

1 (The royal romantic situation in
2 Roumania seems a bit more complicated
3 than ever tonight. The Associated Press
4 has a cable to the effect that King
5 Carol may marry Madam Lupescu. This is
6 the lady who has been the King's
7 companion in a sentimental entanglement
8 that has become famous the world over.)

9 This new report is all the more
10 extraordinary because of the fact that
11 King Carol has been objecting so
12 strenuously to the marriage of his
13 brother, Prince Nicholas, to a woman not
14 of royal rank. The King has threatened
15 the Prince with all sorts of penalties,
16 unless he gives up his bride. The
17 last reports are that Prince Nicholas
18 is determined to stick by his marriage.
19 He won't pay any attention to efforts
20 on the part of the King to annul it,
21 and he is even willing to renounce his
22 royal rank.

23 With all that royal hullabaloo on
24 account of the marriage of Prince
25 Nicholas to a commoner, why the report

1 that the King may marry Madam Lupescu
2 ~~seems slightly inconsistent~~
3 ~~is all the more extraordinary~~, because
4 Madam Lupescu is not of royal rank
5 either.

6 But just the same, ^{the cables that come} ~~a few facts~~
7 ~~that come~~ drifting across ^{from the Balkans} ~~the water~~, do
8 seem to have a strong hint of wedding
9 bells. (One rumor is that Madam Lupescu
10 has abandoned the Jewish religion and
11 become a Christian, as a preliminary
12 to a royal marriage.)

13 Another account tells that she is
14 living in a royal Palace, and that the
15 people who surround her are already
16 calling her "Your Majesty."

17 Well, these royal romantic
18 ramifications in Roumania are ~~certainly~~
19 ~~bewildering~~ really rather rollicking.

1 In Berlin today was repeated the
2 oft repeated word - Dictator.

3 The German Government has conferred
4 dictatorial powers upon the man who
5 governs prices, rent and wages in the
6 Teutonic Republic. This price dictator
7 is Dr. Carl Goerdler, Burgomaster of
8 Leipsic.

9 In an effort to avert economic
10 disaster, the German Government has taken
11 control of just about everything. It has
12 cut wages down ten per cent, ^{and} it is
13 reducing prices. The idea, explains the
14 United Press, is to chart out a financial
15 scheme of things from top to bottom,
16 and force the ^{German people} ~~country~~ to live up to it.
17 And the man who tells ^{Fritz} ~~you~~ how much
18 wages ^{he} ~~you~~ shall get, how much rent ~~you~~ ^{he}
19 shall pay, and ~~XXXXXX~~ how much ^{his} ~~you~~ bear and
20 ~~XXXX~~ sauerkraut ^{shall} ~~will~~ cost, ~~you~~ why, He's
21 that same price dictator, the Burgomaster
22 of Leipsic.

1 There are more rumors of a coalition
2 government in Japan. The Associated
3 Press has a cable that the Prime
4 Minister at Tokio has called an urgent
5 conference of Japanese party leaders.
6 The idea is to talk over the
7 possibility of the two principal
8 political parties getting together and
9 forming a coalition administration.

10 The League of Nations Council
11 adjourned today and won't meet again
12 until January. Just before the
13 adjournment there was a harmonious
14 Chorus. The International News Service
15 cables that both Japan and China put
16 their O.K. on the League's plan for an
17 adjustment of the trouble in Manchuria.
18 The plan provides that Japan shall get
19 her troops out of the disputed parts of
20 the province as soon as possible, and
21 that meanwhile both nations agree to
22 stop fighting.

1 The main point in President
2 Hoover's recommendations to Congress
3 today on the subject of foreign relations
4 concerns ^{ed} ~~itself~~ with the moratorium.

5 The President urged that Congress
6 immediately ~~xxxxxxx~~ ratify the suspension
7 ~~of debt and~~ of payments on international
8 debts. This, in other words, is that
9 same moratorium which the President put
10 into effect ^{the past} ~~this~~ summer.

11 The President ^{also} ~~further~~ hinted that
12 it might be well to go a bit further and
13 do ^{still} ~~some~~ more to ease up the war debt and
14 reparations situation. The United Press
15 quotes ~~xxxx~~ Mr. Hoover as declaring
16 that "it will be necessary in some cases
17 to make still further temporary adjustments"
18 So far as the present moratorium is
19 concerned, the Associated Press reminds
20 us that leaders of both parties in
21 Congress are already pledged to ratify
22 the President's actions.

23 However, on the subject of
24 further concessions to the European
25 powers that owe us money, well that may be
a different thing.

Senator Reed Smoot submitted a joint resolution. It is subscribed to by both Republicans and Democrats. Its purpose is to ratify the moratorium. This will undoubtedly be passed.

Senator Borah chimes in the International News Service, immediately arose and declared that he was opposed to any extension of the moratorium beyond the one-year period.

Senator Watson, leader of the regular Republican forces, made a speech on the subject, and admitted that it might be difficult to persuade Congress to take the President's hint and agree to a further suspension of debt payments.

So the whole matter is left hanging in the air.

DIGEST

I've just been having a look at an interesting illustration in the new Literary Digest, that came out today. It's a map of Canada - an unusual one.

Our Northern friend and neighbor has just completed a census which shows that during the past ten years Canada added nearly eighteen per cent to her population. The actual increase was over a million and a half, so that Canada now has some ten million three hundred thousand people.

Well, the most interesting part of it was to be found in the question: What sections of Canada are blossoming forth the most rapidly in population.

It has long been stated that the French Canadians are increasing more rapidly than the rest of the population. And that is borne out by this vivid map in the new Literary Digest.

It shows that while the people of Canada as a whole have increased 17.82%, why, French Canadian Quebec has

1 ~~increased~~ ^{multiplied} at the rate of over twenty-
2 one and a half per cent.

3 The immigration to Quebec is
4 next to nothing. The increase is
5 merely the natural rate of reproduction
6 of the French Canadian ~~people~~.

7 And that Literary Digest map
8 gives us a number of other facts which
9 we can put together. And these simply
10 paint the picture in more striking
11 colors. The Literary Digest calls it
12 the March of the Cradles, and quotes the
13 Ottawa Evening Journal as saying that
14 the new census is "a tremendous
15 demonstration of the virility of the
16 French Canadian Stock."
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1 The editors of the Literary Digest
2 handed me a letter today from the
3 United States Postoffice Department.
4 The letter points out that during the
5 holiday season the volume of mail
6 increases ^{about} 200 per cent. It is a
7 physical impossibility to handle this
8 great mass of mailmatter efficiently
9 and promptly within a few days.

10 Therefore, if you want to be sure of the
11 delivery of your Christmas presents,

12 cards and letters by Christmas Day, ~~you~~ ^{Yes}

13 ~~should~~ ^{that's it!} -- SHOP EARLY AND MAIL EARLY.

14 Uncle Sam's mailman asks me to read
15 ~~to you~~ the following notice:-- *So here goes!:-*

16 "At the request of the postoffice,
17 and as a contribution from the Literary
18 Digest to the Government, the radio
19 audience is reminded to shop early and
20 mail their Christmas presents and cards
21 early. There will be no carrier

22 deliveries on Christmas Day. Parcels
23 and envelopes may be marked - DO NOT
24 OPEN UNTIL CHRISTMAS." *Those are Uncle Sam's*
words, and noble words they are too.

25 ~~It is the overworked mailman who~~

GILLIS

Last night, I told how Bossy Gillis, the once rambunctious Mayor of Newburyport, Massachusetts, had been defeated for re-election, and was so disgusted that he had disappeared.

Well, I've received a telegram straight from Bossy's haven of political philosophy.

Not dejected - not disillusioned - haven't vanished - but listening to your broadcast at my home." Signed Bobby Gillis.

And that would make it seem as though His Honor, the Mayor of Newburyport, although defeated, is still among his admiring constituents.

1 Early today while the people of
2 Cambridge, Massachusetts, were still in
3 their beds, there was what appeared to
4 be an unseemly disturbance. There was
5 a terrific whistling. A railroad train
6 thundering by was emitting ear-splitting,
7 sleep-destroying blasts. The engineer
8 was having a wild old time with the cord
9 that blew the whistle. And there was
10 one long minute of wild screeching.

11 I suppose the people wakened out of
12 their sleep must have thought ~~that~~
13 it a case of some engineer suddenly gone
14 looney. Then they saw the reason ~~the~~ why,
15 ~~engineer was blowing his whistle so~~
16 ~~hard~~ Flames were ^{bursting from} ~~sweeping~~ the home of
17 Professor Francis J. Carney, of the
18 Law Department of Boston College.

19 The Fire Department swung into
20 action. Nobody was in the house. The
21 Professor was away. Somebody phoned
22 him. And that was when the Professor
23 did some industrious talking into the
24 telephone. In the burning house,
25 ~~relates~~ ^{explains} the International News Service,

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2 news as printed in the New York World
3 Telegram, reads: Snoring thief awakens
4 girl.

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5 That does seem a bit complicated.
6 The United Press explains that at Chicago
7 a burglar broke into the apartment of
8 Mrs. Effie Martin. ~~xx~~ After he was through
9 with his burglarizing he thought he'd
10 have a nap, and lay down on the bed. It
11 was dark, and he couldn't see that Mrs.
12 Martin was sleeping on the other side of
13 the bed.

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14 The burglar dozed off and started
15 to snore, and the next thing you know
16 Mrs. Martin was awakened by that loud
17 buzz-saw effect. She kept her head, and
18 sneaked out, with the burglar still snoring
19 She called a cop ~~x~~, and the next thing you
20 know the robber was in jail *where he can*
21 *snore his head off tonight.*

RETAKE

1 were a number of exceedingly valuable
2 paintings and antiques. If they were
3 burnt up it would be a calamity. And so
4 the Professor, with his ear glued to
5 the receiver, instructed the firemen.
6 He told them where the paintings and the
7 antiques were. He explained which were
8 the most valuable. The firemen
9 followed ^{his} ~~the~~ telephoned instructions,
10 and thousands of dollars worth of art
11 objects were saved. — all because the
12 Professor had a telephone handy!

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1 Now come four ladies who loudly
2 proclaim that they are not members of
3 the Tall Story Club. They say this is
4 utterly and absolutely true -- four
5 perfect hands at bridge, and all at the
6 same time.

7 The International News Service lays
8 the scene by saying that Mrs. Carl
9 Ohman of Cohoes, New York, entertained
10 Mrs. Winfield Kendrick of Forest Hills,
11 New York, and Mrs. William Page, Mrs.
12 Fred White, and Mrs. Christian Beck
13 of Cohoes. Mrs. Ohman played the
14 hostess while her four guests sat down
15 to play bridge. The cards were shuffled
16 three times, and then were dealt. And
17 the four hands were: 13 spades, 13
18 hearts, 13 diamonds, and 13 clubs.

19 Now you'd think there would be some
20 exciting bidding in a case like that.
21 Nothing of the sort. What happened?
22 Why nothing at all. The ladies were so
23 excited when each one looked at her
24 perfect hand that not a one of them
25 could speak. None of them thought of

1 bidding. The game ended right there.
2 The ladies spent the rest of the
3 afternoon talking about those four
4 perfect hands.

5 Mrs. Ohman is going to have the
6 cards framed. She vows up and down
7 that it is not in any sense a tall
8 story.

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1 Well, the great macaroni mystery
 2 is solved--that is it was quite a
 3 mystery in the Italian section of
 4 Brooklyn, ~~New York~~. The strange
 5 occurrence happened some time ago. A
 6 big truck loaded with cases ~~of macaroni~~
 7 drove around ~~xxx~~ through the streets
 8 of Little Italy and the man aboard
 9 proceeded to distribute free macaroni *amid*
 10 *loud shouts of bravissimo.*

11 Five hundred cases of the ~~xxx~~
 12 favorite Italian food were handed out
 13 gratis--free of charge--and without any
 14 cost whatsoever, to the poor people of
 15 the district. They wondered whether
 16 Santa Claus had made a mistake and put
 17 in an appearance a couple of ~~months~~ *weeks*
 18 early. *Did they like it? Multa bene, si senor.*

19 There was no explanation. ~~for~~
 20 The mysterious strangers having
 21 distributed their load of free macaroni
 22 --drove away. Today, however, the police
 23 have under arrest three young Italians.
 24 It was they who played ^{*neopolitan*} Santa Claus, ~~with~~
 25 ~~the macaroni.~~

The New York Evening Sun

1 explains that they are charged with
2 high-jacking a truck belonging to a
3 macaroni manufacturing company. There
4 was some labor trouble. They were
5 connected with the Union. And so having
6 a grudge against the company they
7 proceeded to swipe a truckload of
8 macaroni and ^{then} give it ^{all} away. ~~In Brooklyn's~~
9 ~~Little Italy~~

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1 Announcer Howard Petry here
2 at my elbow, has just passed me a note
3 to the effect that he has something
4 special to say tonight and for me to
5 be sure and give him time.

6 Well, I know approximately what
7 he has on his chest, so I'll set the
8 stage for him with an anecdote - one
9 ~~X~~ I heard this afternoon from an
10 editor of the Literary Digest. It may
11 be the original version of one of the
12 classics of the book trade.

13 I've heard it in one form or
14 another all over this country. In
15 about half the book stores I have
16 visited, a clerk has called me aside
17 and said: Have you heard the one about
18 the author who autographed a copy of
19 his own book?

20 The present form of the story
21 concerns the famous author, George
22 Barr McCutcheon, and is said to have
23 actually happened.

24 McCutcheon was riding on a
25 train when a boy passed through selling

1 books. Among them was McCutcheon's
2 sensational best seller of those days,
3 Graustark. The author called the boy
4 over and took a copy of Graustark and
5 proceeded to autograph it.

6 "Say, Buddy", he said to the
7 boy, "you can now sell this book for
8 twice the regular price."

9 "Quit your kidding", responded
10 the youth, "you've spoiled the book.
11 And what's more boss, you've got to
12 pay for it."

13 And George Barr McCutcheon
14 had to dig down and buy the book. The
15 joke was on him.

16 Yes, and the joke will be on
17 me if I don't give Announcer Howard
18 Petry time to have his say. So,

19 So long until tomorrow.
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