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4 Good Evening, Everybody:

5 There sure were grand doings ~~in~~
6 at Yorktown, Virginia, today. The four
7 days' celebration of the final winning
8 of American independence reached its
9 culmination this afternoon. It was a
10 gala scene. President Hoover, General
11 Pershing and Marshal Petain of France
12 were there. ^{And} ~~Many~~ ~~hundreds~~ of other
13 celebrities. The total number of
14 spectators was about forty thousand.

15 Well, the pageant that was ^{staged}
16 ~~enacted~~ illustrated the last act of the
17 great military struggle at Yorktown.
18 On the open field ~~xxx~~ ^{the} American ^{Army} and ~~x~~ the
19 French army were drawn up. Soldiers
20 of Uncle Sam's present day military
21 forces played the part of those Americans
22 of 150 years ago who won ~~the~~ independence
23 ^{for} ~~of~~ this land ^{of ours}.

24 They also played the part of
25 those brave allies who aided the colonists

1 to gain their freedom.

2 Yes, those were gay uniforms of
3 the 18th century. The Americans were
4 drawn up on the left, the French on the
5 right. A stalwart chap on a horse
6 played the part of Washington, and
7 another represented Rochambeau, the
8 commander of the French.

9 Then a party of British red coats
10 came riding. At their head was a
11 horseman who played the part of General
12 O'Hara. He informed the American and
13 the French commanders that he
14 represented Lord Cornwallis who was
15 ill. And he presented his sword
16 in token of surrender. The sword was
17 courteously returned to him.

18 And thus with a colorful display
19 and with historic accuracy, one of
20 the central episodes of American
21 history was re-enacted.

22 The International News
23 Service adds that the pageant concluded
24 with a representation of the banquet
25 which took place several days after

the surrender. Washington and Rochambeau entertained Lord Cornwallis with much courtesy.

Today the scene was reproduced on a raised platform. It showed how 150 years ago the victors paid their respects to the vanquished and with the ceremonious formalities of that period.

President Hoover's address was one of the big features of the day. No doubt many of you heard it over the air. His speech, as quoted by the Associated Press, points out how the founders of this country withstood the trials and stress of their time. Declared the President, "their example should teach us to withstand the dislocations that have followed the World War."

In another address, brief and informal, the President referred to the historic importance of that country around Yorktown. He said that within two or three score of miles of the place where he was talking, five presidents of the United States were born, and a hundred miles away was the birthplace of another.

Well, it was a big day, all right. The sesquicentennial celebration of Yorktown went along to a rousing conclusion.

1 The idea of playing college
2 football for the benefit of the
3 unemployed is pretty generally
4 accepted now. But here's a new one. It
5 is a plan to hold college dances to help
6 the jobless.

7 The inter-fraternity council
8 at Yale gave out a list of fraternity
9 social functions during the football
10 season. The Associated Press says there
11 will be fewer dances than usual.

12 The fraternities are planning to
13 hold their ^{parties}~~dances~~ together, and the
14 profits of some of these are to go to
15 the relief of the unemployed. These
16 joint dances will be held before the
17 Dartmouth game, and before the Princeton
18 game. ^{And} one fraternity is going to hold
19 a dance before the Army game.

20 ~~And~~ The boys expect to collect
21 quite a little money for the benefit of
22 the jobless. They are going to dance in a
23 good cause.
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1 There seems to be a little
2 discord, no not in the band, but about
3 the band. That is, the ideas which
4 some people have do not harmonize with
5 the ideas that some other people have.
6 And right in the middle of the argument
7 is the Navy Band, 63 strong, with bright,
8 gold-braided uniforms and shining horns,
9 trumpets, clarinets and piccolos.

10 The Navy Band is in dire
11 danger. Its tuneful strains may no
12 longer be heard in the land. And all
13 because of President Hoover's economy
14 program. The ^{Administration}~~President~~ wants the
15 expenses of the Navy cut down, and one
16 way suggested is to abolish the Navy
17 Band.

18 But the Band won't be abolished
19 without a fight. The Associated Press
20 quotes Congressman Britten, Chairman
21 of the House Naval Affairs Committee
22 in the last Congress, as declaring that
23 plenty of support will be found among
24 the lawmakers of the land, plenty of
25 legislators ~~xxx~~ with lungs as loud as

1 a Navy Band trombone will come to the
2 rescue of the musicians of the American
3 fleet. It is explained that the Band
4 helps to keep up the morale in the
5 Navy. It makes the sailors feel like
6 brave and hearty Jack Tars.

7 It is pointed out that music
8 in the Navy goes back to the earliest
9 tradition of the fighting ships of the
10 thirteen colonies. In those days
11 boisterous melodies of the sea were
12 sung by the sailors. Then trumpet and
13 drum and the shrilling of the fife were
14 added. A Navy musician was aboard the
15 ship that took Lafayette back to France
16 after his last visit to America. In
17 1838 when the Republic was in its full
18 lusty vigor a Navy Band was on Uncle
19 Sam's payroll. It consisted of one
20 band-master, four first-class musicians,
21 and one second-class musician.

22 The present Navy Band, however,
23 dates back to World War days. In the
24 blaze of war time enthusiasm the ^{nautical} ~~Navy~~
25 ~~band~~ ^{music making corps} was expanded to its present size
and melodious expertness, and Congress

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thought it was so good that a special Congressional act was put through to guarantee the support of the sea-going musicians.

For that reason it is believed that if the Navy Band is now to be abolished ~~in the interests of economy~~ ~~why~~ it will take an act of Congress to do it.

1 (Japan today withdrew her
2 objection to the United States taking
3 part in the proceedings of the League
4 of Nations.) The word comes from
5 Washington on the authority of the
6 International News Service.

7 The Japanese ambassador told
8 Secretary Stimson this afternoon that
9 the Mikado's government didn't have any
10 objection to the United States taking
11 part in the League discussions concerning
12 the trouble between China and Japan,
13 insofar as the Kellogg peace treaties
14 were involved. The Ambassador explained
15 to the Secretary that Japan's opposition
16 in the first place chiefly concerned the
17 way in which the League of Nations
18 invited the American representative to
19 attend the sessions of the League Council.

20 That conversation this
21 afternoon in Washington ^{brought} ~~bore~~ out the
22 further Japanese statement that the
23 Mikado's troops were already being
24 withdrawn from Manchuria. Not many
25 Japanese soldiers have been taken out
but it's a start anyway.

1 The latest word on Scarface
 2 Al Capone is that he is getting ready
 3 for a vacation trip to Florida. But
 4 meanwhile the Judge will pass sentence
 5 on him ^{this week:} ~~tomorrow~~. His Honor will mention
 6 the length of the ^{prison term} ~~jail sentence~~ and
 7 also the size of the fine.

8 (The jury found ^{Capone} ~~him~~ guilty of
 9 income tax violations, and the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 10 ~~Big Shot~~ is liable to get anything
 11 up to seventeen years in prison and
 12 fifty thousand dollars by way of a fine.)

13 But the United Press comments
 14 that it may be a year before the king
 15 of gangdom sees the inside of ^{the lockup.} ~~a jail~~.
 16 He's out on bail now and he's going to
 17 appeal to the higher courts, and legal
 18 proceedings like that take time, *that is, when*
 19 *you have money to fight.*

1 We're so used to hear^{ing} about
2 new developments ~~in~~ aviation and record-
3 breaking motor cars and speed boats, that
4 we're in danger of forgetting our old
5 friend -- no, not the horse -- I mean
6 our old friend the locomotive. But it
7 appears that in size and power and speed,
8 the big fellow that pulls the railroad
9 train ~~along~~ is progressing right along
10 with the rest of the world.

11 The current Literary Digest
12 tells us that in the last five years a
13 whole flock of super-locomotives have
14 been built and put into service on the^{American}
15 railroads. To be exact, 303 of these
16 leviathans of the rails have been put to
17 the job of roaring along with their
18 string of cars.

19 This new type of super-locomotive
20 is 125 feet long and weighs one million,
21 118 thousand pounds.

22 The Literary Digest, quoting a
23 bulletin issued by the Northern Pacific
24 Railroad, gives us the added detail that
25 each of these super-locomotives is capable

1 of hauling 4,000 tons, or 8 million
2 pounds on a one-per-cent grade. Also,
3 they're faster than the older type of
4 ~~and locomotive~~ ^{iron horse}, and they use less coal.

5 Well, I'm one of those countless
6 men who spent a good deal of their
7 boyhood in a small town, standing down at
8 the railroad tracks, ~~and~~ watching the
9 snorting, rattling, pounding trains go
10 by. And I've never lost my boyish wonder
11 for that ponderous machinery that simply
12 breathes power -- ~~old brother locomotive.~~ ^{the Iron Horse.}

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1 Somehow I can't feel that any
2 great pang of sadness or tragic grief
3 has been evoked by the death of Thomas
4 Alva Edison. (There seems to be something
5 inevitable and tranquil about the passing
6 of the world's greatest inventor. Edison
7 himself felt that way. He told his
8 family gathered at his bedside that his
9 work was done. He had ^{completed} ~~done in life~~ what
10 he had been called upon to do. He
11 couldn't accomplish anything more. And
12 so he was well content to go.

13 Yes, the almost legendary Edison
14 died in a great fullness of years and
15 renown. He had seen the work of his
16 hands transform the world. It was as
17 though the man that was Edison had been
18 transferred to the common life of
19 humanity, and thus was given an indepen-
20 dent and timeless existence.)

21 And so I suppose we can't help
22 from feeling a profound truth and
23 fitness in those death-bed words that
24 Edison spoke -- he had done his work and
25 was well content to go.

1 Perhaps that is why in the
2 expressions that have come from every
3 quarter of the globe, one seems to
4 perceive less grief for his death than
5 joy for his life. It is as though the
6 world ~~was~~^{were} saying what a great thing it
7 is that Edison lived.

8 The United Press reports that
9 the funeral of the great inventor will
10 be of the utmost simplicity, and will be
11 held on Wednesday. ~~He will be taken for~~
12 ~~his final rest to the town of Milan, in~~
13 ~~Ohio, where he was born.~~

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1 A race was run today, and the
2 Canadians beat the Americans. It's
3 the annual championship race of the
4 North Atlantic fishing fleets. Two
5 stout fishing boats sailed away before
6 a brisk wind. The Blue-Nose represented
7 Canada. The Gertrude L. Thebaud
8 represented the United States.

9 They started out running almost
10 directly before a northerly breeze. And,
11 as the Associated Press reports, ~~the~~
12 Blue-Nose led all the way. She won an
13 ■■ easy victory.

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1 Now, children, do you know
2 where Christopher Columbus was born?

3 ~~Yes,~~ ^{Yes,} teacher, Columbus was born
4 in Genoa.

5 ~~Yes,~~ ^{Of course,} nearly every school child
6 during the last few centuries has known
7 the birth-place of Columbus. But just
8 the same, some people have been bothered
9 by suppositions that the discoverer of
10 ~~the~~ America came from somewhere else.

11 They've been willing to have Columbus
12 born in almost any place, except the one
13 where he said he was born -- that is,
14 Genoa. ~~But now comes some more strong~~
15 ~~evidence about the birth-place of the~~
16 ~~great discoverer.~~

17 ^{now} But the United Press reports the
18 finding of several extraordinary and
19 priceless documents. One is the
20 original royal diploma which Ferdinand
21 and Isabella gave to Columbus, appointing
22 him "Admiral of the Indies."

23 Students of American history
24 will recall that Columbus drove a good
25 bargain with the King and Queen of Spain

1 before he set out to discover America.
2 Their Majesties agreed that he was to be
3 the ruler of new lands that he might
4 bring to the Spanish Crown, and they
5 granted him the sonorous title of
6 "Admiral of the Indies."

7 And now that tremendous
8 historical document has been unearthed
9 from the dusty archives of a museum in
10 Seville. Its bearing on the birth-place
11 of Columbus is this -- that it distinctly
12 states that the great navigator was not
13 a native of Spain.

14 The second document was issued
15 by Ferdinand and Isabella to Columbus
16 after his return from his first voyage to
17 America. In it the King and Queen of
18 Spain further reward the discovered^{ly} by
19 bestowing upon him the right to have a
20 Coat of Arms, which officially made him
21 a member of the aristocratic class. This
22 old document, together with another that
23 has been found at the Vatican, gives us
24 a complete account of the Coat of Arms
25 which Columbus adopted. And in that

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Coat of Arms the fact is shown that
Columbus was a native of the Republic of
Genoa.

And all this seems to be just
some more confirmation of a fact which
doesn't seem to need any added
confirmation.

1 Well, I'm sorry to have to say
2 this. It's not going to make life any
3 easier for you men. But just the same
4 it's part of the news, and I don't know
5 that it would be right to suppress it.

6 Anyway, another one of those
7 good old and very comfortable ideas has
8 been knocked in the head, kicked in the
9 slats, and thrown out the window.

10 You know how it is -- you flip
11 your cigar ashes on the carpet at home,
12 and your wife smiles sweetly and says,
13 "Well, cigar ashes are good for the
14 carpet."

15 Or maybe your wife doesn't say
16 that -- maybe she gives you a bawling
17 out. But ~~just do that~~ you just go ahead
18 and inform her that cigar ashes are good
19 for the carpet. And she can't make any
20 reply because she herself believes it's
21 a fact.

22 But here comes a scientific
23 kill-joy of Cornell University, Department
24 of Entomology. He has made a scientific
25 investigation concerning that old belief

1 that the ashes of tobacco are good for
2 carpets because they keep out the moths.

3 And, says the International News
4 Service, the results are disillusioning.

5 ~~But~~ Science proves that ~~neither~~ neither
6 cigar, nor cigarette, nor pipe ashes have
7 any ^{good} effect on the carpet or any bad
8 effect on the moths.

9 It isn't ashes that ~~is~~ ^{are} good --
10 it's unburned tobacco. If you were to
11 sprinkle some powdered tobacco over the
12 carpet, why that would help to keep out
13 the moths.

14 ~~Yes, it's~~ Another good gag gone
15 wrong! Although, of course, you fellows
16 can sprinkle your cigar or cigarette or
17 pipe tobacco over the rug as much as you
18 like -- if that's any consolation.

19 And this is the end of my
20 assortment of news -- if that's any
21 consolation. And

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24 Solong until tomorrow.
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