

## RAILROADS

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Good Evening, Everybody:-

1           The Interstate Commerce Commission  
2 today refused to give the railroads a  
3 fifteen per cent increase of freight  
4 rates. The railroads have been asking  
5 for this increase, but the Inter-  
6 Commerce Commission says no. But it  
7 does grant ~~to the railroads~~ an increase  
8 in freight rates on certain commodities  
9 for a limited period of time.

10           It allows the railroads a  
11 boost of three dollars a car on a  
12 number of products, coal, iron ore,  
13 copper ore, shingles, gravel, sand,  
14 and so on. In other words, as the  
15 International News Service reports,  
16 the railroads don't get all that they  
17 ask. *But* They <sup>do</sup> get something.

1           They had a funeral at Pittsburgh  
2 today, and plenty of honors were paid to  
3 the man whose last ~~rites~~<sup>rites</sup> were celebrated.  
4 He was a railroad engineer, John M.  
5 Davison, who died at the age of 78. The  
6 Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph declares today  
7 that the record of engineer Davison has  
8 never been equalled. He was a locomotive  
9 engineer for the Pennsylvania<sup>lines</sup> for 52  
10 years. He traveled in his engine cab for  
11 more than one million, 600 thousand  
12 miles. That's more than 64 times around  
13 the world. He never had ~~any accidents~~<sup>a wreck.</sup>

14           And Engineer Davison made a  
15 record for heroism too. He was one of  
16 the ~~heroes~~ heroes of the famous  
17 Johnstown flood. The swollen waters were  
18 racing down the valley. ~~Engineer Davison's~~  
19 ~~the~~ train was just crossing the bridge <sup>over</sup> ~~across~~  
20 the raging stream. People were being  
21 swept away by the maddened waters. The  
22 engineer and the members of his train-  
23 crew grabbed all the ropes they could  
24 find and threw them to the drowning  
25 people, and pulled them ashore.



1                   And then this same engineer was  
2 the hero of a classic of railway  
3 courage. Forty-three years ago he saw a  
4 child on the tracks in front of his  
5 engine. He signalled to the crew for  
6 BRAKES, climbed down to the cow-catcher  
7 of the still rushing train, reached over  
8 and threw the child off the track, as  
9 the ■ locomotive thundered on.

10                   On another occasion he broke  
11 all records for a fast run between  
12 Altoona and Pittsburgh. He left Altoona  
13 46 minutes late, and pulled into  
14 Pittsburgh on time. Old railroaders  
15 smile when they tell you how the ace  
16 engineer was called up on the carpet  
17 and told not to do it again. But his  
18 record still stands unbroken. And it's  
19 a point of pride in the world of railway  
20 men.

21                   Well, Engineer Davison has made  
22 his last run, and doubtless has departed  
23 to the world where they say wings are the  
24 fashion, and not smoking, snorting, roar-  
25 ing locomotives.

DOOLITTLE

Well, Major Jimmie Doolittle made another amazing flight today. He flew from Ottawa, Canada, to Mexico City in 12 hours and 35 minutes.

Jimmie left Ottawa at 4:40 this morning, just at dawn. His idea was to cover the capitals of Canada, the United States and Mexico, between dawn and sunset. He flew from Ottawa to Washington, D. C., and he made it thru to Mexico City a terrific speed, arriving there at 5:15 Eastern Standard time.

2500 miles in 12 hours and 35 minutes flight between dawn and dusk, and that's some flight even for Jimmie Doolittle.



1           The big political campaign  
2 over in England is getting wilder all  
3 the time. The latest incident is that  
4 the police had to come to the rescue  
5 of Alistaire MacDonald, the son of  
6 Prime Minister MacDonald. The young  
7 man is supporting his father in breaking  
8 away from the Labor party. ~~And~~ both  
9 MacDonalds have been trying to win back  
10 some of their former Labor supporters.  
11 Young MacDonald tried to make a speech  
12 at the town of Tilbury, but the Laborites  
13 howled him down with ~~the~~ cries of  
14 "TRAITOR", and the going got so ~~real~~ <sup>hot</sup>  
15 that the bobbies had to come charging  
16 <sup>to the</sup> ~~and~~ rescue <sup>of</sup> the Prime Minister's son,  
17 and escort <sup>ed</sup> him to his automobile.

18           The United Press, <sup>remarks</sup> ~~says~~ that  
19 the principal stormy petrel is Sir  
20 Oswald Moseley, the young aristocrat, who,  
21 with his wife, ~~xxx~~ daughter of Lord Curzon,  
22 <sup>turned</sup> ~~became~~ Socialist and joined the Labor  
23 Party. Then they left that ~~Labor~~ Party  
24 to form a party of their own, <sup>that's what</sup> and they  
25 are trying to do ~~that~~ now.

1 Sir Oswald has been having a  
2 bit of stormy campaigning. He has  
3 surrounded himself with a battalion  
4 of husky co-workers including Ted Kid  
5 Lewis, <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ famous boxer, <sup>once welter-weight</sup>  
6 <sup>champion of the world.</sup> Sir Oswald has been having one  
7 battle after another as he has been  
8 trying to make speeches. At Glasgow  
9 the police ~~have~~ <sup>had to</sup> put him in his hotel  
10 for safekeeping. He addressed an  
11 audience at St. Andrews Hall. The crowd  
12 tore down a door and tossed aside the  
13 police and there was a general free for  
14 all before the young aristocrat could  
15 be taken away safely.

16 The election enthusiasm is ~~x~~  
17 becoming so great <sup>that</sup> distinguished <sup>British</sup>  
18 celebrities who are out campaigning  
19 have provided themselves with forces of  
20 husky bodyguards.  
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1        *And* It looks as though John Bull ought  
2 to get a traffic cop on the job ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> a  
3 highway intersection between Brighton  
4 and Worthing. British motorists must be  
5 thinking they're seeing a ghost at  
6 night, a white ghost with five red eyes.

7            It's a woman, who has appointed  
8 herself to the job of traffic cop, and a  
9 rather fantastic ~~traffic cop~~ <sup>one</sup> she makes.  
10 She stands there every night, wearing a  
11 white coat, a white hat, and white  
12 gloves. And she wears five reflectors,  
13 red ones, which shine with a bright  
14 crimson gleam in the light of approaching  
15 cars.

16            The International News Service  
17 names the lady as Mrs. M.J.S. Brown, a  
18 war-widow, who has been worrying for  
19 some time about that crossing. It's a  
20 dangerous one. It has been the scene  
21 of a number of accidents. Mrs. Brown  
22 thinks the government ought to do some-  
23 thing about it. She has written to the  
24 Ministry of Transport, but it hasn't  
25 done any good.

1           And so Mrs. Brown decided she  
2 would do the job herself. She has  
3 announced that she's going to keep  
4 on directing the traffic at night until  
5 a traffic cop has been placed at that  
6 crossing, or traffic lights are installed.

7           Yes, she's going to be there every  
8 night in her white get-up, with red  
9 lights.

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1           The United Press reports that China  
2 has asked both France and Great Britain  
3 to send soldiers into Manchuria.

4           The Chinese want the European  
5 troops on the job to protect Chinese  
6 rights against the Japanese.

7           And wouldn't that complicate the  
8 situation? -- <sup>I mean</sup> to have ~~French and English~~  
9 French and English regiments in that war-  
10 torn province, along with the military  
11 forces of Japan, the soldiery of China,  
12 and bands of Mongolian brigands, with  
13 the Red Army of Soviet Russia watching on  
14 the border?

15           However, these complications are not  
16 going to happen, apparently -- because  
17 both France and England today refused the  
18 Chinese request that they send troops into  
19 Manchuria.

20           Meanwhile, it looks a little more as  
21 if the trouble might be settled by direct  
22 negotiations between China and Japan. The  
23 Foreign Minister at Tokio is drawing up a  
24 list of demands that the Mikado's  
25 government want accepted before the

1 Japanese army will march out of  
2 Manchuria. These demands will be  
3 presented to the Chinese Foreign Minister,  
4 who, it is said, is ready to start  
5 talking things over directly with the  
6 Tokio government, the idea being to **■■■■**  
7 come to an agreement.  
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1           Good word comes from Geneva. The  
2 Chinese delegates to the League of  
3 Nations are a bit pessimistic, but the  
4 Japanese representative came out today  
5 and declared that he expected that a  
6 peaceful solution of the Manchurian  
7 problem would be accomplished by the  
8 end of this week.

9           When asked by the International  
10 News Service correspondent why he was  
11 so optimistic, the Japanese delegate  
12 declared that he believed the Tokio  
13 government was considering favorable  
14 proposals for a compromise which were  
15 now before it.

16           And, secondly, that the Chinese  
17 have been behaving better in Manchuria,  
18 which was having a good effect on  
19 public opinion in Japan.  
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1 In this week's Literary Digest  
2 there is a bright and amusing article  
3 about the great Battle of Bridge. The  
4 experts are conducting a mighty campaign.  
5 Figuratively speaking they are hurling  
6 ~~the~~ deck<sup>s</sup> of cards at each other.

7 That Literary Digest article  
8 gives us a whole raft of interesting  
9 things about Ely Culbertson, who  
10 single-handed is doing battle with the  
11 rest of the experts.

12 Well, it was all so interesting  
13 that I <sup>thought:</sup> ~~said to myself~~ why not let Mr.  
14 Culbertson himself tell us about ~~the~~ bridge.  
15 I put the question to him and he said  
16 "Yes, why not, and so here's Ely  
17 Culbertson himself."



1           When the Literary Digest devotes  
2 two pages to an intellectual pastime  
3 like Contract Bridge, it can mean but  
4 one thing only: Bridge has acquired the  
5 significance and the dignity as the  
6 greatest and most popular form of mental  
7 relaxation in the history of the world.

8           This year of depression has been  
9 the most successful year for Contract  
10 Bridge. Today, in America, <sup>alone,</sup> ~~along,~~ about  
11 20 million people play Bridge or talk  
12 or fight about it.

13           Contract Bridge offers an escape  
14 from reality and from every day worries  
15 and pre-occupations. It forces a player  
16 to forget his routine train of thoughts--  
17 psychologically speaking - to forget is  
18 to rest mentally. It offers to married  
19 couples, through the medium of Bridge,  
20 arguments and, if I may bluntly say so,  
21 fights <sup>^</sup> a convenient safety valve through  
22 which they release thousands of petty  
23 annoyances and suppressed grudges that  
24 accumulate in the course of married life.  
25 You have no doubt noted that Bridge

1 arguments between married couples are  
2 strangely emphatic and this very fact  
3 of exaggerated emphasis tinged with some  
4 bitterness is the best proof that the  
5 married couple, while pretending to  
6 fight over a Bridge question are in  
7 reality quarreling over something else.  
8 My advice to married couples, therefore,  
9 is not to fight less, but to fight more.

10           Some day I will write a book  
11 for young men and women on how to select  
12 an ideal wife, husband or mother-in-law  
13 by using Bridge as a yard-stick. For  
14 instance, if your chosen one holds her  
15 13 cards of the Bridge hand in such a  
16 way that everyone can see it, without  
17 taking a peek, I put her down as a  
18 naive trusting soul, who will need the  
19 powerful arm of the man throughout her  
20 life. Should she, as Dummy, lay down  
21 her hand in a nonchalant and sloppy  
22 fashion, so that the Ace of diamonds  
23 is at the head of the heart suit and the  
24 Ace of hearts is lost somewhere among  
25 the diamonds, while the King of spades



1 is sticking out behind the Queen of  
2 clubs, you can draw these Bridge ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
3 inferences:

4 1. The buttons of your inner  
5 and outer garments will never be sewn  
6 on as long as you live.

7 Bridge inference No. 2 is that  
8 when your breakfast coffee will be  
9 served the sugar bowl will always be  
10 placed at the opposite end of the table  
11 and so far out of your reach that for  
12 the next 20 years you will have to get  
13 up, walk around the table and fetch it  
14 yourself, while she will be asking you -  
15 Darling, do you like your coffee?

16 As for the man, beware of the  
17 type who holds his 13 cards so close to  
18 his chest that even he himself can see  
19 only half of the hand. He will scrutinize  
20 with a microscope every bill and as for  
21 pin money - there is none to be had. He  
22 will see to it that he himself loses it  
23 in Bridge.

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# SLOGAN

Well, Mr. Culbertson, I guess we'll have to credit you with a grand slam in clubs. And - now, ~~well~~, let's slip through with

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a slogan. They tell us that already the slogan writing boys are getting set for the campaign of 1932. Pithy telling phrases are being concocted by the Republicans and Democrats as battle cries for the presidential election next year. And some of them have <sup>been</sup> passed along as possibilities for official slogans.

The Associated Press gives us a bit of historical background. We are told that one of the first real campaign slogans came along in 1800. It was: Equal rights for all - special privileges for none. And that battle cry helped to put Thomas Jefferson in the White House.

Then in 1828 Andrew Jackson's <sup>campaign motto</sup> was a denunciation. "Bargain and Corruption" was the shout raised by the followers of Old Hickory.

Most of us remember from our school history books that President <sup>Harrison</sup> ~~Hyter~~ went into the White House with a



1 roaring cheer of "Tippecanoe and Tyler,  
2 Too." And then there was the familiar  
3 ~~Saxxon~~ "Fifty-four Forty or Fight"  
4 which was sounded by President Polk  
5 in 1854.

6 Coming down to more recent times  
7 there was the McKinley-Bryan campaign  
8 with the McKinleyites shouting "The  
9 Full Dinner Pail" on one side, and Bryan  
10 raising his famous cry of "Sixteen-to-One"  
11 on the other.

12 ~~more~~<sup>one</sup> of the most valuable of all  
13 campaign mottoes was Woodrow Wilson's  
14 "He Kept us out of war". And then there  
15 was Harding's "Back to Normalcy", and  
16 "Keep Cool with Coolidge." Some of us  
17 may have difficulty in remembering that the  
18 Democrats opposed Coolidge with the  
19 cry of "Better Days with Davis." And  
20 then, of course, there was the slogan  
21 in the last election - "Hoover and  
22 Prosperity."

23 Well, with that long history of  
24 sloganeering in the political background  
25 it's no wonder the boys are already

1 getting ready with their battle cries.

2 Here is one Republican slogan that  
3 has already been prepared for next year.  
4 It is: "Hoover or Havoc". Another one  
5 is "Rally around Hoover."

6 The Democrats come back with a  
7 few snappy war shouts of their own.  
8 One is "Hibernate with Hoover." And  
9 another Democratic creation ~~is~~ has a  
10 real snap on it. Here it is: "Now is  
11 the Time for All Good Men to Come-to."

12 Well, a rousing slogan is said  
13 to be a valuable political asset and  
14 some of the best <sup>electioneering</sup> ~~political~~ brains are  
15 engaged in the task of devising pithy  
16 phrases which will sound and resound  
17 next year.

18 Meanwhile I'll sing out my own  
19 closing slogan, ~~xxxxxx~~ which is,  
20 so long until tomorrow.