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Good Evening, Everybody:-

Well, this has been an exciting day, an exciting day all over the world. A new thrill seems to have run jubilantly through this old globe of ours. All of the six opontinents have given an electric response to President Hoover's proposal for the relief of the present world-wide economic crisis.

The President, as you will recall, 11 tackled the acute situation in Europe. 12 Germany is desperate, faced with the 13 prospect of paying huge sums of money for 14 reparations - and at a time when business 15 is in a desperate plight in the Father-16 land. Austria, and other European 17 The countries # are in much the same that collect prediogment. They need that reparations 19 need it money, because they have to pay large 20 sums to the United States on account of 21 22 the war debts. Well, President Hoover's proposal, 23 as I announced on Saturday night, is to call time out and give the nations a 24 breathing space. As I outlined on Saturday 25 He suggests that payments on both reparations and war debts be suspended for a

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year. In other words, that during the coming year Germany won't have to pay anything to her former enemies, and our former partners in the World War won't have to pay anything to us. This is President Hoover's idea, and to say it has made a world-wide hit is putting it mildly.

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The whole world today seems to be ringing with cheers and applause for President Hoover's plan. Everywhere from San Francisco to Singapore business has taken a jump. Stock market prices have gone up--commodity prices have advanced. The world seems to be wearing a broad smile.

The United Press gives us a world-wide picture tonight. For instance in Washington President Hoover has been flooded with congratulations from all over the country. In the New York stock market prices took a jump. The market bounded forward from 1 to 14 points in the most active session since the middle of rebruary. Everybody was buying, and the tickers had trouble keeping up with the trading. INIRO\_= #2-A\_

Bonds went up too--especially German bonds. The price of botton made a climb of \$3 a bale, and in Chicago the price of wheat advanced. In Berlin on the Unter den Linden

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and around the Pottsdammer Platz the Germans declared their approval in loud gutturals. There was wild jubilation throughout Germany. Chancellor Brüning received the American newspaper men and expressed Germany's debt of gratitude to the United States.

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In the Bourse, Berlin's stock market, there was a wild demonstration -a rush to buy stocks. Shares went up at a dizzy rate, some as much as 30 points.

In London all the way from 13 Piccadilly Circus to Lombard Street the 14 belief was expressed that President 15 Hoover's proposal would be the first big 16 step toward world-wide economic recovery. 37 a special meeting of the British cabinet 18 was called, and quick and favorable 19 action is expected on the plan put 20 forward by the American president. In the 21 London stock market stocks advanced, or, 22 as the Associated Press expresses it, 23 buoyancy prevails. 24

The solid Dutch burgher of

Amsterdam thought so well of President Hoover's stroke of international politics that prices in the Amsterdam stock market went up from 20 to 40 points.

Among the Seven Hills of Rome the Fascist government today accepted President Hoover's bold proposal.

The Roman stock market showed a quick reaction. Shares went up and industrial stocks gained from five to fifteen points. Across on the other side of the world, in Japan, the land of cherry clossoms, there were loud shouts of banzai. Then Tokyo stock exchange staged a lively rally. The prices of silk, rice and cotton yarn went up.

In Shanghai where the coolies pull the rickshaws, and hit their opium pipes, bar silver jumped ten per cent.

Bombay too, as the Associated Press informs us, celebrated President Hoover's declaration. In the Indian city overlooked by the famous Parsee towers of silence, cotton rose ten rupees within an hour, and silver took a bound.

In the Ancient land of Egypt where the pyramids rise in the desert and the Sphinx looks out across the Nile with

inscrutable gaze, cotton in the Alexandria market jumped from 126

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to 169.

And then across the world again, in the land of Gauchos, in South America, wheat rose two cents, and flax rose three.

All of this makes an amazing picture of world wide approval. There is only one exception, only one place where a slight sound of "raspberries" may be heard - and that's France. The International News Service reports that in Paris there is a bit of coolness toward President Hoover's scheme. The French Cabinet will meet tomorrow to consider the matter. One French diplomat points out that a suspension of German reparations payments will cost France more than .t will anybody else. He declares that the French government will probably fall in line - eventually, but not enthusiastically.

But the President of the United States seems to have struck the iron just at the right time. It is pointed out that Germany sooner or later was going to ask for a suspension of reparations payments, and one British financier, who is quoted by the United Press, in speaking of President Hoover's plan says:- "A suspension of reparations payments had to come, and it was far better to do it with good grace than to be asked."

Anyway, there has been an amazing response, from all around the globe.

And all this seems to be just about the biggest news, and the best news we've had in a long, long time. At any rate, that seems to be the concensus of opinion in Newspaper and political circles from Chicago to Zanzibar. President Hoover must be feeling pretty good tonight. He certainly has brought a ray of hope to countless millions of people.

And, now that we're all cheered up -- let's take up the subject of golf.

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Well, it seems that one good argument deservesm another. The British Open Championship Golf Tournament ended with a splendid argument between Tommy Armour, the crack American pro, and Jurado, who hails from the South American prairies of the Argentine.

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That argument was won, by the American, who, succeeded Bobby Jones as the British Open champion. And now that argument on the links is succeeded by a lively verbal argument. under The questinie: question--Is of Tommy Armour an American, or is he a Britisher?

This week's Literary Digest gives us a comprehensive view of the discussion. One thing is clear, namely that no hundred per cent British golfer seems **mamba** able to win the British Open championship. But, as many Americans point out, Armour is of Scotch birth.

The Literary Digest quotes the New York Times as saying:--"The triumph of Armour should be scored as a victory for British golf, even though Tommy has

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been a resident of this country for some time."

The Troy Record, on the other hand, takes a somewhat different slant as the Literary Digest informs us, and declares that Americans generally will rejoice that the retirement of Bobby Jones has not lost the British Open championship for the United States.

And what do the British papers have to say? As usual they are good sports about it. They don't claim Tommy as a British golfer. The Digest quotes the Manchester Guardian as saying that while it is true that Tommy is a Scot by birth, the Britishers want to see a hundred per cent Britisher win that crown.

And while they're all arguing the question, let's see what Tommy Armour himself has to say.

The Literary Digest tells us that the new champion, writing for the North American Newspaper Alliance, states decisively: --"I'm a Scotsman, but 1 should like it to be known that I learned my golf in the United States."

And that would seem to make the crown of victory go to the American brand of golf. SPEED

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Another speed record was made today, a speed record for a vehicle on rails.

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A freak-looking German contraption went along the tracks faster than anything that has gone along rail road tracks before.

The United Press tells us that it's called "the Zeppelin on wheels." It's a stream-line railroad coach which 10 has the general shape of a Zeppelin. It is driven along by a propeller. It traveled the 160 miles between Hamburg 13 and Spandau, a suburb of Berlin, at an 14 average speed of 106 miles an hour. 15 That's faster than the regular passenger 16 airplane service makes it from Hamburg to Spandau.

At one stage of the journey, the "Zeppelin on wheels" hit it up as fast as hour -- and that's faster 143 miles an tive yon and than anything has ever whizzed along ona railroad track before.

ICELAND

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Iceland tonight.

Word of an election comes from hear the Arctic circle. The voters of Iceland went to the polls, and the result was a victory for the Premier who is governing the country.

The United Press informs us that some Icelanders have been complaining that the government had been turned virtually into a dictatorship. But apparently the majority of the voters think that the present rulers are O.K. So, the report is that all is well in

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# BULGARIA

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In Bulgaria, on the other hand, the government was beaten at the polls. They've had an election in the Balkan kingdom, and this evening the Prime Minister must have a headache.

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The United Press tells us that there are 273 seats in the Bulgarian parliament, and that only 65 government candidates won out.

It looks as if the Bulgarian voters were peeved about something and were going to have a new set of ministers in power. CHINA

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The southern part of China seems to be in a state of wild confusion. Fighting is on between the soldiers of the Nationalist government of Nanking and the forces of the rebellion, which is centered at Canton. And while the two political groups are scrapping with each other, the Communists are raising general cain.

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The Associated Press reminds us 10 that the Communists are strong in the 11 southern provinces, and that the quarrel between the two established factions is being overshadowed by the 14 increasing menace of the bands of Red 15 radicals.

For example, there was a battle 17 between the soldiers of the Canton group 18 and regiments fighting for the Nanking 19 government. The Cantonese won the scrap, 20 but while the battle was going on a bunch 21 of Communists ambushed a force of Nanking 22 troops and captured 20,000 rifles, 30 23 machine guns and a quantity of munitions. 24 With three enemies in the free-for-all it's hard to tell who's hitting who in china. 25

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They've been having a few floods down in Mexico. Tropical rains have been pouring down in the El Hule banana region. Rivers have been flowing over their banks, and towns have been inundated. There has been considerable damage.

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The International News Service reports that near Guadalajara, railroad communication has been interrupted. Rivers are raging over their banks and are threatening nearby towns. DONATION\_

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There are a number of grave and serious gentlemen in this country who are a bit puzzled. They are officials of the Presbyterian Church. These gentlemen are accustomed to untangling perplexing matters, problems of theology, logicand so on, but just the same they are stumped right now.

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The puzzling question is what are the high officials of the Presbyterian Church going to do with that \$3.77? Yes \$3.77. For that is the sum of money that has been contributed by black tribesmen of Batanga in the Cameroon country of West Africa.

Plenty of natives in those parts are christians, having been converted by American missionaries. There's even a small newspaper called the Mefoe Bulu which tells the natives about the news of the world.

Well, the Mefoe Bulu printed a bit of news from time to time about the economic depression and about unemployment in the United States. The tribesmen read these accounts, and perhaps their ideas were a little bit exaggerated.

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"People are hungry in America", 1 they said. "People in America need food 2 and clothing. American people sent 3 money to help us many times. People in 4 American churches collect money to help 5 6 us, and now it is time for us to help 7 them. " TP and so the Batanga subscribers to July in the And they got up a collection to buy food and clothing for the hungry and 9 homeless in America. Those charitable Batanga 10 black folk out there in the Cameroon 11 country are not rich. They raised what 12 to them was a large sum - \$3.77, and sent 13 it along through their Presbyterian 14 15 missionary.

Well, it certainly is reversing 16 the old situation when the tribes of 17 Africa send money for the relief of 18 America. Naturally, the Presbyterian 19 Church hasn't any regular mechanism 20 for receiving contributions from Africa 21 to help the Americans and they don't 22 quite know what to do with the money. 23 It's only \$3.77, but the New 24 York World-Telegram tells us that it's 25

DONATION - 3 Page 19 just as serious a matter with them as if it were three million. Some think that the money will have to be held over until the next 5 meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions. 6 The Others think that it may be handled 7 right now. In any case, there's quite bit of puzzlement over that \$3.77 a from Africa, Mefor Buld, the newspape The Batangas The Came 4-9-31-5M

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That article in this week's Literary Digest which mmmmm comes to the defense of the study of Latin, seems to be getting three hearty cheers from some of the boys who are enthusiastic about the classical languages.

l've a letter here from Professor 7 Albert E. Warsley, of Brooklyn, New York, 8 9 who shouts a loud hurrah for the delights 10 of Latin. The Professor goes on to tell me that he is the editor of a Latin 11 12 magazine, which I suppose is read from 13 cover to cover by all the college 14 graduates who have taken a few years of 15 Latin--or, on the other hand, maybe they 16 don't read it. Anyway, this Latin 17 magazine is called "Auxilium Latinum".

The Professor sent me a copy, and I was greatly interested to read the part of it that's in English. It's a real magazine. Most of it is in Latin. It contains a Latin short story; a column in Latin called Hic-Ibi-Ubique; a crossword puzzle in Latin; Latin anagrams; and Latin jokes. I suppose

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when you read those Latin jokes you laugh in Latin.

The Latin short story has an interesting look--if you can read it. It has the snappy title of "Duo Nummi", and begins with a real punch. Here's the snappy way it starts:--"Negligens de statu caeli".

When you read those mesmerizing words, why you feel a violent impulse to head straight for college, take six years of Latin, and then go on with the story. Xee, you do!

Professor Warsley concludes with 14 the suggestion that I should round off 15 16 the evening's news with a phrase in Latin, which used to be an old Roman 17 custom. And the Professor tells me how 18 to do it. He tells me to put on 19 rale "Valete (vahlagt 20 dignified manner and say: 21 donc cras"--which means--22

So long until tomorrow.

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