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ENGLAND

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

From the English Channel to the Shetland Islands, Englishmen, yes and Welsh and Scots too, are talking over the fact that England is forming for the first time in history what is called a national government, as against party government.

A group of ministers representing all parties is scheduled to pull Great Britain through her present economic crisis. Something like the coalition government during the World War.

Yes, it finally happened. The Labor Cabinet resigned. Prime Minister MacDonald could not get his own party members to accept his economy plan to enable England to balance her budget. The New York Evening Post explains that in trying to cut down expenses he wanted to slash the amount

1 of money paid to the unemployed. He
2 wanted to reduce it by ten percent.
3 And this a number of the prominent
4 leaders of the Labor Party would not
5 accept.

6 And so the Labor Ministry
7 resigned.

8 Right afterward, Prime Minister
9 MacDonald was called upon to form a new
10 cabinet - that National Cabinet. He
11 immediately gathered a committee
12 consisting of important leaders of
13 England's three political parties,
14 Labor, Conservative and Liberal. In it
15 are Stanley Baldwin, Conservative
16 leader, and Sir Herbert Samuel of the
17 ~~Labor~~ ^{Liberal} Party. They ^{three immediately} ~~went~~ ^{went} to work to
18 form the new national government.

19 The United Press explains
20 that the job of the new cabinet will be
21 to work out a plan for increasing taxes
22 and cutting expenses. It will hold
23 office only for a short period, and
24 then it is expected that general
25 elections will be held to determine

1 Great Britain's political future.
2 Parliament will be called into session as
3 soon as possible to pass on the new
4 cabinet and its work.

5 The Associated Press declares
6 that Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative
7 leader, and Sir Herbert Samuel, of the
8 Liberal Party, agreed today in the
9 presence of King George at Buckingham
10 Palace, that they would participate as
11 ministers in a cabinet to be formed by
12 Prime Minister MacDonald.

13 On many sides the belief is
14 stated that Prime Minister MacDonald
15 has committed political suicide; that
16 he has queered himself with his own
17 party. The International News Service
18 cables that resolutions have already been
19 prepared to be presented before a
20 conference of the Labor party and these
21 resolutions are to the effect that Ramsay
22 MacDonald should be ousted from the ranks
23 of Labor. He is charbed with being false
24 to his own party in resigning and
25 agreeing to collaborate with the
Conservatives and the Liberals in the
new national cabinet.

RUSSIA

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1 A tale of wild terror is told by an
2 American who claims that he has just
3 ~~■~~ escaped from a prison in Soviet
4 Russia. He is Carl William Anderson,
5 of Detroit, and he is now on his way to
6 Washington where he and other former
7 prisoners in Russia will ask the
8 government to prevent any more Americans
9 from entering the land of the Soviets.
10 He claims that an American's life in
11 Russia is not safe.

12 Anderson declares that he was in
13 Russia with his wife, his son, and his
14 daughter. They had two Bibles with them.
15 The Bolshevik police searched their room
16 and found the Bibles. Anderson and his
17 family were arrested under charges of
18 possessing religious literature. They
19 were tried and sentenced to ten years in
20 a Soviet prison.

21 The United Press quotes Anderson as
22 saying that the Bolsheviks knocked his
23 wife's teeth out so that they could
24 get the gold that was in several
25 fillings. He himself was lashed

1 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ unmercifully, and as a
2 result has lost the hearing of one ear.

3 The hardships of the prison were so
4 dreadful that his wife, his son, and his
5 daughter died.

6 He was in prison for two years, and
7 then with a party of other convicts
8 escaped. All were recaptured except two,
9 Anderson himself and Frank Martin, an
10 engineer of Indianapolis.

11 This is the story. It sounds
12 almost incredible.

13 And right on top of that comes
14 word that one hundred thousand Americans
15 have applied for work in Soviet Russia.
16 This was announced today by the Amtorg
17 Trading Corporation which represents
18 Soviet industry in this country. The
19 statement adds ^{says the U. P.} that six thousand of these
20 have been signed up for jobs and will
21 migrate to Russia before the end of the
22 year. ~~Two thousand of these are from~~
23 ~~the American coal mines, metal mines and~~
24 ~~oil fields.~~

25 ~~The United Press adds that these~~

UNEMPLOYMENT

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1 The Mississippi Valley Unemployment
2 Conference is under way at Memphis,
3 Tennessee. And right in the middle of
4 things Governor Alfalfa Bill Murray of
5 Oklahoma got up, pulled at his long
6 yellow mustaches and offered two
7 proposals.

8 As outlined by the United Press,
9 the first proposal is that all employe^es
10 of ~~the~~ ^{our} national government and of the ^{various}
11 states^t governments shall be taxed 10
12 per cent of their salaries, and the money
13 ~~is to~~ ^{shall} go to ^{ward} unemployment relief.

14 Secondly, that the unemployed
15 ~~should~~ be put to work on road-building
16 and that both the ^{individual} states and the
17 government at Washington ^{supply the necessary} ~~should kick in~~
18 ~~with the money~~ ^{cash to put this grandiose plan into effect.} Alfalfa Bill's idea is
19 that ^{each} ~~the~~ state should put up a given sum
20 and the United States treasury should
21 advance an equal amount, matching
22 dollar for dollar.

23 In New York Governor Roosevelt
24 called a conference of Republic^{an} and
25 Democratic leaders today and put before

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them ^{his} plan ~~of~~ ^{for} unemployment relief. ~~that~~
~~he has~~ This plan involves the spending
of 25 million dollars to help the
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1 Citizens of New York are talking
2 about another gang outrage today. While
3 there's a perfect fever of indignation
4 over that wild gunbattle in the streets
5 last week - now comes a repetition in
6 New York of something like the notorious
7 St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago.
8 Police say the gangsters bungled their
9 savage job, and bungled it badly.

10 Three men were cut down by
11 machine gun bullets at a gang execution.
12 One of them was killed. Yes, three
13 men were machine gunned, but the police,
14 so the International News Service
15 relates, believe that only two were
16 slated for execution. They say the
17 third man accidentally got into the line
18 of fire, and was badly wounded, and this
19 third man was the one who had led the
20 two victims into the trap.

21 He persuaded the two of them to
22 get into an automobile and there they
23 were overpowered. They were driven to
24 an isolated section and then stood
25 against a brick wall. The executioners

1 opened fire with machine gun bullets,
2 and by a strange ^{quirk of} justice the man who had
3 betrayed the two victims got in the way
4 and was shot down too.

5 The reason for this belief is
6 that he was found some distance away
7 from the scene of the crime. It is
8 supposed that the killers when they
9 found they had shot and wounded him,
10 took him away in their car, then grew
11 alarmed and threw him out into the road.

12 Meanwhile one of the two victims
13 who had been marked for death was only
14 wounded. He got up and staggered off.
15 They found him a block away.

16 There is a general outcry in
17 New York that something must be done to
18 put a stop to the crimes of the gangs.
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1 Word from France tells of a
2 solemn ceremony in ~~wik~~ which a woman
3 has been made an officer of the Legion
4 of Honor. She is 78 years old. She
5 is dressed in black and wears a hood.
6 She is a nun whose life for sixty years
7 has been passed in a prison.

8 Her name is Sister Leonide. Sixty
9 years ago, in 1871, when she was 18 years
10 old, she took the veil and devoted
11 herself to works of charity among women
12 in prison. She took her post in the
13 prison of St. Lazare, and she has been
14 there ever since, attending to the wants
15 and soothing the sorrows of women
16 derelicts of all kinds.

17 And this humble nun figures
18 prominently on a tragical page of
19 history. The story of Mata-Hari can
20 not be told without a prominent mention
21 of Sister Leonide. She attended
22 Mata-Hari in prison. The brilliant
23 and beautiful dancer, whose strange
24 career makes such a gaudy page, and who
25 was condemned to death as a spy, learned

1 to place her trust in the little grey
2 nun.

3 The New York Evening Post tells
4 us how at daybreak on ^{the} ~~a~~ dim morning
5 of October 15, 1917, Sister Leonide
6 went to Mata-Hari's cell. "BE BRAVE",
7 the nun said to the dancer. "DON'T
8 BE AFRAID, SISTER", replied Mata-Hari
9 calmly, "I SHALL KNOW HOW TO DIE WITHOUT
10 WEAKNESS".

11 A few minutes later they were on
12 their way to the place of death.
13 Mata-Hari took Sister Leonide's arm.
14 "LITTLE MOTHER, DON'T LEAVE ME", the
15 dancer begged.

16 And then after a few minutes
17 more Mata-Hari's eyes were fixed on the
18 figure of the kneeling nun as the fatal
19 valley crashed out.

20 This is but one page out of the
21 life of a woman who for sixty years
22 has devoted her existence to the
23 care of the women prisoners at St. Lazare.
24 And now the French Government has made
25 her an Officer of the Legion of Honor.

1 Let's imagine we're at a motion
2 picture show and on the screen is an
3 exciting wild animal picture. You see a
4 couple of lions charging into a native
5 village. Yes sir, there are always a
6 few people in the audience who will say:
7 "That's faked. It's just Hollywood."

8 Well, sometimes it is Hollywood,
9 but more often it's not.

10 In this week's Literary Digest is
11 an article which gives us a few secrets
12 of how wild animal pictures are taken.
13 ~~We are told how these thrilling scenes~~
14 ~~are staged. For example, you can go to~~
15 ~~Africa and with a bit of skill work up~~
16 ~~episodes with lions and zebras acting~~
17 ~~their parts on their native veld.~~

18 Or, ^{For instance} ~~on the other hand~~, there is a
19 kind of photographer who takes wild
20 animal pictures as a scientific record,
21 like my friend Major Arthur ^{Radcliffe} Dugmore,
22 whose specialty is showing us just how
23 the great creatures of the wild act in
24 their native lives.

25 ~~Well, this week's Literary Digest~~

~~how~~
1 tells us / ~~some of those wild animal~~
2 ~~scenes are worked up with highly~~
3 ~~dramatic effect.~~ Then The Digest quotes from
4 an article in the Elks Magazine by
5 Wynant Davis Hubbard, who has done a
6 lot of adventurous photography in
7 Africa. He relates how he and his co-
8 workers got a real thriller of a couple
9 of lions raiding the cattle of a native
10 village.

11 How did they do it? Well, first
12 they ^{caught} ~~got~~ a couple of lions. Then they
13 built a native kraal, the inclosure
14 where the cattle are kept. They put a
15 couple of native oxen in that kraal
16 and then turned the lions in with them.
17 The cameras were cleverly staged to get
18 the action -- and that action was both
19 thrilling and funny. The lions made a
20 rush at the oxen. A surprise came when
21 a big bull turned and charged a lion and
22 started chasing him. Suddenly the lion
23 turned and leaped on the back of the ox.
24 There was a wild swirl. The ox with a
25 powerful effort threw off the big cat and

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1 then lashed out with a hind hoof and
2 kicked Mister Lion square in the nose.

3 Well, that's only part of the
4 exciting picture that the Literary Digest
5 gives us. ~~It resulted in a thousand~~
6 ~~feet of some of the fastest action film~~
7 ~~that was ever put on. And no damage~~
8 ~~was done. The cattle were scratched~~
9 ~~up a bit, but nothing serious, and~~ ~~other~~
10 ~~one lion had a sore nose where a flying~~
11 ~~hoof had hit him.~~

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1 A lot of celebrating is on schedule
2 over in Japan. ~~Yes~~ Of course you ^{all} know
3 why. ^{Yes,} the Lindberghs have finally
4 ~~arrived~~ reached the Land of the Rising
5 Sun.

6 "WE ARE A BIT LATE", smiled the
7 Colonel, as he and the Mrs. landed
8 at the Japan town of Nemuro. Yes,
9 Lindbergh was right. That part of their
10 flight from the Kurile Islands to Japan
11 was a ^{stem-winder.} ~~hum-dinger~~ Lindbergh, who
12 seldom has a forced landing, had four
13 of them while he battled his way through
14 the treacherous fogs that shrouded the
15 seas to the north of the Japanese
16 Archipelago.

17 The celebrated couple are being
18 received with royal honors, -- Although
19 the Associated Press gives us a hint
20 of a possible sour note. Some Japanese
21 seem to be a bit suspicious. A Japanese
22 news agency explains that the Lindberghs
23 in a long and difficult trip over the
24 Kurile Islands, flew over ~~the~~ forbidden
25 areas and landed at forbidden places.

1 The Japanese are a bit ticklish on the
2 subject of aviators who fly over
3 military areas and are liable to see
4 something. *Pangborn and Herndon could make*
a speech about that.
5 High Japanese officials, however,
6 ridiculed any notion that the Lindberghs
7 may have been trying to do anything
8 more than merely make their way through
9 the fogs^{north} of Japan. I guess those
10 Japanese high officials are of the
11 opinion that the Lone Eagle wasn't
12 making all those forced landings ~~for~~
13 just for the fun of it. *H* It appears
14 that the Colonel and Mrs. ^{Lindbergh} are not going
15 to try a round-the-world flight.

16 The United Press cables the report
17 that Lindbergh has denied that he has
18 any idea of keeping on and on, all the
19 way round the Globe. The Nippon Dempo
20 News Agency quotes the Colonel as saying
21 that he intended^s to make a trip from
22 Tokio across to China and that he might
23 fly to the Philippine Islands, but
24 that's all.

25 Another bit about aviation comes

1 from Portugal, ^{tonight.} Two German fliers, who
2 intend to fly across to the United States
3 by way of the Azores, landed in Lisbon
4 today. They left Berlin yesterday and
5 were long over-due. There was ~~xxxxxxx~~
6 considerable fear that they might have
7 got lost and come to grief, but, says
8 the International News Service, "they
9 made their destination today in good
10 shape."

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1 A few thrills comes streaking
2 through the ether from the Far North.
3 A wireless dispatch from Sir Hubert
4 Wilkins, ~~who is in a submarine up there~~
5 ~~near the Pole,~~ tells us of a mishap to
6 that submarine in which ^{he} ~~Captain Wilkins~~
7 and his hardy crew expect to navigate
8 to the North Pole.

9 The adventurers penetrated to
10 a point within five hundred miles of the
11 Pole. They were pushing their way through
12 dense masses of floating ice, when they
13 suddenly discovered the diving rudder of
14 their craft was gone, that is, the fins
15 that regulate the upward and downward
16 course of an undersea craft when it is
17 diving. Yes sir, it must have been a
18 thrill when those boys found that this
19 necessary bit of apparatus had been torn
20 loose by the huge drifting chunks of ice.

21 A wireless dispatch from
22 Wilkins is printed ~~in~~ today's ~~New York~~
23 ~~American~~ ^{in the ~~best~~ Hearst newspapers throughout the country;} and in it we are told how a
24 diver aboard the submarine volunteered to
25 go down into the icy Arctic waters and

1 investigate. He got into his diving
2 suit and they lowered him. He found
3 that the diving rudder had been yanked
4 off all right, but there was one bit
5 of luck. The ice had not damaged the
6 ordinary rudder, ^{that is, the rudder used} for steering on the
7 surface. If it had, why that would
8 have been awkward ^{to say the least.}

9 When Diver Frank Criley was
10 hauled ~~xxx~~ aboard again, he said things
11 down there below the surface of the
12 Arctic Sea looked kind of funny. He
13 couldn't see so well. And then they
14 explained matters to him. He had not
15 been able to see, because something
16 dim had blocked his vision. He ^{didn't know} ~~hadn't~~
17 ~~realized~~ that it was a huge mass of ice
18 that came drifting toward the Nautilus,
19 and ^{that ice} had nearly crushed him. The men
20 aboard had had to fight hard to keep
21 the craft clear of the ~~xx~~ young iceberg,
22 and to save the diver from being
23 flattened out like a pancake between the
24 ice and the hull of the boat.

25 Captain Wilkins ^{radio word} ~~x~~ [^] ~~tells~~ [^] that

1 the adventurers have been encountering
2 terrific storms of snow and sleet up
3 there near the Pole. The International
4 News Service believes that tonight the
5 Nautilus, with her diving rudder gone,
6 is heading southward for open water,
7 while I, who need no diving rudder,
8 am heading for open air.

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10 and so long until tomorrow.

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