

# AIRPLANE

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Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 In Pittsburgh today an airplane  
2 came falling out of the sky and landed  
3 with a tremendous crash in the ~~very~~  
4 heart of the crowded city. Some unseen  
5 hand of Providence guided that falling  
6 machine in its wild descent. ~~from the~~  
7 ~~sky.~~ A few feet one way or the other  
8 and it would have landed amid the  
9 thronging people in the streets. It  
10 was at the mid-day lunching time, and  
11 the sidewalks were packed with  
12 pedestrians, and the roadways were  
13 jammed with automobiles. ~~And that~~  
14 ~~would have been a major tragedy.~~

15 As it was, the plane smashed down  
16 on the roof of Mechanics Hall,  
17 Pittsburgh's old exposition building.  
18 It went right through the roof. One  
19 man inside the building was hurt.

20 The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph  
21 relates today that there were no further  
22 casualties. No, the aviator wasn't  
23 injured. He was high above the city  
24 in a heavy fog when his plane got out  
25 of control. There was nothing else he

1 could do. He just stepped out into  
2 space. His parachute opened, and he  
3 came floating down. <sup>But</sup> ~~he~~ he didn't  
4 float right down to the ground. He  
5 had a slight mishap. He came down  
6 among the buildings of Pittsburgh,  
7 right alongside Mechanics Hall. His  
8 parachute caught on a projection, and he  
9 was left hanging with his feet ~~no more~~  
10 ~~than~~ a few inches from the sidewalk.

11 ~~He was playing in good fortune too. In~~  
12 ~~fact,~~ <sup>Well,</sup> Lady Luck <sup>was certainly in an agreeable</sup> ~~seemed to be in good~~  
13 ~~and considerate mood~~ <sup>form today</sup> at Pittsburgh today.  
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1 The New York Evening Post this  
2 afternoon prints an editorial, ~~which is~~  
3 ~~enough to make most anyone stop and~~  
4 ~~wonder.~~ The first few lines, <sup>of which</sup> ~~of the~~  
5 ~~editorial~~ go like this:-

6 "A football game was played  
7 Thanksgiving Day between Boston  
8 College and Holy Cross. It was staged  
9 ostensibly for the benefit of the  
10 unemployed. The receipts were 75,000  
11 dollars. But it is announced that the  
12 game resulted in a deficit of 21,000  
13 dollars."

14 And then the editorial goes on to  
15 to ~~give us one rather startling fact,~~  
16 ~~which~~ explaining why the expenses for  
17 running the game came to 21,000 dollars  
18 more than the money taken in at the  
19 gate.

20 ~~It states~~ <sup>It states</sup> that each college had  
21 ~~it appears~~ a guarantee of 30,000 dollars; They  
22 were supposed to receive that much for  
23 allowing their teams to play football  
24 for the unemployed; <sup>and</sup> that ate up 60,000  
25 ~~dollars~~ of the 75, <sup>000</sup> taken in at the gate. ~~It~~



adds that various elaborate expenses used up the balance and produced a large deficit.

The New York Evening Post editorial makes the point that so far as the unemployed are concerned, they are just where they were before -- unless the jobless men and women are to be asked to make up that football deficit.

Then the editorial continues:-

"The game at Boston, "is not the first instance of the sort, a fact which makes it advisable for all other colleges staging games for the benefit of the unemployed to adopt the somewhat humiliating procedure of assuring the public that they are not pulling off a trick for the benefit of their athletic treasuries."

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Out in the southwest Texas Christian and Southern Methodist played to a tie.

The Yale bulldog rubbed the Princeton Tigers nose in the turf 51 - 14.

The Army mule got stubborn today and pounded Notre Dame 12 to 0.

Stanford came across the continent and demonstrated Pacific Coast football to Dartmouth, 32 to 6.

## FOOTBALL SCORES

Penn State trampled Lehigh 31 to 0.

40,000 saw the Purdue boilermakers trim the Northwestern wildcats 7 to 0.

Michigan 16 -- Wisconsin 0.

Minnesota 19 -- Ohio State 7.

Tulane brushed Louisiana State 34 to 7, leaving the Green Wave the only unbeaten, untied major team in America.

Captain  
Gerhard  
Folgeroe.

Norwegians.

~~highlighted~~  
asked in my book of  
Vikingship.

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1 In this week's Literary Digest  
2 is an article which tells of <sup>a</sup> ~~one of the~~  
3 ~~most~~ romantic adventures, ~~you could~~  
4 ~~possibly imagine.~~ Just Imagine <sup>Viking</sup> a ship  
5 of the ~~Vikings~~ of old, one of those  
6 small <sup>fierce looking</sup> ~~ferocious~~ boats such as those  
7 historic craft in which the Scandanavian  
8 pirates roved the seas and were the  
9 terror of the world.

10 Now suppose that if a Viking boat  
11 like that were to turn Christopher-  
12 Columbus-minded, a ship of the Norse  
13 sea-raiders sailing along the same  
14 course which Columbus took on his  
15 memorable voyage of discovery. ~~Yes~~ <sup>Aye</sup>,  
16 that's a thing to stir the fancy.

17 Well, the Literary Digest tells of  
18 some interesting things about a Viking  
19 of 1931 who embarked on just that sort  
20 of voyage. He built himself a duplicate  
21 of the craft in which the historic  
22 <sup>Norsemen</sup> ~~Vikings~~ used to sail. The Literary  
23 Digest tells us what it looks like. It  
24 has a dragon's head rising high above  
25 the prow, a blue-eyed dragon with a long

red tongue sticking out between horrific teeth. The stern is a dragon's tail.

In this tiny craft Captain Gerhard Folgeroe of Norway sailed from his native country to Spain. Then from Spain ~~he~~ he followed the route of Christopher Columbus to the West Indies -- then to New Orleans and up the Mississippi River to Minneapolis and then through the various waterways across the continent to New York. It ~~was~~ was a 15,000-mile voyage in that little cockle-shell, adds the New York Herald Tribune.

The Captain is the only man in the world who has ever sailed the Atlantic Ocean twice in an open boat.

Captain Folgeroe is here with me now. I'll ask him to tell us something about the viking sailing along the old trail of Columbus. Yo-ho, Captain, spin us a yarn.



FOR CAPTAIN FOLGEROE

I want to talk about the weather. It took us 59 days to sail in our Viking boat from Spain to the West Indies. We had two days of good weather, and 57 days of bad. It stormed nearly all the time, and that's no fun when you're in a small open boat.

The worst of all came when we were 1,000 miles east of Porto Rico. We hoped we wouldn't run into any hurricanes. But we did.

The sky was black, and the wind came screaming and roaring. There were four of us in the boat, 3 sailors and me. Our boat pitched so badly, and the waves swept over us with such power that we had to lash ourselves to the pumps and one man to the rudder. The water poured over the sides. All we had were hand-pumps. They were not enough to keep the boat dry. And besides, we were tired, played out. We had been pumping day after day. The boat didn't leak, but there was no way to keep the waves from coming over the sides.

There was  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet of water in the boat. We had to stand in it day and night. We couldn't sleep.

We had our food and water packed in air-tight tins, but the waves beat down on the boat so hard that salt water got into our dried fish and spoiled it. And sea water got into our water tanks.

We knew that if the weather continued to be bad we would be left without food or drink.

When the hurricane was over we found ourselves still alive and afloat. And the weather did become better. We made port all right, with five gallons of water left in our tanks.

## HUNGARY

Well Captain, being a Viking seems to be a great life if you don't weaken.

There's a lot more news here tonight. They say a huge plot has been foiled in Hungary. Budapest is in a virtual state of seige tonight. Strong forces of police are patrolling the streets, and guarding the houses of cabinet ministers. One hundred and fifty arrests have been made.

The International News Service describes the plot as an attempt to place Archduke Otto on the throne of Hungary. The young Archduke is now in school in Belgium.

The rumors are that the royal conspiracy in Hungary had the support of Fascist leaders in Austria, and the Budapest police claim that the Royalist move had considerable support in the Hungarian army, although it has been supposed that the army was all for the present government.

Tonight strong detachments of police have surrounded a town



described as the headquarters of the  
Royalist movement. It is supposed to  
be the site of a secret arsenal in  
which thousands of rifles and machine-  
guns are said to be hidden. It is also  
rumored that <sup>even</sup> two field pieces, <sup>modern</sup> ~~regular~~  
cannon, are tucked away in this town.

## MANCHURIA

Today was an exciting one in the important capitals of the world.

Japanese officials declare that the American Secretary of State has made a public announcement to the effect that Japan intends to take all of Manchuria and that the Japanese Army is running amuck. To this supposed statement, cables the United Press, the Japanese have replied with some strong words.

The Associated Press explains that apparently there has been a misunderstanding. Japanese news agencies have incorrectly quoted what the Secretary of State had to say. In Washington a spokesman for the State Department denies that Mr. Stimson made any such remarks about Japan. He never said that the Japanese intended to take all of Manchuria or that the Japanese army had run amuck. The whole thing seems to be a case of Misquotation.

Meanwhile the Japanese Army has not taken Chinchow. In fact the regiments of the Mikado are retiring from the neighborhood of the city.

The International News Service cables that six train-

loads of soldiers consisting of half of the Japanese forces before Chinchow arrived in Mukden today. They had withdrawn from their positions near the city.

The Japanese military leaders in Manchuria explain that they are pulling their troops out for strategic reasons and not because of any political motive. The diplomats in the Far East are said to be bewildered by the sudden withdrawal. In many quarters it is believed that Japan has yielded to the opinion of the outside world.



Over in Paris today a few black eyes and swollen noses were to be seen. I suppose whenever anybody showed up with a shiner or the marks of knuckles on his countenance his friends said:

"OUI, OUI, <sup>Alfonse,</sup> ~~JACQUES~~ SO YOU WERE AT THE PEACE MEETING LAST NIGHT, THE DISARMAMENT MEETING, THE MEETING TO PROTEST AGAINST WAR"?

There has been a buzzing of gossip all day in Gay Parée concerning that grand demonstration in favor of peace that was held last night ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ and resulted in one of the most magnificent free-for-all fights that the French capital has ever witnessed.

~~The press dispatches today have given a series of vivid details about the affair. Here are a few <sup>that have come from</sup> ~~sent along by~~ the Associated Press.~~

The meeting was held by the International Disarmament Organization and a huge crowd was gathered. Among those present were a number of hecklers. They had a few things to say from time

to time, and when they did the battle was on.

Fists flew. There was clawing and scratching. Furniture was broken over heads. The meeting hall was wrecked.

The Associated Press describes how Senator Borah addressed the great Peace demonstration. The Senator spoke from the United States. His speech was received through the loud speaker. The Senator's voice didn't cause any particular disturbance because nobody could tell what he said. In the first place it was in English and in the second place the static was so bad that it was just so much cackling and sputtering -- just static.

Then the remarks of the Senator were read, translated into French. They were received with a storm of booing and jeering.

Another distinguished speaker was former American Ambassador Houghton. He arose and addressed the Peace meeting. He began by saying that he brought a greeting from millions of

Americans, united to aid in the peaceful solution of international divergencies. And right in the middle of that praise-worthy sentiment the trouble began again. A fist-fight started just below the speaker's stand right under the Ambassadorial nose. Two Frenchmen whaled away at each other. The uproar was so terrific that the Mr. Houghton couldn't go any further <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ his peaceful remarks. So he sat down.

Monsieur Heriot, former Premier of France, also tried to make a peace-loving speech. The Premier had just declared that:- "the spirit must prevail over the Brute Force of the world." His remarks about the spirit were



1 interrupted by a group of men who yelled  
2 "NONSENSE". The gendarmes appeared and  
3 threw them out. That provoked a ~~xxx~~  
4 tremendous racket. There was battling  
5 all over the place. ~~A large force of~~  
6 ~~gendarmes went to work and by using~~  
7 ~~not such very peaceful means produced~~  
8 ~~a temporary quiet.~~

9 The next one to be howled down  
10 was Madame Louise Weiss, who was a  
11 member of Premier Laval's party on his  
12 trip to the United States. After that  
13 a storm of cat-calls greeted Herr Joseph  
14 Joss, a member of the German Reichstag.

15 A solemn moment came when  
16 Viscount Cecil ~~from~~<sup>of</sup> Chel<sup>m</sup>wood, one of  
17 the prime movers ~~at~~<sup>in</sup> the League of Nations  
18 arose to read messages from David Lloyd  
19 George, The British National Women's  
20 Council, and the Archbishop of Canterbury.  
21 These peaceful messages were received with  
22 wild howls.

23 Two lines of policemen were  
24 formed, and former American Ambassador  
25 Houghton and Lord Cecil, with his messages

1 from Lloyd George, the British ~~XXXXXX~~  
2 National Women's Council, and the  
3 Archbishop of Canterbury, were escorted  
4 out of the hall, under heavy guard.

5 One amazing thing was that the  
6 microphones got every bit of the  
7 tremendous turmoil. The peaceful  
8 proceedings were to be broadcast far and  
9 wide in the interest of disarmament and  
10 national good-will. In the excitement  
11 nobody thought of turning off the  
12 mikes, with the result that the riot was  
13 broadcast over the ether waves to the  
14 entire world. Thousands and thousands  
15 of lovers of Peace were listening in  
16 hoping to hear soothing words of  
17 international good-feeling, and all they  
18 heard was one of the most unholy noises  
19 that ever came <sup>over</sup> ~~through~~ the radio. ~~before~~

20 Representatives of ~~42~~ 47 different  
21 countries were there to express their  
22 peaceful sentiments and they howled and  
23 roared in 47 different languages.

24 The United Press reports that  
25 nearby, another meeting was held. It

wasn't a disarmament conference. It was an anti-disarmament conference. It was a gathering of French Nationalists and they weren't talking Peace. I suppose they were pleading for war. The war meeting went off with the utmost order, tranquility and peace.

I suppose one delegate arose and said "MONSIEUR, I HAVE THE HONOR TO DENOUNCE PEACE, I ADVOCATE WAR" and the other delegates responded "OUI, OUI, THAT IS CHARMING OF YOU, MY DEAR FELLOW -- THERE IS NOTHING THAT WE DISLIKE MORE THAN PEACE. LET'S HAVE WAR".

They say that the only thing that might have disturbed the tranquillity of the War meeting was the fact that the noise from the Peace Meeting was so terrible that the people at the War Meeting couldn't hear themselves talk.

Well, after that about all I can do is salute that warlike Dove of Peace and say,

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.