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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:
Wonders will never cease. Our 5 distinguished' Senators are putting aside s politics - doing so in order to put ?through the economy program which the 8 President has been talking so much about. $A *$ i-partisan economy committee was organized today.
1 United Press dispatch to the New York 12 World Telegram, its job will be ${ }^{13}$ to frame a program that will reduce ${ }^{14}$ government expenses. The objective ${ }^{15}$ is to cut down the cost of running the ${ }^{18}$ Government; cut it so far that with ${ }^{17}$ the aid of the billion dollar tax bill ${ }^{18}$ the budget

The Administration hopes ${ }^{20}$ blot no less than seven hundred millions from the national budget. Reports from Washington have ${ }^{23}$ it that the President is much cheered by 24 the action of the senate. We arketold that the President has information, from ${ }^{25}$ all parts of the country, that courage and confidence are in the air.

And on top of that cheerful news from Washington here's more. Here are several items gathered by the United Press for the 0 en is her

In New York R. G. Dun and Company report a decided falling off in bus ines failures for the month of April.

In Youngstown, Ohio, a plant belonging to a large steel company reopened to fill accumulated orders for sheet steel.

In Albany, New York, the State Industrial Commissioner reported a nine per cent increase in employment among workers in the building trades.

In Pittsburgh it is estimated that production at the Tin Plate mills showed a large increase, with much greater demand from abroad for American products.

In Washington, D. C., the Department of Commerce announces a condiserable increase in the output of stockings--not stocks, but hose. I don't mean garden hose, but hosiery.

And talking about garden hose, here's an item full of spinach. When you travel after this, you may find the 1 and at the side of the roadbed of some of the railroads covered with spinach, ap parsnips The Pennsylvania Railroad announces that all the suitable vacant land it owns will be made available to employees-both to those who have been laid off and to those who are still working. The company wishes to help its employees lower the cost of living. Officials of the road believe that the planting of a garden for the use of the family will not only help the cause of economy and thrift, but good health. So folks, le t's get out the old overalls and hoe the rutabagas.
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Gaston Means, who appointed himself an intermediary in the Lindbergh kidnapping was indicted today by a Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. This spectacular fellow, ex-convict, ex-agent of the Department of Justice, was charged on two counts--of swindling Mrs. Edward B. McLean out of $\$ 104,000$. )

Right on the heels of this news comes the information that the New York Police are closely guarding the two grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Anness. Mr. Anness, a very rich man, is the oldest member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Xxx He received a letter according to a story in the New York World Telegram demanding $\$ 100,000$ if he did not want. his two grandsons, aged eight and six, kidnapped.

Mr. Anness himself denied that he had received any such demand, but police of ficials aden admitted that both the children and their governess were being guarded by detectives. Police cars

filled with members of the gun-squad are stationed outside the Anness home.

These two youngsters have been the subject of long litigation. Their father We. Tres som is dead. Their mother married again. Whereupon the
 declaring that the mother by her behavior, had shown herself unfit to have the custody of the youngsters. The Supreme Court awarded the children to the grandparents.

Something new in motion pictures. I don't know how you feel about it, but I've always felt that to get a stereoscopic efface - pictures that show depth as well as length and breadth, be far more interesting and important than color photography. Hitherto they've had more success with colors, but now it seems they've got the three dimensional effect as well.

A United Press dispatch from San Franc isco to the Brooklyn Daily Times reports that motion pictures in the third dimension were shown in a projection room near the Golden Gate, to a crowd of newspaper men. The were reminded at first of the stereopticon sets that you used to find in old fashioned parlors - you remember, - in which duplicate photographs were stuck into holders and you looked through a double glass and saw a single picture of three dimensions.

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Well, it seems that the effect in the se movies was not as sharp as the illusion afforded by the old stereopticon hand sets. But, sat the background was as clear as the foreground. Persons walking toward the camera were in perfect focus all the time.


The Chicago Cubistic World's fair will be opened by no less than a star. I don't mean a theatrical star or a movie star. I mean a planet, a real planet. There's a story in the current issue of the Literary Digest which has it that a merely human pressure on the button that opens the Chicago exposition next year would be far too tame and prosaic. This is going to be the first ultramodernistic show of its kind in the world's history.

The Digest quotes a writer in the Baltimore Sun, to the effect that the light of a star some 240 trillion miles Where it will be focused on a photoelectric cell.

According to this article in the Digest that's only a very minor

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1 item of the modern scientific wonders ${ }_{2}$ that will be on exhibition at this
 ${ }_{4}$ more than a million people, and to accommodate them they are even making ${ }_{8}$ extra land, extending the lakeshore ${ }_{7}$ front out into the waters of Lake ${ }_{8}$ Michigan.

So France has a new president today. His name is Albert Lebrun. Hitherto he has been known as a senator, and the presiding of ficer of the French Assembly.

The Assembly is the body which elects a president when the duly elected president dies before his term of office expires.

Mr. Lebrun, born of a peasant family, has the reputation now of being the most distinguished and cultured of all French senators. Incidentally, he is one of the best or ators in the country. Once upon a time he was a mining engineer, but not for very long. He soon quit that occupation to go into politics, and he has been in politics for the last 34 years. Hes first job as president was to receive the resignation of Premier Tardieu. The new president asked Mr. Tardieu to remain in office until the next session of the French Parliament, which will be next x month.

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It's of course a for egone conclus ion that Mr. Herriot will be the next Premier. There has been a good deal of speculation as to what change that would effect in France.

The answer, according to a dispatch from Washington, is --nothing---although Mr. Herriot rates in France as a radical, he wouldn't be considered radical in United States. Not nearly as radical for instance as senator ap er of
and Senator or ry of sars e some of our insurgent Republican Seriatora,

There seems to be a new fashion in matings over in Turkey. A United Press dispatch from Istanbul to the Newark News declares that marriages are becoming more rare, and abductions more frequent in the port of Smyrna.

The reason for this is that the high cost of weddings in that part of the world has gone up so much that few of the inhabitants can afford them. The custom of the country is $x \times$ to have elaborate ceremonies with a banquet to which everybody is invited whether they know the high contracting partios or not.

So the new idea is not to marry your wife, but to abduct her. The consent of all parties. The groom arrives in the middle of the night with a party of strong young men, and breaks into the house of his girl's father. There's much outcry and pretence of struggling, but it invariably ends in the bride being carried away.

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Here's, another from dear old
l'd have my doubts about it, but it's a United Press dispatch to the New York Sun, so we ought to give it the benefit of the doubt. Needy Englishmen, Exyxamexstumx so the story runs, are selling the ir babies to American customers.

The quotation is from $\$ 75$ to $\$ 350$ each, according to an article in the Sunday Express is Cor ta in Americans. declares the Express, are buying the young ones like cloth over a counter. The reas on for this, continues the Express, is that since the war the people of the United States are anxious to have British blood in order to improve the stock. One man offered a thousand pounds for a baby of really genuine guaranteed blueblood. A thousand pounds is still quite a handsome sum in in any mania country. sum of moneys But even for the XXXRX
${ }_{23}$ babies that come a little cheaper the American buyers are insisting that at
${ }^{24}$ least on one side of the family there shall ${ }_{25}$ be aristocratic lineage, babies who dort drop their he.

This yarn caused considerable amusement at our own State Department in Washington. The well dressed and erudite gentlemen of our Foreign Office
 point out that if people were buying and adopting English babies, they'd have to get visas for them to get into the United States, and there's no indication up to now that such visas have been applied for.


SNAKES

The night watchman of a theatre in Brooklyn got what you might call a thrill the other night. It wasn't out of the performance that was going on at the theatre. It happened after everybody had gone home.

He was making his rounds and picked up a black leather bag that had been left behind in one of the seats. Well, you can imagine how he felt when a large and scaly shale stuck its head out and made faces at him. There were all sizes and conditions of snakes, black ones with flat ugly heads and beady eyes, striped ones with rattles, and so on. The night watchman $r$ an outside of the theatre with the bag and threw it into 18 a vacant lot. It took the Police Reserves to corral all the snakes. Some of them decided to go on a stroll through Brooklyn, to the considerable dismay of several taxi drivers. Just how they got ${ }_{23}$ Tm that seat in the theatre nobody ${ }_{24}$ seems to lanow.

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Here's something that ought to interest my friends in the Ringling Circus over in Brooklyn this week.

It's a story of a fight between a wildcat and a steam shovel.

The shovel was working on a mountain trail near Luray, Virginia. In the course of its functions it scooped up one of the wild cat's
kittens. The mother wild cat bounded into the triad to tear it to pieces and then she operator. is concerted by the attack, the operator lowered the arm of the shovel so that it fell on the rest of the wild cat's family. The poor old without any spin at all.
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Perhaps you read somewhere or other that a history professor discovered that our own George Washington was partly of French descent.

Well, this seems to have excited the French quite a good deal, but not for the reasons that you might suppose. If you think the French pride was aroused and their national self-esteem increased, you're badly fooled. The thing that has excited a great many of them is that they think they ought to inherit some of George's estate.

There are about a dozen families descended from the French clan to which George Washington was suppaed to belong, on one side of his ancestry. These Huguenot families are all living in the neighborhood of the French city of Nantes.

Some of them are quite well-to-do already, but they don't find that any reason why they should not try to get a little more jack. And the properties of the first president, including Mount Vernon, seem to them like a juicy morsel that ought to be theirs. Not a bad idea at that. But wouldn't it cause a stir in Washington if any of them came over and moved into Mt. Vernon. And wouldn't President Hoover, astonished? So, let's

