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3 Good Evening, Everybody:
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5 It looks as if the crust of old
6 Mother Earth will never stop misbehaving.
7 Observations ^{ones} ~~ions~~ as far apart as Pasadena,
8 California, Cambridge, Massachusetts and
9 New York City, report a severe earthquake
10 today -- an earthquake that lasted for
11 several hours.

12 The International News Service
13 informs us that scientists at the ^{Pasadena}
14 ~~Harvard~~ Observatory, calculate that this
15 long and terrific quake took place ^{some 10,000} ~~9,000~~
16 miles away, and so far as we know tonight
17 ~~this~~ tremendous ^{quiver} ~~shake~~ did nothing **more**
18 than cause some violent convulsions at
19 the bottom of one of the world's deepest
20 seas.

21 And the farther away and the deeper
22 the sea^s the better - say we.
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1 Today was the day ~~that~~ the
 2 American Communists ^{had their plans all made} ~~intended~~ to raise ^{some noise}
 3 big ructions. Red demonstrations were
 4 schedule to be held in Washington, New
 5 York, Cleveland, Boston, Oklahoma City
 6 and Pittsburgh.

7 In Washington, there was a
 8 communist flare up in the House of
 9 Representatives. Several agitators
 10 were ejected from the Spectators Gallery.
 11 One of them tried to make a speech
 12 ~~pro~~testing against the fact that Congress
 13 had refused to listen to a radical
 14 delegation.

15 The ^{United Press} ~~International News Service~~
 16 informs us that in New York, 5,000
 17 communists gathered in front of City Hall.
 18 There were a lot of speeches but no
 19 particular trouble.

20 In Boston, the Reds held a
 21 meeting on ^{Historic} ~~the~~ Boston common and marched
 22 to the State House. ~~The anti. News ser. reports that~~ Seven were arrested,
 23 but there was no riot.

24 All in all, the Red activities
 25 today were fairly tame.

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There is a fine touching note in this ^{next} news item.

General Clarence Edwards, who commanded the ^{famous} 26th, the Yankee Division, over in France during the World War, is lying very ill in the Massachusetts General Hospital.

According to the International News Service, a former doughboy who served under General Edwards came forward today and gave his blood for transfusion to save the General's life. Guy Watts is the name of that former doughboy who has come to the aid of his ~~former~~ ^{old} commander.

COSMETICS

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1 Yes, girls, it's just an old
2 Roman custom. When you apply the lipstick
3 and the powder puff you may think you're
4 up-to-date. But you're not. Although
5 you may not be in Rome, you're just
6 doing as the Romans did.

7 Of course, it's well known that the
8 use of cosmetics is ^{almost as old as the hills.} ~~very old~~. But now
9 comes some German chemists who have
10 analyzed samples of face powder found
11 among the remains of an old Roman
12 settlement in Germany. They find that
13 these face powders are composed of
14 almost exactly the same substances as
15 the cosmetics of today.

16 According to the New York Evening
17 Post, two kinds of powders were found on
18 the site of that old Roman settlement. ^{They were}
19 brown and white, ~~be~~ beautifying substances
20 that the Roman ladies used. And the
21 only difference between those ancient
22 cosmetics and the cosmetics of today is
23 that the ancient samples contained
24 particles of metal, which in modern times
25 ^{have} ~~has~~ been found ~~to be~~ harmful to the skin.

1 In other words, girls, when you
2 powder your faces you're using the same
3 kind of powder that was used by Cornelia,
4 the wife of the Senator M. Furius
5 Marcellus two thousand years ago.

6 *All of which is more evidence*
7 *that there is nothing new under the sun.*
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1 The other day I was traveling in
 2 a bus out in New Jersey and I got into
 3 a conversation with the driver. He was
 4 a pretty bright fellow, and he was
 5 telling me how buses were cutting into
 6 railroad travel out his way.

7 I was reminded of my friend the
 8 bus driver today ^{when I read} ~~as I was read running~~
 9 through an article ^{describing all the} ~~about the amount of~~
 10 competition ^{that} ~~the~~ railroads have to face.
 11 We all know that the buses ^{in many localities} ~~are~~ rivals
 12 of the railroads; but I didn't ^{dream} ~~know~~ that
 13 the railroads were facing so many other
 14 kinds of competition. Well, there are
 15 airplanes, trucks and buses on the
 16 roads, waterways, pipelines and power
 17 transmission. All of these compete
 18 with the railroads.

19 ~~This is the gist of an article in~~
 20 ~~This week's Literary Digest, which~~ tells
 21 us how Professor Ripley of Harvard, an
 22 authority on transportation, sizes up
 23 the ^{problems} ~~situation~~ of the American railroads.
 24 The Digest outlines the kinds of
 25 competition which the railways are facing,

1 and informs us, for example, that the
2 airplane is spectacular but that its
3 threat to the railways lies mostly in
4 the future. At present ^{he declares that the airplane is} ~~its~~ only likely
5 to take over a very limited and high
6 class ^{slice of the} ~~part of~~ passenger ~~travel~~ trade.

7 Buses and trucks are ^a more serious ^{problem}.
8 For example, freight shipments between
9 local points like Kansas City and St.
10 Louis are made almost entirely by truck
11 today. Cattle are being shipped by
12 truck, and chain store corporations run
13 fleets of trucks to their stores in
14 various cities. ^{ff} Then there are waterways.
15 A great system of canals is being
16 developed, and a lot of slow freight is
17 being sent creeping along on barges.

18 I didn't quite see at first how
19 power transmission was hitting the
20 railroads; but both pipelines and the
21 transmission of electrical power simply
22 cut down the amount of coal transported,
23 and the carrying of coal has always been
24 one of the big items in the business of
25 railroad ^{ing}.

But professor Ripley tells us, in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, that the outlook for the railroads is hopeful. He points out that at present they are hampered by many restrictions. They run on road beds which are taxed, while the highways are free to their competitors. The rates which the railroads charge are fixed by the government, while other forms of transportation can charge what they please. He thinks the public will soon become aware of the handicaps under which the railroads are working. The result, he believes, will be that some of these handicaps will be removed, and the railroads will be benefited all around.

And broadly speaking, what benefits the railroads, is generally beneficial to the nation.

1 They had a quiet time this
2 afternoon - quieter than usual - in the
3 German Reichstag. The reason was that
4 ~~xxx~~ Handsome Adolf Hitler's Fascist
5 ~~xxxxxx~~ fire eaters were not there.

6 Early in the day's session
7 all the deputies of the Fascist party
8 walked out and seceded from the
9 Reichstag. There were 107 of them
10 and they were joined by ~~the~~ members of
11 two other conservative parties, bringing
12 the total number to 160. Well, that
13 indignant 160 walked out shouting
14 HAIL, HAIL, HAIL, and Hitler's men
15 raised their arms in a Fascist salute.

16 ~~The United Press informs us~~
17 ~~that~~ the reason for the walk-out was
18 the fact that Chancellor Bruening
19 with the help of ~~xxxxxxx~~ a moderate
20 majority put through a series of reforms
21 which were designed to keep the Fascists
22 from throwing a big monkey wrench into
23 the machinery of Parliament, as they
24 were doing all the time. The Fascists,
25 upon making their dramatic exit, announced

1 that they would consider anything
2 the Reichstag does in their absence
3 as null and void.

4 The International News Service
5 tells us that the Fascists intend to
6 open an assembly of their own at
7 Weimar in the province of Thuringia.
8 That province has a Fascist government
9 already.

10 Well, the absence of the
11 Fascists made things as quiet in the
12 Reichstag as a Sunday morning in
13 Philadelphia. Nevertheless, Foreign
14 Minister Curtius had a few strong words
15 to say. According to the Associated
16 Press he told the world that Germany
17 had accepted the Young plan on
18 reparations, but had not guaranteed that
19 she would be able to do the paying she
20 promised. ~~And that's just another~~
21 ~~hint that those reparations may not be~~
22 ~~paid.~~ *He added that Germany intended*
23 *to pay — if possible.*
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1 There's a political row ^{in full swing} over in
2 ~~■■■■■~~ Paris on account of the appointment
3 of a new commander of the French army.

4 General Weigand, one of the heroes
5 of the World War, has been named to
6 succeed Marshal Petain as Vice-President
7 of the higher war council. That job,
8 in reality, means that he will be
9 Commander-in-Chief of the French army.

10 ~~The New York Sun informs us that~~
11 radicals and Communists in the Chamber
12 of Deputies are raising a loud storm
13 against General ^{EY}Wiegand. The radicals
14 are against him because they are
15 anti-religious, and he is a devout
16 Christian. The Communists hate him
17 because it was he who ~~■■■~~ commanded the
18 Polish army back in 1920, when the Poles
19 drove the Red Army of the Soviets away
20 from Warsaw.

21 There's going to be a big and
22 angry debate about the appointment of
23 General ^{EY}Wiegand, more speech making, more
24 ~~■~~ Parliamentary noise, and turmoil.
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1 A week or two ago I told about
2 reports given out by the British
3 Government which seemed to show that
4 the Soviet Government of Russia was
5 using forced labor in its industries.

6 Now here comes a United Press
7 Dispatch which states that the Treasury
8 Department at Washington issued an
9 official order today forbidding the
10 importation of lumber and wood pulp
11 from Soviet Russia. The reason given
12 is that these products are produced
13 in Russia by the use of forced labor -
14 convict labor.

15 This is in line, too, with many
16 reports from Northern Russia that
17 thousands of political prisoners are
18 compelled to work in Soviet lumber
19 camps.

20 The Soviet representatives in
21 the United States do not like this
22 new decision at all and they say they
23 are going to Court about it.
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1 Every so often I get a letter
2 from somebody asking me the whereabouts
3 of the renowned Lawrence of Arabia.
4 It is amazing how ^{folks} ~~people~~ are always
5 wondering where ^{that man} ~~he~~ is and what he is
6 doing. Well, here's an International
7 News Service dispatch which reveals
8 Lawrence in a somewhat heroic role.

9 An investigation is being held
10 over in England into that disastrous
11 crash of a Royal Air Force flying boat ^{last week}
12 The big ship plunged into the water.
13 Nine men were killed and four rescued.
14 Lawrence is appearing as a witness ~~at~~
15 at that inquiry, because he took a
16 prominent part in the rescue of the
17 men who were in the big ship when she
18 dived into the water. He is still an
19 aviation mechanic at Plymouth, and he
20 was near the scene of the disaster when
21 it occurred.

22 The investigation is being kept
23 a secret and it is not revealed in just
24 what way Lawrence distinguished himself.

25 Well, there is a man who has a

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public notice, and yet the spotlight
of publicity seems to follow him like
a pursuing Nemesis.

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LETTER - SNAKE

I want to sound a note of warning now. Here's one that will bring a thrill of delight to all you members of the Tall Story Club; but the folks who don't enjoy whoppers will probably feel like getting off their chairs and throwing them at their loud speaker.

A West Virginia member of the Tall Story Club writes as follows: "I was out hunting one day and while standing in some weeds waiting for game I felt something rubbing over my shoes and trouser legs, rubbing sort of gentle and friendly like. I looked down and saw it was a big rattler.

I stepped back to shoot him, but he looked so pretty and had such a friendly expression on his face and he stuck up his tail and played 'Home Sweet Home' on his rattlers. So I just didn't have the heart to shoot him.

I started for home and then I saw that old boy was following me. He was just like a faithful dog. In fact, he was more wonderful than ~~fx~~ a faithful dog -- he was a faithful rattler. When I got to my house, he came right up on the porch.

1 I want to step out right here in
2 defense of the name of Alex. It is a good
3 name. There was Alexander the Great, both
4 of ancient Macedon and of the National
5 League; and ^{then there was} Alexander's Ragtime Band, and
6 so I don't blame Alex Nelson one bit.

7 The United Press informs us that Mrs.
8 Nelson sued Alex for divorce in Cleveland
9 on the charge that he deserted her. Alex
10 admitted that he did, but gave his reasons.

11 He said that Mrs. Nelson went to the
12 dog pound and got a dog, a shaggy mut and
13 she named it after her husband. She
14 named that dog Alex. I will here give
15 you a part of Alex's testimony.

16 "Every once in a while" he said, "she'd
17 call 'Alex, Alex' and when I said 'What'
18 she'd snap back, 'Oh, I don't mean you, I
19 was calling the other animal.'"

20 And so Alex, the husband, (not the
21 dog) left home. The court granted Mrs.
22 Nelson a divorce -- but no alimony.

1 At noon today I found myself involved
2 in an interesting conversation with a
3 gentleman ~~from Africa~~ whose trail I had
4 crossed in several remote corners of the
5 earth. ~~He told me a lot of things I didn't~~
6 ~~know about, the little people of the~~
7 ~~African forest, and I related a few of my~~
8 ^{we talk about our} experiences with the Pygmies of the jungles
9 of Malaya.

10 The homes of the tiny forest people
11 who live deep in the steaming jungles of
12 Malaya, are about the most primitive in
13 the world.

14 There are two kinds of Pygmies out
15 there, the Saki and the Semangs. Of the
16 two the Semangs are the most primitive,
17 and we know much less about them. They
18 are Negroid and have thick lips, ^{and} fuzzy
19 hair. Most of the ones I encountered
20 were from four to five feet tall.

21 They never sleep twice in the same
22 place. Their homes are mere leafy
23 shelters, called lean-tos. They take
24 several long sticks, quickly weave leaves
25 across them, and then lean this screen
against a cliff. It serves to throw off

1 the heavy tropical rain, and that is
2 about all.

3 Then next day they move on to some
4 other place in the jungle and that night
5 they make themselves another flimsy shelter.

6 I wonder what those Pygmies would say
7 about our modern methods of building homes,
8 the methods that are described so
9 interestingly in this week's special
10 Building Number of The Literary Digest.

11 How their Pygmy eyes would pop out if
12 they saw some of our modern American
13 lean-tos, the new houses that are always
14 warm in winter and artificially cooled
15 in summer.

16 I never knew there were so many ways
17 of dealing with the problem of heating
18 until I read this Building Number of The
19 Digest.

20 What a contrast between the new modern
21 ~~suburban~~ American home and the primitive
22 lean-tos under which the Pygmies of Malaya
23 and Africa still find shelter.

24 ~~We live in a strange world full of~~
25 ~~strange contrasts.~~

Well, talking about home, I think I'll run along now
to my own little lean-to.

So, so long until tomorrow.