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Good Evening, Everybody: -

A dramatic detective story comes from Chicago tonight. It tells of a judge who kaxa led a Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde kind of life. During the day he sat on the bench, a grave and learned jurist. At night he was a gangster.

He is Judge Francis Borelli, 🚅 Chicago, and today, as the result of his double life, ten members of athe notorious Forty-Two Gang of Chicago's west side, are in jail.

The International News Service relates the story that Judge Borelli got tired of the way the Forty-Two Gang seemed to be immune from the rigors of the law. The processes of justice seemed to have no way of getting hold of those tough mobsters. So the Judge decided that he would turn detective by night and carry on as a judge by day. Every evening for the past month, when he returned home after a day on the bench, he dressed himself

in clothes suitable for a hanger-on around places where gangsters gathered. 25

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He sneaked out of his house by the 1 basement door, and then night after night played the part of a loafer in pool rooms and cigar stores. He made a number of acquaintances among the rough and ready element, and by discreet inquiries learned that the forty-two gang had its quarters in a certain place called an Athletic Club. The judge then hung around in that neighborhood. He steated up an acquaintance with members of the "mob", and the next thing you know, he was a full fledged member of the forty-two gang. He took part in its deliberations and learned of its methods from top to bottom.

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"The gang consists of two parts", declares Judge Borelli. "One group is composed of veterans. The other is made up of boys in training for criminal careers, boys of ages from twelve to eighteen."

He adds that the mob was a 24 carefully organized institution, a 25

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regular school for crime.

Well, after he had learned all he wanted to know about the underworld organization, he sent the police out to make arrests.

And the next thing you know, the members of the forty-two gang found xxxxxx themselves in court. They certainly were an astonished lot of their eyes popped right mt, crooks, when they discovered that their good old pal, a trusty member of their mob, was a judge whose business it was to hand out prison sentences.

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They have had a spectacular fire in Jacksonville, Florida, - A 600,000-dollar fire. The flames swept along the waterfront and threatened the entire downtown district.

⁶ The Associated Press describes the ⁷ blaze as a wild and muided woolly affair. ⁸ Two warehouses full of chemicals went up in smoke -- yes, smoke and explosions. 9 As the chemicals went off, the city for 10 blocks around was shaken by heavy 11 detonations, and sheets of flame and 12 sparks waak were flung skyward. Seven 13 firemen were injured, but after a hard 14 fight for several hours, the smoke-15 eaters got the blaze under control. 16

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BRIDGE

another story full of drama)

A dramatic story Comes in the collapse of an old bridge across the Mohawk River today. The Mohawk at the point where the bridge stood is a part of the New York State Canal System. A new bridge has been built. Workmen were demolishing the old one, when it suddenly collapsed.

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One man was killed, relates the 8 Associated Press -- another escaped 9 10 injury by leaping into the river as he the steel structure give way under 11 him. A third man was caught by the 12 collapsing span, and pulled into the 13 water. One leg was pinned, and he was 14 held, with his head barely above the 15 surface of the river. He was in danger 16 of weakening and sinking, below the 17 waters The emergency brought some quick 18 action. The surface of the river was 19 lowered far enough to leave him clear of 20 the water. A lock in the canal system was 21 opened, and the water level brought down. 22 Then iron beams were cut, and the man's 23 24 foot set free.

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This evening the hunger march to Washington is under way. Four <u>fleets</u> of trucks are carrying the marchers toward Washington. One is on its way from Cincinnati, Another from Cleveland, A third from Binghamtown, New York; and the fourth from New York City.

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There are eighty trucks in all, carrying the marchers who, intend to protest to the government about the unemployment situation.

Fifteen trucks carrying several Star New York marchers, are rumbling along the roads.

The procession started out from Union Square, New York. A large crowd gathered and sent the marchers on their way with loud cheers.

The International News Service describe **2** a slight difficulty which was encountered right off the bat. The drivers of the fifteen trucks which are used to transport the marchers, refused to start their motors going until they had been paid. I suppose they figured

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that when they got the hunger marchers to Washington they might have difficulty in collecting any spondoolicks for groceries themselves.

In any case, it was - no pay, no hunger march. The emount that the truck drivers demanded, was \$1,875; and that's a pretty sizeable sum. However, the hunger marchers were equalled the emergency. Funds had been collected at a recent meeting. The marchers dug up the \$1,875, and the parade rumbled off.

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In Washington today there were for eshadowing the happenings that will take place on Monday.

In preparation for the opening of Congress, the Democrats and the Republicans of the Senate did a bit of organization work.

The Democrats lined up their forces without a hitch. Everything was quiet and peaceful. They decided to support Senator Pitman of Nevada for the post of president **EXEX** pro tem. And

what is a president pro tem? Well, he presides in the Senate when the Vice-president is away.

The Republicans also organized without any fights or arguments. The Associated Press explains that by saying that the insurgent Republican Senators didn't attend the meeting. The regular Republicans are lined up to support Senator Moses of New Hampshire, for the job as Senator pro tem. However, a group of Republican insurgents are Very much opposed to Senator Moses.

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He it will be recalled, is the statesman who referred to the western Progressives as "Sons of the wild jackass."

At any rate the insurgent senators stayed away from the organization meeting today, and so there wasn't any sign of battle.

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The Central American revolution we heard about last night was the real thing. Tonight a new government is in power at San Salvador. The gover of President Araujo was overthrown by the revolutionary uprising yesterday.

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The United Press reports that there 7 was some severe fighting. The ex-8 President has left the country, and is in the neighboring republic of Guatemala. 10 The new regime is headed by General 11 Martinez, who was vice-president, until 12 he turned against his chief and caused 13 a general overthrow. 14

The Associated Press describes the 15 new government as "a military junta." 16 The National Congress of the Republic is 17 said to be willing to O.K. the change. 18 They say that elections will be held soon 19 for the purpose of re-establishing a 20 legal regime. 21

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The International News Service has a
wire from Mexico City which quotes
Salvadorians in the Mexican capital as
saying that the revolution has an antiAmerican angle. The ousted President was
trying to negotiate a loan in the United
States, and this was regarded in San
Salvador as being a move to establish
closer relations with the government at
Washington.

A number of Army officers were
 bitterly opposed to what they considered
 a pro-American policy, and it was they
 who organized the revolt that has caused
 such a swift and sudden over-turn in
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The Manchurian situation is still gragging on. The League of Nations is trying to put through its plan for a neutral zone and a neutral commission, but things are moving very slowly.

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Tokio came out with a blast today against the idea of a neutral commission. The Associated Press quotes the Japanese Foreign Minister as declaring that his government won't stand for any intervention by third parties. And the Japanese military authorities continue to insist that they wor stand for any intermeddling by outsiders. The International News Service gives us a bit of ominous words from Shanghai. An assassination society is said to have been formed among Chinese students. They are pledged to a campaign of terror, and are sworn to kill not only Japanese, but also Chinese merchants who violate the boycott against Japan.

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It seems as though something of an international furor might be created by reports that Japanese troops had have marched into the city of Harbin, in Manchuria, but it turns out that the reports are all wrong. They weren't soldiers. They were just boy scouts.

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the Internation - News Service explaine that a large group of Japanese boy scouts have been taken for a sightseeing tour in Manchuria. It's pretty cold there, and the Japanese lads were provided with heavy army overcoats. That made them look like soldiers. And so when the scouts marched into Harbin in semi-military formation, why, rumor went out that the Japanese army was occupying that important city.

However, I suppose that now any possible international tension will be eased by the explanation that they were just boy scouts.

RUSSIA

Word comes from Russia tonight 1 that the Soviets are planning great 2 things with the city of Lemingrad. 3 The Bolsheviks are going to try to 4 turn the town into a model Soviet city. 5 It is said that 290 million 6 rubles will be appropriated for housing 7 and municipal improvements during 8 1932. New buildings will be put up 9 and the city renovated in general. 10 The United Press reminds us 11 how Leningrad used to be the glittering 12 St. Petersburg of the Czars, One 13 of the most brilliant capitals of 14 Europe. During the World War when 15 everything in Russia became taboo, 16 the name was changed from the German 17 St. Petersburg to the Slavic form of 18 Petrograd. Then the Bolsheviks named 19 it Leningrad, after the high priest 20 of Communism, stering, and at the same 21 time they moved the capital to Moscow. 22 During the Soviet regime the 23 former imperial city of the Czars has been going badly to seed. I was ther 24 I was there 25

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a few years ago, and it was sad and forlorn, with about half its former population, and the people saying that everything had gone to Moscow.

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But now it seems as if things might pick up along the Nevsky Prospeck. The city of the Czars is scheduled to enter a new phase of its existence as a model Soviet municipality.

It is pointed out that these new city building plans of the Red authorities at Moscow are just another indication that the Bolshevik dictatorship is determined to improve the standard of living in Russia as speedily as possible. And of course, the Russian standard of living under Communism, as all travelors the plenty of improvement.

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Now let's go on to something that seems to be quite useless. It's the human back.

In this week's Literary Digest is an article which discusses the purposes and useful qualities, - or maybe I should say useless qualities of that part of the anatomy which we are the largest single expanse of the human body.

The Digest quotes an article 11 in current science which tells us that 12 backs are used for patting, or scratching, 13 or rubbing, but otherwise they seem to 14 be comparatively useless. The back has a 15 16 large smooth surface, but it has few 17 nerves and few blood vessels. **** Its 18 anatomical functions are practically nil. The human back has few 19 20 of feeling, as for instance the finger 21 tip has many. You can test this 22 by pressing two sharp points against the 23 back, and if the points are close 24 together, they will seem like one. The 25 back has also fewer nerves for feeling

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heat and cold. Your nose gets cold, 1 your ears, or your fingers, but you 2 don't feel it so much on your back. However, your back will remain chilly longer than the rest of the body. That's because it has few blood vessels.

Anatomically speaking, the back is a poorly equipped region. In fact they call it an anatomical desert of Sahara.

That article in the Literary Digest makes the suggestion that one use for the human back may be to catch the healthful rays of the sun. Another is to be discovered in the fact that the back has an equipment of powerful muscies. It's useful in bearing a burden.

But, on the whole, the impression is given that the back is a fairly useless part of the body. Well, maybe you're right, Doctor, but what would we do without our back?

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I have a couple of odd stories that 1 come from Jersey City, New Jersey. They 2 are printed today in the Jersey City 3 Journal.

Charles Munch, a real-estate operator, 5 gave an order to a painter to paint a 6 house at 537 Newark Avenue. The painter 7 8 went to 536 Newark Avenue and proceeded to paint that house. The chap who lived 9 at 536 wondered who was playing Santa 10 Claus, but he didn't say anything. He 11 just let the painter go on painting the 12 house. And now the painter is wondering 13 who is going to pay the bill. 14

The second curious incident concerns 15 the American Legion. Last night the West 16 New York Cusick Post of the Legion turned 17 out to hold military services in a house 18 at 738 Adams Street. The Legionnaires 19 seemand to have been considerably 20 21 tangled up, because they went to 679 Adams Street. The house-holder there was 22 23 somewhat astonished when the Legion boys 24 showed up and proceeded to hold a solemn military service. They say it was 25

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exceedingly impressive, but the dignity
 fell off slightly when they discovered
 they were in the wrong place.

Then they went to the right house, and did it all over.

It seems to have been a day of
 mistakes in Jersey City, New Jersey, with
 a lot of people going to the wrong house.
 Well, I'm on my way now - but
 Well, I'm on my way now - but
 J'm not going to stumble into the wrong
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