

NIPPIE

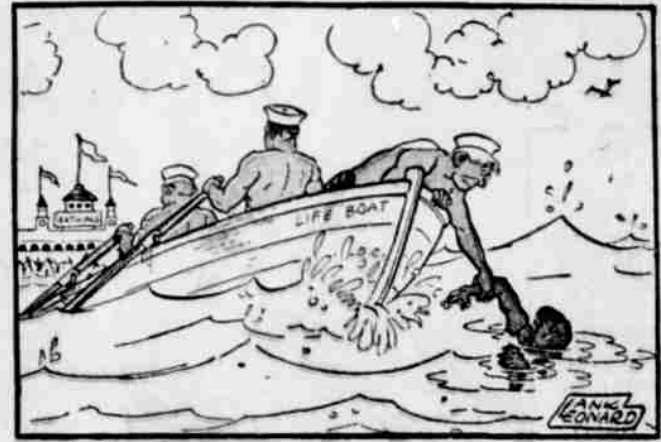
HE'S
OFTEN
WRONG

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YOU'D BETTER WAIT'LL WE GET DOWN BY THE ROPES, NIPPIE— THEY SAY THE UNDERTOW IS VERY STRONG TODAY!

THEY SAY— THEY SAY! ALL YOU DO IS WORRY ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE SAY!

WATCH! THIS WAVE WILL WASH ME WAY UP ON THE BEACH!



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MICKEY HAS TAKEN THE CARRIER PIGEON TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS AT THE FORT IN THE HARBOR.

I'M SERGEANT FINN OF THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT—I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO COLONEL HILL!

OH, YES— HE SAID YOU PHONED GO RIGHT IN!

—AND THIS IS THE MESSAGE IT HAD ATTACHED TO ITS LEG, COLONEL! IT'S IN CODE SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE AN ARMY PIGEON!

HMMM—IT ISN'T AN ARMY MESSAGE, MICKEY— BUT I'LL HAVE OUR CODE EXPERT DECIPHER IT, ANYWAY!



I HAVE IT NOW, COLONEL! IT SAYS—"SAME NIGHT, SAME HOUR, SAME LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE!"



WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS, COLONEL?

IT'S A SHIP TO SHORE COMMUNICATION, WITHOUT A DOUBT—AND WORTH CHECKING! WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A RIDE IN A BLIMP TOMORROW MORNING?



GEE, YOU BET! YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO RELEASE THE PIGEON AND FOLLOW ITS FLIGHT?

EXACTLY! IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL FLY DIRECTLY TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE MESSAGE WAS SENT! BE HERE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK!



UNCLE PHIL! WAIT'LL I TELL YOU ABOUT THAT PIGEON! THE ARMY INTEL—

STOP! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR A WORD ABOUT IT! I'M NOT INTERESTED!



WELL, I'M INTERESTED, MICHAEL— TELL ME!

OKAY, MA! LET'S STEP OUT IN THE HALL!



AND COLONEL HILL SAID— BZZZZ—ENEMY SHIP—BZZZZ— ZZZ— SOMEONE ON SHORE— BZZZZZ— FOLLOW IT IN A NAVY BLIMP— BZZZZ—



WHY ALL THE WHISPERIN'? IF YOU'RE GONNA TELL IT, TALK LOUD ENOUGH FOR SOMEBODY TO HEAR YA!



BUT, UNCLE PHIL— YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED!

NEVER MIND THAT! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR ME YOU'D NEVER CAUGHT THE PIGEON! NOW WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A NAVY BLIMP?



BOY-O-BOY! WAIT'LL I TELL THE GANG AT CLANCY'S THAT I'M WORKING WITH THE ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE!

GO TO SLEEP! REMEMBER, WE'VE GOT TO BE AT THE FORT AT EIGHT!

TO BE CONTINUED

