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Good Evening, Everybody!

1 Well, it looks as if Uncle Sam
2 is rolling up his sleeves, and hitching
3 up his red, white, and blue suspenders,
4 and making a big effort to help men
5 get jobs.

6 Secretary of Labor Doak announced
7 today a complete reorganization of the
8 United States Employment Service. A
9 ~~time~~ federal employment bureau is going
10 to be established in each of the 48
11 states, and one in the District of
12 Columbia.

13 This nation-wide employment service
14 will be divided into seven branches,
15 which, according to the Associated Press,
16 are:--building trades, mining and
17 quarrying, manufacturing, transportation,
18 clothing, mercantile, and Marine seamen.
19 Unemployed workers in all those lines
20 of endeavor are going to get jobs if *good old*
21 Uncle Sam can possibly arrange it.

22 The federal bureau in each state
23 will work along with the state employment
24 service. In addition, the Veteran's
25 Service will be enlarged and also the
Farm Employment Service. *And that's good news.*

1 Now, let me see if I can get this
 2 next line off with a proper Shakespearian
 3 declamation.--AN OWL! AN OWL! MY KINGDOM
 4 FOR AN OWL! In other words, WE WANT
 5 OWLS! WE WANT PLENTY OF OWLS! WE
 6 WANT HUNGRY OWLS! So sing the islanders
 7 of the ^{far off} Lacadives.

8 The Lackadive Islands are coral
 9 reefs in the Arabian Sea to the west of
 10 the southern coast of India. They're
 11 romantic islands. They have the beauty
 12 of the east and the tropical sea, but
 13 what they need is owls--screech owls,
 14 wise owls, hoot ^{any kind of owl,} owls, No, it's no
 15 laughing matter. ~~It's~~ It's not right
 16 to say: HAW! HAW! What's needed is a
 17 good: HOO! HOO!

18 The romantic Lackadive Islands
 19 are overrun by a plague of rats. Millions
 20 of rodents ^{have} swarmed over the coral reefs
 21 and are doing extensive damage to the
 22 cocoanut plantations. No Lackadive
 23 Pied Piper has appeared on the scene.
 24 And as for cats--well, the Islanders
 25 thought about cats the ^{very} first thing.

1 They imported cats; but the
2 climate of the Lackadives is such that
3 poor Pussy died. Between the heat and
4 the rain, the cats couldn't stand it
5 at all.

6 Then the Islanders thought of
7 crows, hoping that the birds would eat
8 the rats. But the crows couldn't stand
9 the climate either. The CAW! CAW! of
10 the crows grew ■ weak and faint. And
11 now it's a case of HOO! HOO!

12 An Associated Press dispatch
13 from Madras informs us that the owl
14 experiment is the last hope of the
15 lovely, romantic, rat-infested
16 Lackadives.

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RATS

And now here's another somewhat similar case.

Two young women rushed into a police station at Washington, D. C.

"Rats!" they cried.

"What?" asked the sergeant at the desk.

The young women explained that they were on their way to Virginia in their car. They parked their car for a while, and when they went back they found they were unable to continue their journey on to old Virginia.

Why? Well, Rats. The policeman accompanied the pair to their car. And, according to the United Press, he found a well-organized convention of rodents seated in a circle around the machine.

"Shoo!" hollered John Law. The rats squealed and ran.

"Thank you, kind sir," the maidens said. And then they mounted their chariot and continued on their way on to old Dominion.

1 At lunch today I saw a man at a
2 nearby table busy with a pencil and
3 sheet of paper. I noticed that on the
4 paper a poem was typed, and he was
5 altering a word or two.

6 Well, it was my talented friend,
7 Wilfred Funk, the poet, and author of
8 "Manhattan's Bronxes and Queens". I
9 sat down for a chat, and we started
10 talking about dogs. He told me about a
11 ~~him~~ pup he has, and I told him about
12 my ~~big~~ police dog, Boaz. In fact, the
13 poem that he had in front of him was
14 about ^a dogs.

15 "It's to be printed in Harper's
16 Bazaar, ~~"he told me,"~~ and I'm just *working*
17 ~~correcting~~ it ^{over} a bit," *he told me.*

18 I read the verses and they were
19 a charming bit, a sort of child's ~~poem~~
20 prayer for his dog. Here's the way it

21 goes:—"Father, in thy starry tent
22 I kneel, a humble suppliant.
23 A dog has died to-day on earth,
24 Of little worth,
25 Yet very dear:
Shelter him in thy arms,
If only
For a white:

I fear

He will be lonely:

Shield him with thy smile."

Well, after that bit of homage which Wilfred Funk was paying to man's best friend, the dog, I felt that I ought to add a tribute of my own. Or rather it wasn't my own. I had a stack of letters along - letters from some of you who listen in. And one is from James E. Nevin, of Youngstown, Ohio. He tells the story of ~~xxxxxx~~ a dog that was owned by a friend of his, an army officer at Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

The dog was a red Irish setter pup which became an enthusiastic soldier. That pup watched the men on parade and listened to the thunder of rifle practice. He always went along when the men were sent to the hill west of the post for practice in wigwagging messages. The pup watched them for hours, day ~~xx~~ after day as they wigwagged messages with flags.

During the following hunting season the officer decided to try the pup out on birds. He took him to South Dakota in the broken, hilly section of the state, east of the Black Hills. They

were going through a section sparsely covered with patches of underbrush and small pines. The dog was about six hundred feet in front of his master, trailing back and forth. Suddenly he stopped. His tail stuck straight in the air. Then that tail began to move and wiggle. It was wigwagging. And here was the message which the faithful setter wigwagged to his master:

"JOE, HAVE YOU GOT ANYTHING BIGGER THAN BUCKSHOT?
IF YOU HAVEN'T, YOU'D BETTER BEAT IT, BOY. THERE'S A BIG BROWN
BEAR UP HERE. AND HE'S GOING IRHGT YOUR WAY."

And that surely ought to make James Nevin this week's grand Ananias of the Tall Story Club.

Anyway, between the tall one that he tells, and Wilfred Funk's lovely little poem--we have plenty of homage tonight to man's best friend, the dog.

1 I want to say in advance that this
2 next dispatch is ^{direct from an} ~~printed in an~~ official
3 Soviet newspaper at Moscow. The
4 Associated Press informs us that the
5 paper is the Pravda, which states that
6 the great Soviet tractor plant at
7 Stalingrad, one of the largest
8 industrial enterprises in the world has
9 practically broken down. It is supposed
10 to produce 50,000 tractors a year.
11 During the past year it produced less
12 than 3,000. Out of 1,586 tons of
13 tractor parts which were manufactured
14 1,196 tons turned out to be no good and
15 had to be scrapped. ~~The Pravda said~~ ^{says}
16 that there has been a riot of absurd
17 inefficiency at that great plant which
18 was ^{intended} to be one of the proudest
19 achievements of communism.

1 An ^{odd} ~~curious~~ story of the World War
2 comes to light in Germany. A socialist
3 deputy in the Reichstag has demanded an
4 explanation for a curious bit of finance.

5 The German government has given 3
6 million marks in cash and a large income
7 to ex-Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who is
8 now living in exile in Germany.

9 According to the New York Evening
10 Post, the explanation takes us back to
11 the time when Bulgaria entered the war
12 on the side of Germany. Before lining
13 up his kingdom with the central powers,
14 Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria wanted to
15 withdraw ■ his private fortune from a
16 London bank, where he kept it.

17 But the German war authorities were
18 afraid that if he did so he would tip the
19 Allies off to the secret of the fact that
20 Bulgaria was going to fight on the side
21 of Germany. So the Kaiser's government
22 promised that if Ferdinand lost that
23 money in the London bank the German
24 government would make it good.

25 And now the German republic feels

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1 itself obliged to fulfill that old
2 promise that the Kaiser made. Which,
3 under the circumstances seems
4 rather sporting.

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DIGEST--SPORT.

Well, let's have another one of those sport stories from this week's Literary Digest. It's for all of you tennis fans,

Just imagine Big Bill Tilden manufacturing the ideal tennis player, building up that ideal player by combining in him the various great qualities of many of the world's famous tennis stars. Just imagine.

The Digest informs us that Big Bill performs that very miracle in an article in the magazine "Tennis".

To create the ideal tennis player, Tilden would give him that tremendous service which the brilliant Johnny Doeg shoots across the court. Next would come Cochet's forehand drive. Then the backhand of Rene LaCoste. The overhead stroke of Borotra, the bounding Basque; Vincent Richard's volley; Cochet's half-volley; and --- Tilden picks his own chop stroke. He would take his own drop shot or maybe ~~xxx~~ that of George Lott; the court-covering ability of Kozeluh or Cochet; and the will to win of Borotra, or Hunter, or Cochet. And, lastly, the court strategy and court tactics of Cochet. Sounds to me like mostly Cochet with a seasoning of some of the others.

Well, that's something for you tennis fans to think about. Maybe you'll agree with Tilden's selection for his mythical perfect tennis player, or maybe you won't. Anyway, Tilden tells just why he hit upon each good point. He reasons it all out and analyzes everything in that article quoted in this week's Literary Digest.

The latest event is the trial of General Berenguer by the republican government. His dictatorship didn't last long, but it was strict while it lasted. He was one of the chief enemies of the Republicans, and today they put him on trial, and a verdict has been handed down. The General has been reported to have fled to Lisbon, but other advices indicate that he is in Madrid. The International News Service informs us that he was tried for severities he practiced against the Republicans, and also for bad generalship in the disastrous war which Spain waged against the north African tribes a few years ago. General Berenguer is blamed for the defeat of the Spaniards and the loss of 10,000 men. Well, the indictment against the General was severe, but the Republicans

1 Not much from Spain tonight. The
2 headlines telling about the new republic
3 are a bit smaller.

4 The latest event is the trial of
5 General Berenguer by the republican
6 government. Berenguer, ^{you may recall,} was the dictator
7 picked by King Alphonso to rule Spain
8 for a while. ^{That was several months ago.} His dictatorship didn't
9 last long, but it was strict while it
10 lasted. He was one of the chief enemies
11 of the Republicans, and today they put
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24 Well, the indictment against the
25 General was severe, but the Republicans

have shown themselves to be lenient. They found the former dictator guilty of the charges against him, but only sentenced him to dishonorable dismissal from the army. Of course, it's a bitter pill for an old warhorse to be read out of the army. But, just the same, it's several shades better than being stood against a wall at sunrise - or sent to jail.

According to the Associated Press, the troublesome Catalonian question is being passed on to the Spanish Parliament, the new republican parliament that still remains to be selected. Meanwhile, the Province of Catalonia will be allowed to have the local autonomy and home rule which it demands, until the Parliament has a chance to debate, and argue, and wrangle, and vote upon the future status of the discontented province.

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Portugal seems to be making headway against the recent revolutionary troubles that ^{are} bothering ^{ing that} ~~the~~ republic.

Government warships have won an easy victory in the Azores, where the soldiers occupying the islands have risen in revolt against the Lisbon authorities.

The International News Service informs us that the rebels on the island of *Angra* have just ^{er}surrendered and that loyal troops have occupied the town.

Two other islands of the group had already been captured by the government forces. The Associated Press cables that the warships have informed the rebels on the island of *Ter^{ci}ceira* that if they ^{do}~~do~~ not surrender they will be bombarded.

1 Down in Nicaragua, Americans are
2 ■■ fleeing from the inland sections to
3 the coast. In places that are threatened
4 by bandits and rebel attacks, citizens
5 of the United States are abandoning
6 their homes and business establishments.

7 According to the Associated Press,
8 Secretary of State Stimson's warning to
9 Americans in Nicaragua, that the United
10 States Government ^{cannot} ~~couldn't~~ protect them
11 unless they ^{are} ~~were~~ near the coast, has
12 resulted in swift activity. The
13 Americans are leaving. They ^{have been} ~~were~~ thrown
14 into consternation by the official
15 proclamation.

16 The New York Evening Post tells
17 us that the new policy of ^{our} ~~the~~ government
18 has provoked a lively controversy in
19 Washington. But, ^{the report is} that the administration
20 will probably be supported by the United
21 States Senate, which, headed by Senator
22 Borah, is said to be against American
23 intervention in Nicaragua.

24 The Post goes on to inform us that
25 it is even suggested that the recent

1 disturbances, in which Americans have
2 been killed, have been provoked by
3 interests who want the Marines to stay
4 in Nicaragua, and are trying to create
5 a situation that will keep them there.

6 Meanwhile, additional Nicaraguan
7 soldiers have been ordered to the town
8 of Blue Fields, against which Sandino's
9 rebels are said to be concentrated.

10 The U. P. reports tonight that
11 a spokesman for the Amer. Govt.,
12 made an interesting announcement
13 tonight. It was, that Wash. regards
14 Sandino as a bandit & an assassin;
15 but that the war against S. will
16 be carried by the N. Nat Guard
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1 Now, listen to this line, folks.
2 It says the more he is scared the better
3 he plays. Louis Armstrong is a negro
4 cornet player who toots a jazzy cornet
5 in a nightclub orchestra. His employers
6 complained to the police that hoodlums
7 have been following Louis around and
8 threatening him. The hoodlums just
9 tell that colored cornet player what
10 they're going to do to him--how they're
11 going to sock him in the jaw, and beat
12 him up, and tap him over the head with
13 a piece of water pipe. And, according
14 to the Associated Press, Louis is just
15 naturally scared stiff.

16 But, admits ^{his} ~~the~~ employer, the
17 more they scare him the better he plays
18 the cornet. When they really get him
19 trembling in his shoes, with cold
20 shivers running up his spine, why then
21 he can tootle that old brass cornet so
22 jazzily that the girls on the dance-
23 floor sway and sway until they nearly
24 fall over. Hot Mamma!

25 Well, that may be true of a

1 colored cornet player, but it would be
2 entirely different for ~~the~~[^] radio news
3 broadcaster. If anybody scared me the
4 way they have been scaring Louis, I
5 wouldn't be able to talk *or even stutter.*

6 In fact, the mere thought of it
7 leaves me *well nigh* ~~almost~~ speechless. And I
8 don't feel capable of saying anything
9 more than--

10 So long until Monday.

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