question was whether the  
13 government would appeal to the higher  
14 courts to stop the billion dollar  
15 merger.

16 Today's announcement was that  
17 no appeal would be taken, and so the  
18 huge merger can become an accomplished  
19 fact.

20 Mr. Goodhue, the financial  
21 expert for the International News  
22 Service, ~~called me up and~~ pointed out to me  
23 the importance of this bit of financial  
24 news. He said that sometime ago  
25 Attorney General Mitchell announced

that in enforcing the anti-trust laws, his department would abstain from doing anything that would be meddling with business, and now the government's decision not to appeal to the higher courts to stop the oil merger is right in line with that policy of not monkeying around with business.

Came to a finish and the British American stars were among the survivors. In fact, they came through with flying colors, especially that same Macdonald Smith who was the miracle man yesterday. "Mac" Smith distinguished himself again today. He reaped around the Cargoy's course in 71 strokes. Yesterday he made it in an even 70, and so for the entire qualifying play his figure stands at 141. And that beats the score of any other player.

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1 Yes, last night's prophecy was  
2 correct. It certainly looks as though  
3 Uncle Sam will be well represented in  
4 the British open championship golf  
5 tournament; The big tournament over  
6 in Scotland. Today the qualifying play  
7 came to a finish and the chief American  
8 stars were among the survivors. In  
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11 Smith who was the miracle man yesterday.  
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14 course in 71 strokes. Yesterday he made  
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23 One of the upsets came when H.C.  
24 Jolley, the crack British golfer, was  
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1 eliminated. His total for the two  
2 qualifying rounds was 162, and any  
3 golfer who wants to play in the <sup>is</sup> British  
4 Open must make it in at least 161. So  
5 Jolly went out today by a margin of one  
6 stroke.

1 Great Scott! Here's a kid who  
2 had an awful time of it, but thank  
3 goodness, he's safe and sound now.

4 The Associated Press states that  
5 for two days, in Rhode Island, a hunt  
6 has been going on for Albert Terranova,  
7 a seven-year old boy, of the town of  
8 Westerly.

9 The lad's father hunted for him  
10 day and night and today found him in  
11 the marshes <sup>near</sup> Pawtucket.

12 The boy left a motion picture  
13 house at night, and bewildered--started  
14 off on the wrong direction. He  
15 wandered into the marshes and trudged  
16 along, hour after hour. Finally, he  
17 was exhausted and could go no further.  
18 When his father found him the lad was  
19 kneeling down in two feet of water.  
20 He couldn't stand up anymore, and was  
21 trying to crawl through the water and  
22 the mud.

23 Well, he's at home now. He's  
24 scratched up a bit and all played out,  
25 but they say he will be all right. And  
mighty glad there's a happy ending to  
that story.

1 I've often heard mention made  
2 of the woes of the children of the  
3 rich, the idea being--"pity the poor  
4 little rich boy".

5 But I've got a new slant on it  
6 from half a dozen anecdotes I've been  
7 reading. Here's one:

8 A private tutor in a millionaire's  
9 home was teaching the six-year-old ■  
10 family heir how to write. The little  
11 boy wasn't learning very well, and the  
12 tutor said to him:

7' 13 "Now, Jack, you know how important  
14 it is to write well. Suppose you were  
15 writing an important letter--"

16 Right there Jack interrupted  
17 eagerly:

18 "That's just it," *he piped.* "I wouldn't be  
19 writing an important letter! I'll have  
20 people to write them for me!"

21 In the case of another rich little  
22 boy the tutor was on his neck all the  
23 time because of incredibly sloppy  
24 handwriting. The boy's father protested■.

25 "Now really," he expostulated,



1 "don't you think you very much  
2 exaggerate the importance of handwriting  
3 in my son's case? He'll never have  
4 to write. He can hire secretaries to  
5 do it for him."

6 "But," replied the tutor, "you  
7 are very careful to have the boy learn  
8 his golf strokes carefully."

9 "Oh," That's entirely different,"  
10 responded the father. "Good golf is  
11 essential for a business career."

12 That's the way Baby Billionaires  
13 are being raised--at least some of  
14 them. There's an article about ■■ it  
15 in this week's Literary Digest. The  
16 Digest quotes from an article in the  
17 North American Review, in which James  
18 Noble Gifford discusses the strange  
19 case of some Baby Billionaires. The  
20 Digest gives us a number of the curious  
21 experiences of Mr. Gifford as a tutor.  
22 Take this one:

23 Mr. Gifford once happened to  
24 reveal to several Baby Billionaires the  
25 fact that he didn't own an automobile.

1 The gilded infants gaped at him in  
2 amazement. A little boy and a little  
3 girl clapped their hands in delight  
4 at the novelty. And the little girl  
5 spoke up:

6 "Oh, that must be so nice. When  
7 you have to go to a store you just take  
8 a taxi, and you don't have to wait for  
9 the chauffeur to bring the car around."

10 Well, those stories give a bit  
11 of sober reality to the phrase--"pity  
12 the poor little rich boy".

1 "Well, Don Manuel, Duke of  
2 Seville, and Count <sup>of</sup> Cordova, you're  
3 not a Duke or a Count any longer" --  
4 ■■ at least not officially in the eyes  
5 of the Republican government of Spain.

6 The Spanish cabinet has passed  
7 a decree abolishing titles of nobility.  
8 Any nobleman, if he signs an official  
9 paper, will have to write his name as  
10 merely a common citizen.

11 The International News Service  
12 reckons that there are about 26 hundred  
13 titled aristocrats in Spain right now.  
14 Hereafter they will be allowed to use  
15 their titles <sup>only</sup> in private. This  
16 democratic move is costing the Spanish  
17 Republican government about 300 thousand  
18 dollars a year. Heretofore the govern-  
19 ment has levied a tax on titles. Every  
20 Duke or Count had to pay so much for the  
21 privilege of ranking above the common  
22 run of mankind. The new government has  
23 refused to keep the tax on titles ~~going~~  
24 and figures that democratic equality is  
25 worth the 300 thousand dollars a year --  
and maybe it is.



1            Reports from Roumania indicate  
2            that <sup>King Carol's</sup> ~~the~~ government has won a victory  
3            at the polls. They've had an election  
4            of deputies to the Roumanian  
5            parliament.

6            The International News Service  
7            cables that only about 60 per cent of  
8            the voters cast their ballots, but of  
9            those 60 a large majority voted for  
10          King Carol's government.

1           There are election returns from  
2 Egypt too, and the government has won  
3 out.

4           A dispatch to the United Press  
5 states that the Egyptians elected  
6 members to the national parliament,  
7 and that the regime ~~and~~ in power  
8 successfully put across a large  
9 majority of its candidates.  
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1 Many of us have wondered whether  
2 those great kings of old really had as  
3 much wealth as they're said to have had.  
4 History is full of the stories of the  
5 fabulous treasure of kings and Pharoahs,  
6 ~~and also of~~ emperors and czars.

7 Well, one of the richest is said  
8 to have been King Roger II of Sicily.  
9 He was the glittering monarch of the  
10 brilliant kingdom which the Normans of  
11 old established in Sicily and southern  
12 Italy.

13 Old records tell us that he  
14 possessed a treasure of gold which, in  
15 modern money, would amount to almost  
16 half a billion dollars. That's a lot  
17 of gold to keep in any king's strong  
18 box. And some have thought the story  
19 exaggerated.

20 But now, as the New York Evening  
21 Sun tells us, archaeologists have been  
22 restoring the royal palace of King  
23 Roger at Palermo, in Sicily. In one  
24 of the towers of the huge castle the  
25 floor has been raised, and the treasure  
room of Roger II has been discovered.



1 In the treasure room ~~which~~ <sup>the</sup>  
2 archaeologists have found ~~are~~ many large  
3 jars. These once ~~had~~ contained gold.  
4 Now they are empty. But 800 years ago  
5 those jars were filled to the brim with  
6 the ~~gold~~ <sup>yellow</sup> metal. The archaeologists have  
7 measured them, and the results show  
8 that the treasure jars are large  
9 enough to have contained ~~the~~ half a  
10 billion ~~dollars~~, which old histories say  
11 was the amount of the great Norman  
12 king's treasure in gold.

13 So maybe those old boys were  
14 really as rich as the ~~old~~ <sup>is</sup> story tells.  
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1 Every so often I am reminded of  
2 the fact that some of the best  
3 newspapers in the United States ~~are~~  
4 are not the big town newspapers, but  
5 are journals printed in smaller cities,  
6 well written, well edited, and <sup>brim</sup> full  
7 of news.

8 I've a story here which was  
9 printed in a small paper of Michigan.  
10 It comes in the form of a clipping sent  
11 to me by George Maines, of Flint,  
12 Michigan. George runs a whole string  
13 of newspapers ~~in Michigan~~ in those parts.

14 "Here's an odd item," he writes.  
15 "It's not a contribution to the Tall  
16 Story Club. The story is perfectly  
17 true and actually happened."

18 ~~Well,~~ Here's the way the story  
19 goes:

20 ~~And now let's sing the old~~  
21 ~~refrain--that truth is stranger than~~  
22 ~~fiction.~~

23 Over in China, Lieutenant James  
24 Devereaux, of the United States Marine  
25 Corps, was riding along in a cross-country

1 nace, near Peking. His brother officers  
2 saw him galloping bravely--a dashing  
3 equestrian figure.

4 In a flash--presto chango!--his  
5 horse disappeared from sight, and the  
6 lieutenant was standing on the ground.  
7 There certainly was something Chinese  
8 about it, and those brother officers  
9 must have thought that Taoist magic had  
10 got to work somewhere.

11 Lieutenant Devereaux, himself,  
12 was somewhat bewildered. He said that  
13 as he was in the middle of a fine gallop  
14 his horse just disappeared right into  
15 the earth, and he took a jump and  
16 landed safely on his feet.

17 The horse disappeared in a hole  
18 in the ground. It was an old well and  
19 the animal went right down to the bottom  
20 of it.

21 The second miracle came to light  
22 when they got a block and tackle and  
23 hauled Lieutenant Devereaux's charger  
24 out. The animal was uninjured except  
25 for a scratch on his nose. According to The  
International News Service <sup>tells us</sup>, the Lieutenant remounted his trusty  
steed and just kept on his way.



## GLIDER

The people of the capital of Germany learned today that they had missed taking a look at one of the most important stunts of the year. A glider, a plane without any power, made an entire circle of the city of Berlin. This is perhaps the most ambitious glider flight on record.

We are told by the International News Service that Otto Fuchs, the pilot, took his motorless flying machine to a height of 3,000 feet. I suppose he was towed by an airplane. Then Otto made a long glide around Berlin, circling the city as he slowly descended toward earth. He passed over crowded streets. But the thousands of people below didn't bother to look up to any extent. To those who saw the glider, it was just another airplane. And Otto glided silently out of the picture - just as I am say auf wiedersehn and SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.