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Good Evening, Everybody:

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The difference of opinion between the President of the United States and the Senate of the United States grows more acute.

President Hoover appeared in person before the Senate this afternoon. It was a dramatic moment." He gave the Senators a warning as grave as he could make it against any further delay in the tax bill. According to a United Press dispatch in the New York World-Telegram, the President made a rousing speech. And right on top of it, immediately afterward, the very first thing the Senate did was to ignore one of the President's most important pleas.

What did the President tell the Senate? Well, he advocated a general manufacturers' excise tax (a tax on everything manufactured), all except food and clothing. But, within half an hour after his address to the Senate, the Finance Committee of that body had again rejected the plan by a vote of 12 to 8.

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picture of the state of national affairs.

He warned the Upper House that foreign

countries had started an entirely

unjustified run upon the American dollar.

They were doing this, he said, because

everybody was afraid that Congress would

fail to balance the budget.

He called, furthermore, for economies amounting to four hundred million dollars. The free spoke in the most solemn tones that had ever been heard from his. The galleries were packed with listeners.

Senate came as a surprise. Nobody

knew of it until early this morning. The
President arose at fine-thirty this morning to prepare his speech
He admonished the Senate theterore

there was re three outstanding xxxx duties facing the Congress: It must reduce the expenditures. It must provide adequate revenue. It must find relief for the unemployed. He repeated that he was not in favor of the sales tax. But, if Congress wanted to broaden the special excise tax so as to provide

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a general **xx** sales tax in <u>effect</u>, he would support it. He made the following grave announcement:

"In your hands at this moment rests the decision whether democracy has the power to act swiftly enough to save itself in an emergency." Thus he put has for the sales tax, it is known that 55 Senators are pledged against it. This means six more than majority.

The President also renewed his opposition to the two billion dollar public works program of Speaker Garner. He declared it was wasteful, and that the administration has already forced, public works project which is justified.

In conclusion he used the following words:

"The natural wealth of this country is unimpaired. But the inherent abilities of our prople to meet their problems are being restrained by the failure of the government to act. The question of time is of the utmost importance. The nation urbently needs unity."

BONUS Here's another story from the 4

The police of Washington, sare in a tough spot. They remind me of a bachelor on whose doorstep some unkind friend has left a strange baby.

The baby in this case is 600 able-bodied but hungry war veterans -- yes, the Bonus Army, who are in the Nation's capital to tell Congress they want dough.

(If somebody will tell the police what to do with this Bonus Army, the police will be very much obliged.) They might even give a cigar in return for the suggestion. As a matter of fact, the Chief of Police is a veteran himself. He's the retired General Glassford. Oh yes, he's a general -- an honest-to-Pershing General. But that doesn't give him any idea (what to do with the 600 hungry and travel-worn ex-soldiers.)

(This morning, we are informed by a United Press dispatch to the Cleveland Press, there was only a two days! food supply on hand with which to feed the boys. This was donated by business men

of the capital. They are quartered in temporary barracks consisting of a garage and an abandoned store.

The police have announced that the boys will be driven out of town when their funds are gone and the two days! supply of food is exhausted. Just how the police are going to do this with 600 veterans is not quite clear. And, of course, if they succeeded in doing it they might encounter many unkind words, not to say thoughts, not only in Just to make things easier, more of the hove are on their way to

of the boys are on their way to Washington. There's another troop on the march from the direction of New Orleans. Other parts of the country are contributing their quota as well.

All of which does not help the Washington Superintendent of Washington's police to sleep o' nights.

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Nevertheless, there are some today. They have been encouraging bits of news gathered by the United Press from various parts of the the transfer for the St. Louis Star.

From New York comes the report that the consumption of American cotton throughout the world for the nine months ended in April was one million bales more than the corresponding period of last season.

The air lines of the country carried a functional elevery per cent more traffic in the first four months of this year than they did in the early part of last year.

In Minneapolis a power company reports a significant increase of income.

A similar piece of news comes from Kansas City.

and tall helps,

There's a lot of commotion in the baseball world over that beating that was given to the Umpire George Moriarty in Cleveland the other day. Moriarty, a veteran, and one of the hardest fire eaters among the Umpires, is in a hospital in Cleveland and the Baseball authorities are investigating. He seating was administered to him by the Chicago White South. The Manager of the South claims that Moriarty brought it on himself. He made the modest offer, they say, to like the whole Chicago Club, one by one.

It all happened because of an argument whether a certain pitch was a strike or a ball. The Cleveland players insist that when Moriarty was leaving the field he was challenged by several of the Chicago players.

The White Socks Manager on xxxx the other hand, claims the challenge came from Moriarty. When the offered to take on the whole Chicago team, the pitcher stepped up to him and was knocked down by a hard

right to the jaw. Thereupon the whole team jumped to the fivey Moriarty.

All of which is among the things that make baseball lively. adds still more excitement to the good old game of

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The Polish side of the question of the Port of Banzig is given in a significant article in the current issue of the Literary Digest. From this we learn that the newspapers of Poland declare panic over an expected Polish attack on Banzig was nothing but a stage thunder-storm. They assure the rest of the world that this black thundercloud was nothing but a smoke-screen thrown out by the Hitlerites to mask their own schemes in Germany. Furt a bit of camonificage.

No Polish raid was planned. This was pointed out in an article cabled to the Literary Digest from an important paper in Krakow. The real danger, this Krakow paper explains, lies in the fact that armed forces of the Handsome Adolf's party pervaded the city of Danzig.

Were unmasked owing to the watchfulness of the newspapers of Poland and France.

According to xxxx Polish press information service no less than 3000 Hitlerite meetings took place in Danzig

during the last few months. The Danzig Fascial organization is composed of 70 district groups and storm detachments under military discipline and fully armed. This is one part of the Polish side of the argument. They say that Poland is threatened by Germany.

GERMANY_ ind what is the Page_ // Herr Hitler? Well, der Schöener Adolf is expected to rule Germany. So reports H. R. Knickerbocker reports in another of authoritative dispatch to the New York Evening Post. This will not happen until after the Peage Conference at Lausanne, which takes place Meanwhile a temporary government "Junker" in complexion, will run the show. President Von Hindenburg late this 10 afternoon commissioned Franz Von Papen 11 to form this tempor ary government replacing that of the retiring Chancellor 13 Heinrich Bruening. / Von Papen was 14 instructed by the President to form a 15 cabinet of national concentration. This 16 means that various parties will be represented. 18 To American ears this is sensational 19 news. Von Papen's name is not exactly 20 unfamiliar to us. I suppose hardly 21 anybody will have for gotten that Mr. Von Papen, was kicked out of United States 22 during the War. He was then of course military attache of the German Embassy

in Washington and was the most active of all the German agents in fomenting plots against the Allies and violating the neutrality of the United States. 5 Politically Von Papen is spokesman of 6 the Right Wing of the Catholic Party. 7 All this we learn from a Unit ed Press sbulletin to the New York World Telegram.

The selection of Von Papen came after 10 President Von Hindenburg had combed the mentire political field, trying hard to 12 find a Chancellor for this temporary 13 Government. Numerous conferences were 14 held with Hitler and the leaders of other 15 parties.

It is understood, reports Knickerbocker, 16 17 that the Fascist leader will allow no 18 members of his party to join this temporary 19 government. XXXXXXXX Von Papen is not in 20 favor with the Hitlerites because they 21 don't like his friendly attitude towards 22 France.

The nomination therefore will somewhat 24 relieve the tension in France. The 25 Overthrow of Chancellor Bruening by a

camarilla of the military and the old feudal aristocrats was looked upon in Paris as a catastrophe. The Meanwhile another German province has passed into the hands of the Hitlerites. In the former Grand Duchy of Oldenburg the recent elections gave the Handsome Adolf an absolute majority.

After the Lausanne Conference the Hitlerites will insist upon a new general election. There seems little doubt that this will result in a first government for the Rejon. Lemany.

"The Fall of the German Government marks the beginning of the most dangerous crisis Europe **xx****** has faced since the World War," so wires William Simms, Scripps Howard foreign editor to the New York World Telegram.

"Adolf, the German Mussolini, is now within striking distance of his goal," he continues. And France has been the chief target in his stormy rise to power.

Relations between France and Germany already are precarious. France has been fearing domination of the Handsome Adolf and his so-called National Socialists.

Unless a miracle happens Hitler
will be in the saddle before the end of
summer. This means that a showdown of
Germany's neighbor across the Rhine will
be inevitable.

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On top of this there was a battle in Berlin between the police and a mob of Hitlerites. Perhaps it's too strong to call a street fight a battle. cause was a demonstration of national Socialists near Uncle Sam's embassy. One of the Handsome Adolf's chief lieutenants was haranguing the crowd. Shots were fired, and tough street fighting was necessary in order to scatter the mob. Similar riots were reported from

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And with all this there's to be a new cabinet in Roumania. Premier Nicholas Jorga made the announcement this afternoon that he and his cabinet had resigned. This announcement followed a cabinet meeting in the Royal Palace that lasted several hours. King Carol himself was presiding

The news was broken in dramatic fashion. The Prime Minister left the conference on foot. The population of Bucharest knew something was in the air. So big crowds were waiting outside the When the Prime Minister, appeared Palace. on the steps he shouted the information to the crowds. He explained that the cabinet had quit because they had found it impossible to get foreign loans. And these foreign loans, it seems, are 19 essential to avert a national bankruptcy.

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You can't say the Japanese are not business-like. Their latest wrinkle is organizing tourist excursions to the battle-fields at Shanghai. This, we learn from a dispatch in the New York Sun.

Descriptive folders and booklets copiously illustrated are being sent to mailing lists all over the world. There are special offers for transportation and accommodation for trips to the Orient.

Also promises of choice personally-conducted tours through the war ruins as the chief incentive.

transportation companies have arranged to take parties through the devastated sections near Shanghai. The guides--now here comes the joker--will be obligingly furnished by Japanese naval and military headquarters. Their ballyhoo is directed largely to deploring the so-called aggressiveness of the Chinese which made all this destruction necessary to protect the lives and property of the Japanese. The first people to take advantage

of these offers were 3000 foreign visitors who recently arrived in Shanghai on round-the-world cruises. The Japanese travel agencies and the Japanese government railways have started an extensive advertising campaign to drum up trade.

As our old friend Hamlet remarked "Thrift, thrift, Horatio."

Meanwhile there's a new threat to Japan from the direction of Russia.

The official newspapers of the Soviet Government issued a demand that the Mikado's people stop their anti-Soviet propaganda. They accuse the Japs of trying to inspire war. They warn them further that they are overestimating their forces and possibilties.

Our agile friend, General Ma, is in what we would call a tough spot. His defeat of the day-before-yesterday drove him back on his stronghold of Hailun. And today comes the news that a smashing attack by Japanese and Manchukuo troops pushed him still further back on his defenses.

General Ma is on the run, and so am I, and --SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.