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3 Good Evening, Everybody :-

4 A tremendous forest fire is raging  
5 among the mountains and valleys of Idaho. It  
6 is described by the United Press as  
7 one of the most disastrous forest fires  
8 in the history of the state. Two  
9 mining towns have already been destroyed  
10 by the flames, and three others are  
11 ~~also~~ threatened by the immense fire that  
12 is roaring down upon them. The town of  
13 Grimes Pass, just north of Boise, has  
14 been abandoned. The blaze has swept  
15 up along the small ridge near the town  
16 and is still advancing.

17 The Governor of the State has  
18 mobilized the National Guard, and a big  
19 battle is going on to check the progress  
20 of the flames.

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22 The Lindberghs are on the last  
23 lap of their aerial jaunt to Tokyo tonight.  
24 They took off from Nemuro and are in the  
25 air now.

26 Altho it's Tuesday where we are it's  
27 already Wednesday in Japan. In fact they took  
28 off from Nemuro at 8:20 Wed. morning Japanese  
29 time and expect to arrive in Tokyo at 1:00 P.M.  
30 Tokyo time.

1 The Republic of Ecuador has a  
 2 new president tonight. The former  
 3 president stepped out - although step  
 4 seems to be a rather mild word <sup>in this case.</sup> ~~He~~ Ran  
 5 out, jumped out, took a <sup>nose</sup> dive out, <sup>would be more</sup> ~~the~~  
 6 <sup>like it. The</sup> former president sought refuge today in  
 7 the American legation at Quito. They  
 8 say it was "a peaceful revolt" that took  
 9 place. There was discontent among the  
 10 army officers. They didn't <sup>seem to</sup> like the  
 11 way President Ayora was running Ecuador,  
 12 and so they just sent word to ~~the~~ His Excellency  
 13 ~~president~~ that it <sup>was time to be on his way.</sup> ~~wouldn't be good for~~  
 14 ~~his health to remain president any~~  
 15 ~~longer~~ That was the kind of peaceful  
 16 revolt it was.

17 President Ayora saw the  
 18 handwriting on the wall as plain as day  
 19 and so he appointed Colonel Luis Larrea  
 20 Alba as vice-president. Then President  
 21 Ayora resigned and that made Colonel  
 22 Alba president. He is the president of  
 23 Ecuador tonight.

24 Well, that was that, but just  
 25 the same some more peaceful revolt

seems to be going on against the new president. The Associated Press cables that some army officers don't seem to like him and a delegation called on Congress and said that Colonel Alba shouldn't be president either. A crowd invaded the majestic halls of the Ecuadorean congress and raised a turmoil. "Down with the government of Colonel Luis Larrea Alba !" they shouted - and that sounds like quite a mouthful to shout. In Spanish it must have a fine rolling ring.

This evening the new president is trying to pacify the discontented ones. In fact he claims that he has pacified the disgruntled element and has received plenty of promises of support.

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There was a wild riot in the Chamber of Deputies in Mexico City tonight. 60 shots were fired. One deputy was killed, 2 deputies wounded, and a spectator in the visitors gallery was wounded. The riot grew out of a debate concerning the governorship of the State of Jalisco. Finally order was restored over the dead body of Deputy Manuel Ruiz of Jalisco who was shot eleven times.

1 Well, Here's the line-up of the new  
2 government <sup>over in London.</sup> ~~of Great Britain.~~ They call  
3 it a National Cabinet of Co-operation.  
4 The Prime Minister, of course, is  
5 Ramsey MacDonald. Phillip Snowden, the  
6 financial genius of the Labor party,  
7 remains Chancellor of the Exchequer, *and there*  
8 *are two other labor members.* ~~Lord Sankey, another member of the~~  
9 ~~Labor party, is Lord Chancellor. The~~  
10 ~~Labor leader, J.H. Thomas, is Secretary~~  
11 ~~for the Dominions.~~

12 Stanely Baldwin, the Conservative  
13 leader, <sup>becomes</sup> ~~is~~ Lord Privy Seal. There are  
14 three other Conservative cabinet  
15 members. Sir Herbert Samuel of the  
16 ~~the~~ Liberal party, who used to be  
17 Governor-General of Palestine, is the  
18 Home Secretary. And Lord Reading, <sup>former viceroy of India,</sup> ~~is~~ the  
19 Foreign Secretary.

20 It's a small cabinet, as the United  
21 Press reminds us, but it represents all  
22 parties. There are ten members -- four  
23 Laborites, four Conservatives, and two  
24 Liberals.

25 The London Daily Herald today

1 charges that the downfall of the Labor  
2 government and the formation of a co-  
3 operative cabinet was caused by financial  
4 pressure from New York, <sup>-- yes, sir, New York.</sup> The claim is  
5 made that the Federal Reserve Bank of  
6 New York took a hand in the British  
7 financial situation and demanded a  
8 change.

9 The Associated Press quotes  
10 important London financiers as saying  
11 that this is a <sup>twisting</sup> ~~perversion~~ of the facts.  
12 It's admitted that American financial  
13 circles were worried by the money crisis  
14 in Great Britain. But the point is made  
15 that it was a good thing to take their  
16 advice.

17 Meanwhile, members of the Labor  
18 party are continuing to attack Prime  
19 Minister MacDonald. But he <sup>stoutly</sup> defends  
20 himself. ~~says~~ The International News  
21 Service, <sup>quotes him as</sup> ~~by~~ saying that he has credentials  
22 for his recent course of conduct --  
23 credentials from a source higher than the  
24 Labor Party. He is acting in accordance  
25 with national duty.

1           In India a debate is going on  
2 about ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> question which has vividly  
3 interested the whole world. That  
4 question is child marriage.

5           In India there is in force  
6 what they call a child marriage restraint  
7 act. It forbids the marriage of  
8 children under fourteen. The Indian  
9 legislature is in session at Simla,  
10 the summer capital of the vast sub-  
11 continent of Hindustan, and three bills  
12 have been introduced and are being  
13 strongly argued. These bills provide  
14 for the abolition of the law forbidding  
15 child marriage. In other words, they  
16 want to make child marriage legal again.

17           They point out that the  
18 child marriage law is an invasion of  
19 the sacred religious customs of the  
20 Hindu which go back thousands of years.  
21 The claim is that the Hindus have a right  
22 to practise their old custom of  
23 betrothing or marrying their children  
24 even in infancy.

25           Well, many enlightened Hindus

1 are against child marriage, but there  
2 are plenty of others who are strongly  
3 for the ancient institution. ¶ The  
4 Associated Press gives an account of  
5 some other bills that are up before  
6 the legislators in India. One of them  
7 wants to forbid the dedication of women  
8 in <sup>the</sup> temples. In some parts of southern  
9 India there are castes among whom the  
10 custom is to dedicate all girl children  
11 to service in the temples. They <sup>se girls</sup> are  
12 known as Devadasi, and they are the  
13 temple dancers, so familiar in romantic  
14 pictures of India. These girls take a  
15 vow never to marry, but devote their  
16 whole lives to dancing in the temple.  
17 They are bound from infancy. They are  
18 born to be temple dancers, and temple  
19 dancers they are.

20 Then there is another bill ~~up~~  
21 which tackles that old subject of the  
22 widows in Hindustan. It seems to  
23 the outside world a particularly bitter  
24 injustice that Hindu widows are not  
25 allowed to remarry. They may have been

1 married in infancy. They may be mere  
2 children when they become widows. But  
3 still they are never permitted to  
4 marry again. They say there are forty  
5 million widows on the land of Hindustan  
6 and a large portion of them are under  
7 eighteen years of age.

8           Well, India is a strange land.  
9 It has what ~~xxx~~ seem to us fantastic  
10 and sometimes harsh customs, but  
11 millions of Hindus cling tenaciously  
12 to the ways of their ancient ~~lands~~ forefathers.

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1           Here's a mystery that's been  
2 solved. The other night I told about  
3 that curious and incomprehensible bit of  
4 news -- how when one of the photographs  
5 taken by the Graf Zeppelin in her cruise  
6 over the Arctic was developed, why it  
7 showed the form of an airplane on the  
8 ground below. That plate was snapped  
9 over the bleak island of Nova Zembla,  
10 and there on the barren earth was seen  
11 a plane. Some thought it might have been  
12 the machine in which the great explorer  
13 Amundsen was lost. Others suspected that  
14 some trans-Atlantic flier had drifted  
15 that far north.

16           But now the thing is simply and  
17 clearly explained. The International  
18 News Service says it was just a case of  
19 accidental double exposure. The plane <sup>in the</sup>  
20 <sup>picture</sup> is a Russian machine ~~flying at~~ <sup>on</sup> a northern  
21 Soviet <sup>flying field</sup> ~~station~~. It was photographed by  
22 a Russian professor aboard the Graf.

23 Then he forgot to change the plate. When  
24 the big ship was over Nova Zembla he <sup>simply</sup>  
25 exposed it again. The result was that

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when the plate was developed the dim  
form of the plane was seen amid the  
barren surroundings of the Arctic  
land.

1 No, this next item isn't anything  
2 about industrialization, or counter-  
3 revolution, or 5-year plans, or economic  
4 mobilization, or any of those bits of  
5 jargon and funny lingo that we associate  
6 with Soviet Russia. It's about sports  
7 -- sports in Soviet Russia.

8 One interesting thing that strikes  
9 me is that golf is taboo. This week's  
10 Literary Digest tells us ■ that a few  
11 American engineers in Russia may get  
12 their clubs out and play the game as  
13 well as they can on whatever kind of  
14 course they can rig up. But for the  
15 Red Russians themselves, golf is out.  
16 It's capitalistic. But so far as other  
17 kinds of sports are concerned, the  
18 Bolsheviks are strong for them. They're  
19 going in for Western games, encouraging  
20 the working men to play them -- tennis,  
21 basketball, volley ball, track and  
22 field events, and especially soccer, *but nix*  
23 *of golf.* The Literary Digest *has a* ~~gives us a~~  
24 colorful article *this week* about the way these  
25 games are flourishing along with

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1 socialistic doctrines in Soviet Russia.

2 The Digest tells us that the old-  
3 fashioned Russian games which used to  
4 be played are giving way to the more  
5 modern Western types of sport. There's  
6 one exception. The age-old Russian  
7 game of Gorodski still retains its  
8 fascination. No matter how modern and  
9 communistic the Russians get, they  
10 still like Gorodski.

11 The Literary Digest tells us that  
12 it's something like bowling, but it's  
13 also something like horse-shoe pitching.  
14 That seems like a somewhat paradoxical  
15 description. But the Digest <sup>explains</sup> ~~goes on to~~  
16 ~~explain. It tells us~~ that in the game  
17 of Gorodski the players throw 4-foot  
18 wooden rods, as you might throw a  
19 bowling ball or again as you might  
20 pitch a horse-shoe. The object is to  
21 knock a series of small sticks of wood  
22 out of a ring. ~~Yes,~~ That's Gorodski.

1           No, that echoing sound that we  
2 hear isn't any loud cheer of Rah, Rah,  
3 ~~Rah~~ from the football enthusiasts of  
4 Oklahoma. It's a different sound  
5 altogether. It's a loud growl and a  
6 resounding series of thumps as Alfalfa  
7 Bill Murray tells what he thinks of the  
8 great intercollegiate sport, and  
9 proceeds to kick the Oklahoma football  
10 right out of the back door of the  
11 governor's mansion at Oklahoma City.

12           Alfalfa Bill is described by  
13 the Associated Press as an enthusiast  
14 for economy. He believes that in these  
15 distressful times the expenses of the  
16 state must be cut down - especially  
17 football expenses. The state treasury  
18 puts up money for Oklahoma's two state  
19 colleges, and when the time came for  
20 putting in the bill this year, Alfalfa  
21 Bill took a couple of ferocious pulls  
22 at his long yellow mustaches and told  
23 the college presidents that if the money  
24 to be spent on athletics wasn't cut  
25 down and cut down plenty, why he'd

1 veto the appropriations outright,  
2 and there wouldn't be any money, and  
3 when Alfalfa Bill has athletic  
4 appropriations in mind, why he especially  
5 means football.

6 Well, the football season is  
7 approaching and the Oklahoma fans are  
8 thinking about the big games that are to  
9 come. Somebody has just mentioned this  
10 to Alfalfa Bill and now he comes forward  
11 with this blast :

12 "There is not much difference  
13 between a football game and a common  
14 fight. I won't go to any games. If a  
15 man is not busy and wants to be ~~lored~~ he  
16 should attend a football meeting."

17 Meanwhile the football  
18 authorities of the two Oklahoma colleges  
19 have had to cut their funds in half. And  
20 they only hope that the shortage of  
21 money isn't going to prevent them from  
22 developing a couple of ~~good teams with~~  
23 ~~a powerful line and a few fast backs.~~  
24 *powerful running backfields.*

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## TALL STORY

And now let's have a story from Uncle Bob. Lots of children know Uncle Bob, who tells grand circus stories on the radio. In fact Uncle Bob is the oldest living circus clown. Also Uncle Bob Sherwood is about the oldest living member of the Tall Story Club. Yes, sir, he tells them tall. The fact is that just recently Uncle Bob delighted the Tall Story Club with a combination fish and baby story about an old friend of his.

Uncle Bob's friend is a mighty fisherman. He always catches unusually big fish and can tell you the weight of each one -- because he always carries a pocket scale with him on his fishing expeditions. He weighs the trout and the bass with that scale and then comes back and tells about the 20-pound lake trout and the 15-pound small-mouth bass.

One day Uncle Bob was fishing with this friend of his along a trout stream in Maine. On the brow of the hill above the brook stood a small white house.

Suddenly the door burst open and an excited man came running. Did anybody have a scale? Uncle Bob's friend replied, Yes Sir, he had one. The excited man explained that he had just

been blessed with a fine baby boy but that he didn't have a scale with which to weigh the new arrival. Would the kind fisherman oblige and come up to the house and ~~weight~~ weigh the new born baby.

Yes sir, the kind fisherman would oblige gladly. So Uncle Bob and his friend went up to the house. And they weighed the baby on that scale.

The proud father took one look, grabbed his hair with both hands, and yelled:-

"Holy smoke, my baby weighs 40 pounds!"

The word of the astonishing circumstance spread with great rapidity, and all the doctors and horse-doctors in the country gathered to discuss the strange phenomenon. They tried to figure out how a new-born baby could weigh 40 pounds. And ~~they~~ they were still debating two days later when a member of the Tall Story Club came along and told them a few wise words about the kind of scales that fishermen carry with which to weigh the fish they catch.

And that's Uncle Bob Sherwood's contribution to the literature of the Great American Whopper.



1           Let me ask a question at this  
2 point:- Who is Herbert Hoover? Yes,  
3 that's right -- he's the President of the  
4 United States. But is that his full  
5 title?

6           We know that King George, for  
7 example, has a long handle to his name.  
8 It's really a most noble and high-  
9 sounding handle -- George <sup>the</sup> Fifth, by the  
10 Grace of God, King of Great Britain,  
11 Ireland, and the British ~~King~~ Dominions  
12 Beyond the Seas; Defender of the Faith,  
13 and Emperor of India. Yes, that sounds  
14 big and imposing.

15           But President Hoover too has a  
16 long handle which he could attach to his  
17 name if he wanted to, although maybe  
18 it isn't so romantic sounding as the  
19 royal British handle. The President  
20 when he signs his name just writes down  
21 Herbert Hoover. But he could go ahead  
22 and add the following string of titles,  
23 which are <sup>passed along today</sup> ~~given to us~~ by the Associated  
24 Press. He could sign himself:- Herbert  
25 Hoover, President of the United States;

1 Commander-in-Chief of the United States  
2 Army; Commander-in-Chief of the United  
3 States Navy; Head of the Establishment, -  
4 Smithsonian Institution; President of the  
5 American Red Cross; President Ex-officio  
6 of the Washington National Monument  
7 Society; Patron for the Columbia  
8 Institution for the Deaf; Chairman of  
9 the Arlington Memorial Bridge Commission;  
10 and Chairman of the George Washington  
11 Bi-centennial Commission.

12 Well, somebody ought to have played  
13 "The Star-Spangled Banner" while I  
14 rattled those off. But anyway, they are  
15 ~~all~~ <sup>the</sup> official titles of President Hoover.

16 And you can't blame him for not  
17 using that whole string.

18 And also, since I have had the job  
19 of ~~reading~~ <sup>rattling</sup> them off, <sup>I am sure you won't</sup> ~~you can't~~ blame me  
20 for saying --

21 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.  
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