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4 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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6 One curious angle has come to
7 light in that astounding case which still
8 has the country gasping. It comes in
9 the form of a threatening letter which
10 was sent to Mrs. Lindbergh. This letter
11 is just one of hundreds that have been
12 received by the stricken family. ^{But} there
13 is an amazing thing about it. It is ~~an~~
14 almost ^{an exact} duplicate of a threatening
15 letter which was received three years
16 ago by Miss Constance Morrow, sister
17 of Mrs. Lindbergh.

18 The letter now received by Mrs.
19 Lindbergh begins like this:

20 "YOU READ THIS AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH
21 CLOSED. DON'T OPEN YOUR TRAP TO A
22 LIVING SOUL, OR IT WILL BE YOUR LAST
23 TALK."

24 The letter written three years
25 ago to Mrs. Lindbergh's sister began this
way:

1 "YOU READ THIS LETTER AND KEEP YOUR
2 MOUTH CLOSED. DON'T OPEN YOUR TRAP
3 TO A LIVING SOUL. IF YOU DO, IT WILL
4 BE YOUR LAST TALE."

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6 And then both letters continue
7 almost word for word the same, except
8 that the one written three years ago made
9 threats against Mrs. Lindbergh's sister,
10 while the one just received might apply
11 to the Lindbergh baby.

12 In each case a \$50,000. ransom
13 is ^{the} demanded.

14 A United Press dispatch in the
15 New York Sun explains that the police
16 investigated that threatening letter
17 three years ago and the suspicion was
18 that it had been sent by a Boston Customs
19 Guard, ~~xxx~~ who was slightly out of his
20 mind. It may be that both letters are
21 just the work of a crank, but the
22 similarity of the two is certainly a
23 weird angle.

24 The kidnapping of the Lindbergh
25 baby is just about the same as it was

1 last night, except that more clues seem
2 to have petered out.

3 (The New York Evening Post begins
4 its story today with this statement.

5 "ONE WEEK AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF
6 THE INFANT SON OF COLONEL CHARLES
7 A. LINDBERGH, THE AUTHORITIES ENGAGED
8 IN THE NATION-WIDE SEARCH FOR THE
9 CRIMINALS WERE WITHOUT A SINGLE,
10 DEFINITE CLUE.")

11 The family is basing some hope
12 on the fact that the police have stopped
13 examining the Lindbergh mail. They
14 believe, adds the New York World-Telegram,
15 that this fact will come to the notice
16 of the kidnappers who in consequence will
17 have less hesitation in communicating
18 with the parents of the stolen child.

19 Governor Moore of New Jersey,
20 formally announced today that the police
21 ~~were~~ no longer inspecting the Lindbergh
22 mail.

23 It would appear that there has ~~xx~~
24 been some friction between the famous
25 aviator and the New Jersey police.

1 Colonel Lindbergh is said to be annoyed
2 by the fact that the police have been
3 listening in on his telephone calls.

4 Let me read a paragraph that I
5 ran across today, which tells how: after
6 the kidnapping the police guarded every
7 outgoing road, searched trains and boats,
8 spread a dragnet for criminals and began
9 a house to house search. The newspapers
10 grew more inflammatory with each fresh
11 edition. At once the mad pack of
12 anonymous letter writers took up the
13 cry, writing to the police and to
14 the * unfortunate parents. Any child
15 was likely to be seized and dragged to
16 the nearest police-station. Little boys
17 were apprehended with the suspicion that
18 they might be the missing ^{child} ~~boy~~ with his
19 blond curls dyed and even little girls
20 were brought to the police."

21 Does n't that sound as if it might
22 be the description of the Lindbergh case?
23 It isn't, though. I found the paragraph
24 in a book called MYSTERIES OF THE MISSING
25 By Edward H. Smith, and the paragraph

1 occurs in the story of the famous
2 kidnapping of Charley Ross, nearly sixty
3 years ago. It is amazing how these
4 ~~xx~~ stories repeat themselves, -- how grief
5 and terror occur all over again, with
6 repetitions of the same ^{cruel} ~~sort of~~
7 heart-breaking story.

1 From the China coast comes the
2 same old news of confused fighting
3 along the battle front near Shanghai;
4 and each side blames the other for
5 starting the trouble.

6 The Chinese government at
7 Nanking today flatly turned down plans
8 which neutral powers had arranged for a
9 peace conference. It had been expected
10 that the representatives of China and
11 Japan and the neutral powers interested in
12 the Far East, would get together for a
13 general discussion of the Far Eastern
14 situation, but that seems to be out.

15 ~~The~~^a United Press dispatch in the New
16 York World Telegram quotes leaders of
17 the government at Nanking as declaring
18 that they will take no part in any peace
19 ~~xx~~ conference until the Japanese troops
20 are withdrawn from the Shanghai area.

21 And right along with that, the
22 Ministers at Nanking have called upon
23 China's greatest military leaders,
24 General Chiang Kai Shek to take command
25 of the forces opposing Japan. Chiang

1 Kai Shek has been ⁱⁿ retirement ever since
2 he stepped out of office as the head of
3 the Nanking Government, but now he seems
4 to be ~~xxxx~~ called upon to take command
5 of the Chinese Army.

6 (In Manchuria today a man whom
7 they call Henry Pu-yi was received with
8 honors and greeted as the ruler of ^{the northern}
9 ~~Manchuria~~ ^{Province}. Well, Henry Pu-yi ^{is} the
10 former boy emperor of China who was
11 deposed by the revolution which started
12 the Chinese Republic on its way. He's
13 been living in retirement since, although
14 his name has been mentioned various
15 times in relation to Japanese schemes
16 in Manchuria. But now he is to be
17 inaugurated as the head of the government
18 which is being set up in the northern
19 province under the protection of Japan.)

20 Among the dignitaries who
21 greeted the former boy emperor, was
22 General Ma Chan Shan. This is that
23 same General Ma who sometime ago was
24 fighting against the Japanese and was
25 supposed to be the saviour of China.

1 But he's changed sides now and is
2 helping the Japanese, and this right
3 about face is just another of those
4 things which makes the Orient so
5 incomprehensible to people of the West.

Carl Byoir.
director of
"Campaign
against
the
Depression".

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1 And now let's have another war
 2 report. It's a ■ dispatch straight from
 3 the battle-front. What martial campaign
 4 is this? Well, it's the war against the
 5 depression. Let's hear from the General,-
 6 the chief-of-staff. He is Carl Byoir,
 7 director of organization of the war
 8 against depression. *He and Mark T. Mc Kee and*
 9 *several others are in charge.*
 10 That's a mighty ~~important~~ important
 11 movement. ~~The campaign against the~~
 12 ~~depression is sponsored by the American~~
 13 ~~Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary,~~
 14 ~~the American Federation of Labor, and~~
 15 ~~the Association of National Advertisers.~~
 16 ~~These powerful groups have lined up in a~~
 17 ~~concerted movement to ameliorate~~
 18 ~~conditions that have been brought about~~
 19 ~~by the present world economic crisis.~~
 20 And one big thing they're doing is
 21 putting men and women to work -- providing
 22 jobs for the jobless. Carl Byoir, who is
 23 directing the campaign, is a man of
 24 many accomplishments. He is publisher
 25 of the Havana Post, and during the World
 War was chairman of the United States

Government Committee on Public
Information.

So let's call upon the chief-of-staff
~~to give us a report~~, to give us the
latest news from the battle-front in the
war against depression.

Well, we have a big army. It numbers 23 million. And it's a brave and devoted army. I want to thank the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Federation of Labor, ~~and~~ the Association of National Advertisers, and every one of the 23 million members that are lined up in the war against depression.

And I want to report progress all along the line. During the past three weeks 177,000 American citizens have been put to work. They were members of that great army of the unemployed. But now they have jobs and are drawing wages. ~~It~~ In most cases they are assured of steady work for at least 6 months.

In the Literary Digest this week there's an article on the war against depression. It's headed "War Declared! First Battle Won!" and describes a day at the general headquarters in terms of reporting a battle. Let me give you a few lines from that article:

General headquarters waited



1 breathlessly for word. How are things
2 going? Presently telegrams began
3 trickling in. Job after job was being
4 taken by direct assault on factory, mill
5 and office. From Florida came word that
6 a manufacturer of garden and lawn
7 furniture was putting 60 men to work.
8 From Lancaster, Pennsylvania, word was
9 received that tobacco warehouses were
10 opening with jobs for from 500 to 1,000.
11 Troy, a small town in Kansas, reported
12 ten jobs. Cambridge, Maryland, 66.
13 Cutbank, Montana, 45. Amarillo, Texas,
14 19. Richland Center, Wisconsin, 60.
15 And before the smoke had cleared 10,000
16 jobs had been found.

17 Well, that gives a good picture of
18 the eagerness and jubilation with which
19 general headquarters for the war against
20 depression receives the news of victories
21 at the front -- ~~the~~ batches of jobs for
22 the ■ unemployed.

1 Well, Carl Byoir, congratulations on the stout job
2 you have done, and may your army always be victorious. And now
3 for some news from Washington.
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5 President Hoover today repeated what he said before --
6 that the Government will have to put into effect a lot of drastic
7 economies in order to make ends meet.
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9 The President says he is fighting hard to put through
10 Congress his plan for cutting down expenses, so as to balance
11 the budget.
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13 Here's some good financial news -- good news for the
14 British people, and good news for all of us. The Pound Sterling
15 is soaring. It went up twenty points today. It's now up to
16 \$3.75.
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18 Well, that looks like a sign of better times for the
19 world. Here's hoping!
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-

Here are a few more returns from the 20-Million-Ballot Poll. And the first city on the list happens to be right over the hill from my farm. When we think of hats, we think of Danbury, Connecticut. The Danbury vote is 184 dry, 862 wet.

Next comes Peoria, Illinois, 800 dry, 5,459 wet.

Hot Springs, Arkansas, the famous health resort, 170 dry, 492 wet.

Cumberland, Maryland, 331 for the 18th Amendment, 1,484 against.

Lansing, the capital of the grand old state of Michigan, 748 dry, 2,354 wet.

And here 's how they vote in the city famous for farm machinery, automobiles, and football. I mean South Bend, Indiana. The votes have been rambling in from the home of the Notre Dame ramblers to the ^{time of the} following total: 402 dry, 1143 wet.

Maine is on the list again tonight.

1 The following are the votes from
2 Lewiston: 138 for continuance, 893 for
3 repeal.

4 And here is another town in Kansas
5 that is running true to form. It's dry.
6 The vote from Independence, Kansas, is
7 381 for the Amendment, and 379 against.
8 ^{Also we've} ~~here is~~ more news from the desert,
9 out where the cactus grows. But the
10 vote from Tucson ^{Arizona} is not dry like the
11 desert. It's 149 dry and 419 wet.

12 Here we are clear across ~~on the~~
13 ~~opposite side of~~ the continent, taking
14 a look at one of the world's most
15 beautiful harbors, the Golden Gate.
16 And the vote from San Francisco seems
17 to be fully as damp as the Pacific
18 Ocean. It reads: 1,921 for the 18th
19 Amendment, 16,361 for repeal.

20 Well, that's the news today from
21 the Literary Digest 20-Million-Ballot
22 Prohibition Poll. But the flow of
23 ballots is not all in the direction of
24 the Digest offices. Tens of thousands
25 are still going out to all parts of the

1 country. But the votes going out now
2 are in connection with the Supplementary
3 Polls, for Digest subscribers, lawyers;
4 doctors, clergymen and bankers. The
5 Supplementary Polls are not a part of
6 the great 20-Million-Ballot vote. They
7 are being taken to find out what
8 difference there is in the proportions
9 between the vast general vote and the
10 vote of smaller ^{special} ~~select~~ groups.

I have a suggestion here for the Carnegie Medal for heroism. It comes from Scott P. Parham and Doctor S. W. Thompson, of Morehead City, North Carolina. These gentlemen tell me how two children were in a sailboat on Bogue Sound, near Morehead City. One was Kenneth Willis, ten years old; the other, his sister, who is 5. Their father was on the bank searching for driftwood.

The little girl fell overboard into ~~50 feet deep~~ water 50 feet deep, and drifted out of the reach of the boy. *Neither could swim.*

He grabbed a life preserver, and jumped in after her and held ^{the struggling little girl} ~~her~~ with one hand while he clung to the life preserver with the other. The father was too far away to hear his shouts. So the boy, ^{altho he couldn't swim,} stayed there in the water, hold^{ing} up his sister, until finally the current drifted him to a shallow part, where he could get a footing and carry her to shore. *He get panicky or they would both have drowned.*

And so they are saying down at Morehead City that Kenneth Willis is as

1 brave a 10-year-old as they ever saw,
2 and deserves just about any medal for
3 heroism that anybody has to give.

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6 That does sound funny; but it's
7 explained that they are water fleas, and
8 are needed as food for the thousands of
9 young black bass that are spawned in
10 the government hatcheries.

1 ~~not on himself.~~ ~~Well,~~ Uncle Sam is raising fleas. ^{Though}
2 The United Press wires to the New York
3 Sun that the government of the United
4 States has gone into the business of
5 breeding more and better fleas.

6 That does sound funny, but it's
7 explained that they are water fleas, and
8 are needed as food for the thousands of
9 young black bass that are spawned in
10 the government hatcheries.

The fish story department of the Tall Story Club should take notice of this ^{next} one. It's a shark fish story brought back to New York by a French liner that has been on a West Indian cruise.

Lewis Mutel, one of the ^{French} cooks on the ship, decided to do a little shark fishing. He baited a big hook and tossed the line out of a porthole. That ^{French} sea cook didn't have to wait long. A shark grabbed the bait and started ^{to travel} ~~off~~. That shark pulled so hard that the poor ^{French} sea cook got tangled up in the line, and was ~~being~~ ^{half-way} hauled through the porthole.

The shark was gradually succeeding in pulling him through when somebody cut the line. Then, says the ^{n.Y.} World-Telegram, they couldn't get the ^{spluttering} sea cook out of the porthole. He was jammed so tightly, they had to give him a liberal application of grease before they could ^{ease him out and restore} ~~bring~~ him ^{to his pots and pans} ~~out~~.

And now its time to ease myself out —
s-o-l-u-t-i-o-n.