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2 Good Evening, Everybody:-

3 Tonight a group of men are
4 gathered in Washington. At the head of
5 the meeting is the President of the
6 United States. The others are important
7 political leaders of both the Republican
8 and Democratic parties.

9 This afternoon President Hoover
10 issued a statement in which he told about
11 the discussion that is being held
12 tonight:-

13 ^{The} ~~He~~ purpose of this conference,"
14 he declared, "is to advance a program of
15 international unity in setting up
16 constructive forces in place of the
17 destructive forces now working in this
18 depression."

19 The President gave no details of
20 the subjects that ^{are} ~~were~~ being discussed,
21 except that he added, as quoted by the
22 Associated Press, that these subjects
23 were "largely domestic."

24 David Lawrence, the political
25 expert, writing in the New York Sun ^{today,}

1 declares that the President has a plan to
2 improve the credit structure of this
3 country. The idea is to create easier
4 credit conditions and to prevent frozen
5 assets from tying up business.

6 Democratic leaders in Washington
7 gathered in caucus this afternoon and took
8 up that meeting ~~tonight~~ to which the
9 President had invited them. The
10 International News Service says that the
11 result of the caucus was a decision ~~of~~
12 to collaborate, ^{i.e.} if the plan proposed by
13 the President meets with their approval.
14 In other words, the Democrats are willing
15 to back the President if they think his
16 ideas are O.K.

17 In the New York stock market today
18 prices went up. It was a rousing good
19 day, just as yesterday wasn't so good.
20 Stocks jumped from one to 16 points, and
21 the leading issues, says the United Press,
22 showed vigorous advances.

23 They say the boom in the stock
24 market was caused by the announcement of
25 that conference which is being held

1 tonight -- THAT and the movement that is
2 on against short selling.

3 There has been a constant outcry
4 against the brokers who beat down the
5 prices of stocks by selling short. This
6 and the important developments which the
7 President seems to have in mind caused the
8 prices of stocks to take a new lease of
9 life and go climbing.

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1 *And another* An important conference is
2 scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.
3 President Hoover has called a meeting of
4 a number of the nation's leading bankers
5 and real estate dealers.

6 The International News Service
7 declares that ~~it has information that~~ the
8 meeting is scheduled for 2:30 tomorrow
9 afternoon.

10 The real estate men who will
11 attend are ~~said to be~~ connected with
12 large building-and-loan associations, ~~and~~
13 *Mr. Hoover is said to have in mind a plan for stimulating*
14 *building* the rumor is that the President intends to
15 lay before that banking and real estate
16 meeting a plan for saving homes. Yes,
17 the idea is to save homes from the
18 auctioneer when mortgages are foreclosed.

19 The President is described as
20 being deeply concerned with the problems
21 of home-financing which many people are
22 facing just now.
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1 Well, that question of a general
2 election in England has been settled at
3 last. There have been rumors and counter
4 rumors for weeks, but today an announcement
5 was made at Buckingham Palace, and it just
6 states what everybody had expected -
7 that a general election in England would
8 be held during the latter part of this
9 month. The date, says the Associated
10 Press, will be October 28th.

11 When the news was announced to a
12 meeting of the Labor Party at Scarborough,
13 the Labor delegates arose with a cheer
14 ~~and~~ and ^{sang} ~~swung~~ the Red Flag.

15 The International News Service
16 confirms the fact that Prime Minister
17 MacDonald will enter the election as a
18 Labor candidate. He has been expelled
19 from the Labor Party. The Conservatives
20 want him to run as a Conservative
21 candidate. They would like to put him
22 up for election in a constituency where,
23 as a conservative candidate, he'd be
24 sure to win. But MacDonald says no.
25 Whether the Labor Party wants him or not,

1 he's going to run as a Labor candidate.
2 "I shall fight as a Labor candidate",
3 he declares, "and use the Labor colors
4 wherever I go."

5 On the other hand, there is one
6 prominent member of the present
7 government of Great Britain who will
8 not figure ^{at all} in that new election. ~~at all.~~
9 He is one of the prominent Labor leaders
10 who accompanied Ramsay MacDonald in his
11 break with the Labor Party. I mean
12 Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the
13 Exchequer, long famous as the principal
14 Socialist^{ie} economist of Great Britain.

15 Snowden has announced that he
16 will not seek re-election to the House
17 of Commons. The report is that he is
18 to be given a peerage and that he will
19 go into the House of Lords.
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1 Germany is tonight without a
2 foreign minister. Dr. Julius Curtius
3 has resigned. The United Press, in
4 explaining the resignation, mentions
5 that Austro-German Customs Union which
6 went on the rocks and finally dropped
7 out of sight.

8 Herr Curtius was one of the
9 prime movers in that Customs Union
10 scheme, and as ^a ~~the~~ result, his political
11 prestige has suffered quite a bit.

12 ^{It is} ~~One~~ report ^{ed} ~~is~~ that the whole
13 cabinet of Chancellor Bruening will
14 resign tomorrow. If it does, they say
15 that President Von Hindenburg will call
16 upon Chancellor Bruening to step right
17 back into his job and form a new
18 government.

1 Over in Norway, His Majesty
2 King Haakon, has just solved a social
3 problem that was turning into a loud
4 argument.

5 The question was: should or should
6 not the King be invited to the party?

7 The New York Sun today explains
8 that there is to be a big ceremony in
9 Oslo, the capital of Norway. The
10 occasion is the laying of the foundation
11 ~~stone~~ stone for the new City Hall. The
12 Town Council had the job of sending out
13 invitations to the guests who were to
14 be present and they left out the King.

15 The town council is strongly
16 socialistic and they thought it just
17 as well that the King didn't come.

18 Many other Norwegians thought this
19 was a dreadful piece of bad manners.
20 They declared that no celebration like
21 that would be complete without the
22 Royal Presence.

23 That's the way the argument started
24 and it was getting noisy. But it
25 appears that the King of Norway has a

1 sense of humor. When he heard about
2 the trouble he laughed and he proceeded
3 to settle the matter in a very simple
4 way.

5 All the people who have contributed
6 money for the solemn occasion are
7 entitled to tickets. The King is one
8 of the heaviest contributors. So he
9 just walked around to the window where
10 the tickets were being passed out and
11 asked for his. They were given to him.
12 So that settles the problem of whether
13 his Majesty is to attend.

14 That piece of royal simplicity
15 seems to have taken the steam right
16 out of the argument, and what threatened
17 to be a grave political matter has just
18 turned into a laugh.

Dr. Stefansson.

Arctic explorer.

(his part is
missing)

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1 I've been hearing a few things
2 of late that have made me stop and think
3 a bit. People say: Great Scott, that
4 was a foolish sort of thing, that
5 Wilkins expedition. It was just a plain
6 failure, *a ridiculous failure.*

7 Well, that surprises me a little
8 because ^{here I'd} ~~I've~~ been going along ~~rather~~ ^{thinking}
9 ~~considering~~ that submarine trip to the
10 Arctic as surprisingly successful -
11 considering. Of course, ^{the Nautilus,} the undersea
12 craft that Sir Hubert Wilkins had, did
13 all sorts of funny tricks. It broke
14 down in the middle of the Atlantic.
15 In fact, it broke down every time it had
16 a chance. And ^{up} there while it was
17 driving through the Arctic ice, it lost
18 its diving rudder. Just about every
19 mishap you can think of beset those
20 adventurers.

21 But just the same, the Wilkins
22 party shoved their way through the ice
23 of the North. ^{They didn't reach the Pole, of course. But} They got within a little
24 more than three hundred miles of the tip of
25 ^{the globe,} ~~North Pole,~~ and in that cranky submarine.

1 they did dive under the ice. For the
2 first time in history a ~~bu~~marine boat
3 ~~the~~ went cruising around under the
4 Polar icepack. And, as I say, I'd
5 consider that quite a surprising bit
6 of success, considering the handicaps.

7 But just the same, I've been
8 stumped by the way people say that the
9 Wilkins trip was just a flop. Maybe
10 I haven't got the right slant on it.

11 Anyway, let's find out. Let's ask
12 somebody who knows. Let's ask a man
13 who is as familiar with the North and
14 its problems ~~xxx~~ as any man ^{who ever lived} ~~is~~. No,
15 I don't have to look far to find him.

16 He's right here beside me. He is

17 ~~Dr.~~ Dr. Stefansson, the famous
18 Arctic explorer, *author of the Friendly Arctic*
19 *and other widely read books.*
20 What do you think about it, Dr.

21 Stefansson? What do you think about
22 the relative degree of success and
23 failure of that Wilkins expedition?
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Well, Dr. Stefansson, you've made a strong case, and you're one of the few men in a position to know. And, by the way, did you hear about the baseball game. Philadelphia won, and the World Series is tied up again. We are right in the final climax of the baseball year. The football season has already begun. The gridiron games haven't been very important thus far, but the big battles will soon be here, with the husky teams bucking each other on the field and some flashy back running the ball for a touchdown, while the air trembles with one vast roar from the stands.

I wonder how that fellow with the ball feels? Many a football fan has asked that question as he has seen a swift footed runner sprint for a touchdown.

Well, this week's Literary Digest tells us how he feels, on the authority of Eddie Dooley, a famous all-American star.

It was back in 1924. Cornell and Dartmouth staged a hot game at the Polo Grounds in New York. Eddie was in there fighting. A short pass, and the ball came flying his way.

He caught it on his finger-tips, and away he went. Here's the way Eddie Dooley describes his sensations, as the Literary Digest quotes it from the American Magazine:-

"I remember the indescribable thrill of speeding along the side of the field, hoping to outstrip the Cornell backs. I was conscious of being whirled along in a sea of faces. I felt as though I were running on air rather than solid turf. The shouts of the multitude seemed far in the distance. Vaguely, I saw the red jerseys of the Cornell backs loom up and disappear. Out of thousands of faces my eyes fastened on the countenance of an old friend I hadn't seen in years, who was sitting directly behind the goal posts. It was great. And when I crossed the final stripe I was infinitely happy."

So now you'll know how it feels when you see the boys running on Saturday.

1 The other evening in relating some
2 transactions of the Tall Story Club, I
3 mentioned that the Great American Whopper
4 was getting a bit of competition from the
5 whoppers that flourish in other lands.
6 But I neglected to mention Ireland. And
7 here I have a letter from Mr. James E.
8 Dugan, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who tells
9 me something of the glory of the Great
10 Irish Whopper. In fact he kicks in with
11 a genuine Hibernian Tall Story.

12 He tells how last year he visited
13 the old sod and had occasion to observe
14 how old people get in Ireland.

15 "I was strolling along a country
16 road in County Donegal," writes Mr. Dugan
17 "when I saw an old man sitting on a stone
18 wall. He had a long white beard and
19 seemed as if he must be a hundred. He
20 was weeping--crying bitterly. I walked
21 over to him and asked him what he was
22 crying about. I thought perhaps that a
23 great grandson or a great granddaughter
24 of his had just died. But he told me he
25 was crying because his father had just

given him a licking."

"Your father just gave you a licking", I exclaimed in astonishment. "What did he do that for?"

"He licked me, begorrah", sobbed the venerable patriarch, "because I was throwing stones at my grandfather."

The Tall Story Club however is a patriotic organization and refuses to let any other land, even the Emerald Isle, get the best of our own Great American Whopper.

I have a clipping sent in by one of the truth-telling brothers, of the Tall Story Club. It relates that Swepson Earle of the State Conservation Commission of Maryland, has received a report about an oyster that was seen wearing a set of false teeth. It appears that artificial dentistry, his teeth and they were picked up and put to good use by that oyster.

They say the oyster with the false teeth biting everything in sight. So, so - and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.