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## GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

The most important news tonight is that China seems to have capitulated. At Peiping to day Marshal Ch former warlord of Manchuria, announced that he had ordered the Chinese troops. withdrawn from Chinchow. And furthermore he has ordered them to retire southward inside the Great Wall. This meets the Japanese demand that the Chinese take their armies out of Manchuria.)

The regiments of the Mikado have been sweeping methodically through the disputed province. Recently only Chinchow was left to the Chinese, the only Manchurian stronghold they retained.

But the Japanese demanded that they evacuate Chinchow also. And the Japanese kept advancing against that city.

And now, as the International News Service cables, Marshal Chang announces that in order to avoid unnecessary bloodshed, he will allow the Japanese to have their way without a fight.

There are 30,000 Chinese troops gathered in the neighborhood of Chinchow, and tonight these are retreating southward. They are trooping back 100 miles to the Great Wall of China, the ancient boundary between China proper and the northern land of Manchuria.

From Rome comes a rep or $t$ of the end of a war that has lasted for ten years. They say that Jusuf Bu Rahil has made his last stand. He fought to the end against the Italian troops. F He died fighting.

For ten years Jusuf Bu Rahil has been conducting guerilla warfare against the Italians in the Nor th African Province of Libia. Lit tie by lit le the Italians have been put ting down the still lingering spence of the fanatical Mohammedan tribesmen. But no matter whether other sheiks of the desert surrendered or not, Jusuf Bu Rahil asti bl fought on.

Recently the Italians closed in on him. With a band of devoted followers he tried to break through the ir lines and escape into Egypt.

The Associated Press rep or ts that the Italian troops stretched barbed wire entanglements for 108 miles al ohg the border of Egypt to hem in Jusuf Bu Rahil and his desperate fighters.

And those miles and miles of barbed wire did the trick. The desert warrior and his men could not get through the wire and the pabrols. They were beaten in a wild battle and retreated to the interior.

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Sohara. In the fight thet followed Jusuf Bu Rahil was killed.

They say that his followers are now left without a leader, without munitions, without food, and are rapidiy disbanding, vanishing
into the desert haze.

President Hoover sounded another economy note today. At his regular Tuesday press conference he came out with a program of consolidating government bureaus. The President called upon Congress to work out general re-organization activities.

The United Press explains that there are many government bureaus which overlap. One is supposed to do the same work that another is supposed to do, and that creates confusion and unnecessary expense.

By reorganizing the federal bureaus, and in cutting out a lot of useless hocus-pocus, why that will cut down government expenses in grand style.

The administration is faced with a huge deficit. It is also faced with a bitter fight in Congress on the subject of the tax program which the President proposed. Cutting down government expenses by re-organization is one of easing the troublesome state of affairs.
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This evening there is a muttering of suppressed anger and discontent in California's bleak prison at San Quentin. The prisoners are saying that the guards were too reckless with their rifle fire.

This follows an outbreak of wild disorder in the prison today, when a convict ran amuck. He was a negro named Hugh Adams, and the guards say he was always a bad actor. He violated the No-Smoking rule, and was being taken to the office of the warden when he broke away and ran amuck. He dashed across the prison grounds, through what they callıGarden Beautiful, which is right in front of the condemned row.

The pr ison is equipped with gun towers, where sharp shooters are stationed on watch, and as the uproar broke loose and the enraged convict $r a n$ across the grounds, the sharpshooters opened fire. There was a wild spray of bullets, ${ }^{\text {and }}$ the himselanfell, riddled. Other bullets
glanced off 奴 stone walls and flew in all directions. There was a mad scramble among the other convicts to get to safety. The ricochetting bullets hit twelve men and wounded them.

The disorder was quickly ended, but the International News Service reports an air of tenseness and strain tonight ${ }_{n}$ the frowning wall of San Quentin.
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Now let's take out the old football. No, we won't kick it--we'll pat it on the back and say, "Nice little football." It appears that the gridiron game is not over-emphasized. At least, so says the latest investigation on the subject.

This investigation comes in the form of the Little Report, which, in fact, isn't LITTLE at all-- it's a great big report. Lou Little, the football coach at Columbia, today presented to the American coaches' Association, a long series of facts and figures. Lou is at the head of a Committee of coaches which sent list of questions to football officials from one end of the country to the other. The idea was to find out whether football was overemphasized or not, and tabulate the amount of time which football players took away from their studies and gave to the game. The result of the investigation is that the pigskin game is NOT emphasized so much as various

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other student activities. There are several collegiate sports which take up cicero -- valuable time which they might be devoting to football.

The big Little Report comes to a real climax when it tackles, plunges, passes, and otherwise outplays the subject of college editors.

It will be recalled that some of the meanest things said about football, some of the most savage kicks which the pig-skin game has received, have been delivered by college publications. The high-brown editors and writers on the student newspapers mon man gaze with a lofty contempt upon the activities of the warriors who do and die for dear old Rutgers. There even have been cases when the football team has wanted to beat up the editorial staff of the college newspaper. But now these snippy, smart, superior young fellows are knocked galey-weat by the big wallop of the Little Report, which gives us the appaling fact that the college newspaper editors and writers devote more ti me to scribbling their articles, cultivating the art of literature, and getting out their

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publications -- yes, they spend more time in these pursuits than the football players devote to the study of

There's only one point that's missed by the Little Report. It is possible that the investigators might have discovered that a few college students spend more time at their studies than the pig-skin kickers give to the grand old game. That would have clinched the argument.

The meeting of the coaches' association is devoting a good deal of attention to the subject of football injuries. Johnny Heisman, formerly coach of Georgia Tech, to Id his brother experts that they ${ }_{A}^{d}$ better do something about it.
"If we get another year or two like this last one," declared Heisman, "an ar oused public is liable to condemn football as too dangerous a sport."

I suppose the coaches are but just the same

$\qquad$ sub a. Plenty of an isis being D Ha on ohio yea pts a aurdyytist. The list of young men and boys who have been fatally injured on the gridiron is now mane and there are still a few more games to be played this season. This, we are reminded in the current issue of the Literary Digest, is only part of the story. In addition to fatalities, there have been many injuries, more or less permanent.

But 1 can't begin to summarize the detailed information contained in that Literary Digest article. It is full of striking and sometimes-startling opinions put forward by experts in various parts of the country. For example, we are told about th the insurance angle of football.
The Literary Digest quotes an
article by Frank Maw Minke, sports editor of the International News Service, When t tells us how representatives of
fifteen insurance companies were consulted on the subject of the nig-skin game. And in each case the answer was the same Football is regarded as a dangerous sport, and the compenies will
no longer issue accident policies to enyone ho indulges in it.
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This next news dispatch use the old magical term－elixir of life， although it is only approximately correct．

The discovery of a new substance is reported，which does seem to have almost the qualities of the old fabled elixir．Its name is Cortin， and it is what the scientists call a hōrmone，that is，one of the natural chemicals in the body．

The Associated Press，in wiring the proceedings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science，includes a report by Dr．Frank ＊o Hartman，of the University of Buffalo．

Dr．Hartman describes this remarkable new stuff called Cortin，and says its general effect is to tone up the body，to key up the entire system．For
22 th is exceed y valuably in the treatment of certain sores 位
wamesitenables the $p$ atient to resist fatigue．
25 It also brings sleep and enlivens the
mental faculties. But it's a mighty rare substance. Enough Cortin to treat a sick person for a year comes to about twelve thousand dollars. tiu at chat rate \& guess del have to fall backs on sulphur and molasses.

It seems that skyscrapers don't pay, that is at least in Berlin. During the past dozen years the Capital of Germany has had a wove of American moderism and that of course includes sky-scrapers. The Berliners enthusiastically out un tell buildings.

Of course the skyscrapers were only from seven to twelve stories high but that scrapes the sky so far as Potsdemmerstrasse is concerned.

But now there seems to be a bit of discouragement on the subject of skyscrapers. The Explanation which the New York Evening Post gives has a melancholy and familiar sound. The owners of the Berlin skyscrapers have not been able to rent enough of the offices to make a profit. The tall buildings are running at a loss.

Even the most modern and tallest of the skyscrapers of Berlin ... which is all of twelve stories high .-. well, it is only 60\% rented.

The Berliners have come to the conclusion that modern buildings may be something to be proud of but they don't pay in dividends, and as Amer cen modernism Berlin is saying raus mit in:

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In Washington where the President

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$$ clothes, and don't get into a uniform from one end of the year to the other. A formal call, however, means full uniform. So scores of officers have dug out the old tunic and Sam Browne belt and baggy breeches, and tried to put them on. But alas.

We all know how the human waistline tends to increase and expand. Many an officer has discover that held
have to be poured into his old uniform. And that has sent the boys scurrying around to the tailors. And this is making the tailors sing loud Hosannah and glory be.

I don't know why we should echo the Washington tailors, but let's do anyway - with Hosannah, Glory Be, and so long until tomorrow.

