

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

1 A whistle blew today at Medway,
2 Massachusetts. And that shrill blast
3 was the sweetest music the town of
4 Medway has heard in a long time.

5 It was the whistle of the local
6 woollen mills, and it called 200 people
7 to work -- called them back to their
8 old jobs.

9 ~~The Associated Press explains that~~
10 ~~for 18 months,~~ During the time of the
11 depression, nearly all the mill workers
12 were laid off. Business was bad. And
13 so the company discontinued the
14 practice of blowing the daily whistle
15 calling people to work. But now it's
16 different. The depression is off so far
17 as Medway is concerned.

18 Today the old whistle blew again.
19 It sounded familiar to the folks up there,
20 although they hadn't heard it for a long
21 time. The shrill merry sound told the
22 story that the mill is running again with
23 a full force of workers on the job.

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FREAK FLIGHT

I have heard stories about a lot of thrilling airplane rides in my time, but here's one that has a new twist. It's a sky voyage in a thunderhead. What is a thunderhead? Well, a thunderhead is one of those towering masses of dark clouds which mean thunder, lightning, wind and storm.

Ralph C. Wensinger, so the Associated Press tells us, is a pilot at Cleveland, Ohio, whose business it is to go up every day to 18,000 feet and make tests for the United States Weather Bureau. He zooms up to that dizzy height and makes observations with meteorological instruments.

Wensinger took off today and began climbing. Masses of clouds were in the sky. In front of him he saw a towering mountain of clouds that looked like cotton, and stuck up in the sky for several miles. It was a thunderhead.

Wensinger says he thought it might be interesting to see how a plane would behave in a thunderhead. So he

1 drove his ship right into that mass of
2 storm clouds. And then things began to
3 happen. SLAM BANG, and the plane was
4 jerked and twisted out of his control.
5 It started upward in a dizzy current of
6 air. His instruments were useless. ~~His~~
7 ~~plane was out of control.~~ And still he
8 was dragged upward and upward by that
9 mad ascending current of air.

10 He tried to dive. His motor was
11 going. He headed the nose downward.
12 He was making a downward speed of 165
13 miles an hour, but really he wasn't making
14 any downward speed at all, because the
15 wind was pulling him up still faster.

16 "It seemed like years," Wensinger
17 declares. "But it was only a few
18 minutes."

19 Then his plane was bounced out of
20 the thunderhead, and he emerged still
21 diving steeply downward.

22 The aviator felt that he had
23 learned something and decided to try the
24 experiment again, although in a smaller
25 and milder way. He picked out a smaller

thunderhead and plunged into it. He had a still more exciting time. The smaller thunderhead was even more violent than the larger one. He was dragged up and up, to the very ceiling -- that is, he was shot upward until he came to the top of the ascending air current. Then he suddenly stopped rising. He declares he got a bump as when an elevator hits the top. After the bump his plane was swiftly whirled to the side. The ascending current of air, having swirled upward for a long distance, switched abruptly and shot out sideways and took the plane right along. Wensinger was almost thrown out of the machine. His safety strap was unbuckled and he was ~~by~~ saved by having his heels hooked under the seat. Anyhow he tells us that he learned something about the art of flying in thunderheads -- that is, he learned enough not to try it again.

1 Now comes word about that second
2 attempt to make a non-stop refueling
3 flight from the United States to Japan.
4 Reginald L. Robbins and Harold Jones
5 tried it a couple of weeks ago. They got
6 as far as Alaska and tried to refuel x
7 their plane there, but they couldn't
8 make it and had to land in Alaska.

9 Well, they tried it again.
10 They started out last night from Seattle,
11 but once more they failed to make that
12 non-stop flight. ^{Again} they got as far as
13 Alaska where they were to do their
14 refueling. But now, as the International
15 News Service tells us, they have had to
16 land. They came to earth today at
17 Fairbanks, ~~one of the chief towns~~ ^{principal city} of *interest*
18 Alaska.

19 The indications are this
20 evening that the round the world flight
21 of Pangborn and Herndon is off, ^{too.} The
22 International News Service ~~gives out~~ *states*
23 ~~the word~~ that Mrs. Herndon has received
24 a cablegram from her husband in which
25 he says ~~that~~ the race is over. The

two fliers as we all know, have been trying to beat Post and Gatty's record for a whirl around the globe. They encountered several delays in crossing Asia, but today landed at the ~~xxx~~ town of Khabarovsk in extreme eastern Siberia. From this point they were expected to head across to Alaska. But now this cablegram received by the wife of one of the fliers, indicates that they no longer hope to lower Post and Gatty's record.

Meanwhile, Amy Johnson, the British woman flier who is making a trip from London to Tokio, is still on her way across Siberia.

Where are the Lindberghs? Well, the Colonel and the Mrs. took off from the far northern part of Churchill on the western shore of Hudson Bay this afternoon. They headed for Baker Lake which you will notice on your Literary Digest Atlas is not far from the Arctic Ocean. No news has come from them tonight.

The famous young couple had a whale of a reception at Churchill, the new inland port on the shores of Hudson Bay. Sirens shrieked, bells rang, and horns tooted. Bright colored

bunting flew from the houses and the inhabitants everyone of them, raised a roar of cheers for the lone eagle and his wife.

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There is a report of a disturbance in Chicago tonight. The International News Service states that a two hour battle was fought on the South Side between about a thousand negroes and 100 or more police. Three were killed and three were injured. The trouble is said to have been touched off by the eviction of a woman from her home, by a landlord. The dispatch attributes the affair to communist agitators who are said to have simply used the incident as an excuse for starting the riot.

Here's a strange one: -

1 They had an epidemic of duels
2 at the University of Vienna over the
3 week-end. Forty-six college boys got
4 out their swords and sabers and fought
5 23 duels.

6 Duelling is still the fashion over
7 in Austria, and the college students
8 think it's a smart thing to slash each
9 other a bit. The reason for the week-
10 end epidemic is that a certain Professor
11 was promoted in the faculty. He's
12 Monseigneur Ignaz Seipel, the Austrian
13 statesman who, ~~was~~ while just a parish
14 priest, became the head of the
15 government of the Austrian Republic *several*
years ago.

16 Of course anything that has to
17 do with Monseigneur ~~of~~ Seipel stirs up
18 quite a bit of controversy. The
19 students of the University are divided
20 for and against his political policies.
21 And so when the clerical-statesman was
22 advanced to a higher rank in the
23 University, why that provoked a storm
24 of arguments among the students. It
25 ~~was~~ also provoked those 23 duels. The

1 New York Evening Post states that
2 several of the students were severely
3 wounded. But the duellists of the
4 central European universities don't
5 seem to mind ^Wwounds very much. They *like*
nothing better than ~~like~~ [^]to swagger around and show their
6 scars.
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1 In Massachusetts an automobile
2 was stolen. It went whizzing along a
3 road ^{near} ~~in~~ the town of Amesbury. It took
4 a wild lurch off the road, ran down
5 hill and landed in a brook. There it
6 remained. The man who was in it ducked
7 away into a strip of woods.

8 The police drove up clanging in
9 a patrol wagon. They looked over the ^{wrecked} ~~car~~
10 and then all the cops started hunting
11 around for the man who had been in it.
12 While they were busy the man in question
13 sneaked up to the road got into the
14 patrol wagon and drove off. He had a wild
15 ~~nice long~~ ^{long} ride for himself in the
16 patrol wagon. ^{and} then, as the United
17 Press informs us, ^{he} ran into a sandbank
18 at Salisbury beach. The patrol wagon
19 ^{was} ~~busted up a bit.~~ ^{considerable.}

20 Well, that worthy citizen may
21 not be such a good driver, but he
22 certainly has his nerve.

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1 I ran across a short article this
2 afternoon which gives us a clear slant
3 on an important truth. It's about
4 vacations, and it points out that
5 perhaps the most important part of a
6 vacation is the absence of worry and
7 peace of mind that we should enjoy.
8 The article is from the Chicago Journal
9 of Commerce. This week's Literary
10 Digest, in discussing vacations, quotes
11 that article on the subject of vacation
12 insurance.

13 ~~Yes sir,~~ One thing we all want
14 when we are away from our work on an
15 outing is tranquility of spirit and peace
16 of mind. ^{Yes, indeed.} And the best way to secure
17 that is to be protected against any kind
18 of mishap that may occur.

19 For example, as the Literary
20 Digest points out, many states have put
21 into force automobile responsibility
22 laws. And the way to be squared with
23 those laws is to be insured. The
24 vacationist should have complete accident
25 and health insurance, and full-coverage

insurance -- that is, a policy that covers you no matter what happens.

And then, when you go on a vacation you usually leave your house alone, locked up and blinds down - and sometime with the gas left on - by mistake. Somehow most of us can't stop thinking about our houses when we are away. But there's no need to worry if you have protected yourself by insurance.

The Literary Digest still quoting the Chicago Journal of Commerce, tells us there's what is called a "tourist floater policy." That policy covers just about as much as the main tent of a circus. It will guard you against almost any kind of trouble - - all the way from a farmer's cow that thinks she's a ~~x~~ dog and starts to bite somebody to a snow-storm in a South Carolina swamp in the middle of August.

1 A will ^{Just been} ~~has~~ filed ~~today~~ at Salem,
2 Massachusetts. ~~It is~~ Written in the usual
3 thorny, dry-as-dust language of the law,
4 but beneath the maze of legal terms ~~you~~ is
5 ~~it is~~ a singular story with something
6 of the pathos and the glamour of the old
7 tale of Cinderella.

8 A wealthy woman was drowned in
9 a moonlight excursion on a lake, and now
10 her will leaves a splendid fortune to a
11 girl she picked out of an orphan asylum
12 a dozen years ago.

13 Mrs. John Bartlett Pierce, wife
14 of a millionaire Chicago radiator magnate,
15 had a beautiful estate at Lynnfield,
16 Massachusetts. Somebody from an orphan
17 asylum came to her one day and asked her
18 if she would permit the orphans to have a
19 day's outing on her spacious grounds.
20 She was told how much it would delight
21 the orphans to be allowed to play
22 beneath the clustered trees. The wealthy
23 woman said ^{well,} YES, and the day came when
24 scores of children without parents
25 romped and shouted across the green and

1 through the woodland of the estate. The
2 millionaire's wife watched them. She
3 had no children of her own.

4 One ^{little} girl caught her eye -- a
5 pretty, sad-faced child of six. Mrs.
6 Pierce called the little orphan to her.
7 There was something about the big, round
8 childish eyes that made a swift appeal.
9 The millionaire's wife knew at once that
10 she wanted to become a mother to this
11 motherless tot.

12 She made inquiries. The girl was
13 Editha Scanlon. She had a brother and a
14 sister in that same orphanage. The mother
15 had died, and the father was left without
16 any one to take care of the children. He
17 was a stone-mason who worked hard all
18 day for a workingman's pay. He put the
19 children in the orphan asylum, a
20 religious institution.

21 Mrs. Pierce appealed to the
22 father for permission to adopt the
23 child and told him she wanted to bring
24 the girl up as her own daughter and give
25 her the glittering place in the world

1 that millions could provide. The
2 father replied that he didn't want his
3 family to be separated. The three
4 children were together at the orphanage.
5 He didn't want one to become a stranger
6 to the other two. Mrs. Pierce overcame
7 that objection. She replied that she
8 wanted to keep Editha with her but would
9 place the other two children in a good
10 home with the mother of her housekeeper.
11 And so the matter was arranged.

12 Editha went to live with her
13 foster mother amid the wealthy splendors
14 of the big estate. Her brother and
15 sister grew and flourished in the pleasant
16 home that had been provided for them. The
17 three children were often together.

18 Years went by and time and
19 circumstance changed. The girl Editha
20 went to fancy schools and took a place
21 as one of the wealthy children of
22 Massachusetts. Scanlon, the father, worked
23 day in and day out ~~at~~ at the trade of a
24 stone-mason. He didn't see the girl after
25 that. He was content that ~~his~~ his three

1 children were not separated, and he did
2 not want to intrude upon his daughter,
3 who had become a member of a class far
4 removed from his own. He contented
5 himself with telephoning her by long
6 distance twice a year. After a while he
7 died.

8 And now, as the International
9 News Service summarizes the story, when ■
10 the girl is 18, comes the tragedy on the
11 lake and the death of the foster mother.
12 And the former sad-eyed child from the
13 orphan asylum, now a society debutante,
14 finds herself the heiress to a fortune.

1 The fish-story section of the
2 Tall Story Club was somewhat bothered
3 today about a report from Boston which
4 tells ~~about~~^{of} some good fishing on the
5 Massachusetts coast. Hake is running
6 up there. The hake is something like
7 a small cod. And of course as we all
8 know, Boston is the "home of the bean
9 and the cod."

10 Well, the hake ~~have~~ been running
11 so plentifully that there's been an
12 epidemic of fishing. The ladies
13 especially have been going in for the
14 ancient art of Isaak Walton -- especially
15 at Carson Beach breakwater. Women who
16 had never caught a fish in their lives
17 have been pulling in fine strings of
18 hake. ~~And they've been proudly carrying~~
And they've been ~~showing~~ making
their fishermen hobbies look like 30 cents
worth of hake.
19 ~~home quantities of fish to the~~
20 ~~astonishment and ineredulity of~~
21 ~~everybody.~~

22 Well, several members of the Tall
23 Story Club were gathered together this
24 afternoon debating the subject. They
25 were trying to decide in their minds

1 whether ^{or not} it was ^{just} a tall story. ~~Just~~ ^{And} then
 2 I walked up to them and presented an
 3 Associated Press dispatch. That
 4 dispatch doesn't say it's a tall story.
 5 No, it merely gives an explanation.

6 It appears that at the Carson
 7 Beach breakwater some small boys were
 8 doing a thriving business by renting fish
 9 lines to the ladies. The lads were
 10 collecting at the rate of 25 cents for
 11 each fish caught. The ladies were
 12 catching plenty of fish, and the boys
 13 were collecting a nice profit.

14 It was so extraordinary that the
 15 police ~~hagan~~ became suspicious. They
 16 made an investigation. They discovered
 17 that each boy who was renting a line
 18 had a ~~part~~ partner, and that partner was a
 19 boy who was stationed down below the
 20 breakwater. The lines of the fisher-
 21 women came down in such fashion that the
 22 boy ~~down~~ below could get hold of the
 23 hook. He had a pail of live fish with
 24 him, and he was hooking these ~~fish~~ ^{hake} onto
 25 the line. ^{and the ladies were pulling 'em in with squeals of delight.} The fish were worth maybe a

nickel each, and those lads were collecting two-bits apiece from the fair anglers.

Well, when the members of the Tall Story Club heard this they folded their tents like the Arabs, and stole away.

Which reminds me that it is time for me to fold my tent, mount my camel and disappear into the desert. So salaam alicum, and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.