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3 There was a spectacular airplane  
4 flight today--a flight that ended rather  
5 suddenly in a muddy field in Kentucky.

6 Captain Ira Eaker, the famous army  
7 pilot who flew the "Question Mark" a  
8 year or so ago, had to make a forced  
9 landing near Tolu, Kentucky--not far  
10 from Paducah, <sup>He landed</sup> and crashed. According to  
11 the International News Service his  
12 machine was badly wrecked, but luckily  
13 Captain Eaker came out with hardly a  
14 scratch.

15 The Captain took off this morning  
16 at 5:13 from Long Beach, California,  
17 and headed east. He said he wasn't  
18 trying to beat the transcontinental  
19 flight record. It was just a test flight.  
20 He was trying to see how far he could  
21 go on the amount of gasoline the plane  
22 carried.

23 He made fast time across the  
24 continent--but the Kentucky mud ruined  
25 the Captain's plans and his plane.

1 Captain Eaker, by the way, is one  
2 of the Army pilots who flew around  
3 South America on the 22,000 mile Good  
4 Will flight several years ago.

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## DIRIGIBLE

And now Ladies and gentlemen, right this way for the rubberneck dirigible.

According to the United Press a ten passenger dirigible named the Defender, is going to be put into service as a sight seeing airship flying over New York. The big blimp will make regular trips, and passengers will be able to rubberneck to their hearts content and get one grand eyeful ~~xxx~~ of the metropolis of Bagdad-on-the-Hudson. I suppose they'll have a barker aboard just as they have on rubberneck wagons and he probably will bawl out:- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: TEN THOUSAND DEET BELOW YOUR VERY EYES LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OVER THERE ON THE LEFT YOU WILL SEE THE HOLE MADE BY PETER STUYVESANT'S WOODEN LEG. YES AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND THAT SMALL QUADRANGULAR OBJECT ON THE RIGHT IS THE HOUSE WHERE JIMMY WALKER STAYS ON HIS VARIOUS VISITS TO NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON

Meanwhile, tomorrow there'll be a big meeting in Washington - a meeting ~~xx~~ which may be accompanied by fireworks. It's that convention of progressive leaders, the one called by the Insurgent Republican senators.

The New York Evening Post informs us that Senator Borah, who will attend, expects to use the gathering as a means of shoving the farm problem right back in politics.

It is said that the regular Republicans are countering this move by beating Senator Borah at his own game. They've already formed an advisory committee for agriculture.

At any rate, by this time tomorrow evening we probably will be hearing the loud bang of the first firecrackers and political bombs touched off by that insurgent convention in Washington.

1 Here comes a note that rings as  
2 if ■ from far away, and sounds strange  
3 in this jazz age of ours.

4 The United States has a distinguished  
5 visitor, or rather two--<sup>Guillermo</sup> Guglielmo  
6 Ferrero and his wife, <sup>Jenna</sup> Gina Lombrozo  
7 Ferrero. He has been called the greatest  
8 historian of our time and is far-famed  
9 for his remarkable studies in Roman  
10 history. <sup>While</sup> She is one of the world's  
11 distinguished intellectual women and is  
12 the author of several books.

13 ~~We'll~~ <sup>Jenna</sup> Gina Lombrozo Ferrero is  
14 indeed an interesting woman. Her father  
15 was Lombrozo the great criminologist,  
16 and her husband is <sup>Ferrero</sup> the great historian.  
17 A reporter for the New York Evening Post  
18 went to her and asked her what she  
19 wishes for her daughter. Did she want  
20 her daughter to have beauty, or wealth,  
21 or fame? But the famous woman-<sup>intellectual</sup>  
22 ~~intellectual~~ replies that she wants none  
23 of these for her daughter. She hopes  
24 that the girl will have a home, a  
25 husband, and many children.

1 And that does seem like a distant  
2 bell echoing in the turmoil of the  
3 jazz age, doesn't it?

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6 That sounds as if the maid  
7 was going to be condemned to death  
8 if she didn't fall in love and get  
9 married, or something of the sort.

10 The item turns out to be a  
11 very well-known tragedy, but it's just as  
12 bad.

13 According to the Associated  
14 Press Mrs. Francis Barrett of Chicago  
15 stipulated in her will that if her  
16 maid, Martha Youngberg, doesn't get  
17 married, why then the maid is to be  
18 enticed to a grave. If Miss

19 Youngberg fails to get hit in the right  
20 spot by one of Cupid's arrows, why then  
21 Mrs. Barrett's estate is required to  
22 provide her with a grave next to Mrs.

23 Barrett's grave. In other words  
24 the Martha must be a husband  
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1 *Oh yes, and*  
2 I ran across a highly melodramatic  
3 headline in the New York Sun today.

4 Here's the way it reads:-

5 GRAVE AWAITS MAID IF SHE SHUNS  
6 CUPID.

7 That ~~so~~ sounds as if the maid  
8 were ~~going~~ to be condemned to death  
9 if she didn't fall in love and get  
10 married, or something of the sort..

11 The item turns out to be a  
12 good deal less tragical, but it's just as  
13 odd.

14 According to the Associated  
15 Press, Mrs. Francis Barrett of Chicago  
16 stipulated in her will that if her  
17 maid, Martha Youngsborg, doesn't get  
18 married, why ~~then~~ the maid is to be  
19 entitled to a grave. If Miss  
20 Youngsborg fails to get hit in the right  
21 spot by one of Cupid's arrows, why then  
22 Mrs. Barrett's estate is required to  
23 provide her with a grave next to Mrs.  
24 Barrett's grave. *In other words if*  
25 ~~the~~ *Martha wins a husband she*  
*loses a grave.*

1 No, this next item doesn't end  
2 with <sup>a loud explosion</sup> ~~a bang~~, and that's lucky. In  
3 fact, it seems almost like a miracle.  
4 Today <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ St. Paul, Minnesota, the  
5 police are searching through streets  
6 and in front yards, <sup>searching everywhere</sup> ~~looking~~ for dynamite.  
7 They're collecting dozens of sticks  
8 of ~~dynamite~~ <sup>high explosive</sup>.

9 A gang of boys, not one of them  
10 more than eleven, got into a store-  
11 room where sticks of <sup>dangerous</sup> dynamite were  
12 kept. Well, those sticks of dynamite  
13 looked just like handy clubs to the  
14 boys. They gathered armfuls of the  
15 explosive and started down the street  
16 throwing the dynamite at each other  
17 and rattling the explosive sticks  
18 along picket fences.

19 <sup>(single)</sup> No, nothing happened. Not a  
20 <sup>in</sup> single bang. Somebody saw the boys  
21 and recognized their pretty little <sup>yellow</sup>  
22 sticks as just so much compressed  
23 thunder and lightning. The police were  
24 notified and the boys <sup>sprinted for</sup> ~~chased~~ home. Then  
25 the cops went around collecting the  
dynamite.



BEANS

I've heard about incidents like this next one, but never about anyone so fond of beans, - the common old familiar beans that the soldiers in the army hated so much. The beans that have become famous in song and story.

Yes, every once in a while prisoners do refuse to escape from jail because they are quite comfortable in the cooler.

At Little Rock, Arkansas, officers were making their rounds in the jail when they found a cell door open. Inside were forty Arkansas negroes who could easily have escaped. But there they all were.

According to the International News Service, the officers asked them why they hadn't tried to get away, and the answer was:

"DERE'S GOOD COFFEE AND BEANS HERE BOSS. IT SHOA AM FINE, SPECIALLY THEM BEANS. YES SAH!"

Well, it's possible to think of reasons why men wouldn't want to escape from jail, but it never occurred to me that beans might be one of them.

1 There's nothing in particular about  
 2 India in the news tonight, and so we  
 3 won't have anything ~~about~~<sup>from</sup> the land of  
 4 the Ganges and Gunga Din. Just the  
 5 same, this next item concerns Brahmins  
 6 and caste, Hindus and Sikhs<sup>and weird oriental mystery---</sup>--and the  
 7 scene is ~~in~~ California.

8 The United Press informs us that  
 9 three Hindus have been arrested for  
 10 the murder of a Hindu student--and he  
 11 was the fourteenth victim of a ~~weird~~<sup>fantastic</sup>  
 12 drama of East Indian revenge out on  
 13 the Pacific Coast.

14 Sant Ram Pande was a former  
 15 student in the University of California.  
 16 He disappeared and later was found  
 17 murdered. The police say that he was  
 18 of high caste and was a supporter of  
 19 the British in the recent disturbances  
 20 in India. ~~13~~ 13 of his fellow countrymen  
 21 have been killed in California<sup>too. Evidently</sup>. Some  
 22 secret vendetta or feud ~~was~~<sup>has been</sup> under way.

23 A Hindu storekeeper had advanced  
 24 money to Pande for his studies, and  
 25 the son of this storekeeper was shot.

The police add that Pande started out to hunt down the Hindu band that committed the crime. As a result he lost his own life.

And now arrests have been made and the authorities are acting to stamp out a caste war between the Brahmins and the Sikhs - a war which threatens to break out all on account of this latest crime.

Well, one of the favorite situations of British writers of mystery dramas has long been that of East Indian feuds transferred to England and carried out with grim terror in fashionable Mayfair or within the shadow of the underworld of Limehouse. And that same sort of thing is what has now happened in real life with California as the scene.

Well,

1 A lot of these things that are  
2 happening over the world are obscure  
3 and puzzling until somebody gets a  
4 searchlight ~~out~~ and throws an illuminating  
5 beam. ~~on them~~ That's what the Literary  
6 Digest does this week in the case of  
7 these <sup>recent</sup> disturbances ~~over~~ in Turkey, <sup>the disturbances</sup> ~~in~~  
8 <sup>in</sup> which there has been <sup>a combination of</sup> rebellion and  
9 fighting and savage suppression by the  
10 government.

11 At the bottom of the trouble, the  
12 Digest tells us, are the dervishes.  
13 The modernist government of Turkey is  
14 determined to get rid of those strange  
15 holy men who for centuries have been  
16 the spiritual leaders of the  
17 Mohammedan world.

18 The Digest quotes the Manchester  
19 Guardian as saying that the present  
20 government of Turkey is all for religious  
21 freedom--that is, religious freedom  
22 for everybody except the dervishes.  
23 They represent the old ideas of Turkey,  
24 the Turkey of the sultans. They've  
25 enjoyed immense power, and as a matter of

1 fact have been the backbone of *reactionary,*  
2 Mohammedism. Any movement to modernize  
3 Turkey and bring it into ~~accord~~ <sup>line</sup> with  
4 western ideas is certain to find the  
5 dervishes <sup>lined up as</sup> its bitterest enemies. That's  
6 what the present very modernist  
7 government of Turkey found, and the  
8 first thing it did was to put the  
9 dervishes under the ban and deprive  
10 them of their old privileges. The  
11 result was the recent rebellion of which  
12 the dervishes were the instigators.

13 That rebellion was suppressed, but,  
14 as the Digest informs us, the dervishes  
15 still have a great influence. They are  
16 close to the people and the pious  
17 Turk looks to them for guidance. They  
18 represent the age-old source of wisdom  
19 on which he has always relied.

1 Here's a late flash which tells  
2 of a fight the U.S. Marines have had  
3 down in Nicaragua. The report comes from  
4 a Mexico City representative of Sandino,  
5 the Nicaraguan rebel leader, who is *still*  
6 fighting against the Marines. According  
7 to the International News Service,  
8 Sandino claims that his men had the best  
9 of it in a skirmish and that there were  
10 seven casualties among the Marines.

11 Sandino reports a few other  
12 battles--five of them. According to  
13 the Associated Press, ~~Sandino~~ <sup>he</sup> has sent  
14 out reports that he and his rebel  
15 bandits have won five fights with the  
16 government forces in Nicaragua and that  
17 he has captured quantities of American  
18 ~~munitions~~ munitions. The Marines don't seem  
19 to have figured in these <sup>other</sup> battles. But  
20 of course most of the Marines have been  
21 ordered out of Nicaragua and only a  
22 small force ~~of them~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ left.

23 Well, that chap Sandino certainly  
24 seems to have plenty of talent as a  
25 trouble maker. *Perhaps too much talent  
to suit many.*

1 We've been hearing a lot about  
2 the trouble<sup>s</sup> of the president of Cuba,  
3 but now come the troubles of a Cuban  
4 editor.

5 He's Julio Gonourd and he runs  
6 a humorist weekly. The stuff printed  
7 in the paper didn't appeal to the  
8 president and he suspended the ~~paper~~ <sup>sheet</sup>.  
9 It was allowed to resume publication  
10 last week, but his next issue may have  
11 trouble in appearing. Because, according  
12 to the Associated Press, five men  
13 entered the offices of the comic paper  
14 and they proceeded to smash up the  
15 place. <sup>Two</sup> ~~A~~ writers of comic stories ~~was~~ were  
16 beaten up, shots were fired, and one <sup>of the</sup>  
17 ~~of them~~ <sup>shots</sup> hit and ~~wounded~~ the editor.

18 I suppose the editor of a comic  
19 weekly ought to be able to see a joke  
20 in almost anything, but if Senor  
21 Gonourd can find anything funny in  
22 that--he's ~~good~~ a glutton for comedy!

1 And now, I'm going to do something  
2 ~~a bit out of the ordinary. Something~~  
3 that ~~until today~~ <sup>has been</sup> was forbidden. I'm  
4 going to tell a certain story, and  
5 mention a certain name.

6 A couple of years ago folks around  
7 the broadcasting station began to get  
8 an occasional letter from an ~~certain~~  
9 old lady at Syracuse, New York. And  
10 those letters somehow were different.  
11 They were so cheery, so kindly, so  
12 helpful.

13 The lady was bedridden, so she  
14 wrote. In fact she had been in bed for  
15 five long years. The radio was her  
16 only entertainment, her only contact  
17 with the wide world. But her letters  
18 were full of gladness and resignation  
19 and joyous philosophy. Everybody wrote  
20 back to her, announcers, musicians,  
21 actors and officials. Then she wrote  
22 to them again and again and they wrote  
23 to her.

24 She told them what she liked and  
25 what she didn't like about the radio



1 programs with which they were connected.  
2 In a charming, kindly way she made  
3 suggestions and criticisms and she was  
4 liberal in her praise too. There was  
5 so much good sense and shrewd, sound  
6 judgment in her criticism that the folks  
7 around the studio watched for her letters  
8 to find out what she thought. They  
9 began to feel that they were talking to  
10 her and that their acts and their music  
11 were especially for her. They wondered  
12 what she would like and how this thing  
13 or that would appeal to her.

14 Then she sent one and <sup>then</sup> another a  
15 pie--an apple pie, or a mince pie, or a  
16 pumpkin pie. She was just barely able  
17 to get to the stove and do a bit of  
18 baking, every month or so. When a radio  
19 feature had a birthday she baked a big  
20 birthday cake. And the boys would cut  
21 it up, and eating that cake was a great  
22 event around the studio.

23 Well, that cheery, bedridden old  
24 lady and her joyful letters, her shrewd,  
25 sound criticism, and her pies and her  
birthday cakes--became a regular thing,  
a part of life in the studio--especially  
that curious vein of happy philosophy

1 in the face of adversity.

2 One thing, however, was strict  
3 and stern. She wanted no publicity.  
4 The boys wanted to tell ■ about her  
5 over the radio or in the newspapers,  
6 but that she sternly forbade. She told  
7 them if her story or her ■ name were  
8 mentioned her letters would instantly  
9 cease, that they would never hear from  
10 her again. But tonight I'm telling  
11 her story and her name. She was  
12 Mrs. Gladys Stanton.

13 A few weeks ago she wrote that she  
14 was worse and was going to a hospital.  
15 She continued to write from the hospital  
16 and said she didn't think she could live  
17 much longer. But she was still her  
18 cheery old self.

19 And now a telephone message has  
20 come from Syracuse. It's from  
21 Mrs. Stanton's son. He tells us that  
22 his mother has died. And that's why  
23 I'm telling about it tonight. The boys  
24 feel that now the story can be told and  
25 they can tell the world as loudly as

1 they please about that dear old lady,  
2 Mrs. Gladys Stanton, of Syracuse.

3         There's a bit of sadness this  
4 evening among a number of men who work  
5 at the entertainment of the radio.

6 And there's a touch of sadness, as I  
7 say,

8                 So long until tomorrow.

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