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3 Good Evening, Everybody:

4 People all over the country are
5 much disturbed over that verdict in the
6 Massie case. There has been a good deal
7 of talk as to the chance of Lieutenant
8 Massie and the three other defendants
9 getting a pardon. Because Hawaii is a
10 territory of the United States some
11 people seem to think this pardon would
12 have to come from President Hoover.

13 But a dispatch from the New York
14 Sun's Washington Bureau states
15 emphatically that President Hoover does
16 not have the power to pardon Mrs.
17 Fortescue and Lieutenant Massie and the
18 two sailors. The only person who could
19 pardon them would be the Governor of the
20 Hawaiian Islands.

21 A bill was introduced into the
22 House of Representatives today proposing
23 a Congressional pardon for all four
24 defendants. So that seems to be
25 another possibility.

1 And talking about the Massie case
2 I ran across an exceedingly interesting
3 article in the current issue of the Literary
4 Digest. It ~~xxxxxx~~ sets forth the gist
5 of an official report on conditions in
6 ~~these~~ islands.

7 Seth ~~is~~ Richardson, Assistant
8 Attorney General ^{of the United States,} was sent to Hawaii
9 after the Massie ~~murder case~~ ^{episode} to investigate
10 what had been described as a breakdown
11 of law.

12 Mr. Richardson reported that
13 conditions were just as bad as they had
14 been rumored. He found: "extreme laxity
15 in the administration of law enforcement."
16 ~~agencies and people with such~~
17 ~~inefficiency in the administration of~~
18 ~~justice xxxxx as to make an invitation~~
19 ~~to the commission of crime.~~ "The police
20 administration in Honolulu is ~~impotent~~
21 undisciplined, neglectful and
22 unintelligent. Its chief concern is
23 political activity," added Mr.
24 Richardson. He went on to say: ^{That} "The
25 county attorney in Honolulu is

1 inexperienced and inefficient and the whole
2 present system is very inefficient."

3 In his report Mr. Richardson
4 made several recommendations to the
5 Senate. These were promptly embodied in
6 bills introduced by Senator Bingham of
7 Connecticut. *And in the excitement today one of
these bills passed its first reading.*

8 ~~All this has caused quite a rumpus.~~

9 A vehement protest ~~was made~~
10 against the report, ^{was made} by Lawrence M. Judd,
11 Governor of Hawaii, and some American
12 newspapers, such as the Cincinnati
13 Enquirer view with alarm the handing over
14 of any more functions to the Washington
15 Government.

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1 (One piece of news this evening is
2 that Al Capone has lost his last chance
3 to escape serving his full term in
4 Leavenworth. He was sentenced, you may
5 recall, to eleven years in that
6 Federal penitentiary for swindling
7 Uncle Sam on his income tax.)

8 Ever since he ~~was~~ ~~been~~ sentenced
9 he has been in the Cook County jail,
10 and his lawyers have been appealing,
11 and appealing, and appealing. But today
12 the Supreme Court ~~is~~ of the United
13 States announced that it would not
14 review ~~his~~ ^{al} Capone's case. The decision
15 was read by Chief Justice Hughes.

1 (It's exactly two months today since
2 the hunt for the Lindbergh baby
3 started. And at this moment the
4 police ^{apparently} have no more clues than they had
5 on the first day of the hunt. Private
6 investigators have done no better.)

7 Colonel Lindbergh has been away from
8 his home near Hopewell, New Jersey, most
9 of the past week, and it is presumed
10 that he is conducting a search of his
11 own.

12 Another private investigator has
13 appeared in the person of Bishop Arthur
14 W. Brooks. According to a story in
15 tonight's New York Sun, The Right
16 Reverend gentleman is head of the
17 Apostolic Episcopal Church of America
18 and rector of Christ Church-by-the-Sea
19 at Broad Channel, Long Island.

20 Ten days ago Bishop Brooks received
21 a letter, as a result of which he has
22 been conducting some inquiries. ~~of his own.~~

23 But you have to remember that in all
24 these celebrated kidnapping cases letters
25 crop up from all over the world not by the
hundreds but by the thousands.

1 Tomorrow is going to be an important
2 day in the lives of ~~Mr.~~ Alfred E. Smith
3 and Governor Roosevelt of New York -- to
4 say nothing of Mr. Garner, Speaker of the
5 House of Representatives, and Mr.
6 William G. McAdoo, son-in-law of the late
7 President Wilson.

8 It is going to be important because
9 of the Democratic primary elections in
10 California, which are going on today.
11 That's a ^{mighty significant} ~~important~~ state because it has
12 44 delegates.

13 George Van Slyke, political editor
14 of the New York Sun, declares that the
15 politician^s ~~who is~~ recognized ^{that} ~~in~~ the
16 California voting today may make or break
17 the candidacy of Governor Roosevelt.

18 "~~If the Check which Al Smith shoved~~
19 ~~under the wheels of the Roosevelt band~~
20 ~~wagon holds solidly in California, it is~~
21 ~~not unlikely that there will be a hasty~~
22 ~~scramble to get off that carriage which~~
23 ~~now holds the center of the road," adds~~
24 ~~Mr. Van Slyke.~~

25 The contest in California is 3-
cornered. But Speaker Garner is not
expected to make much of a showing -- at
least that's what his opponents say.

1 The chances for the peaceful
2 settlement of the squabble between China
3 and Japan are in and out all the time. On
4 the one hand, in spite of the bomb
5 throwing last week, the Chinese and
6 Japanese diplomats in Shanghai were
7 preparing to resume negotiations. While
8 that was going on, some Chinese plain-
9 clothes snipers picked off a Japanese
10 Marine in the native city.

11 *On the other hand,*
12 ~~And~~ in Geneva, a preliminary report
13 on Manchuria declares that the Japanese
14 show no disposition whatever to get out.
15 This report was ~~disputed~~ *distributed* to members of
16 the Council of the League of Nations
17 today. It was submitted by Lord Lytton,
18 Chairman of the International Investigating
19 Committee in Manchuria, and for an
20 official report it's pretty short---~~has~~
21 only ~~XXXX~~ 1500 words, ~~which we shall~~
22 ~~hear tomorrow.~~

1 Which leads me to another very
2 interesting article in the current issue
3 of the Literary Digest. It sets forth
4 in ominous details that conditions in
5 Japan are far worse than is generally
6 supposed.

7 "The most significant thing about
8 this," says the editor of the Literary
9 Digest, "is that we read it in the
10 Tokio Nichi-Nichi, an independent
11 Japanese daily, ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ of wide
12 circulation and influence.

13 The Nichi-Nichi talks straight
14 from the shoulder, and anxiously. It
15 declares that the prevailing social
16 unrest in Japan, which has been ~~xxx~~
17 accompanied by frequent assassinations
18 is not a thing to be taken lightly.

19 "The Japanese unrest is deep-rooted
20 and unless something is done, worse things
21 will happen" adds the Nichi-Nichi.

22 Following these remarks of the
23 Nichi-Nichi, come cables from Tokio
24 announcing the formation of a Japanese
25 National Socialist Party, along the lines

1 of the Nazi organization in Germany.
2 The Digest does not tell us who takes the
3 **part** in Japan played by the Handsome
4 Adolf in Germany, but ^{the} new organization
5 has already become quite formidable.

6 "The Parliamentary system is
7 outworn and unsuited to the present
8 conditions of society which can be
9 reformed only by mass action," announces
10 a spokesman of the Japanese ~~Nazis~~ Fascists.

1 This may sound like a publisher's
2 blurb, but I can assure you that it isn't.
3 It's a United Press story in the New York
4 World-Telegram.

5 A letter addressed to John Milton,
6 the author of PARADISE LOST, was received
7 ~~today~~ at Columbia University. The
8 University authorities are having
9 considerable difficulty in delivering the
10 letter, because Mr. Milton died in 1674,
11 *and has not been seen since.*

12 Investigation showed that the letter
13 was written by a young salesman employed
14 in a press clipping bureau. He had
15 learned that the Columbia University
16 Press was bringing out a new edition of
17 Milton's poems. Along with that
18 information he found that some of Mr.
19 Milton's work was quite well thought of.
20 So he wrote to ask if Mr. Milton would
21 not like to subscribe to his clipping
22 service, so that he might see how his
23 poetry was received in the American
24 press. *Altogether a commendable idea.*

1 By George, here's something
2 unusual, --^{rad} radical news from France.
3 We are not surprised at it from Germany
4 or Japan but when Marianne swings
5 toward the left it's something to talk
6 about.

7 They have been having an election
8 in France, -- they vote Sundays in Europe, --
9 the first balloting in the French
10 legislative election.

11 A United Press dispatch from Paris
12 in the St. Louis Star announces that a
13 definite swing toward the left was
14 evident. This may have the effect of
15 bringing Edouard Herriott into power
16 in place of the present Premier Andre
17 Tardieu.

18 At noon, ~~607~~ 607 out of 611
19 districts had been accounted for. ~~XXXXXXXX~~
20 Monsieur Herriott himself, who is the
21 leader of the radical Socialists, was
22 re-elected in the City of Lyons by the
23 largest vote of his career.

24 The run-off election will be held
25 next Sunday. The issue then will be a

1 clean-cut ^{fight} ~~vote~~ between Herriott and
 2 Tardieu.

3 They are very genteel about their
 4 elections in France. Only one disorder
 5 was reported and that happened on the
 6 Island of Corsica and in Corsica you
 7 can expect anything from a vendetta to
 8 a Napoleon.

1 Many people have sent me the same newspaper clipping.
2 They are asking me if it's true or a Tall Story. You may have
3 seen the story in your local paper. Here it is:-
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5 How would you ladies feel if you went into your kitchen
6 for a chicken and found a bear there? There's a lady in New York
7 who was getting ready to cook Papa's evening meal, and when she got
8 inside the kitchen she was astonished to find the refrigerator ly-
9 ing on its side. Eggs, butter, jam, chicken and bacon were lying,
10 all scrambled together on the floor.
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12 "Well, who on earth could have done that?" said the
13 lady.
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15 A grunt behind her back answered the question. The
16 lady turned round, and there stood a large and able-bodied brown
17 bear, waving its paws playfully.
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19 The lady ran out the door, shrieking for the police,
20 the fire department, the United States Army, and the director of
21 the Bronx Zoo.
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23 It was the police who showed up first. They lassoed the
24 bear. It broke loose again and took refuge in an empty store.
25 Finally, the owner of the bear, who had been missing him, came to the

1 rescue and tempted him out with --
2 what do you suppose? A handfull of
3 LADY FINGERS.

4 I rather suspected my old friend
5 Dexter Fellowes of the ~~Barnum and Bailey's~~
6 Ringling Circus of having planted that
7 bear in the lady's kitchen. But Fellowes
8 said to me: "My dear Lowell, you know
9 I think far too highly of food to waste
10 it in that fashion.

11 "Furthermore at this time of the year
12 our bears don't eat lady fingers--they
13 eat nothing but strawberry shortcake."

14 ~~Well, I like strawberry shortcake~~
15 ~~too and there's one waiting for me at~~
16 ~~home and you will forgive me if I say~~
17 ~~so long until tomorrow.~~

18 *The Question is: - did that really*
19 *happen, as the newspapers say it did; or*
20 *is it a tall story.*

1 When the mayor of a city the
2 size of Pittsburgh is indicted and put
3 on trial that is indeed news. Charles
4 H. ~~K~~ Kline and Bertram Succop, his
5 former director of supplies, in Pittsburgh
6 were prisoners at the bar today in
7 Butler, Pennsylvania, with no less than
8 48 charges of malfeasance against them.

9 The trial is taking place in
10 Butler, Pennsylvania, because the
11 defendants obtained a change of venue,
12 claiming they could not have a fair
13 trial in Pittsburgh. This trial has been
14 twice postponed. On the first occasion
15 eight people, one of them a woman, were
16 indicted by the Grand Jury on
17 accusations of tampering with the jury.

18 So ~~you see~~ this is likely to
19 be an interesting affair. ~~yet~~

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1 Ah, here's a morsel that's too good
2 to miss.

3 Can you imagine a town that has too
4 much money? I call that tough.

5 The town is Dundas, in the Province
6 of Ontario, Canada.

7 It seems that last week the
8 Dominion Government sent the city fathers
9 of Dundas \$10,000 to be spent for
10 unemployment relief. The amazing thing
11 is that it took the authorities several
12 days to think up ways of spending the
13 money and even then they had only disposed
14 of \$6,000.

15 According to a United Press dispatch
16 in the Hartford Times, the remaining
17 \$4,000 afforded them a tough problem. So
18 they called a session of the Town Council.
19 The City solons gloomily discussed their
20 surplus. One of them suggested timidly
21 that they might have a banquet, but that
22 idea was considered frivolous. Another
23 one offered the idea of paving the streets
24 and unless anybody can think of something
25 better, that's what will be done. Nobody,
however, seems to have entertained the
notion of saving the money.

1 Here's a fellow who's so happy
2 in spite of the depression and having
3 no job that the wise authorities put him
4 in jail for it.

5 Up to two years ago he was a miner
6 in the Illinois coal fields. He got
7 fed up with the monotonous routine of
8 working a few months every year and
9 striking the rest of the time, so he
10 chucked it all and went native. For two
11 years he lived in a hole in the ground
12 on the banks of ~~the~~ ^{the} Big Muddy river,
13 eating roots, wild fruit, and fish.

14 This modern Neanderthal man
15 lived by his hands and wits alone, and
16 came out of the wilderness stronger than
17 when he went in, says a United Press
18 dispatch in the Louisville Daily Times.

19 Well, sir, you can't beat the
20 number of idiotic things for which a man
21 can be arrested in some parts of this
22 country. It was this hermit's return to
23 primitive way of living that caused his
24 arrest. He was pinched for fishing
25 without a license. When the Game Warden