

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 Today half a dozen giant airplanes
2 went roaring through the sky and dropped
3 bombs. But they were food bombs. And
4 the beneficial barrage from the air took
5 place in ^{our own} ~~the~~ Southwest.

6 The Associated Press wires that the
7 villages of the Zuni and Navajo Indians
8 in western New Mexico are snowbound. The
9 Indians have been trapped by the
10 heavy drifts and are in sore straits for
11 food.

12 So six big Army bombers went to the
13 rescue. In ~~the~~ ^{the} racks where they usually
14 carry deadly missiles of high explosives
15 they ~~now~~ had bombs ^{alright — but they were bulging} ~~made up of great~~
16 ~~bombs~~ ^{packages} of food. They flew over the
17 snowbound villages of the Indians and
18 dropped those missiles, which went
19 flashing down toward earth, not death-
20 dealing, but life-dealing.

21 To the Indians ^{those bombs were} ~~it was~~ indeed manna
22 from Heaven. And the Redskins must have
23 said that the War Birds of the Great White
24 Father had turned into angels.

1 This next sounds alarming -- at
2 first. It 's about a band of raiders
3 on the warpath riding across the border
4 into the United States.

5 The Associated Press tells how a
6 large party of Mexican horsemen conducted
7 the invasion. But they seem to have been
8 merely robbers. On Saturday night there
9 was a gun battle at Devil's Pass between
10 several Mexicans and five American border
11 patrols on the lookout for horse thieves.
12 One Mexican was killed.

13 The same border patrol was on
14 guard again today when they observed the
15 approach of horsemen on the Mexican side.
16 Two patrols were sent for reinforcements,
17 and three kept watch. In a skirmish the
18 Mexicans crossed the border and forced
19 the Americans back.

20 When the re-enforcements came up
21 they found nothing but hoofprints. The
22 raiders had disappeared.

23 It is believed that they were a
24 gang of robbers -- probably the same that
25 crossed the river last Tuesday,

1 terrorized a town and stole a few cattle.

2 Just another of the slight
3 disturbances that crop up along the
4 border, now and then.

1 In Chicago a group of thirty
2 men are sitting around a table trying
3 to straighten out the tangle in which
4 a great industry finds itself.

5 They are ~~xxx~~ nine railroad
6 presidents and twenty-one labor
7 executives. The railroad presidents
8 are proposing to the labor men a wage
9 cut of ten per cent. which will involve
10 one million nine hundred thousand
11 Union members. The labor heads are
12 considering the wage cut. Both sides
13 are trying to work out some plan to
14 benefit both the railroads and their
15 employ^es.

16 The United Press wires that
17 the labor ^{representatives} ~~executives~~ have put their
18 O. K. on the attitude taken by the
19 railroad presidents thus far. However,
20 the Chicago Tribune today declares
21 that the railroad presidents have
22 tentatively responded to ^{the} Union
23 proposals in a way that the Union
24 leaders consider unfavorable.

25 The Chicago Tribune specifies

1 Here's an interesting game. Let's
2 take a dollar bill and match it up
3 against various commodities -- milk,
4 wheat, clothing, and so on. Let's see
5 how big that dollar bill is ~~as~~ compared
6 with these different necessities of life.

7 In this week's Literary Digest
8 there is an article which gives us the
9 various dimensions of a dollar. ~~The~~ In
10 general, ^{the} size of that bit of green stamped
11 paper is half again as big as it used to
12 be. The Literary Digest quotes the News
13 Bureau of Boston as giving us a series
14 of figures compiled by Professor Irving
15 Fisher, ~~of~~ the Yale economist. ^{The Professor's figures} ~~They~~ show
16 that the dollar today is worth just about
17 a dollar and a half, as compared with
18 the ~~simoleon~~ ^{dollar} of 1926. That is, you can
19 buy as much for one ^{well known and sometimes rare simoleon} ~~buck~~ today as ~~would~~ ^{you could}
20 have ^{bought for} ~~cost~~ \$1.50 in 1926.

21 But that's not the most interesting
22 part of it. That's not the game of
23 matching up that I mentioned. The
24 Literary Digest goes on with an
25 elaborate and illuminating set of tables

1 based on a tabulation of prices published
2 in the Weekly Financial Digest of E. F.
3 Hutton and Company. This list gives us
4 the value of a dollar in terms of various
5 commodities, and you'll find a surprise
6 or two in those figures. The value of a
7 dollar differs greatly. ~~In the terms of~~
8 ~~different commodities.~~ In most cases
9 it is of course worth more than it was
10 in the boom period, but in some cases
11 it is worth less. And then in that same
12 chart we can compare present values with
13 those of 1913. ~~also~~

14 That Literary Digest tabulation
15 certainly ~~does~~ strikes home to those of
16 us who ^{pass} ~~put~~ our money ^{across} ~~on~~ the counter, and
17 ~~buy something, and that means all of us~~

1 Another case comes along of an
 2 American diplomatic official attacked and
 3 beaten in a foreign country. This time
 4 it's the distant, strange land of
 5 Abbyssinia.

6 The American minister to the
 7 African capital of Addis Ababa is Addison
 8 Southard; *and that seems to be a curious similarity*
 9 *of names.*

10 The Associated Press cables that
 11 the American minister was driving along
 12 in his car when there was a slight
 13 accident. One of the wheels ran over
 14 the foot of an Abbyssinian woman. She
 15 wasn't hurt badly, but naturally she
 16 let out a loud Abbyssinian howl. It's
 17 no fun to have an automobile come
 18 bouncing on your foot *in any country.*

19 The Abbyssinian police came up and
 20 arrested the American minister's
 21 chauffeur. That started an argument
 22 which ended in a scuffle. The American
 23 minister was hit and knocked down *in good old*
 24 *Abbyssinian style. TP Whereupon*
 25 ~~And that makes it another matter~~
~~for~~ *has another diplomatic rumpus*
 the State Department to straighten
 out.

1 Abyssinia is still off the beaten
2 track, even though American Ministers
3 do get beaten there.

4 It so happens that one of the few
5 American travellers who has visited
6 Abyssinia, and I don't think he got
7 beat up, is sitting beside me.

8 Who is he? Well, what American's
9 name is synonymous with the word travel?
10 Who has been telling us more about
11 foreign lands for the past forty years
12 than any one else on this continent?
13 Whose distinguished profile, pointed
14 beard, sun helmet and all, are known
15 in motion picture theatres the world
16 over?

17 Why, Burton Holmes, of course.
18 Who else could it be?

19 Mr. Holmes has been presenting
20 his travelogues in American cities for
21 thirty-nine years, without a break. And
22 that's a record. But as he sits here
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~~Booth.~~

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1 as he did when I first sat at his feet
2 at Orchestra Hall in Chicago nineteen
3 years ago. He is the dean of all
4 travel lecturers, and he has ~~xxx~~ kept
5 pace with the changing times. There is
6 always something new in his annual
7 series. A year ago it was his travelogue
8 on the remote land of Abyssinia. This
9 year he is doing something even more
10 unusual. He is telling us about a city
11 that might be called the most romantic
12 and bizarre of all the cities of the
13 earth -- I mean Hollywood. ~~He has a~~
14 ~~travelogue on Hollywood that xxx takes~~
15 ~~us behind the scenes.~~

16 Mr. Burton Holmes, how under the
17 sun did you happen to think of Hollywood
18 as a travelogue subject? And what sort
19 of a place is it, I mean ~~underneath the~~
20 ~~surface?~~ *behind the scenes.*

1 Well, Lowell, from Abyssinia to
2 Hollywood is a long jump. But both are
3 fantastic places. And in its way,
4 Hollywood is every bit as fascinating
5 for the traveler as the capital of
6 Abyssinia. And to most of us Hollywood
7 is as unknown as Addis Ababa -- and how
8 different. Abyssinia is a land of
9 Ethiopian complexions. Hollywood is
10 where the schoolgirl complexion is the
11 rule.

12 In Addis Ababa all the local hair
13 is black; in Hollywood it is for the
14 moment platinum or blonde.

15 In Hollywood even so commonplace
16 a thing as a visit to the barber shop
17 becomes an event. The barber shop
18 usually puts on an all-star cast. The
19 first time I dropped in to be beautified,
20 there in the next chair was Clive Brooke,
21 in another Willie Collier, and in another
22 Jack Mulhall.

23 A face that is not world famous
24 attracts attention on the streets of
25 Hollywood.

1 After New York I think that
2 Hollywood is the most interesting place
3 in America in which to live.

4 The thing I like about it is the
5 Peter Pan quality of the place. The
6 people of Southern California simply
7 refuse to grow up and take life
8 seriously. Nowhere does life seem
9 better worth living than in Hollywood.

10 I had a number of complimentary
11 things I wanted to say about Lowell
12 Thomas and his news broadcast. But he
13 shakes his head and says, "It just isn't
14 allowed." So, Lowell, where do we go
15 from here with your nightly news caravan?
16 What country is our next stop?
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Why, it's Manchuria, where we go nearly every night. Page 13

An alarmist note is sounded today by William Philip Simms, the foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers. He quotes a high diplomat at Washington as declaring that the situation in the Far East is ready to blow up with an explosion that may rock the world. They say that information has come along ~~that~~ indicating ^{ing} ~~is~~ that Japan and Russia may have a war in the spring. Russia doesn't want war, the story goes, but the Japanese general staff does, because it believes that the situation in the Far East favors Japan and ~~that~~ the forces of the Soviets are at a disadvantage.

This state of affairs is blamed on the failure of the great powers to enforce the peace treaties in the Far East ^{— that is,} to put a stop to the aggressions of Japan against China.

(On the island of Prinkipo in the Sea of M^ramora, just out from Constantinople, there lives an exile who today received bad news. But he seems to have expected it. *He has had bad news before.* He is Leon Trotzky, former war leader of the Soviets. ~~He~~ Today ^{he} received a report from Berlin that the Central Political Bureau of the Communist Party at Moscow has decided to demand that Trotzky's period of exile shall be extended for two years more.)

A correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed the former partner of Lenin, and Trotzky indicated that he had expected all along that he would be kept in exile from Russia.

Well, Trotzky has been living on that sleepy old Turkish island for some time now, writing his memoirs, looking back upon the days when he and Lenin were the two Red masters who ruled ~~the world of the Soviets.~~ *in the place of the czars, in the Land of Muscovy.*

They say he has been on his good behavior so far as his enemy Stalin is concerned. I suppose that means he hasn't

1 been conducting any activities against the
2 man who drove him from Russia. Some
3 think that might cause Stalin to ease up
4 on his old ^{antagonist} ~~enemy~~ and let him return to
5 Moscow. But the report from Berlin seems
6 to indicate that this is not so, and
7 that Trotzky ~~will have to~~ ^{must} stay in exile.
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1 There ^{has} ~~is~~ been more trouble in
2 Spain. In the city of Bilbao. Three
3 thousand Communists today tried to
4 storm a jail and lynch forty-one
5 prisoners. These prisoners are
6 Catholics who were arrested in the
7 course of disturbances between the
8 red radicals and the supporters of
9 the Church.

10 The Communists have called a
11 general strike in the town. This
12 follows right on the heels of a fight
13 between the Catholics and Communists
14 in which four people were killed.

15 The Associated Press cables
16 that when the attack on the jail came
17 along, soldiers stood ready with guns
18 and ~~sabers~~. The crowd of radicals was
19 so violent that the authorities
20 released two Communist prisoners to
21 pacify them. They then marched off
22 waving the red flag.

1 It is ^{now} denied that the conference
2 soon to be held at Lausanne, Switzerland,
3 will postpone its work until after the
4 American Presidential election. The
5 Associated Press declares it has the
6 denial from authoritative sources in
7 London.

8 This follows reports that the
9 Lausanne conference would meet as
10 scheduled and discuss the question of
11 reparations and war debts, but that it
12 would not do anything definite. It
13 would postpone its important decisions
14 until after the United States had elected
15 a President in November.

16 This same report declared that one
17 thing the conference would do right off
18 the ~~bat~~ ^{reel} would be to ask President Hoover
19 to extend the moratorium for six months
20 longer. This also is denied.

21 So the declaration is now that the
22 reparations conference will go through
23 with its work when it meets. They say
24 that it will extend the moratorium on
25 German reparations for six months, but



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that it will not appeal to President Hoover to take any action on the war debts which the former ~~by~~ allied powers owe to the United States.

1 Well, honk, honk. ~~the~~ Egbert's
2 in jail.

3 At half past two this morning
4 the inhabitants of South Bend were
5 awakened by a tremendous lot of honking.
6 They thought it was some automobile
7 driver ~~playing~~^{tootling} a wild serenade on his
8 horn. They shouted for him to cut it
9 out. But ~~it~~^{the} ~~made no difference.~~ The
10 honking went ^{right} on.

11 Then, ~~said~~^{adds} the Associated
12 Press, the police were called, ~~and they~~
13 ~~started looking for the noisy automobiles.~~
14 They found it wasn't an automobile at
15 all. It was a big gander that had got
16 loose and was parading up and down the
17 street ~~and going~~^{doing a stentorian} - Honk, Honk.

18 Then followed a lively chase.
19 It took the South Bend cops an hour
20 before they could catch that honking
21 gander. When they caught him they booked
22 him as Egbert. Why the gander should
23 be called Egbert I don't know. ~~They~~
24 ~~couldn't find his owner, so~~ They
25 consigned him to jail, that is the dog

1 pound, and tonight ^{the gander} Egbert[^] is honking
 2 his honk in the dog pound of the highly
 3 esteemed city of South Bend. *And like Egbert*
 4 ~~well~~[^] I've honked my honk, ^{and} ~~so~~
 5 ~~III say~~ - So long until tomorrow.