

Good Evening, Everybody:

1 The situation in the British Navy  
2 tonight is something like this:

3 The mutinous ships are on their  
4 way to English ports. They raised anchor  
5 this morning and steamed southward along  
6 the coast of Scotland, but only after  
7 the officers had had quite a bit of ~~xxx~~  
8 trouble in getting the discontented  
9 seamen to obey orders. The sailing was  
10 delayed while the officers argued with  
11 the men. Those unruly British Jack Tars  
12 were told that the government was going  
13 to do something about those cuts in pay  
14 <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ had made the sailors angry in the  
15 first place. The grievances of the men  
16 <sup>are to</sup> ~~would~~ be considered by the Ministers at  
17 London and concessions <sup>are to</sup> ~~would~~ be made. The  
18 sailors' pay <sup>will</sup> ~~would~~ not be cut drastically  
19 enough to inflict any real hardships.

20 But even with these assurances  
21 from the officers the seamen were still  
22 not satisfied. They were afraid that the  
23 plan was to separate the mutinous ships  
24 of the British Atlantic Fleet and scatter  
25 them in various ports.

1           In this way the various crews  
2 could be dealt with separately. The  
3 sailors had in mind the old principle  
4 that in union there is strength and they  
5 demanded that the fleet should be kept  
6 together.

7           The Associated Press reports that  
8 the officers were compelled to promise that  
9 this would be done, that the ships of the  
10 fleet would not be scattered. And even  
11 then they had to use threats of stern  
12 disciplinary action before the seamen  
13 finally consented to weigh anchor and  
14 take the ships down the coast.

15           In London Sir Austin Chamberlin,  
16 First Lord of the Admiralty, has issued  
17 a warning today telling <sup>the</sup> mutinous sailors  
18 that unless they immediately return to  
19 duty the government ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> take drastic  
20 measures.

21           "Any further refusal by  
22 individuals to carry out orders", declared  
23 Sir Austin, "will be dealt with under the  
24 Naval Discipline Act."

25           He didn't have to add that the

1 Naval Discipline Act is a pretty stiff  
2 affair.

3 Yes, the British government intends  
4 to make concessions to the sailors in the  
5 matter of those slashes of pay, but just  
6 the same it is threatening to treat the  
7 ~~mutinous~~ <sup>mutineers</sup> sailors severely unless they  
8 see the light and obey orders.

9 The International News Service gives  
10 a brief petition which the sailors have  
11 made to the government. It begins:

12 We, loyal subjects of his Majesty,  
13 the King, want thus and so.

14 In their plea the sailors ask the  
15 government to amend the drastic pay  
16 reductions.

17 As a background for this whole  
18 amazing business of the mutiny of the  
19 British Navy we are given the fact that the  
20 wives and families of the sailors have been  
21 bombarding their men and also the newspapers  
22 with letters complaining that if the sailors'  
23 pay was cut in accordance with the government  
24 schedules, why the sailors' families would  
25 be reduced to dire distress. They would  
not be able to get along if the wages of  
the fleet were scaled down as low as the  
government intended.



1           There's an awful lot of bidding  
2 going on these days in a big room in a  
3 New York Hotel. Four hundred bridge  
4 teachers are gathered from all over the  
5 country. They are holding a convention,  
6 and they are getting an education in the  
7 new official bidding system.

8           They are gathered around tables,  
9 bidding on hands, putting into practice  
10 that new system, and when they are all  
11 through they'll have to pass examinations  
12 to **show** their familiarity with the  
13 mysteries of contract all the way from  
14 psychic bids to low card tricks.

15           The New York World telegram  
16 gives ~~us~~ a sample of the questions ~~that~~  
17 that are asked as a test of one's knowledge  
18 of bidding. Here's one:

19           If <sup>your</sup> opponents were within a few  
20 points of rubber and had bid one spade, and  
21 you were not vulnerable, would you, as  
22 second hand, make a minor suit bid of four  
23 on seven probable tricks.?

24           Well, how would you answer that?

25           As for me, I'm not going to answer it at  
all. I'm just going on to the next news  
dispatch.

1 Here's another one of those bits of  
2 news that sound like ~~a~~ Tall Story<sup>ies</sup> but  
3 really are quite true. We are told of  
4 how a storm of wind came along and blew  
5 ~~away~~ a lake away - yes, blew it away.

6 It was Summer Lake, near the town  
7 of Lakeview in Lake County, Oregon. Yes,  
8 there's plenty of LAKE in that descrip-  
9 tion. The United Press explains that  
10 Summer Lake has been suffering from the  
11 drought. It was quite shallow when a  
12 violent blast of wind started to blow.  
13 The wind swept the water over a parched  
14 bed of dry land, where it was immediately  
15 sucked up. ~~By the time~~ By the time the wind  
16 was over, the entire lake had disappeared  
17 and nothing but a muddy bed remained.

18 No, don't look interested, all  
19 you members of the Tall Story Club --  
20 this really happened. The United Press  
21 says so.  
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1           There was a fire in New York last  
2 night, and from out of the inferno of  
3 flame and smoke came plaintive childish  
4 calls of MAMMA, MAMMA.

5           Patrolman Richard Donnelly discovered  
6 the blaze. He was passing along the street  
7 when he heard pathetic voices calling  
8 MAMMA, MAMMA.

9           The firemen fought the blaze, pushing  
10 their way in through choking smoke and  
11 scorching flames. And all the while those  
12 baby voices kept on pitiously calling for  
13 mamma.

14           The New York Evening Post tells us it  
15 was most pathetic. The fire was in a doll  
16 factory, and as the shelves on which stood  
17 hundreds of talking dolls gave way -- well,  
18 there you have the explanation of those  
19 constant innumerable calls of MAMMA,  
20 MAMMA.  
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1 A strange case of house-painting *has*  
2 ~~came~~ up in a New York court. ~~today~~ A  
3 chemist related how a restaurant owner  
4 had three coats of varnish put on his  
5 walls, but that varnish wouldn't dry.  
6 After a lot of chemical research, the  
7 reason was discovered. The Chinese cook  
8 made a slight mistake. He had a big  
9 can of syrup, and he was helping to mix  
10 the paints. Yes, he made a slight  
11 mistake -- he put the syrup in the varnish.

12 And so, as the United Press,  
13 relates, there's one restaurant with  
14 three coats of varnish and syrup on  
15 its walls. I suppose the flies are  
16 having a ~~good time~~. *grand celebration.*

1 On a wild rocky island in the  
2 North Pacific two men were tinkering with  
3 an airplane today. Yes, they intend to  
4 take off, although you might think  
5 they'd had enough adventurous flying  
6 by now. They are Don Moyle and Cecil  
7 Allen. The world was thrilled yesterday  
8 by the news that they had been found  
9 alive and well after having been missing  
10 for so many days. And today the word  
11 comes by the United Press that they just  
12 intend to keep on flying.

13 When they were forced to land on  
14 that island, Navarin, off the Arctic  
15 coast of Siberia, why their plane wasn't  
16 ~~damaged~~ damaged to any extent. They have  
17 taken a supply of fuel from the Russian  
18 steamer Buriat, which found them after  
19 their long absence. At last reports they  
20 thought they might keep on with their  
21 trans-Pacific flight and head for Seattle,  
22 but on the other <sup>adds the Int. News Service,</sup> hand, they weren't so  
23 sure but what it might be wisest to head  
24 back for Japan.

25 And by the way, here's an odd



1 story which the Associated Press relates.  
2 Yesterday at Ironwood, Michigan, a man  
3 was reading a newspaper in the lobby of  
4 a local hotel. A traveling salesman  
5 from Minneapolis happened to walk by, and  
6 he saw the man reading the newspaper.  
7 The next thing there was a bit of swift  
8 and violent action. It was something  
9 like a flying tackle. The traveling  
10 salesman dashed at the stranger and  
11 snatched the newspaper from his hands.  
12 Yes, it would seem as though somebody  
13 had suddenly gone crazy, or as if it  
14 might be an occasion for a fight. But  
15 the injured owner of the newspaper, as  
16 he stared at the face of the traveling  
17 salesman, didn't observe any ferocious  
18 maniac look. He saw instead a broad,  
19 beaming, pop-eyed smile.

20 The newspaper snatcher was simply  
21 devouring the headlines which told that  
22 Don Moyle and Cecil Allen had been  
23 discovered safe and sound. No wonder  
24 he was interested. No wonder he had done  
25 a piece of crazy newspaper snatching. He

1 was Ted Moyle, Don's brother. That  
2 headline was the first news he had had  
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Merle LaVoy  
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re: Prohibitor  
Islands

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~~Here's another from that same~~  
~~part of the world,~~ <sup>where Moyle and Allen are</sup> The first radio  
message to the outside world telling of  
the safety of Moyle and Allen was picked  
up by Uncle Sam's Naval wireless station  
on the Pribilof Islands. And those  
Pribilof Islands certainly must be  
included in any list of marvels. ~~we make~~  
~~up~~

There is a world traveler here  
in the studio with me who has spent  
considerable time on the Pribilofs, up  
there on Bering Sea, ~~a bit to the east~~  
~~of where Moyle and Allen were~~ ~~xxx~~ picked  
~~up~~ This traveler's name is Merle  
LaVoy. Many years ago I <sup>first</sup> crossed his  
trail in the Far North, afterwards in  
Australia. Then we met during the World  
War. He's been everywhere, leading  
expeditions to the ends of the earth.

Do you remember, long years ago  
when ~~Bealwell~~ Brown and Professor  
Hirschel Parker made their assault on  
Mt. McKinley? Well, Merle LaVoy was a  
member of that party. Behind dog teams

1 he has mushed for thousands of miles  
2 across the Arctic. One month I heard  
3 from <sup>Merle LaVoy</sup> ~~him~~ in Samoa and a little later  
4 from North Africa. Yes, and he has even  
5 been to the savage Solomon Islands.

6 But, Merle, what about the  
7 Pribilofs in Bering Sea? Tell us what  
8 they're like.



FOR LAVOY

Yes, they're a marvel all right. In fact, a whole series of marvels. Imagine a bleak island not more than a few dozen square miles in size. That's Saint Paul's of the Pribilof group. Then take the northeast point of that island in that gray northern sea. You have a strip of craggy land about a half mile long and 200 yards wide, and in that narrow space you will find jammed together about a quarter of a million seals. They are packed as thickly as a New York subway jam -- millions of dollars worth of magnificent fur.

Well, the first marvel comes along as the ship draws near Northeast Point. Yes, and you hear that marvel. From a couple of miles away there comes a long unceasing confused roar. If it's foggy that roar is about as good as a siren. You steer your ship by it. No, that isn't the seal herd roaring - - that's only part of the seal herd.

The married bulls and their harems don't make much noise ordinarily. But, off to one side is the herd of bachelors, the young bulls that haven't been able to fight their way into possession of a harem. They hang-out together, and they roar

and bellow all the time. And you can't blame them. I'd roar too!

The second marvel up there is the mother instinct. The cow seals are away fishing all day. The pups are on the shore. They are getting hungry, and they start a little concert of their own. They stick their heads up and they yelp -- thousands of them yelping in a curious chorus that I can't quite describe. And I'm not going to imitate it.

Then the mothers come in from their day of fishing. The cows swarm up on the shore. And from among the huge herd

1 of pups each mother picks her own. The  
2 pups don't know so much. They don't  
3 recognize their mothers so easily.  
4 You'll see a pup edge up to a cow that's  
5 flopping along. If ~~he~~<sup>it</sup> isn't hers, she  
6 just gives it a side-swipe with her  
7 snout and knocks it kicking.

8 And so it goes, with the pups  
9 swarming around the mothers, and ~~the~~ *each*  
10 mother snooping around until she finds  
11 her own.

12 And another marvel comes along when  
13 the pups go to school. Yes, they have a  
14 regular course of education. When they  
15 are 2 to 4 weeks old the mothers take  
16 them down and give them swimming lessons.  
17 The mothers push them into shallow water.  
18 The pups sprawl around, *practicing* swimming.  
19 The ~~mothers~~ push them out into deeper  
20 water. That's grammar school. Then  
21 comes high school, when each mother takes  
22 her pup out and teaches it to fish. She  
23 demonstrates all the tricks -- how to  
24 go darting into a shoal *school of small fish* ~~for mackerel~~, and  
25 how to ~~lay~~ *lie in* and wait.



1           Then the end of summer comes, and  
2 all the marvels disappear. The  
3 millions of seals leave their rookeries  
4 in those islands and head southward.  
5 Where they go nobody knows. Scientists  
6 are still puzzled about where the fur  
7 seal passes <sup>the winter</sup> summer. That's not a marvel  
8 -- that's a mystery.  
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## WHALES

Well, Merle you've told us Page 17  
about seals — here's one about whales.

1           The League of Nations today made a  
2 move to put an end to a war. Yes, it's  
3 a war that's been raging for a long time.  
4 It's the war against the whales. The  
5 idea is to do something to curb the way  
6 the whaling ships are exterminating the  
7 Leviathans of the Deep.

② 8           The United Press reports that today  
9 at Geneva a committee of the League of  
10 Nations put the seal of its approval upon  
11 <sup>proposed</sup> an international agreement. That  
12 agreement is designed to protect the  
13 whales. The idea is to get the <sup>countries of the world</sup> ~~nations~~  
14 to give the League of Nations the power  
15 to supervise the ~~whaling~~ whaling industry.

16           Well, whaling is an old subject  
17 for romantic stories. But nowadays it  
18 has become so efficient that there's a  
19 real danger that the whalers,  
20 Scandinavians mostly, may soon wipe out  
21 those giant cetaceans that spout in the  
22 sea. And the League of Nations wants to  
23 do something to keep the whale from  
24 becoming just another extinct animal.  
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1 A sad story was told today about  
2 a group of school-teachers who went on  
3 a camping trip in Yellowstone Park.

4 The girls picked out a beautiful site  
5 amid giant trees and towering cliffs,  
6 and all that sort of thing.

7 They settled to have a pleasant  
8 and ~~thrilling~~ couple of days. They  
9 were trying to get off to sleep when they  
10 heard a loud toot-toot. It was an  
11 automobile horn. It was the horn of their  
12 own car. They climbed off their cots  
13 and tip-toed up to the machine.

14 Somebody was in the front seat.  
15 When they drew close they saw it was a  
16 big, black bear. He was sitting there  
17 as though he were getting ready to drive  
18 off.

19 ~~Were~~ Were those girls frightened?  
20 ~~You bet~~ <sup>all say</sup> they were. After a while they  
21 collected their wits and tried to shoo  
22 the bear away. "Shoo-Shoo", they yelled  
23 in a shrill chorus. The bear only  
24 growled ferociously.

25 They tried it again. They shouted



Scat."

1 "Scat"<sup>^</sup> The bear ~~grawled some more and~~ only chewed a big piece  
2 out of the upholstery<sup>of the car.</sup> That was too  
3 much for the girls. They started afoot.  
4 They made a long trek across the country  
5 and called the park guards.

6 The United Press tells how the  
7 guards chased the bear away from the  
8 car, and then the girls discovered that  
9 Old Brother Baar had eaten all of their  
10 provisions, and that put a crimp in  
11 a beautiful camping trip.

12 And now it's shoo - shoo for  
13 me, and also scat - and along  
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