

1 Let's take up the subject of the
2 big fight. In fact, two fights are on
3 the calendar this evening -- a prize-
4 fight and a legal fight.

5 The prize-fight is the ~~heavyweight~~
6 extravaganza ~~which is~~ scheduled to take
7 place between Max Schmeling and Jack
8 Sharkey for the championship of the world.

9 The fighters, their managers, and
10 representatives of Madison Square Garden
11 in New York had a long, excited confab
12 this afternoon, rangling over the terms
13 of the contract between the heavyweight
14 battlers. It looks as if everything were
15 all set for the big ~~scrap~~ to be held in
16 New York sometime ~~during the month of~~
17 ~~June~~ ^{next June.}

18 Well, while the palaver about the
19 prize-fight was going on, news of the
20 legal fight came blazing in. It's a suit
21 filed against the German champion of the
22 world. Somebody is sueing him, saying --
23 "I'm the one that ought to fight
24 Schmeling, and not Sharkey." And ~~who~~ ^{who} is
25 that somebody? Why, it's Primo Carnera

1 -- otherwise known as the Ambling Alp,
2 or the Tall Tower of Gargonzola. The
3 giant Italian declares that Schmeling
4 is bound by a contract to fight him. He
5 says the articles were agreed upon seven
6 months ago, and that Schmeling is now
7 ducking out of the legal agreement. He
8 demands a hundred thousand dollars
9 damages.

10 It would seem as if the Tall Tower
11 were saying -- "Per baco! if Schmeling
12 won't fight me in a ring, he'll have to
13 fight me in a courtroom. Si, Signor."

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17 Herald-Examiner as saying that the
18 proposed recession is to be for only one
19 year. It will probably go into effect
20 next week, and is expected to save the
21 railroads a quarter of a billion dollars.
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23 guarantee the number of men they will
24 employ. They also have refused to agree
25 to a 4-hour day. But the railway

1 The Chicago Herald-Examiner prints
2 a copyrighted article today in which it
3 declares that the railroads and the
4 unions are about to come to an agreement
5 on the subject of a wage cut. The
6 Herald-Examiner asserts it has word that
7 the union representatives are going to
8 accept a 10 per cent reduction of wages,
9 and that the acceptance will take place
10 over the week-end. It is a case of
11 deciding between a 10 per cent voluntary
12 cut and a 15 per cent wage slash which
13 the railroads threaten to put into
14 force unless the voluntary cut is
15 accepted.

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23 guarantee the number of men they will
24 employ. They also have refused to agree
25 to a 6-hour day. But the railway

1 executives have promised to do all in
2 their power to stabilize employment and
3 to keep as many men on the job as
4 possible.

5 At any rate, this is the agreement
6 which the Chicago newspaper declares the
7 labor representatives are about to
8 accept.

1 This afternoon in Washington the
2 House of Representatives ^{and the Senate} passed President
3 Hoover's 2-billion-dollar re-construction
4 bill. The United Press wires that ~~the both~~
5 ~~Congressmen~~ ^{houses} acted swiftly and put a prompt
6 O.K. on a compromise which harmonized
7 the views of the House and the Senate.
8 All that remains now is for ~~the Senate~~
9 ~~to pass the bill, and then for~~ President
10 Hoover to sign it. ~~It is expected that~~
11 ~~the huge financial corporation measure~~
12 ~~may be placed before the President~~
13 ~~tonight.~~

14 In Congress today, Speaker of the House, Garner,
15 declared that he didn't see any reason why should not be two
16 votes in Congress, in the Lower House, on Prohibition. Members
17 opposed to prohibition said they thought they're ought to be a
18 vote on 2 different questions, one on the question of resubmitting
19 the 18th Amendment to the people; and the other on the subject
20 of a possible amendment of the Volstead Law.

21 The A. P. quotes Speaker Garner as saying:- "Yes, he
22 thought that 2 chances for the Lower House to vote might be
23 the correct thing.
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1 From Spain comes word of
2 government troops capturing villages. *And*
3 That has a war-like sound.

4 The Associated Press cables that
5 in the Province of Catalonia disturbances
6 are on, disturbances which the government
7 describes as a Communist rebellion. The
8 radicals took charge of half a dozen
9 villages and set up what they call a
10 worker's republic.

11 Anarchist leaders ~~called a~~ *proclaimed a*
12 social revolution, and the Red flag was
13 hung up over the municipal buildings.
14 In one place a bus was stopped, and two
15 nuns were taken off. The radicals wanted
16 to shoot them, but other passengers
17 begged for their lives and persuaded the
18 revolutionists to let them go. The
19 nuns were released after being forced to
20 change into ordinary clothes.

21 At Saragossa a convent and a
22 church were damaged by bombs. The
23 government has been pouring troops into
24 the revolutionary section. *And* A hundred
25 persons were arrested at Barcelona.

1 —————→ The soldiers have been sweeping
2 over the countryside, and have captured
3 six villages where the radicals hoisted
4 the Red flag and set up a worker's
5 republic.

1 A split in the British Cabinet is
2 reported tonight. The trouble seems
3 to be tariff.

4 The United Press quotes an
5 announcement by Prime Minister Ramsay
6 MacDonald to the effect that the
7 ministers of the government had not
8 been able to come to an agreement on a
9 policy of duties to be levied on
10 imports.

11 The matter has been under
12 consideration by a committee that has
13 been studying the British ~~xxxxxxxx~~
14 balance of trade. This committee made
15 a report to the Cabinet recommending
16 tariff schedules. The Cabinet considered
17 the report, and now finds itself
18 unable to agree. *It is stated tho that in spite*

19 *of the crisis it will not resign.*
20 This only fulfills prophecies
21 that have been made, that the ministers
22 of the government at London would not
23 be able to agree on the subject of
24 tariff.
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1 Now comes a familiar expression -
2 the Five Year Plan. But it's another
3 Five Year Plan.

4 (The Soviet authorities at Moscow
5 announced today that a second Five Year
6 Plan would be put into effect. They
7 say that the first ~~Five Year Plan~~^{one} has
8 been a howling success. But just the
9 same, they need a second ~~one~~.

10 The Soviet ~~x~~ officials are
11 quoted by the Associated Press, as
12 declaring that the principal result of
13 the first plan has been the up-rooting
14 of capitalists in the villages of
15 Russia. They declare that Russian
16 village life is now on a Communistic
17 basis. The program for the Second
18 Five Year Plan includes the raising of
19 living standards for the workers in the
20 Soviet Union. There will be an attempt
21 to supply the people with from two
22 to three times the amount of the
23 necessities of life which they are now
24 getting.

25 It is claimed that by the time

1 the second period of five years has
2 elapsed, all classes will have been
3 eliminated in Russia - that is, there
4 will be no social or economic
5 difference. It will be all one dead
6 level.

1 The subject of slavery in
2 Liberia is in the news again tonight.
3 The Associated Press quotes
4 representatives of humanitarian
5 organizations at Geneva as declaring
6 that many acts of terror have occurred
7 in the African Republic. ~~TP~~ A committee
8 of the League of Nations has been on
9 the job studying the accusations that
10 the institution of slavery still ~~xxxx~~
11 survives in Liberia in a big way.

12 The Commission has been in
13 the African Republic investigating,
14 questioning witnesses, and it ~~is~~ these
15 witnesses who are said to be victims of
16 a regime of terror. They say that
17 reprisals have been visited upon natives
18 who came forward and told the
19 representatives of the League of Nations
20 about the existence of slavery and the
21 condition of the slaves. Their houses
22 have been burned and even whole
23 villages have been set ~~on~~ fire.

24 Meanwhile the Commission is
25 scheduled to make its report next week.
And it is rumored that the report will
contain sensational revelations.

1 Let's take up the case of the
2 chap who lives in one of the smaller
3 towns. Let's consider him and his wife
4 and his sons and daughters too. He
5 has a car, but he wants to buy a new
6 one. Well, somebody may say:

7 "Why, that honorable citizen
8 ought to go to an automobile show and
9 look the new models over and suit his
10 taste."

11 Yes, but suppose the would-be
12 buyer can't go to an auto show.

13 All over the country those
14 spectacular and enticing displays of
15 the new cars are being held, but ~~it~~
16 just the same, there are millions of
17 people who live in sections too far
18 away to attend ~~the~~^{any} show. What about
19 them?

20 Well, the Literary Digest
21 answers that question by printing in
22 the current issue what really amounts
23 to a small automobile show of its own.
24 And that's a show that anybody can
25 attend. ~~Suppose you aren't able to~~

1 ~~get to the xx auto show.~~ Why. Just
2 take your copy of the Digest and go down
3 the list of cars, and there you'll
4 see new models, ^{briefly} described, with
5 specifications, prices, and the main
6 things you need to know.

7 And that isn't all. The next
8 thing to do is to turn to the *Literary Digest*
9 advertising that tells us about
10 automobiles and ~~automobile~~ accessories.

11 ~~These tell some more of the story.~~

12 Between the analysis of the new models
13 and the ^{display ads} ~~automobile advertising,~~ why,

14 the ~~literary~~ Digest is ~~indeed~~ staging a

15 ^{miniature} ~~an~~ ~~automobile~~ show all its own.

1 Well, I have been conning the
2 newspapers and news dispatches now for
3 more than a year but until today, I
4 haven't come across any news about the
5 Jersey Devil. ^{He's} ~~That's~~ an old chestnut
6 in the newspaper world and is at least a 1st cousin
7 to a Tall Story.

8 For years, every so often the story
9 came through about that mysterious and
10 ferocious creature that inhabits the
11 State of New Jersey, and is known as the
12 Jersey Devil. Of recent years the critter
13 hasn't been so prominent.

14 Today, however, the United Press
15 sends along the dispatch which tells us
16 how a posse is searching a white pine
17 forest in search of the Mersey Devil.
18 This time the ferocious monster is
19 reported from Downingtown, Pennsylvania.
20 John McCandless claims he sighted it, and
21 describes it as having a form resembling
22 that of a human being, but it cavorted
23 about on its hands and feet like a monkey.

24 As John and several friends were
25 wandering in the white pine woods they
caught sight of the strange creature and

1 fled in wild alarm. They claim they
2 saw footprints--something like human
3 footprints only much larger. Some say
4 it's a monkey-like monster. The
5 dispatch characterizes it as the old
6 and famous Jersey Devil.

7 And that seems to bring us around
8 to an incident of interest to the Tall
9 Story Club.

And now for an almost
~~Here's an almost~~ unbelievable
 tale ^{in today's news.} ~~but it is the story the man tells~~

Taking somebody for a ride is a familiar thing in the evil career of the underworld. But this is ^a ~~the~~ case of two girls taking a man for a ride after the ~~old~~ fashion ^{of} gangland.

In a hospital at Decatur, ~~Alabama~~, is a nineteen year old youth, Jack Carter, who was picked up on a road, wounded, shot through the chest.

He tells a strange story, which is given by the United Press. He declares he was walking along when two pretty girls drove up in an automobile and invited him to join them in the car. He knew one of them. He had met her at a dance several days before. The other girl was a stranger.

He got in and drove off with them. Then they told him they were going to kill him. He protested, but they drove to a deserted section of the highway, shot him, and then tossed him out of the car.

1 Every so often some expert comes
2 along and tells us what to do if a
3 hold-up man should walk up and say:
4 Stick 'em up. The consensus of opinion
5 seems to be that the best thing to do
6 is to follow instructions and obediently
7 ~~reach for the stars. And~~
8 ~~stick them up.~~ That's what Charlie
9 Lee did.

10 ~~He put his hands above his~~
11 ~~head.~~

12 But just the same, Charlie Lee
13 has discovered a way to confound, confute
14 and otherwise defeat a hold-up man and
15 chase him away.

16 The United Press tells ^{the} ~~the~~ story
17 like this:

18 Charlie Lee is a Chinese laundryman.
19 He was at work ironing a shirt when a
20 hold-up man walked in and said: Stick
21 'em up.

22 Charlie Lee kept hold of the
23 scorching hot flatiron as he raised
24 his hands above his head. But instead
25 of keeping them there he brought the
burning, blistering flatiron down and

1 pushed it in the robber's face. The
2 robber let out a howl, dropped his gun,
3 and ran away as fast as he could.

4 And I suppose he's now doctoring
5 the blisters on his nose.

1 *And* Here's another odd story about
2 a robbery.

3 At San Antonio, Texas, two
4 burglars broke into the home of
5 Samuel Sikora. Mr. and Mrs. Sikora
6 were away, but they had left the two
7 children home, David, 8 years old, and
8 Zelda six. The two ^{youngsters} ~~kids~~ were playing
9 around when the burglars entered.

10 The United Press tells how the
11 robbers started to do their robbing,
12 but they were annoyed by the children.
13 The two youngsters followed them around,
14 asking questions: What's your name?
15 What's that funny thing in your hand?
16 ^{oo}Oh, ~~h~~ will ~~that~~ gun shoot?

17 The burglars got tired ~~xxx~~ of
18 the incessant questioning, just as
19 many of us have been bothered by an
20 inquisitive child.

21 "Let's get rid of them", said
22 one burglar.

23 "All right", responded the
24 other.

25 And so they talked sternly

1 to the children.

2 "Say, it's time for you kids to
3 go to sleep. You've got to go to bed
4 now."

5 Well, David and Zelda are well
6 behaved and obedient children. When
7 they are told it's time to go to bed,
8 they know what that means. One of the
9 burglars took each by the hand and led
10 the two into the bedroom. He tucked
11 them under the covers and gave them a
12 parting command of: ^{"Now you kids go} ~~to~~ ^{to sleep!"}

13 ~~Now.~~

14 And they ^{did} ~~kids went to sleep.~~

15 ~~The burglars continued their~~
16 ~~burglary and by the time Mr. and Mrs.~~
17 ~~Sikora got home they were gone. The~~
18 ~~two children were snoozing peacefully.~~

19 And then the burglars
20 took the loot and said; about what I'm
21 saying now, which is
22 S - l - u - Monday.