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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 continents 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. tackled the acute situation in Europe. Germany is desperate, faced with the prospect of paying huge sums of money for reparations - and at a time when business is in a desperate plight in the Fatherland. austria, an op experan countries prodtoament that reparations money ${ }_{\mathrm{A}}$ because they have to pay large sums to the United States on account of the war debts.

Well, President Hoover's proposal, as I announced on Satur day night, is to call time out and breathing space. 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 mild lay.

The whole world today seems to be ringing with cheers and applause tor 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 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.

Bonds went up too--especially German bonds. The price of cotton 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 Blatz 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.

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 Piccadilly Circus to Lombard Street the belief was expressed that President Hoover: s proposal be the first big step toward world-wide economic recovery. A special meeting of the British cabinet was called, and quick and favorable action is expected on the plan put forward by the American president. In the London stock market stocks advanced, or, as the Associated Press expresteses it, buoyancy prevails.

The solid Dutch burgher of

Amsterdam thought so well of President Hoover's stroke of
intermational politics that prices in the Amsterdam stocik 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 laud 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 ritish 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.

Well, it seems that one good argument deserves 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.

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. The questiminer question-lis 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 Hmmbinable 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
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 Iommy 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 + 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.
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Another speed record was made today, a speed record for a vehicle on rails.

A freak-looking German contraption went along the tracks faster than anything that has gone along $r a i l_{\text {rad }}^{s}$ tracks before.

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

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

Word of an election comes from hear the Arctic circle. The voters of leland 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. 12 So, the repast is that all is well in Iceland tonight.

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

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 Bulgar ian voters were peeved about something and were going to have a new set of ministers in power.

The southern part of China seems

The Associated Press reminds us that f he communists are strong in the southern provinces, and that the quarrel between the two established factions is being overshadowed by the increasing menace of the $b$ and of Red radicals.

For example, there was a battle between the soldiers of the Canton group and regiments fighting for the Nanking government. The Cantonese won the scrap, but while the battle was going on a bunch of Communists ambushed a force of Nanking troops and captured 20,000 rifles, 30 machine guns and a quantity of munitions. $P W i t h$ three enemies in the free-for-all it's hard to tell who's hitting whoinchima.

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

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

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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, and so on, but just the same they are stumped right now.

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 Bull 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", 2 they said. "People in America need food for receiving contributions from Africa to help the Americans and they don't quite know what to do with the money.

It's only \$3.77, but the New York World-Telegram tells us that it's

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just as serious a matter with them as it it were three million.

Some think that the money will have to be held over until the next meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions.秋 Others think that it may be handled right now. In any case, there's quite a bit of puzzlement over that $\$ 3.77$ the Aubcizerx of the Batangas of the Cameroons.

That article in this week's Literary Digest which manson 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.

I've a letter here from Professor Albert E. Warsley, of Brooklyn, New York, who shouts a loud hurrah for the delights of Latin. The Professor goes on to tell me that he is the editor of a Latin magazine, which 1 suppose is read from cover to cover by all the college graduates who have taken a few years of Latin--or, on the other hand, maybe they don't read it. Anyway, this Latin magazine is called "Auxilium Latinum".

The Professor sent me a copy, and 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
anagrams; and Latin jokes. I suppose

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when you read those Lat in 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 snap way it starts:--"Negligens de statữ 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. Yea, you do!

Professor Warsley concludes with the suggestion that $I$ should round off the evening's news with a phrase in Latin, which used to be an old Roman custom. And the Professor tells me how to do it. He tells metoput on a very dignified manner and say: "Valete "vahkay 4 doñc cras"--which means-So long until tomorrow.

