

Good Evening Everybody:

1 ~~Holy Smoke!~~ Here's a trans-Atlantic
2 flight ^{for you.} ~~that is a trans-Atlantic flight!~~

3 A professor over in Vienna has been
4 experimenting with rockets, rockets to
5 fly to the moon--yes, and rockets to
6 fly to New York.

7 ~~According to the New York Evening~~
8 ~~Post~~, Professor Hermann Oberth believes
9 he can construct a rocket ^{that} ~~which~~ will
10 fly from Vienna to New York in 20
11 minutes! His idea is to transport
12 freight in that way--load the rocket
13 up and touch it off. It will rise at
14 a steep angle and go to a height of
15 several hundred miles. Then it will
16 come down in New York. The Professor
17 believes that he can aim that rocket
18 so well that it will land within a
19 radius of 600 yards.

20 Well, maybe so. Maybe they'll
21 actually send that rocket from Vienna
22 to New York. And maybe it will land
23 within that radius of 600 yards. But
24 ~~it~~ would be rather ^{awkward} ~~bad~~ if the rocket
25 should ^{wobble} ~~go~~ off its course a ~~little~~ bit
and hit ~~the Woolworth Building!~~ ~~or the~~
~~silver spire of the Chrysler Building.~~

BERLIN

Well, that's amazing. But how's this?

Over in Germany today a man hauled a cannon into a public square in Berlin, loaded her up, and opened fire point blank at the houses.

According to the International News Service, he is an artillery officer who has invented a new kind of cannon which he has been trying to sell to the government. The government won't buy it so he got angry. Just to show what that cannon could do he hauled it into the public square and turned her loose. Biff, bang, slosh!

It seems that the German government was wise in not adopting that piece of ordnance for use in war, because the shell hit a building and all it did was dislodge a couple of bricks. The police arrived, hauled the ambitious inventor away to jail, and I suppose they'll dump his old cannon into the River Spree.

CAMPBELL

This evening the British Empire has a new knight.

Now, wait a minute. That sounds a bit funny. I don't mean the kind of night that's dark and lasts from sunset to sunrise. I mean a belted and spurred knight.

According to the United Press Captain Malcolm Campbell, who recently established a new automobile speed record at Daytona, Florida, arrived home today, and received a fine present -- a knighthood. And now he's Sir Malcolm Campbell. On the roster of British knights that good old Scottish name of Campbell appears with startling frequency.

1 I've a dispatch here from Rome
2 which doesn't give us anything optimistic
3 on the subject of disarmament.

4 In Italian official quarters it is
5 stated that the French enthusiasm
6 for a bigger navy is going to set back
7 disarmament quite a bit, because the
8 Italians are determined to build ship
9 for ship with France. ~~The Associated~~
10 ~~Press states that~~ the Italians would
11 prefer a naval holiday to a naval race,
12 but if they can't have the naval
13 holiday they'll ^{take the} ~~build one ship after~~
14 ~~another in a~~ naval race. ~~with France.~~

15 Meanwhile, from Paris comes the
16 report that a representative of the
17 British admiralty is trying to find a
18 way to get France and Italy to ~~come to~~
19 ~~an~~ agreement about ~~the size of~~ their
20 fleets. The Associated Press reports
21 that definite progress was made today.

R FOOTBALL

1 Now comes an old, familiar sound--
2 a growl, a roar, a loud complaint about
3 football. But this time the holler;-
4 or in other words, the squawk--comes
5 from France.

6 They don't play American college
7 football in France, but they do play
8 something like it--English Rugby--and
9 they say it's too ^{brutal}~~rough~~. Several men
10 have been killed in football games
11 recently. The New York Evening Post
12 states ^s~~s~~ that the French are entirely
13 too rough at the game, and that a lot
14 of Frenchmen are saying that they
15 ought to have prohibition in France--
16 that is, ~~a~~ prohibition of football.

1 ~~Here's~~ ^{has just come in concerning} a report ~~about~~ another
2 ^{that} fight [^] the Marines have had down in
3 Nicaragua.

4 The Associated Press states that
5 the Navy Department was informed today
6 that a patrol of Marines were attacked
7 by a force of Sandino's rebels near
8 El Tule in northern Nicaragua. The
9 rebels were beaten off and 25 were
10 killed.

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 2 duel comes along in the news dispatches
 3 of the day. And most ^{of us} Americans are
 4 amused by encounters on the field of
 5 honor.

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 7 an American is one of the principals.
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1 A few weeks ago, the newspapers
2 printed brief items about a flag pole
3 sitter in far off Japan. And now comes
4 the full and amazing story in this week's
5 issue of The Literary Digest.

6 One morning, Kiyoshi Tanabe climbed
7 to the top of the one hundred and thirty
8 foot smokestack of the Fiji Spinning
9 Company at Tokyo. He shouted down that he
10 would stay up there until the management
11 agreed to take back a number of workers who
12 had been laid off.

13 The management called the police.
14 There is no Japanese law against flag pole
15 sitting and so the police decided they
16 couldn't do anything.

17 Great crowds gathered. Kiyoshi
18 lowered a basket on a string and asked for
19 food and the people in the crowd filled the
20 basket. The weather was cold and rainy
21 but the Japanese flag pole sitter held on.

22 The management for the factory
23 stoked the furnaces with soft coal. Smoke
24 poured out of the chimney and Kiyoshi was
25 up there in a black cloud. In a little
while he was like a smoked herring.

1 "Let him eat smoke" said the
2 management and they wouldn't let any more
3 food go up to him.

4 But the flag pole sitter hung on. He
5 stayed on top of that chimney for two weeks.

6 Then luck intervened. The Digest
7 quotes the New York Sun as saying that the
8 Emperor of Japan was scheduled to review
9 the maneuvers of the Japanese Army, and he
10 would have to pass by that factory.

11 Now there is an ironclad tradition in
12 Japan that when the Emperor passes, nobody
13 is allowed to occupy a higher place than
14 his sublime, heaven-born majesty.

15 The factory management was afraid that
16 if Kiyoshi stayed up there, it would be
17 such a sacrilegious outrage that the
18 factory itself would be disgraced. So they
19 gave in and called to Kiyoshi that they
20 would take the discharged workers back.

21 The flag pole sitter came down from his
22 lofty perch. He was half-starved and
23 smoked black, more dead than alive. But
24 he had won his point.

25 And that as The Literary Digest remarks
is flag pole sitting with a purpose.

Well, the Bonus bill has passed the Senate. Both the United Press and the I. N. S. flashed me this news a moment ago. The vote in the Senate was 72 to 12.

This afternoon two former soldiers spoke against the Bonus measure. They were Senator Bingham of Connecticut, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the war, and Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, who was a Major. They declared the Bonus was not a good thing, but Senator Bingham admitted that it would undoubtedly receive a majority of the Senate votes in spite of his protest.

1 There has been rain all over the
2 country, and that's a mighty good
3 thing. It looks as if that drought,
4 ~~that has caused so much trouble~~, might
5 be ~~finally~~ over, and a thing of the
6 past. The cause of the drought is
7 said to have been a stagnation in the
8 upper atmosphere.

9 The Associated Press quotes a
10 weather bureau expert as saying that
11 for a long time there has been almost
12 no movement in the air a way up ~~there~~
13 above the clouds. But recently winds
14 have begun to blow in those higher
15 regions, and that's why there has been
16 rain.

SPONGES

I have a telegram here from a whole committee of distinguished citizens down in Tarpon Springs, Florida - That's the base of the sponge fishing fleet.

They tell me that last night's dispatch, which stated that the Gulf Coast sponge beds were being worked out, was all wrong. They say that new beds are constantly being discovered and that fishing for sponges increases ~~and~~ the growth of the beds.

So it seems that there is nothing wrong with the American Sponge fishing industry, and that's good news. I was a bit worried - fearful lest in the weekly bath many a broad back might go unwashed.

1 ~~One of the~~ ^Q boldest bank robberies ~~is~~
2 ~~on record~~ was staged at Cedarville,
3 Kansas, early today.

4 Two bandits blew open the vault
5 of the Citizens State Bank and forced
6 a pair of ^{Cedarvillites} ~~citizens~~ to help them in the
7 robbery. At the point of guns they
8 compelled a railroad night watchman
9 and a railroad telegrapher to break
10 the lock of the bank door and help in
11 cracking the safe. According to the
12 International News Service, the robbers
13 ~~disappeared~~ ~~and~~ locked up their two
14 prisoners and then got away.
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1 They had a riot in Los Angeles
2 today. It was the usual thing. The
3 Communists went on a rampage. They
4 were holding a reception for William
5 Z. Foster, the American Communist
6 leader. A policeman appeared on the
7 scene to see that there was no
8 disturbance, and that caused a disturbance.

9 According to the United Press
10 it was the usual hitting and kicking ^{and biting} and
11 clubbing. The police used tear gas.

12 One Communist went to the hospital.

13 He is said to have made a dash to get
14 away from the tear gas and ^{headlong} ran [^] into
15 a brick wall.

1 This evening off the shores
2 of Florida coast guard vessels are
3 looking for a mystery ship.

4 The Associated Press reports
5 that a strange ship was sighted off
6 Sombrero Light, a ship flying three
7 dark flags.

8 Now three dark flags have no
9 meaning in the signal book, and the
10 coast guard authorities want to know
11 what it's all about. Of course, if
12 one wanted to be a bit fanciful one
13 might imagine that the mystery ship
14 is a pirate craft flying the ^{black} Jolly
15 Roger on all three masts.

BABIES

1 I have here what seems to be a
2 hard knock for a good old idea. We've
3 all ~~not~~ heard that more girl babies
4 are born ~~than~~ than boy babies, and
5 recently there has been a rumor around
6 that the excess of girl babies is
7 increasing. But apparently that's all
8 wrong.

9 The New York Evening Post prints
10 an interview with Dr. Charles Bolduan,
11 Director of the New York Bureau of
12 Public Health Education. The Doctor
13 says that so far as the ratio between
14 girl babies and boy babies is concerned,
15 the boy babies have the edge. More boys
16 were born in New York during 1930 than
17 girls--63,000 boys to 59,000 girls.
18 The Doctor goes on to add that there's
19 always a preponderance of boys born in
20 every country of the world, from the
21 Arctic^s to the tropics, and that the
22 idea that an excess of female births
23 will cause a preponderance of women in
24 the world is all nonsense.

25 *What, more girl babies -- "tut tut"
says Doctor Bolduan.*

1 Along comes a lady whom I
2 suppose we ought to call Mrs. Pooch Bah.

3 You remember Pooch Bah, that
4 noble Japanese in the Mikado who held
5 about all the jobs that were to be
6 held?

7 Well, the Associated Press tells
8 us that in Glendolen, a suburb
9 of Philadelphia, Miss Jessie Jones was
10 married to the Chief of Police, the
11 fire ~~chief~~ chief, the building
12 inspector, the director of street
13 cleaning, the head of the Bureau of
14 Licenses, the highways engineer and
15 the dog catcher.

16 No, it wasn't bigamy at all.
17 Miss Jones just married Sam Taggart,
18 and he's a real ~~Real~~ Pooch Bah. He
19 holds all of those offices.

1 I've a letter here from Mrs. Janey
2 Blomfield, of Coldwater, New York,
3 enclosing several clippings from Detroit
4 newspapers telling about an interesting
5 birthday party.

6 A soldier, who has fought under five
7 flags and taken part in most of the wars
8 during the past century, celebrated his
9 104th birthday at a home for the aged out
10 in Detroit. His name is Colonel Walpole
11 Roland. He served in the Indian mutiny
12 and in various Chinese wars. He was an
13 officer with the ill-fated Emperor
14 Maximilian in Mexico. As a major in the
15 Turkish army during the Crimean War, he
16 was present at the Charge of the Light
17 Brigade. He served with the North in our
18 American Civil War; and he is one of the
19 few people still alive who heard Lincoln's
20 Gettysburg address.

21 Each year the old soldier has
22 celebrated his birthday by cutting a
23 birthday cake with the sword he carried
24 in so many campaigns. But this year it
25 was different. The years have piled up

1 now until they are all but more than this
2 marvelous old soldier can carry. His
3 friends had to bring him to his birthday
4 party on a stretcher and for the first time
5 in his life Colonel Walpole Roland was too
6 weak to cut the cake with his sword.

7 Yes, he has come a long long way from
8 that fortress where he was born in India
9 a hundred and four years ago. And what a
10 trail of adventure he has followed.

11 And now his trail has led him to his
12 last camp. Thin and withered and bent,
13 but still with the fire of an old war
14 horse in his eye, Colonel Walpole Roland
15 sits alone in his wheel chair in a home for
16 the aged in Detroit, watching the sands
17 run out -- and remembering. Remembering
18 his adventures in the Great Indian Mutiny
19 of 1857; the Crimea and the seige of
20 Sebastopol; fighting the Mandarins in
21 China; the Zulu wars in Africa; with
22 Kitchener at Khartoum; and with Maximilian
23 in Mexico!

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MEXICO

A new commander has been appointed for the Mexican army in the State of Vera Cruz. This is not a very important bit of news, but it has warmed the hearts of Americans in those parts, because the newly appointed Mexican functionary is General Sam Kelly - yes, K-E-L-L-Y, Kelly.

The New York Sun informs us that General Kelly is 100% Mexican, but he is of Irish descent. He is just one of those thousands of people in Mexico with Irish names who speak nothing but Spanish, and are descendants of Irish immigrants to Mexico a hundred years or so ago.

So let's all give three vivas for that noble Mexican General Sam Kelly, and while you sing a few verses of "Has anybody here seen Kelly," I'll warble my usual refrain of

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.