

WALL STREET

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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

1 There were big doings in Wall
2 Street today. The bulls put their
3 horns down and sent the bears scurrying
4 to ^{their} dens, or to the berry patch, or
5 wherever bears go in summertime.

6 The morning in the Street began
7 quietly, but in the afternoon the
8 somewhat unexpected upward surge came
9 with a rush. Stocks advanced all along
10 the line, railroads, public utilities,
11 steel, and all the rest.

12 And the quotations today seemed
13 to be celebrating cotton week. Cotton
14 went up \$1.50 a bale. Yes, Cotton
15 Week seems to be a great success.

16 ^{Mr. Couzens,}
17 ~~He~~ financial expert of the
18 International News Service points out
19 that the causes for the ~~big~~ bull market
20 today were the decision of the government
21 not to interfere with the big oil merger
22 and also the action of the banks ~~today~~
23 in cutting down the margin of security
24 required on call money. Anyway, something
25 got the bulls going, and the bears took
to the tall, tall timber.

CANNON

It looks as if there will be another row in New Hampshire, and the cause of it is Molly Stark.

Now Molly Stark is a cannon, an old muzzle loader of revolutionary war days. At present Molly is in the town of New Boston.

The New Hampshire state authorities want the historical old piece of artillery to be given a place of honor in Concord, the state capital. But the townfolk of New Boston object. They've been objecting for a long time.

Molly Stark is a cannon which was captured from the Red Coast by General John Stark.

Just how the cannon got into the possession of the people of New Boston is a matter of some dispute, but it appears that it was at General Stark's order that the famous gun which he had captured was placed in New Boston.

The Associated Press reminds us that seventy-five years ago the New Hampshire legislature passed a resolution directing that Molly Stark be taken away from New Boston and brought to Concord. When the emissaries whom the legislature sent to get

the gun arrived in New Boston, Iron Molly had vanished. The old cannon had got lost somehow or other. Later it was found at the bottom of a New Boston pond.

In fact, on several occasions the New Hampshire legislature has tried to lay hands on the cannon. But Molly Stark vanished every time - only to appear later on.

Major Otis G. Hammond, director of the New Hampshire Historical Society, declares that Molly Stark has been disappearing in the nick of time ever since he was a boy.

They declare that New Boston is the only place for Molly, because only the New Bostonites know how to handle the old girl. If she were at Concord somebody might abuse her. It is taken for granted that on every Fourth of July a ringing and booming shot is touched off, why there is grave danger that Molly Stark will be blown to smithereens. The New Bostonites calm that they know just how to charge the gun, how much powder to use, and what kind of wadding, and if any greenhorn tried to fire Molly she'd blow up same as fate, and heaven help the gunners.

Well, just the same, the New Hampshire authorities have started another movement to try and bring Molly Stark to Concord, and everybody in New Hampshire is certain that when the attempt is made, Molly will do another vanishing act. And the New Bostonites will do ~~more~~ some more heavy winking.

1 Have you noticed the smiles on
2 the faces around you these days?

3 Why are we smiling?

4 Ah, that's easy. We're smiling
5 because it's almost time for that
6 annual vacation. And what could be
7 grander than a vacation in the good old
8 Summer Time?

9 "Right now", as Maurice
10 Chevalier says, most of us are building
11 air castles, - air castles about that
12 vacation.

13 What started me off on this
14 topic? Well, here's the reason: - My
15 advance copy of the new Literary Digest,
16 the one that comes out tomorrow, was
17 placed on my desk this afternoon, and
18 when I read it my old yearning to hit
19 the trail sent my temperature shooting
20 skyward. How come? Well, this week's
21 ~~xxxxxx~~ Digest is the Summer travel
22 number.

23 And is it full of temptations?
24 Oh oh, I'll say it is. It's brim full
25 of breezy, fascinating dope on the places

1 where we can go for a grand ~~vacation~~ ^{jaunt}.
2 It tells about adventurous trips deep
3 into the wildest mountain country of
4 our own Far West, remote places in the
5 Black Hills of South Dakota, the
6 wonder^s of the Pacific Coast, the beauty
7 spots of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,
8 and Quebec; ^{yes,} ~~and~~ about trips to the
9 glorious vacation lands of North America
10 from Maine and New Hampshire ~~and~~ ^{all} the
11 way to the land of big game, ice
12 capped mountains, glaciers and the
13 midnight sun in Alaska.

14 It describes trips through the
15 White and Green Mountains, excursions
16 to the Long Island and New Jersey
17 bathing beaches; to the Catskills,
18 the Adirondacks and Niagara Falls.

19 It tells of the lure of the
20 South Seas, the beauties of Hawaii,
21 the fun of a summer cruise around the
22 Great Lakes, the delights of a holiday
23 jaunt ~~to~~ Switzerland, Norway, the
24 30,000 lakes of Finland, and to that
25 oriental paradise, the far famed Vale

of Kashmir - and gay Paree and the Mediterranean.

How about Canada? Well, all of Canada is a playground and of course Canada comes in for lots of space, - enough to make me want to pack my bedding roll and start for the trails around Banff, or for the Mackenzie River country.

The cover of the new Digest made me want to don my panama and sprint for the nearest ticket office. Because that cover is a picture of my old home - no, not the log cabin where I wasn't born. Not hardly. It's better than that. It's a sparkling, bottomless lake, in the crater of an old volcano, with one of those glorious peaks of the Rockies right behind it. Where? In Colorado where I spent my childhood. Naturally that's the region I love best of all. My Father and I still have a scrawny ranch out there - which I'd like to sell by the way, sage brush, jack rabbits and all. It's a mile and a half above sea level, in a remote valley, right among the snow-capped peaks of the Sangre de Christo range on the Ute Indian Reservation, good for practically nothing and on the road to nowhere.

Yes, when that travel number of the Digest blew onto my desk I tilted back my chair, looked out at the roofs of the tall buildings and dreamed of all the places I'd like to go this summer.

The Digest editors tell me there is to be more vacationing than ever this summer. The world has had a headache this year. A lot of people have been worried. And they need vacations. They feel they owe it to themselves and their health to get away from business and from work, and treat themselves to a fine bit of rest and recreation.

I've been a traveler all my life and I know how new spirit, new life and a new fire of youth comes into one under the influence of fresh surroundings, beautiful scenes, impressions that delight us and that linger with us during succeeding months of work.

1 Here's a curious coincidence. That
2 same subject of vacations was taken up
3 this morning by ex-president Coolidge
4 in his daily column, and he has a
5 few things to say which are right in
6 line with what the Digest editors
7 told me about vacations this year.

8 Cal utters wise words, ~~in the~~
9 ~~New York Tribune~~, today. He remarks
10 that we have had a difficult year and ~~xxx~~
11 there are many problems to solve.

12 The fact is, observes ~~ex-~~
13 ~~president~~ ^{Mr.} Coolidge, that the brains of
14 the country need relaxation and
15 refreshment more than ever this season.
16 They owe a duty to themselves, their
17 business and their associates to get
18 more than the usual period of rest.

19 Well, that's sound New England
20 shrewdness.

21 And the Digest editors pointed
22 out to me one big novelty of vacationing
23 this year. They say people are getting
24 more impulsive -- they are not planning
25 their ~~vacations~~ ^{holidays} so far ahead. They are

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1 remaining undecided for a longer period
 2 of time. Then they just get a sudden
 3 hunch and off they go. And I prefer
 4 that spirit, too.

5 It's all right to plan a long
 6 time ahead and then make your trip - but
 7 there's nothing quite so exhilarating
 8 as suddenly saying: "LET'S GO." "Where?"
 9 *Let's look at the Digest and then Let's Go!*
 Well, I'm going to have my

10 vacation this week -- in imagination,
 11 I mean. I'm going to take time off
 12 ~~xxx~~ every day and read through that
 13 travel issue of the Digest and imagine
 14 I'm making all those wonderful trips
 15 and adventurous jaunts.

16 Maybe some night ^{soon} ~~this week~~
 17 I'll turn my account of the news into
 18 a vacation time travelogue, and whisk
 19 you off on a tour of the places where
 20 the events of the day happen.

21 At any rate, I hope you get
 22 the same kick out of this week's Summer
 23 travel number of the Literary Digest
 24 that I did -- just browsing through it,
 25 making out a list of places that strike
 your fancy---and letting your
 imagination do the rest.

But let's go — let's go on with
the news.

1 An ~~xxx~~ official report from Paris
2 confirms a rumor that France is
3 negotiating with Soviet Russia for the
4 purpose of establishing a commercial
5 treaty between the two nations.

6 The United Press reminds us that
7 there used to be a commercial treaty
8 in force between France and the Soviets,
9 but this treaty was denounced and
10 thrown into the waste paper basket
11 sometime ago, when the outcry first
12 began about the way Bolshevik Russia
13 was dumping merchandise on the European
14 market. The French didn't like the way
15 the Russians were dumping their products
16 in France and disorganizing trade, so
17 they called off the commercial treaty.

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RETAKE

1 A rather startling new develop-
2 ment is reported in the controversy
3 between the Vatican and the Fascist
4 government of Italy. ~~The International~~
5 ~~News Service has a cable that~~ The
6 Fascist police today rounded up a
7 number of leaders of Catholic organiza-
8 tions ^{over there.} ~~in Italy.~~ These leaders were
9 held and were questioned about any
10 supposed political activities they may ~~be~~
11 have undertaken.

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12 The Associated Press suggests the
13 possibility that these arrests may mean
14 that the leaders of the Catholic
15 organizations may be exiled to the
16 islands of Lipari ^{is} ~~are~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ Mussolini's
17 government keeps its political
18 enemies isolated. It seems clear that
19 the quarrel between Mussolini and Pope
20 Pius the 11th is becoming more serious
21 all the time.

DERBY

If you were over in dear old London this evening, strolling through White Chapel or Limehouse, you'd be very likely to hear something like this:

"Blimme, you should 'ave been there, 'awkins old boy. You know, at Hepsom Downs. There must 'ave been 'arf a million blinkin' people there. King George was there, han today is 'is Majesty's birthday -- 'e's 66. Hi got a squint hat the King's 'igh 'at. And Queen Mary was there in a white coat. The Prince of Wales and Prince George, the Dooke of York and the Dutchess of 'arwood, and hall the lords 'han liedies, the dookes an the Hearls. Blimme, you should 'ave been there 'awkins me lad.

"Oo-o won the blinkin' Derby? 'Aven't you 'eard? Why "Cameronian" won the bally race, 'Awkins, old boy, 'an I lost three quid."

Yes, that's what you'd hear, or something like it.

My blinkin' cockney dialect is rawther rusty. But as the United Press informs us, Dewar's "Cameronian" won the Derby, and millions of dollars changed hands, the world's most famous race.

1 Now comes one of the strangest
2 accidents in the history of aviation.

3 It happened down in Uruguay.

4 Albert Wolkof, ~~the International~~
5 ~~News Service tells us,~~ is an aviator who
6 has been flying quite a bit at
7 Montevideo.

8 Last night he walked in his
9 sleep. Just like any other somnambulist
10 he went meandering around while still
11 deep in slumber.

12 The sleep-walking flying-man
13 strolled out on to the aviation field.
14 He climbed into an airplane, started
15 the motor, and still fast ~~xxx~~ asleep
16 went zipping down the field. The plane
17 crashed into a wall. It was badly
18 damaged. And the aviator? Why, he
19 just woke up. Yes, he woke up good and
20 proper, and that was all. *As the Int. News*
21 *Service remarks,* He just rubbed his eyes and
22 said: "Where am I?"

1 ~~Now comes a~~ ^{And then there's the} story ^{today} about Abdul
2 who said he was a poor man. Abdul is
3 a Turkish farmer of Asia Minor. He
4 brought his son to a doctor in a nearby
5 town.

6 "Allah is great," cried Abdul,
7 "but my son is sick."

8 The doctor looked over the boy
9 and said he'd have to have an x-ray
10 made.

11 "Allah is merciful," chanted
12 Abdul, "and he loves a merciful
13 physician. How much would it cost,
14 this thing you call x-ray?"

15 The doctor responded that it would
16 cost 7 dollars.

17 "Allah loves the true believer,
18 but that is too much money. I am a
19 poor man. It is more than I can pay."

20 The doctor, taking pity on the
21 poverty-stricken patriarch, brought the
22 price down to 4 dollars. And Abdul,
23 still calling upon Allah and the
24 prophet Mohammed, forked over the 4
25 bucks.

1 But his son was afraid of the
2 x-ray machine and didn't want to get
3 near the strange contraption. Abdul,
4 in order to encourage the youth,
5 volunteered to have the x-ray shot
6 through him, just to show ^{that it} ~~they~~ didn't
7 hurt. And so for the purpose of
8 encouraging the boy, the doctor took
9 an x-ray picture of the venerable old
10 Turk. And right there a strange thing
11 was observed. The x-ray didn't show
12 that Abdul had any organic disorder.
13 It merely revealed that he had around
14 his waist a belt filled with gold
15 pieces. That poverty-stricken old *Moslem*
16 ~~chap~~ had 2,000 dollars in gold strapped
17 around him.

18 Then, the New York Sun tells us,
19 it was the doctor's turn to call upon
20 Allah.

21 "Does the prophet Mohammed command
22 men to be liars?" he demanded. "Does
23 the Koran teach that you are to say
24 you are a poor man when you have gold
25 hidden away?"

1 "Allah is great," sighed old
2 Abdul, "He is wise and He is merciful."

3 But just the same, the venerable
4 old rogue had to pay the 7 dollars for
5 that x-ray picture.

6 Yes, Allah is wise and
7 merciful, and he makes the minutes
8 fly by — and that is why I must
9 say in this language of the unbeliever
10 — so long until tomorrow.
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