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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

to succeed McGraw.)

Here's some baseball news. John J. McGraw, the grand old man of baseball, resigned today. The news was no sooner given out at the Polo Grounds, than it was announced that Bill Terry, the brilliant first baseman of the Giants, was appointed

Well, somehow one feels that
baseball won't be quite the same without
John McGraw. For thirty years he has just
about dominated the game, or at any rate,
he has dominated most of the games at
which he was present. It seems difficult
to think of the Giants without McGraw.
This is not throwing any stones at Bill
Terry, his successor.

The reason for McGraw's resignation was ill health. The news was astonishing because he signed a new five-year contract as recently as 1930.)

I suppose the whole world knows what a player McGraw was before he became Manager. Then as a manager, he made the

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1 Giants one of the outstanding teams.

They were a second division club when he

3 took hold. The change was almost

instantaneous. From eighth they jumped

to second place in one year. In the next

two years he won the championship.

John McGraw announces that he is not retiring from baseball altogether. He retains his stock in the Giants. It's interesting to recall that when he came to the Giants the Park seated only 12,000 people. Today it holds 50,000.

So another grand old name, another of the grand old guard so passes from the grand old American game.

That new Tax bill was presented to the House today. And it will be finally passed tomorrow. After the conferees had got through conferring, they had concocted a measure which is calculated to raise one billion, 119 million dollars.

The probabilities are that it will be presented to President Hoover for his signature tomorrow night.

Meanwhile, the Senate is reported to be hard at work on the economy bill.

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As for the Bonus Army it continues to grow in a really ominous fashion. The Police of Washington, D. C. are now advised that they may have 6000 of the war veterans in the capital within the next two weeks.)

The Bonus pilgrims now camped on the Banks of the Potomac are already threatened with the prospects of empty stomachs. There are 1200 of them, some of whom had to sleep out last night. The Police Department reports that it has gone \$400. in debt to prospects buy food for the veterans.

Meanwhile in trucks, freight trains and afoot, the troops of ex-soldiers are converging on the capital to present their demands to Congress.

A company of 55 veterans from
Minnesota arrived in Washington last night.
They had used a live-stock bill of lading for their railroad ticket.

With 1200 already there and 6000 more estimated to be on the way, the situation grows more serious every day.

New York newspaper reporters were all agog today over an unexpected invitation to appear at the offices of J. P. Morgan and Company. The news they got when they went there is that a giant pool of New York banks has been formed. The object of this pool is to bolster the bond market. Mr. Thomas W. Lamont, who made the announcement, said that the banks of New York City have already subscribed 100 million dollars to stabilize the bonds.

There is news in the Lindbergh case 2 that is quite unexpected. One of the 3 men whom Colonel Lindbergh named to 4 negotiate for him with the kidnappers of his baby was arrested today by the New 6 York police. This man's name is Salvatore 7 Spitale. He was arrested on a charge of 8 carrying a loaded revolver. This in New 9 York is a violation of the Sullivan law. 10 The remarkable point about this is that Spitale. as well as the friend who accompanied him and who is also under arrest, had a permit from an upstate Judge to carry this weapon.

Here comes another significant fact. These arrests were made almost immediately after Spitale had appeared as a witness before the Grand Jury of Bronx County, which, the New York Sun reminds us. has been investigating the Lindbergh case.

The police offered no interpretation of the linking of these facts. But around police headquarters the inference is being drawn that some startling revelations about the kidnappers and murderers of the Lindbergh baby may be 31-32 5M expected.

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They are having floods in Oklahoma now, quite serious ones too. At least people are known to be dead. Several have been injured. More than a score are missing.

Alfalfa Bill, the picturesque Governor of Oklahoma, has had to call out the National Guard to patrol the area threatened by the flood waters. Already the damage is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Suddenly swollen by a cloudburst the North Canadian River, always a treacherous stream, went rampaging through South Oklahoma City. This afternoon it was reported that seven inches of rain had fallen since two o'clock this morning. Hundreds are marooned in Oklahoma City. Many families have had to be evacuated from homes that were threatened by the flood waters.

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The Polish aviator Stanislaus
Hausner is well over the Atlantic on
his way to Warsaw. He hopped off from
Floyd Bennett field at 9:46 this
morning.

There is a nice sentimental touch to the story. Hausner's bride, a pretty young American girl, took off after him and followed him some way along his course. She was in a private plane piloted by Jack Coyn. So she will accompany her bridegroom on his daring flight as far as the capacity of her plane will allow.

Hausner hopes to make his native city of Warsaw without a stop. But if he finds he is running too short of gas when he approaches Europe, he will land at Croyden, near London. England

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and talking about aviators,

My old friend Major Jimmie Doolittle is doing a new stunt. He is going to fly, in one day over all the places visited by George Washington in his travels.

If George had kept at it steadily it would have taken him at least 150 days without pause, traveling by horse back. Jimmie is going to cover the whole territory in one day, and speedy as Jimmie is, it will take some flying to do it.

Major Doolittle will start
from Kittery, Maine, and then fly over
Boston, Providence, New Haven, New York,
and Mew Jersey, that is, over all the
parts that were visited by General
Washington. Jimmie will then fly south
to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington,
and deep into the heart of old Virginia.
After that, he'll head back north to
Pittsburgh, Schenectady, and Albany,
then to New York, thence to Newburgh,
and back to New York and Newark again.
The point of the flight is

this: Jimmie Doolittle will do it some day late in July to commemorate George Washington's part in founding Uncle Sam's postal system.

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Apropos of this flight of Jimmie Doolittle's, there's an exceedingly interesting bit in the current issue of the Literary Digest.

This you know, is the annual summer travel number of the Digest. One of its important features is outlining the trips you can make yourself if you want to follow in the footsteps of the father of your country.

You will find Northern and Central New Jersey, for instance, criss-crossed with the comings and goings of Washington, says the Bigest. They reach from the old prison house at Tappan where Major Andre was incarcerated, to the spot where Washington crossed the Delaware near Trenton. There's a historical map issued by the State Highway Commission of New Jersey. This shows that in four of his campaigns he occupied headquarters at almost 25 places in New Jersey.

Then/you xxx go south and eross the Potomac River you will find many other places associated with that part of our history in which Washington was the principal figure, including, of course, the George Washington birthplace national monument. This is a restoration of the fine old colonial house at Wakefield where Washington was born. Innumerable other spots with

Washingtonian associations.

One of the most useful features of this annual summer travel number of the Digest is the unique map or rather maps that have been drawn especially for the benefit of potential travelers. One of these is a summer resort map of the United States showing particularly all the places on this continent - which includes Canada - where it would be enjoyable to pass the summer. There are also tourist maps of Great Britain and Ireland, of Europe, of Alaska, and

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the Yukon. These will enable you to see at a glance on what places you want to concentrate your summer journeys.

Now comes another significant bit of news. From Germany this time.
3 President Von Hindenberg signed a decree today dissolving the German Parliament.

This means that the German Republic at the present moment is ruled by a dictatorship. To be sure it's a temporary dictatorship. At the same time it's military, a dictatorship by the army. For though the Cabinet is nominally headed by Colonel Franz Von Papen, the dominant member of the government is the Minister of Defense, General Von Schleicher. And it was General Von Schleicher with other military leaders who XXX primarily responsible for the downfall of the Bruening Government.

The dissolution of the Reichstag

had been expected for several days. It

was considered necessary in order that

Chancellor Von Papen might not find himself

in the awkward position of facing a defeat

in the German Parliament. It is known that

the Socialists were prepared to submit a

vote of "No-Confidence". This is something

unknown in America but in European
Parliaments it is a customary prelude to
the defeat of a Cabinet. There was an ample
majority to pass this vote of "No-Confidence".
This dictatorship is not expected
to last long. The Hitlerites are insisting
upon a general election. And this
general election probably will take place
June 26th. After that day, the world may
expect to see the Handsome Adolf in the
saddle in Germany.

The huge supply of gold in France continues to increase.

A United Press dispatch from Paris to the Indianapolis Times reports that the Bank of France during the past week continued its policy of transferring its foreign securities into gold. This gold has been withdrawn from for eign countries and added to the already immense reserves of the precious metal in the vaults of France's national Bank of France.

Most of this gold incidentally came from United States.

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A significant statement was issued today in Rome. It came from Dino Grandi, Premier Mussolini's Foreign Minister.

He told the Italian Senate that reparations and war debts must be definitely settled before we can hope to solve the world economic crisis.

He indicated that Italy is quite dissatisfied with the progress they have been making in Geneva the Arms Conference. If the rest of the world would only accept Italy's proposal for a general and drastic reducing of armament they could solve the greater part if not all the problems involved. The added an emphatic statement in these words:

"If other powers will do likewise, Italy will accept any limitation of armaments on land or sea, or in the air."

And talking about Rome, Amelia
Earhart Putnam has been invited to visit
Mussolini. She accordingly changed her
plans and will start for Italy next week.

Incidentally, Miss Earhart got two gold medals in Paris yesterday for her feat in flying the Atlantic solo.

Those of us who are sentimentally inclined will be interested in what Mrs. Putnam xxxx said to a United Press correspondent today. She said:

"There's nothing left for me to do now except raise a family. I have been so busy since my marriage that I haven't had time to think of children."

A Yale professor has done an original thing. He has compiled an Atlas which he calls a "linguistic atlas." It shows the variations of expressions for the same thing in various parts of the United States.

For instance, he shows how a traveler passing through New England might order apple dumpling in Connecticut, pan dowdy in Massachusetts, and apple slump in Rhode Island. In each case he would get the same dish.

He might see Children playing with a teeter-totter in Connecticut, a dandle in Rhode Island, and a tilt on Cape Cod; whereas, if he went to Block Island he'd hear it called a Tipty-Bounce. All of which he would find defined in the Funk and Wagnalls New Standard Dictionary as just a plain see-saw.

Then again if a Connecticut man were to be anywhere in the Middle West and exclaimed on the beauty of a group of button-ball trees, the natives of the

Middle West would think him crazy for not knowing sycamores when he saw them. The same tree, on the other hand, is called a button-wood in Rhode Island and eastern Massachusetts.

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