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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY: -

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24 25 The most important news tonight is that China seems to have capitulated. At Peiping today Marshal Chiang, the former war-lord of Manchuria, announced that he had ordered the Chinese troops to be withdrawn from Chinchow. And furthermore he has ordered them to retire southward inside the Great Wall. This meets the Japanese demand that the Chinese must 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, twas the only Manchurian stronghold that 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 Chaing 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, Tonight these are retreating southward. They are trooping back 100 miles to the Great Wall of China, which he the ancient boundary between China proper and the northern province of Manchuria.

From Rome comes a report 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. and has been killed. He died fighting.

For ten years Jusuf Bu Rahil
had been conducting guerilla warfare
against the Italians in the North
African Province of Libia. Little by
little the Italians have been putting down
the still lingering sistence of the fanatical
Mohammedan tribesmen. of the desert.
But no matter whether other sheiks of
the desert surrendered or not, Jusuf Bu
Rahil stibl fought on.

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

The Associated Press reports that the Italian troops stretched barbed wire entanglements for 108 miles along the border of Egypt so as 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 patrols. They were beaten in a wild battle and retreated to the interior.

And now they have been overtaken in the remote

Sahara. In the fight that followed Jusuf Bu Rahil was killed.

They say that his followers are now left without a leader, without munitions, without food, and are rapidly 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 a general re-organization of government 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.

and in cutting mout a lot of useless hocus-pocus, why that will cut down government expenses plants 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 way of easing the troublesome state of affairs.

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 call Garden Beautiful, which is right in front of the condemned row.

The prison is equipped with gun towers, where sharp shooters are stationed on watch, and as the uproar broke loose and the enraged convict ran across the grounds, the sharpshooters opened fire. There was a wild spray of bullets, at the desperate convict thimself fell, riddled. Other bullets

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in all directions. There was a wild made 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 the frowning prison at walls 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 has sent a long 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 pig-skin game is NOT emphasized so much as various



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other student activities. There are several collegiate sports which take up more of the players time than football.

And then there are the Glee Clubs, the boys who exercise their tonsils and make music more or less sweet. They also devote more attention to music than the footballers do to football.

The same is true of the members of the College Band, who use up more time in going tweet-tweet on the piccalo, and toot-toot on the more, than the quarter backs and fullbacks do in practicing punts, and attending lectures on football strategy.

The United Press in telling of these matters gives us the sad case of the debating societies. The college orators likewise devote more time to oratory than the gridiron warriors do to tackling. It's sad to think of the time those eloquent young men waste in cultivating the art of Demosthenes and Cicero -- valuable time which they might be devoting to football.

The big Little Report comes to a 1 real climax when it tackles, buoks plunges, 2 passes, and otherwise out-plays 3 the subject of college editors. It will 4 be recalled that some of the meanest things said about football, some of the 6 most savage kicks which the pig-skin 7 game has received, have been delivered 8 by college publications. The high-brown editors and writers on the student 10 newspapers minum gaze with a lofty 11 contempt upon the activities of the 12 warriors who do and die for dear old 13 Rutgers. There even have been cases 14 when the football team has wanted to 15 beat up the editorial staff of the 16 college newspaper. But now these snippy, 17 smart, superior young fellows are 18 knocked right out of the ring by the 19 big wallop of the Little Report, which 20 gives us the appaling fact that the 21 college newspaper editors and writers 22 devote more time to scribbling their 23 articles, cultivating the art of 24 literature, and getting out their 25

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, told his brother experts that they better do something about it.

"If we get another year or two like this last one," declared Heisman, "an aroused public is liable to condemn football as too dangerous a sport."

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supe. Plonty of tomphasis is being placed on this year's occurative hist.

The list of young men and boys who have been fatally injured on the gridiron is now exper forty, 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 I 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 the insurance angle of football.

The Literary Digest quotes an article by Frank Qu Menke, sports editor of the International News Service, tells us how a representatives of

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fifteen insurance companies were consulted on the subject of
the pig-skin game. And in each case the answer was the same Football is regarded as a dangerous sport, and the companies will
no longer issue accident policies to anyone who indulges in it.

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This next news dispatch used 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 hormone, 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 And Hartman, of the University of 17 Buffalo.

Dr. Hartman describes this 19 remarkable new stuff called Cortin, and says its general effect is to tone up the body, to key up the entire system. For It is exceedingly valuable in the treatment of certain diseases. It

tenables the patient to resist fatigue. 25 It also brings sleep and enlivens the

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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.— but at that rate I guess let have to fall back on supplier and molasses.

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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 wave of American moderism and that of course includes sky-scrapers. The Berliners enthusiantically put up tell buildings.

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

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 femiliar 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 American modernism Berlin is saying raus mit im!

In Washington where the President and Congress sit in glory, a small but lively business boom is under way. The tailors are the lucky fellows.

Washington tailors are doing a thriving business this week. How come? Well, it's this way.

An order has been issued that all army officers above the rank of captain in or near Washington, must pay a formal call on New Year's Day either on President Hoover or on the Secretary of War.

Most of the officers who have desk jobs in Washington wear civilian 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 he'd

have to be poured into his old uniform. And that has sent the boys scurrying around to the tailors. And this is 4 making the tailors sing loud Hosannahs 5 and glory be.

I don't know why we should echo 7 the Washington tailors, but let's do 8 anyway - with Hosannah, Glory Be, and so long until tomorrow.

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