

1 *Well, it looked*  
2 ~~This did begin to look~~ like just  
3 another scrap in Washington, but  
4 everything has turned out happily ~~and~~ -  
5 with all kinds of good-will.

6 The Senate and the House of  
7 Representatives were rolling up their  
8 sleeves preparing for a <sup>regular free-for-all,</sup> ~~good scrap~~, when  
9 President Hoover stepped in and said:  
10 ~~“Boys, you'd better shake hands~~  
11 and be friends.”

12 The trouble was about the big  
13 Naval Appropriations Bill which is  
14 waiting to be passed before the present  
15 Congress adjourns on March 4th. If,  
16 by any chance, that bill didn't go  
17 through, it would compel the President  
18 to call an extra session of Congress *just*  
19 to pass it. And that extra session is  
20 what most everybody in Washington has  
21 been trying to avoid. <sup>R</sup> The Senate and  
22 ~~Congress~~ <sup>House</sup> got into an argument over the  
23 question of who should build the new  
24 warships that are to be constructed. It  
25 was the old question of whether the  
work should be done by the government or

by private concerns. The Senate wanted the government to do it, and the House thought private concerns should be given part of the job.

And so, according to the Associated Press, President Hoover called the leaders both of the Senate and the House to breakfast at the White House. He gave the lawmakers some excellent ham and eggs, and also some excellent advice. He smoothed things over between them and got them to come to an agreement.

And now that Naval Appropriations Bill will be passed they say, and then there will be nothing to keep Congress from winding up affairs by March 4th.

BONUS

Well, at last the bonus bill is a part of the law of the land. The Senate passed it today over President Hoover's veto.

There was a huge crowd in the Senate gallery. The President's supporters defended his views in fervent speeches, but the vote was 76 to 17 in favor of passing the bill, in spite of President Hoover's stand.

And apparently that ends a political controversy which has created a vast deal of excitement in Washington, and which has been watched closely by the whole nation.

Oh ha!

1 ~~He~~ <sup>you!</sup> it's six months in jail for  
 2 ~~Al Capone.~~ That's what the Judge out  
 3 in Chicago <sup>to Al Capone</sup> said today. The Big Shot of  
 4 Big Shots was convicted on a Contempt  
 5 of Court charge.

6 Back in 1929, he was summoned to  
 7 Court but sent in an affidavit saying  
 8 he was too ill to appear. Witnesses  
 9 at the trial testified that Capone had  
 10 been seen at race-tracks and other  
 11 places of amusement at the time when he  
 12 was supposed to be so sick. Doctors  
 13 and nurses testified that he really had  
 14 been ill.

15 The Judge apparently didn't take  
 16 much stock in what Capone's witnesses had  
 17 to say because he handed down that  
 18 verdict of "Six Months" <sup>in the Cooler.</sup> According to  
 19 the International News Service, Capone  
 20 is taking an appeal, his lawyers demand  
 21 several weeks to prepare the appeal and  
 22 he will probably be out on bail for that  
 23 length of time.

24 Meanwhile, one of the Big Shot's  
 25 Lieutenants has been ordered <sup>deported.</sup> ~~to be~~

He is Tony Volpe - Mops Volpe they call him in the Under World.

According to the Associated Press, he has been a body-guard to the Czar of the Racket and is on Chicago's list of public enemies.

He will be deported to Italy.

1 I read a stanza of verse today which  
 2 makes me itch to pack my bag and sprint  
 3 for the nearest gang plank. It's a  
 4 sea-song, -- a song of ships, and the poet  
 5 is Wilfred J. Funk.

6 The verse appears on the Poetry Page  
 7 of this week's Literary Digest. And by  
 8 the way, a book of Mr. Funk's verses  
 9 appeared in the book stores of America  
 10 today.

11 But here's that stanza, the one  
 12 about ships and the sea:--

13 I HAVE GONE, I HAVE SEEN, I HAVE  
 14 THE SWIFT, SHARP <sup>KNOWN AGAIN</sup> LURCH AND THE LONG-SEA  
 15 STEEL RIBS ACHING, WIND-LASHED RAIN  
 16 SINGING A SAGA AT A BLACK PORTHOLE.  
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18 The poet himself paid me a visit  
 19 this afternoon and I congratulated him on  
 20 the publication date of his new book but  
 21 that didn't seem to interest him so much.  
 22 The appearance of his book didn't seem to  
 23 be the News Item of the Day so far as he  
 24 was concerned. When I asked him what he  
 25 thought was the most interesting bit of  
 news he pointed out a few sentences from  
 the lead of a 2-column

at any rate



1 article in the New York Sun today. Here  
2 they are:

3 "Shortly before dawn today the  
4 presses stopped, one by one, in the basement  
5 of the Pulitzer Building, and when the  
6 last one was motionless and silent the  
7 New York World, as it has been known, was  
8 dead. The liberal newspaper, which Joseph  
9 Pulitzer developed, passed out of existence  
10 between mid-night and day-break." <sup>TP</sup> Meaning  
11 that the deal has <sup>finally</sup> gone through by which  
12 the New York Morning World, Evening World  
13 and ~~the~~ Sunday World <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ sold to the  
14 Scripps-Howard interests. The Morning  
15 World and the Sunday World passed out of  
16 existence and the Evening World has  
17 merged with the Scripps-Howard New York  
18 paper, The Telegram. This afternoon  
19 the Telegram came out under the heading  
20 of both the "Evening World and the Telegram."

21 The employes of the World fought  
22 for a chance to buy their old paper and  
23 run it themselves, but they failed. The  
24 Pulitzers announced that half a million  
25 dollars of the \$5,000,000. paid for the

World will be distributed among the employees. Roy Howard of the Scripps-Howard organization comes forward with the statement that the consolidation means "not the death of the New York World, but its Re-Birth". But, in any case, the passing of the old paper as an independent entity leaves a yawning gap in the newspaper world of America - yes, of the entire world.

Wilfred Funk and I talked for half an hour about the old paper that had established such a brilliant record in American Journalism, and now was going the way of all flesh, or perhaps I should say -- the eventual way of all news print.



1           Now folks, just imagine a buck  
2 saw and a log of wood and the sound made  
3 when the buck saw goes back and forth  
4 cutting that log of wood. That is also  
5 the sound made by a man snoring. It is  
6 also the sound which may be made by a  
7 lady snoring.

8           I have a charming lady friend  
9 who doesn't speak English very well and  
10 she calls it "snorking". And that is a  
11 shade more elegant. Well, science has  
12 come forth with another one of its  
13 marvelous discoveries. It has now  
14 revealed that the snorking of a man and  
15 the snorking of a woman are exactly alike.

16           According to the Associate Press,  
17 Dr. Donald Laird of Colgate University has  
18 been making a study of the why and how  
19 people snork. He discovers that  
20 snoring, snorking I should say, is a sound  
21 of the saxaphonic type. It has nothing  
22 to do with the quality of the voice. The  
23 vocal cords may be different in a man and  
24 woman, but the snorking cords are just the  
25 same.

1 Dr. Laird has listened to the  
2 snorking of men. He has also listened to  
3 the snorking of women. He has made a  
4 profound scientific observation of both  
5 kinds of snorking, and he has discovered  
6 that it is impossible to tell them apart.

7 Well, that may be true but I  
8 remember listening to a bit of snorking  
9 which certainly seemed beyond the capacity  
10 of the ladies. In fact, it might have  
11 seemed beyond the capacity of a man. You  
12 would have thought that saxaphonic noise  
13 might have been produced by a bull  
14 rhinoceros suffering from insomnia.

15 We were hunting mountain lions  
16 out in South Eastern Utah on the North rim  
17 of the Grand Canyon -- in the now famous  
18 Kaibab Forest. We had several pup tents.  
19 A party of strangers came along and as  
20 they had no place to camp, we agreed to  
21 share our tents with them for the night.

22 One of them, a huge man who  
23 weighed about 300 pounds, said he wanted  
24 to warn us that he was a tremendous snorker.  
25 So we drew lots to see in whose pup tent

1 he would sleep. I was the unlucky one.  
2 He slept in mine.

3 Well, I stood that man's snorking  
4 for about two hours. It was raining and  
5 cold but anything was better than  
6 listening to that saxophone solo. I  
7 spent the rest of the night rolled up  
8 in my blanket in the rain.

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10 A burglar was trying to pry things  
11 open up there at the Zoo when he was  
12 frightened away and what do you think  
13 he was trying to steal?---Well, he was  
14 trying to make away with a big cobra.  
15 Apparently if he had been given  
16 time, he would have broken into the  
17 cobra's cage and seized the huge reptile  
18 which was coiled around the top of the  
19 cage. I don't know what he was  
20 trying to do with it.---Well,  
21 I don't know what he was  
22 trying to do with it.---Well,  
23 I don't know what he was  
24 trying to do with it.---Well,  
25 I don't know what he was

1 Here's another one of those stories  
2 that appear in the news and equal any  
3 of these whoppers <sup>sent in by</sup> ~~that~~ members of the  
4 Tall-Story Club. ~~send in.~~

5 Louis Sherwin, the Roving Reporter  
6 of the New York Evening Post, tells  
7 of various interesting things at the  
8 Bronx Zoo, in New York. <sup>There</sup> ~~This~~ is the  
9 one that made ~~me open~~ my eyes <sup>pop out</sup>! -

10 A burglar was trying to pry things  
11 open up there at the Zoo when he was  
12 frightened away and what do you think  
13 he was trying to steal?---Well, he was  
14 trying to make away with a big cobra!

15 Apparently, if he had been given  
16 time, he would have broken into the  
17 cobra's cage and swiped the huge reptile,  
18 one of the most poisonous and deadly  
19 serpents in the world.

20 What did he want it for?---Well,  
21 ~~don't ask me~~ search me!

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Now this next item is what I would call "Cruelty to Burglars". The New York Evening Post informs us that a hold-up man walked into a drug-store at Newark, New Jersey. He drew a gun and said "Stick 'em up."

Two men were at the counter and they were working out a cross-word puzzle. They just turned to the burglar and said to him "What's a nine-letter word, beginning with 'k' and meaning a farm implement?"

The burglar turned and walked right out.

Apparently he figured he had stumbled into a meeting place for dangerous lunatics.

1 I suppose we are going to  
2 have another one of those international  
3 conspiracy melodramas staged over in  
4 Moscow.

5 Last night I mentioned the fact  
6 that a number of prominent Russian  
7 experts have been indicted for working  
8 against the Soviet government. There  
9 are fourteen of them and they will go to  
10 trial on March 1st. *That's the word tonight,*

11 The Associated Press states  
12 that they are charged with having been  
13 ~~associated~~ <sup>allied</sup> with the engineers convicted  
14 in that other big Soviet trial, ~~which~~  
15 ~~was~~ held not long ago. The men who  
16 will <sup>now be hauled</sup> ~~be brought~~ before the Soviet  
17 tribunal are likewise accused of having  
18 helped along a plot formed by several  
19 nations to overthrow the Communist  
20 Government.

1 Newspapers ~~are~~ over in Russia  
2 are carrying a lot of want ads these  
3 days, but they are the kind of want  
4 ads that mean: - "arrest this man on  
5 sight." *Cheerful ads like that!*

6 There are a lot of men in  
7 Russia who are what the Soviets call  
8 Industrial deserters, that is, they are  
9 worker<sup>s</sup> who have <sup>*chucked the hand-picked*</sup> ~~quit the~~ jobs to  
10 which they were assigned.

11 In Soviet Russia the government  
12 tells a man what job he is to have and then  
13 refuses to let him <sup>*go to*</sup> ~~get~~ another.

14 According to the International  
15 News Service many workingmen don't  
16 like this <sup>*idea. They*</sup> ~~and~~ think they ought to have  
17 the right to leave a job that ~~they~~ <sup>*doesn't*</sup>  
18 ~~don't like~~ <sup>*quit them*</sup> and try to <sup>*line up*</sup> ~~get~~ another. So  
19 the Communist papers are advertising  
20 for these men, and when they are arrested  
21 they are liable to be sent to prison  
22 or to be forced to labor in the convict  
23 camps. In any case, no employer is  
24 allowed to hire them for a period of  
25 six months. They cannot get work and

They can't get food for that period. This means they have to starve unless they have relatives who will give them something to eat.

In spite of all these severities the dispatch states that workers are continuing to desert.



1 The New York Evening Post  
2 prints a dispatch <sup>tonight</sup> which gives what is  
3 said to be some inside information —  
4 based on good authority. It's about  
5 the Naval agreement which Great Britain  
6 is arranging between France and Italy.

7 France, according to the  
8 report, is to have a big edge in  
9 submarines. In large cruisers <sup>the two nations</sup> ~~France~~  
10 ~~and Italy~~ are to be equal. <sup>But</sup> <sup>^</sup> The  
11 Italians are to have the bulge in the  
12 way of small cruisers.

13 The idea is, of course, that  
14 the French want a bigger navy than the  
15 Italians and <sup>the</sup> Italians don't agree with  
16 this. And I suppose the solution will  
17 be to have an agreement so arranged  
18 that each side can say it has won its  
19 point. That's a common way of settling  
20 a row between individuals or between  
21 nations. The idea being <sup>to allow</sup>  
22 each to save his face.

1           An attempt was made on the life  
2 of the Italian Ambassador to France.  
3 The United Press informs us that the  
4 French Police found a high-powered  
5 grenade in the automobile of Count  
6 Manzoni, the Ambassador from Rome.

7           Apparently it was supposed to  
8 explode when the Ambassador was in the  
9 car.

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ITALY

From Sunny Southern Italy comes news of a big storm.

This evening the wind is said to have quieted down a bit, but it certainly did blow furiously for a while. In fact, it blew with cyclonic force. Houses collapsed and there were floods.

According to the Associated Press 27 people lost their lives.

1 Out in India the dove of peace  
2 seems to have run into a bit of trouble <sup>again.</sup>  
3 Mahatma Gandhi, ~~the~~ leader of the  
4 ~~Indian~~ nationalists, and Lord Irwin,  
5 the ~~British~~ Viceroy, have been  
6 continuing their talks in which they  
7 are trying to find a <sup>basis of</sup> ~~way to form an~~  
8 agreement <sup>regarding</sup> ~~about~~ the future of <sup>the Peninsula of</sup> ~~India~~  
9 ~~Hindustan.~~

10 They had a long conference today,  
11 but the Associated Press informs us  
12 that one vital point came up on which  
13 the two leaders could not agree. Just  
14 what that vital point was is being  
15 kept a secret.

16 Gandhi stated that his talks  
17 with Lord Irwin might be resumed, and  
18 that word "might" is not regarded as a <sup>very</sup>  
19 hopeful sign.  
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1 Down in Peru the government  
2 seems to be getting the best of the  
3 rebellion that has been going on for  
4 some days - at least that's what the  
5 government says.

6 According to the Associated  
7 Press the Provisional President  
8 announced today that the rebels in  
9 Northern Peru are on the run and are  
10 expected to surrender soon.

11 Meanwhile the rebels in  
12 Southern Peru seem to be holding ~~on~~ their own.  
13 On the whole the trouble down there  
14 seems to <sup>have developed into a</sup> ~~be in a condition of~~ stale-  
15 mate, ~~and in which nobody is doing~~  
16 ~~anything much~~ with all quiet on  
17 the Peruvian Front tonight.

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Oh, I almost forgot this:-

I've a letter here from Mrs. Irene Ward, of Charleston, Illinois. "Tall stories," writes Mrs. Ward, "are scarce in the cornbelt."

Well, maybe - but I've heard a few tall ones out there where the tall corn grows. However, Mrs. Ward goes on and adds that she's contributing a poem instead of a tall story. The poem is entitled "So Long Until Tomorrow". It's full of beautiful in fact delicious sentiments, and I'll just quote one stanza:

"So Long Until Tomorrow,  
Until another day,  
For on the arms of Morpheus  
I'll soon be borne away  
To that land of 'Just Supposing'  
Where the bright sun always shines  
And the ladies wear quaint bonnets  
Trimmed with morning-glory vines."

Well, I don't know any ladies who wear quaint bonnets trimmed with morning-glory vines. But just the same, I'll say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.