

ARMS

President Hoover set the whole world talking today. He made the most sweeping proposal for reducing the armies and ~~navies~~ navies of the ^{globe} ~~world~~ ever advanced by the head of a government. He proposes that the whole world shall slash its armies and ~~navies~~ ^{and} all ~~its~~ war equipment by one-third.

According to a ~~new~~ United Press dispatch to the Newark News, this would lift a burden of from ten to fifteen billion dollars from the ^{bent} ~~the~~ shoulders of the world's tax payers in the next ten years.

The President's plan was as concise as it was unexpected. It would affect every kind of fighting weapon.

Mr. Hoover read his plans to a small group of newspapermen in Washington. He made the following statement: "This would be the most important world step that could be taken to hasten economic recovery."

It is calculated that the President's proposal, if adopted, would save us American taxpayers two billion dollars.

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π Well, what are the other points in his plan? Here they are:
 Two billion during the next ten years. π It would abolish all
 bombing planes. It would do away with the military possession
 of any kinds of planes capable of attack upon civilian populations
 in time of ~~during the~~ war. Mr. Hoover added that with this suggestion
 should be coupled a unanimous agreement to give up entirely all
 bombardment from the air. ^{Then} ~~and~~ he used the following words:

"I know of nothing that would give more hope to
 humanity today. It is folly for the world to go on breaking its
 back for military expenditure. ^{And} The United States is willing to take
 its share of responsibility."

President Hoover's proposal was read to the world
 Arms Conference in Geneva this morning by ~~at~~ our Ambassador Gibson.
^{Mr. Gibson} ~~He~~ told the delegates that the United States is prepared to scrap
 more than three hundred thousand tons of existing ships.

The Hoover statement created a profound impression
 on the delegates in the ^{tense} ~~the~~ and crowded hall, ~~as they listened to~~ ^{as they listened to}

~~Mr. Gibson~~ President Hoover's proposal was introduced by Senator

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Ambassador Gibson

He read quietly without raising his voice. During the translation of his speech into French the galleries fairly boiled with excitement. The delegates were so noisy that the ~~chairman~~ chairman was forced to ^{wrap} ~~read~~ several times for order.

On top of this, however, comes the news that the French say: - "nothing doing" on this ^{American} plan. A cut of ten per cent ^{in armament is} ~~is quite~~ enough they protest.

Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Secretary, told the press that John Bull approves ^{of} the general lines of ^{Pres. Hoover proposal.} ~~the plan,~~ ^{He added that modification might be necessary.} ~~though slight modification might be required,~~ Dino Grandi, Foreign Minister of Italy, announced his country's complete, ~~and~~ unconditional acceptance of the Hoover ~~plan.~~ ^{idea.}

Sir John Simon's statement was considerably qualified.

He announced that Great Britain was disappointed ^{because the Hoover plan fails} ~~by the failure to~~ ^{to suggest the} abolish ^{or} ~~or~~ reduce ^{the} ~~the~~ tonnage of submarines, ~~Also by the failure to~~ reduce the present ^{monstrous} ~~monster~~ size of battleships. Nevertheless, he

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conceded ^{that} the plan in general ~~that it~~ would be one of the most
tremadous contributions that could be made in the name of
disarmament.

DEBTS

About the same time in Lausanne the French delegates to the Debts and Reparations Conference proposed a new ^{scheme.} ~~plan.~~ It was made by Prime Minister Herriot of France to Premier MacDonald of Great Britain. The idea is for a suspension of war debt payments for from two to five years. These payments to be resumed at reduced rates when the economic condition of the world justifies it.

Well,
~~Oh yes,~~ former Governor Al Smith reached Chicago safely. With a cigar in his face and the famous brown derby atop his head he gave a snappy interview to some 200 reporters this morning. *Just think of 200 news hounds firing questions at you.* ~~Fancy having to answer 200 questions.~~

According to a U.P. dispatch to the New York World-Telegram Al looked every inch the substantial man of business, the operator of the largest office building in the world, the Empire State ~~Building~~. But in his actions he was the old firehorse answering the alarm with the snort of eagerness that marks the born politician.

"Who is yourⁿ preference for the presidential nomination?"

~~Max~~ was one of the questions the boys asked. ~~him.~~

"Alfred E. Smith of New York," he snapped out ~~with the~~ without the slightest hesitation.

of the N.Y. Eve. Post
According to a dispatch by Harold Brayman, [^]Al hinted that he might bolt the ~~xxx~~ ticket if Governor Roosevelt of New York were nominated. Al didn't say so, definitely, but when they asked him whether ~~they~~ he would support the nominee of the Convention, whoever he was, he replied he would rather not discuss ^{just} that now. [^]

At the same time we learn that Tammany is close to an open break with Governor Roosevelt. The Tammany chieftans have chosen Mayor Jimmy Walker as New York's member of the Committee on Resolutions. This is the committee which will write the plank. And this act is considered a deliberate slap at Governor Roosevelt.

For just as Mayor Jimmy and Leader Curry of Tammany were preparing to leave for Chicago, Jimmy received a letter from the Governor asking him to reply to the charges made against him by Judge Samuel Seabury. New York's Mayor told the reporters that he will answer the Seabury accusations when he returns from Chicago, week after next.

So there's one sight I'm anxious to see when I reach Chicago on Monday. I want to be there when Mayor Walker greets Governor Roosevelt.

Our old friend Alfalfa Bill, the Governor of Oklahoma, had his say today about ~~statexcraft~~ statecraft and politics. He prophesied the overthrow of the United States Government in case the Democratic platform duplicates that of the Republican.

Alfalfa Bill quoted from Confucius, the great Chinese philosopher. "Learn the past and you will know the future" said the plainsman-Governor to a reporter. "That's the only way to determine the drift of nations and people," *he said.*

He declared emphatically that the United States is following the declining course of the great nations of the ancients.

We are practicing the same old fallies under the guise of statesmanship. *But --*

alfalfa Bill the If the Democrats will give ~~him the~~ presidential nomination, *ah* ~~it seems~~

we may avoid this gloomy fate. Well, Alfalfa Bill has 22 votes

to start with, *the delegation of his own state.* He only needs 747½ more.

proposed to
The Bonus army ~~has been~~ holding its own national

convention. That's the latest from Washington on this subject.

The boys are going to try to work out a permanent organization and put an end to bickering over what their policy should be.

(It seems there ~~has~~ ^{has} been a good deal of ~~international~~ internal dissension among the veterans encamped ~~in Washington.~~ ^{on the Potomac.}

This has been the greatest threat to the solidarity of the Bonus Army.

Meanwhile the Chief of Police of Washington is trying to ~~work~~ ^{work} out plans to provide railroad transportation for the boys.

He hopes that they'll eventually get tired of their siege and

vamos for
decide to ~~go~~ ^{go} home.)

CURTIS

Here's something new in the Lindbergh kidnapping case.

John Hughes Curtis, boat builder of Norfolk, Virginia, has repudiated the confession he's supposed to have made several weeks ago, ~~Th~~ ~~that his story was one gigantic fake.~~ This was made known today in a copyrighted article ⁱⁿ ~~of~~ the New York Daily News.

Curtis spoke through his attorney, because, according to the story, he's been forbidden to speak to newspapermen under threat of solitary confinement in the jail where he is incarcerated.

Curtis's trial is to come off next week. But according to the story told by his attorney, he now declares his negotiations to return the kidnapped baby to Colonel Lindbergh were in good faith. He declared that he signed his confession after eight days of such torture as used to be practised by the Spanish Inquisition.

What do you think of a celebrated film actress who's
Who is she? Why she
never seen a moving picture? ~~That~~^A is Zazu Pitts, the comedienne.

The information came out in this way. They are having
a million dollar libel suit out in Los Angeles in which one of
the fan magazines is defendant. And the mother of the late Alma
Reubens is the plaintiff. They put Zazu Pitts on the stand and
^{Zazu}
asked ~~her~~^A some question about pictures.

"I can't answer that," replied ^{Zazu} Miss ~~Pitts~~^A, "because I
never go to the movies, not even ~~any of~~ my own."

If Zazu Pitts hadn't been under oath when she said this
I should say that would be one for the Tall Story book. *Maybe we'd
better send her a diploma anyhow.*

DIGEST

Now I wonder if you folks will help me out. I'm in a jam. My mail has been swamped lately. Swamped with letters from you that I can't answer myself. Here's what happened: When I was with the Literary Digest, I said one night: The Digest is about to offer you a chance of a lifetime. You are going to get as an outright gift, with a subscription for the magazine, the latest Encyclopedia, in 25 volumes. But now I'm broadcasting for the Sun Oil Company. Well, the letters are still pouring in. I've a stack almost as high as the Empire State Building. Everybody seems to want that Encyclopedia. And no wonder, a 25 volume Encyclopedia free is a staggering offer. I've got a set on my desk. But if you want yours, don't write to me or the National Broadcasting Company, ~~any more,~~ *and don't stop in at a ~~Sunoco~~ Sunoco station for it.* Just drop your post-card directly to The Literary Digest, New York City, -- no street number necessary. Then your letters won't go jumping around the country after me as I go jumping around the country to the National Conventions.

LILIES

~~But~~ A festival ~~just as~~ curious and ~~even more~~ picturesque was celebrated in Italy today. It is the 1400 year old festival of the Lilies which takes ~~place~~ place every year at Nola. ~~in Italy.~~ It's in honor of the town's patron, St. Paulinus, ~~who~~ who died at Nola in the year 431 A. D.

The lilies which are prepared by each of the six quarters of the town, consist of enormous flower decked cones. Each of them is between seventy and eighty feet high. These are carried through the streets and assembled in the public square in front of the Cathedral. We learn from a United Press dispatch to the ^{Newark} ~~New York~~ News that these strange top-heavy structures tower way over the roofs of the houses. Six masters of ceremonies representing the various trades - I suppose they originally were the old trade guilds, presided over the festivities. Each of these lily ^{cones} ~~es~~ carried a band of a dozen musicians on a platform. The festival was concluded when the Bishop of Nola gave his blessing to the entire assembly.

CHILE

Down in Chile they are determined to have ~~not~~ no trouble with the Communists. The new Socialist government issued a strong decree on this subject today. The decree designates as an enemy of the Republic any person who preaches the overthrow of the government by violence. The decree was signed by Senor Carlos Davila and the Ministers of Justice ~~and~~ ^{and} the Interior.

According to a United Press dispatch from Santiago to the Cleveland Press, there was comparative calm throughout Chile today. The crowds were impressed by the presence of tanks and mounted machine guns. Government airplanes also flew over ~~the~~ ^{Santiago} ~~city~~ keeping an eye on all crowds.

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BRAZIL

From Rio de Janeiro comes the news that the entire cabinet of Brazil resigned late this afternoon. The announcement was made by the presidential secretariat. The purpose of the resignation isto allow for a reorganization of the government.

Dublin

There are about a million pilgrims in Dublin today. They are there, of course, for the 31st International Eucharistic Congress whichⁿ began this afternoon. It opened with a service at the Pro-Cathedral. There was a tremendous demonstration when the Papal Legate, Lorenzo Cardinal Lauri, arrived in the Irish capital.

There's great excitement in the quaint old-time whaling port of New London^{Conn.}, this week. Its narrow, cobblestone streets down by the waterfront are all bedecked and beflagged for the big day of the year. That is, of course, the Yale-Harvard regatta which will take place Friday.

It will be a four mile race on the ^{New England} River Thames, ^{or maybe they} call it ^{the} Thames up there. Retired seamen, coast guardsmen, Uncle Sam's sailors from the Navy-submarine station, and ~~the~~ whiskered old salts, are just as keen about the Harvard-Yale boat race as any old graduate or Varsity man.

Well, it ought to be a ^{tight} ~~good~~ race, ~~a close race~~, one of ~~the sort~~ ^{those things} that ~~keeps~~ ^{keeps} you up on your toes.

Albie Booth, the ~~great~~ football star, ^{put a} ~~turned out a~~

real Frank Merrywell finish to his college athletic career

yesterday. He ^{slammed} ~~bust~~ out a home run with the bases full and gave old Eli

Yale a 4 to 2 victory over ^{John} ~~Harvard~~.

Curiously enough it was his ^{chief} ~~great athletic~~ rival

Barry Wood who brought in ^{both of} ~~the two runs that~~ Harvard got, ^{'s two runs.} ~~He did~~

~~it with a triple and a stolen base.~~ So Albie Booth ends
his college days in a blaze of glory.

their
nostrils

And by the way, have you heard how the boys are holding
My, what an arena arises over that fight in Long

Island City last night. They're even talking of having a legislative inquiry into the affair.

I must say I got myself frightfully exercised over that decision which made Jack Sharkey of Boston heavyweight champion of the world. I was not one of the seventy thousand who paid money to see the engagement. From all accounts it was more of a dance than fight. But how the newspaper boys are all hot head up over that decision. Twenty-three out of twenty-five of the principal nations box-fight experts declare that it was a pretty rank verdict. They point sarcastically to the fact that the betting switched suspiciously at the last moment. At three o'clock in the afternoon Maxie, the German, was slightly the favorite. But by the evening a lot of professional money was backing Sharkey.

Herr Schmeling's manager^{had} protested the selection of Mr. Gunboat Smith as referee. But the New York Boxing Commission insisted that Mr. Gunboat Smith should officiate.

FIGHT - 2

Old Bill McGeehan in the New York Herald Tribune minces no words. The New York State Boxing Commission gave the championship to Sharkey, says Bill, ~~and~~ And he adds that the Commission didn't have much help from Sharkey himself.

So now the boys are hollering for Judge Seabury to look into ~~that~~ matter and find out why the Commission selected officials who made such a decision.

The German papers, on the other hand, are not nearly as excited over this affair. Such comments as were cabled over from Berlin were quite mild and polite.

2 But Mayor Jimmie Walker who was at the ringside, was heard to declare that ~~that~~[★] was the rottenest decision he had ever heard ^{pronounced} in his life. In fact, he made that statement over the air to the German ~~fanfix~~ fight fans who were listening in, and Mayor Jimmie when he was State Senator at Albany, was the father of the law which established the New York Boxing Commission.

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The ^{odor of}~~aroma over~~ this fight spread as far as Chicago.

There opinions were freely expressed that the decision in the Sharkey Schmeling tango may result in a repeal of the New York State Boxing Law. ^{In fact}

[^] Edward Flynn, New York Secretary of State, expressed himself as thoroughly disgusted. He used these words:

"In my judgment it is time that the boxing racket in New York was ended."

He intimated that in his next report to the government [^]~~ment~~ he would recommend that the boxing law ~~is~~ be repealed. He added that "a few years vacation ~~might~~ shake out the unprincipled characters and racketeers who seem to have control of the boxfight game in New York."

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Back in New York the officials of the State Boxing Commission appear quite indifferent to the storm that has been aroused. The Commissioners ^{say}~~said~~ they ^{would}~~would~~ make no investigation into the fight, and ^{do}~~did~~ not propose to pay any attention to the charges that ^{are being}~~have been~~ shouted ~~out~~ right and left.

I've heard of all sorts of detectives, in fact and fiction, from Sherlock Holmes and Inspector Chang to Mike Fiaschetti. But I never before heard of a royal detective.

There's one visiting the United States today. He is Prince Svasti of Siam. The Prince is the brother-in-law of the King of Siam, and his job is chief of the Criminal Intelligence Department in that Asiatic kingdom of the sacred White Elephant.

Of course, the first thing he did when he arrived here was to visit New York Police headquarters. As a matter of fact he is here as a police officer rather than as a prince. He prefers to be addressed as Major Svasti.

Well, avast there Svasti, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.