

1 Today in Washington Secretary of  
2 State Stimson appeared before the Ways  
3 and Means <sup>m</sup>Committee of the House of  
4 Representatives and denounced ~~the~~ attacks  
5 that are being made on President Hoover <sup>in Congress.</sup>  
6 ~~He~~ <sup>Mr. Stimson</sup> defended the President's Moratorium  
7 policy. He declared that the suspension  
8 of payments of war debts and reparations  
9 was necessary to stave off the threatened  
10 collapse of Germany.

11 And the Secretary of State placed  
12 before the Committee a personal ~~letter~~ <sup>message</sup>  
13 from President von Hindenburg of Germany  
14 to President Hoover. This letter was  
15 written on June 20th, the day before  
16 ~~President Hoover announced~~ the Mora-  
17 torium <sup>was announced.</sup>

18 The President of Germany wrote to  
19 the President of the United States <sup>as follows:-</sup>  
20 "The German people must continue to have  
21 the possibility of working under toler-  
22 able living conditions." And he spoke  
23 of the tension in Germany caused by  
24 distress and ~~d~~ despair.

25 At the same time, wire<sup>s</sup> the United

1 Press, Under-Secretary of the Treasury,  
2 Ogden W. Mills appeared before the  
3 Finance Committee of the Senate. He  
4 stated that President Hoover is opposed  
5 to the cancellation of war debts, and  
6 he added that if Congress failed to  
7 ratify the Hoover Moratorium, it would  
8 cause irretrievable damage to the  
9 country's reputation.

10 These are powerful efforts which  
11 the Administration is making to persuade  
12 Congress to agree to the Moratorium.  
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HOOVER

A few more emphatic words come echoing from Washington this evening. Secretary of War Hurley came out with a statement that can only be described by the old familiar adjective "Ringing", a ringing statement.

He defended President Hoover all up and down the line. Secretary Hurley gave a long list of Mr. Hoover's achievements. And then the Associated Press quotes him as making the following declaration:

"Throughout the depression the President has been doing the work that should properly fall upon the leaders of industry, commerce and banking. In all previous disturbances finance has had its intrepid leader or leaders. Today", added Mr. Hurley, "we hear leaders of finance shouting for leadership. But they present very little evidence of that quality in their own establishments. They fell back on the President of the United States -- throw all their problems onto his lap and throw up their hands and shout, 'Save Us'".

And those are the words of Pat Hurley, from Oklahoma the fighting Secretary of War. And they are regarded as an opening gun in the campaign to renominate Mr. Hoover.

1 The National Committee of the  
2 Republican party finished its work today  
3 and paid a call on President Hoover  
4 just before disbanding.

5 One of the last acts of the Com-  
6 mittee, relates the Internation<sup>al</sup> News  
7 Service, was to ~~will~~ appoint a special  
8 committee on finance. ~~This committee is~~  
9 to help ~~in~~ raising money to conduct the  
10 Republican presidential campaign next  
11 ~~week~~<sup>year</sup>. The report is that the National  
12 Committee is short of <sup>mazuma</sup> ~~money~~ and that a  
13 special effort will have to be made to  
14 collect funds to feed the elephant.

1 ( Senator Borah came out today  
2 with a blast in favor of Soviet Russia.  
3 The Senator has introduced a resolution  
4 calling upon Uncle Sam to establish  
5 diplomatic relations with the Red regime  
6 at Moscow.)

7 The United Press quotes Senator  
8 Borah as declaring that the world cannot  
9 have anything like economic sanity and  
10 solidarity until the United States and  
11 Russia get together. He points out that  
12 Russia has a ~~xx~~ standing army of  
13 six hundred thousand men, and that there  
14 can be no real disarmament without  
15 Russia's friendship and cooperation.  
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1           The front pages of the New York  
2 papers this evening are playing up ~~the~~ a  
3 story about an investigating committee  
4 that did a bit of sleuthing at  
5 Columbia University.

6           This committee is made up of  
7 members of a secret organization of  
8 seniors and alumn<sup>I</sup>~~us~~. ~~and~~ It has been  
9 investigating on the subject of paid  
10 football. It has been looking into ~~xxx~~  
11 rumors that some of the football players  
12 at ~~Columbia~~ <sup>Morningside Heights</sup> have secretly received  
13 payments of money.

14           The result of the investigation  
15 is a general indictment of football  
16 conditions at <sup>the</sup> college. They say that  
17 old grads have been secretly subsidizing  
18 players. And furthermore, that one  
19 member of the football team has a  
20 four hundred dollar yearly scholarship  
21 from the Columbia University Club,  
22 and is being supplied with money by a  
23 man who calls himself a friend of  
24 Columbia. A whole series of other  
25 charges are made.

1           The athletic authorities at the  
2 University come back with a general and  
3 indignant denial. The United Press  
4 quotes Lou Little, the football coach,  
5 as declaring that the report is nothing  
6 but falsehood.

7           Well, we all know that year after  
8 year these charges of professionalism  
9 and semi-professionalism are brought  
10 against football teams in colleges all  
11 over the country. Accusations are  
12 solemnly made and results of  
13 investigations are set forth. There is  
14 a general argument and after that -  
15 nothing happens.

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1           There is a rumor in Panama, a  
2 rumor that comes from across the Nicar-  
3 aguan border, to the effect that Presi-  
4 dent M<sup>n</sup>ocado of Nicaragua has an a<sup>e</sup>roplane  
5 ready in case he has to leave the country.

6           The International News Service  
7 passes along claims made by the Revolu-  
8 tionists in Nicaragua. These are that  
9 Sandino is in control of ten states and  
10 that the situation looks so bad to  
11 President M<sup>n</sup>ocado that he is ready to take  
12 ~~an a<sup>e</sup>roplane~~<sup>wing</sup> at any time and fly away.

13           It should be noted that these  
14 reports come from sources identified with  
15 the Revolutionary movement in Nicaragua.



## DIGEST

I've had to do a bit of driving around today. It's been chilly, and I had it impressed on me with shivers that it's winter all right.

And there was a bit of mockery in the fact that I was carrying around with me an advance copy of the new Literary Digest, which comes out tomorrow. Every so often I'd take a look at the cover. It is, by the way, one of the most stunning covers that was ever seen on any magazine. The mockery lies in the fact that it shows a scene in the garden of the Governor's palace in Porto Rico. That's where T. R. lives just now. It's a wonderfully warm, vivid painting of a tropical scene. It is full of luscious tones of green, and golden sunshine.

Well, that cover on the new Literary Digest made me long to be in some tropical or su-tropical place, where the winter of the North doesn't mean a thing. It gave me the itch to travel, and hankering to be on the road to the South, by ship, by railroad, by plane or by car. And fares are lower this year than ever before in my lifetime.

1 ~~That's the effect the cover of the~~  
 2 ~~new Literary Digest has on me. And~~  
 3 ~~it's the effect the whole magazine has,~~  
 4 ~~because~~ The new Literary Digest is the  
 5 ~~regular yearly~~ winter travel number.

6 Across the top in red letters is  
 7 written - Getting Acquainted with  
 8 Winter Playgrounds. And what a *pleasant*  
 9 idea that is.

10 The editors of the Literary Digest  
 11 give us one most attractive feature in  
 12 ~~the new~~ winter travel number. It's a  
 13 series of pictorial maps. That is,  
 14 maps with pictures. You can see at a  
 15 glance the attractions of various  
 16 delightful places to go. There's a  
 17 pictorial map of ~~our~~<sup>our</sup> South, with  
 18 sprightly sketches showing the delightful  
 19 features to be found in our southern  
 20 states. ~~There's~~<sup>There's</sup> ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> a similar map of Florida all  
 21 by itself, and one of California.

22 These remind us of those  
 23 beguiling old woodcuts which ~~the~~ artists *made*  
 24 ~~of~~ centuries ago, ~~illustrated in the~~ maps  
 25 with quaint sketches of the ~~xxxxxxx~~

wonders to be found in the various countries.

And then there's the travel advertising in which we see handsome illustrations of pleasant warm weather scenes.

One advertisement shows us an old-fashioned scene on the balmy shores of Florida. Another gives us an Hawaiian dance with the moon peeping over a hill on a South Sea Isle. And there are beautiful panoramas of California, and scenes on shipboard and passengers boarding airplanes bound for some balmy sunny clime. And then there is a great deal about winter sports in Canada, because Canada is a vacation Mecca at all seasons.

To tell you the truth, I have read hardly a line in the new Digest. I've been busy going through it, looking at the pictures and traveling in imagination to all those fascinating winter resorts.

1 No, I am not going to read any  
2 forty page letter, so don't be alarmed.  
3 That exceedingly long epistle has just  
4 been written by Handsome Adolf Hitler,  
5 the leader of Germany's Fascist Party.

6 The Associated Press comments that  
7 for some days now Hitler has been  
8 threatening to speak his mind right out  
9 and now he has done the speaking in the  
10 shape of a letter forty-pages long.

11 It is addressed to Chancellor  
12 Bruening, head of the German Government,  
13 and has been given out for publication.  
14 Let's take ~~about~~ two lines <sup>from</sup> ~~of~~ those  
15 forty pages.

16 Hitler, in denouncing the present  
17 Government of Germany, seems to think  
18 that its policy has not been sufficiently  
19 inspired. He ~~sounds~~ <sup>says</sup> it all in this phrase.  
20 "Our honor has been taken from us, yet  
21 you talk about nothing but economics".

22 My guess at this would be that ~~xxxxx~~  
23 **this** declaration gives us some hint of the  
24 sources of the ~~Black Shirt~~ <sup>Fascist</sup> power in  
25 Germany. Hitler doesn't want ~~to~~ appeal

1 to mere figures and cold reason. He puts  
2 things on a basis of emotion and pride,  
3 and that goes a long way with <sup>the</sup> people of  
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INDIA

( Out in India the police have made a riot on the headquarters of the leader of what is called the "No-Rent Campaign". He is Pandit Jaharwalal Nehru, and he has been working up a movement pledging millions of Hindus not to pay their rent. There have already been a number of "No-Rent Demonstrations." )

In hundreds of villages the peasants have been holding mass meeting and pledging themselves not to pay their rent. They say that 100,000 peasants have refused to kick in with what they owe to the landlord.

Well, some folks say a "No-Rent Campaign" might have certain attractions even aside from the patriotic and the political attractions.

The Associated Press adds that Pandit Jaharwalal Nehru, the "No-Rent" leader is a rival of Mahatma Gandhi. He is trying to take from Gandhi the control of the Indian Nationalist Congress. And that Congress by the way meets on December 30th.

Gandhi will make a report on his

1 activities at the Round Table Conference  
2 and then I suppose he will have a fight on  
3 his hands to hold his leadership against  
4 the attacks of Pandit <sup>Taharwalal.</sup> Nehru, the "No-Rent"  
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TALL STORIES

I've a letter <sup>here</sup> from Dr. Frank Clear of Greenville, Ohio, asking me how he can procure one of those autographed copies of Tall Stories, the manual of the Tall Story Club.

The Doctor heard announcer Howard Petrie's genial voice the other night telling how autographed copies of the Tall Story book could be had at book-stores everywhere in America, or by writing direct to Funk & Wagnalls, the publishers of the Literary Digest. The idea was that some folks might find an autographed copy of the whopper book a lofty and hilarious Christmas present.

Well, that Christmas offer stood then and stands now. All you have to do is speak to Santa Claus about it, or ask your neighborhood book-store for an autographed copy of Tall Stories, or write direct to Literary Digest and order your autographed copy from the Digest. As the Grand Giraffe of the Tall Story Club my trusty fountain pen is at your service.



1 I don't say I am going to read any  
2 poetry. <sup>But</sup> here's a brief rhyme which you  
3 could scarcely call flamingly poetic,  
4 <sup>altho</sup> ~~but~~ it does embody a lot of sense. <sup>and</sup>  
5 the author is <sup>none other than</sup> His Royal Highness, the  
6 Prince of Wales.

7 HRH isn't known for poetical  
8 activities but this time he bursts into  
9 verse for the purpose of impressing  
10 a solid truth on the minds of British  
11 business men.

12 In addressing a British travel  
13 bureau the Prince had a few remarks to  
14 make about British business, <sup>which applies to other countries as well.</sup> It was  
15 when he came to the subject of advertising  
16 that his emotions exploded in the form  
17 of poetry and he <sup>chanted the following lyric:-</sup> ~~changed this phrase:-~~

18 "EARLY TO BED  
19 EARLY TO RISE  
20 BUT YOU'LL ALL GO BUST,  
21 IF YOU DON'T ADVERTISE."

22 And that is what you might quite  
23 accurately call "More truth than poetry."  
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1 Well, tonight it's a case of  
2 a royal reconciliation in Roumania.

3 They say that Prince Nicholas is  
4 going to do a bit of traveling in an effort  
5 to forget his bride. In other words, the  
6 Prince has agreed to give up the lady  
7 he married recently <sup>— the one he married</sup> in defiance of the  
8 wishes of his brother, <sup>that old Puritan,</sup> King Carol.

9 The bride was of common rank.  
10 The King said the Prince must marry  
11 only royalty. And at the royal command  
12 the Roumanian courts annulled ~~the~~ Prince  
13 <sup>Nick's</sup> marriage.

14 Well, this Roumanian romance  
15 caused all sorts of ructions. The Prince  
16 and the King had a bitter quarrel. The  
17 Prince vowed undying fidelity to his  
18 bride. The King swore that the Prince  
19 would lose his royal job if he didn't  
20 call it quits with the lady.

21 Well, after swearing - I'll  
22 be true to you - so loudly, the Prince  
23 has now experienced a change of mind.  
24 The Associated Press reports that he has  
25 yielded to the King's demands and has

renounced the lady fair. She says it was at her request.

The royal brothers had a reconciliation meeting last night. Prince Nicholas was received with imposing ceremonies at the Palace, and he and King Carol were tremendously cordial to each other, just like old pals.

And tonight the word is that the Prince is going ~~in~~ on a travel jaunt trying to forget. Anyway, there's a royal reconciliation in Roumania, with Prince Nick saying what I am saying now -

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.