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Brazil

Well, it looks as though the revolution down in Brazil has come to a dramatic end. The Federal government was overthrown today. President Washington Luis handed in his resignation and fled from the capital while 100,000 people rioted around the national palace. The government of Brazil tonight is in the hands of a military junta headed by General Castro, commander of the Coast Defense Artillery. According to a late International News Service flash, General Menna Barreto will take office as temporary head of the government with the title "Protector-Dictator". This afternoon General Barreto issued a proclamation suspending all hostilities on both

sides and asking the people of Brazil to unite for peace.

That, in brief, is what has happened, and now just a word as to the way it came about. The revolution in Brazil was just three weeks old. And so far there has been very little evidence in Rio de Janeiro, South America's most beautiful city, that there was a civil war going on at all. The fighting has been hundreds of miles from Rio. But early this morning a mutiny broke out among the Federal troops in Rio. Almost at the same moment the Brazilian navy mutinied. Then the new rebel leaders then sent word to President Luis that 30,000 troops were ready to march in and seize the city. So President Luis resigned.

When word got round the city that the Federals had capitulated, the people went wild. Mobs carrying red banners swept through the streets of Rio yelling and cheering. They swarmed

around the offices of the newspapers that had supported Washington Luis and President elect Julio Prestes, and burned them down. During the rioting one of the casualties was the president of the Brazilian Senate. He was shot and badly wounded.

The leaders who are now in control in Rio issued an order this afternoon demobilizing the 100,000 men who are under arms. Revolutionary leaders are hurrying to Rio by train, by auto and by airplane from various parts of the country. So the revolution in Brazil is over and the rebels have won.

Brazil's troubles may be over now, but poor old China's troubles are still going strong.

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### China

A British gunboat has just had quite an adventure on the Yangtse River. She is H.M.S. Gannet, and the Associated Press tells us that she was on her way down river from Hankow. The

Communists were in force along the Yangtse, and, the first thing the Gannet knew, a shore battery opened on her. She ran past, and then, farther on, a few more cannon opened fire. Six times the Gannet was bombarded. But the gunnery was poor, and the ship wasn't damaged.

About that important event yesterday-- when the President of China was baptized a Christian. People are asking: What does it mean? How will it affect things in China? The Shanghai correspondent of the New York Times points out that the wife of President Chiang-Kai-shek was educated in America and is a Christian, and that she married Chiang with a semi-Christian ceremony. Well, the president's own government has been following an anti-religious policy. The missionaries hope for a change now. The Associated Press correspondent at Shanghai cables that everybody out there regards the President's conversion as a hard blow to the Communists.

All of this adds a new complication to

China's already complicated situation. And if you want a good idea of how complicated things really are out there, you just read an article in the issue of the Literary Digest which is now on the news stands. Just thumb quickly through your copy of the Digest until a vivid cartoon catches your eye---one which shows Communism reaping its harvest in China. Well, the article tells of a mysterious move in the Chinese game. It makes an interesting background for this new development--China's president turning to Christianity.

And religion reminds us of this Palestine question that's so much in the limelight just now.

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Lloyd George

Lloyd-George vigorously denounces the British Labor government's new policy. Other protests have been made by Stanley Baldwin, Austin Chamberlain, General Smuts of South Africa, and the 5000 American Jews who fought under Allenby

in the campaign that freed Palestine from the Turks during the World War. In spite of this, says the International News Service, the government's attitude was vigorously upheld today by Premier McDonald. So a temporary impasse seems to have been reached over Palestine.

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#### Anniversary

Yes, <sup>now</sup> this is another anniversary.

~~And of course we all know the anniversary of what, because~~ When Wall Street crashed, just one year ago today, it crashed with a roar that was heard around the world. In fact, the rumblings can still be heard. A year ago today the New York Stock Exchange, and stock exchanges everywhere for that matter, and brokerage offices all over this country were like exaggerated lunatic asylums. Orders poured in from all parts of the country, and from all parts of the world--to sell, sell, sell. And then prices, well, they fell, and fell, and fell.

Well, a year has passed, and what about

the stock market today? There was a rally-- nothing wild or startling--but a definite bull market. Wouldn't it be a coincidence if today was the turning point, the day on which business started back on its long climb? Well, I'm not going to prophecy about that. But as I hurried through the late editions of the papers today, I saw article after article telling what is being done to remedy the business situation, what is being done to pull prosperity back. And out of it all I got a feeling of determined effort. Apparently the country has made up its mind that things will and must improve, and improve rapidly at that point.

In Cleveland, 1100 unemployed workingmen were put to work today on street and park improvements. Corporations are making jobs, and it is estimated that 9,000 men have been put to work during the past two weeks. A flash from Memphis, Tennessee, says that 2,000 unemployed will be given jobs during the coming

week. And right here, let me refer you to an article in this week's Literary Digest which tells how Detroit is solving its unemployment problem. That article is still more evidence that it's time to do something - and that something is being done.

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#### Turkish Women

Something rather startling is being done in Turkey also. The Turks have just opened their first gymnasium for women. The fair ladies around the Golden Horn, says the New York Sun, are beginning to count their calories and go in for exercise. It all started with Mubedjel Namik Hanoum, the girl who won a national beauty contest and became the Turkish Queen of Beauty. Yes, they have beauty contests over in Constantinople the same as we do at Atlantic City and Galveston, and the only difference is--well, the only difference is a matter of about twenty or thirty pounds.

In the good old days in Turkey, beauty



and avoirdupois went hand and hand. It was just an old Turkish custom. Ha! But the new Beauty Queen got different ideas from the beauty contest winners of other countries. So she went home and reduced. The Turkish doctors held up their hands in horror, and predicted her early demise. But when she proved that slenderness and perfect health could be combined, the other Constantinople ladies wanted to do likewise.

A canny Turk saw his chance and opened a beauty parlor for taking off pounds. Ever since then, he has had to turn away customers, and now he's opened a flourishing women's gym. Wouldn't Old Abdul Hamid and the caliphs who preceded him moan if they could see what's happening in old Stambul?

And here's something that happened in

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Rats

Lisbon, Portugal. They have

killed off hordes of cats that infested the city. But now still greater hordes of rats boldly come out on the streets of the city. The people want the cats back.

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#### Test Army Planes

A crash at the Chicago Air Races the other day has been investigated by the Navy Department. The experts suspect that it may have been caused by gasses generated in the plane. So, the Navy Department, according to the New York Telegram, is beginning a series of tests to determine if pilots are inhaling deadly gas in any type of navy planes. It may turn out that carbon monoxide from aeroplane motors has been affecting pilots and causing crashes.

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#### French Fliers

Those two brilliant French aviators, Coste and Bellonte, returned to their native

land today. They landed at Havre and were greeted by a shouting howling throng of nearly 100,000 people. A huge banquet is being held for them at the City Hall in Havre, tonight. A crew of mechanics is busy re-assembling their plane, the Question Mark. The two fliers will make their triumphal hop to Paris tomorrow, where the greatest reception ever given by the French people to civilians will take place. According to Press dispatches, all France has gone wild over Coste and Bellonte.

And over here they'll be going wild about that football tomorrow.

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### Football

500,000 fans will attend fifty college games in the East alone. 350,000 fans will turn out to see the old Army Mule fight the Eli Bulldog up at Yale, and the Notre Dame Irish tackle the Pittsburg Panther and Chick Meehan's Violets battle Fordham here

in New York. But there will be equally big games elsewhere, such as Harvard - Dartmouth; Princeton - Navy; Wisconsin - Purdue; Leland Stanford versus Southern California. And down in the cotton country, the boys from Vanderbilt will tackle that redoubtable Alabama Crimson Tide.

So, all in all, it's going to be a day of wild excitement for those who love football, and who doesn't.

That's a noisy subject, but here comes news about silence..

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Silencer

Hiram P. Maxim, the man who invented the Maxim silencer for guns, has just completed what he regards the crowning invention of his career. It is a device for keeping noises out of a room and still allowing free ventilation. You fit it into an open window, says the New York Evening World, and all the street noises--the

honking of horns and rumble of traffic--  
are wiped out. Several New York hotels  
have ordered these silencers for every window.  
The back alley cat will be heard no more,  
and the case of the man picking off a serenading  
cat with a shoe will become a joke of the past.

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#### Shell

I found another story in the N. Y.  
World today about a striking new invention.  
It's an anti-aircraft shell which has just  
been tried out by the United States army, and  
it can be shot into the air for 25,000 feet.  
That means that if airplanes in the next war  
want to be safe, they've got to fly at an  
altitude of five miles.

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#### News Item of the Day

Here's something that should have been  
invented by a writer of detective stories. But  
it's out of life. It happened yesterday afternoon.  
And I'm picking it for the news item of the day.

Mark O. Prentiss is a criminologist. He has studied the ways of crime and the habits of criminals. He is the chief organizer of the National Crime Commission. Well, Mr. Prentiss was at a luncheon given to Mr. Tuttle, the Republican candidate for governor in New York. Then Mr. Prentiss went home. He lives at 65 Park Avenue.

He unlocked the door of his apartment, and walked in. And there he found a burglar, who was just in the act of pocketing some jewelry. The burglar was taken by surprise and almost scared out of his wits. Mr. Prentiss reached swiftly to the wall, and grabbed a Turkish sword that was hanging there. Armed with that ferocious scimitar he forced the burglar into a chair. The burglar was thoroughly cowed.

And now the criminologist had a rare chance for a bit of real life criminological study. Still keeping that Turkish scimitar handy, he pulled up a chair and had a long talk

with the burglar.

"Come, my good man," said Mr. Prentiss, "tell me about yourself."

The burglar was a well dressed, nice looking young fellow. He was intelligent, too. He told how he got into the apartment with two small pieces of velum paper and an L shaped piece of tin, and that was certainly ingenious. He also explained various matters pertaining to crime. And then he went on to say that it was his first offense, and that he was an artist, a painter by profession - a starving artist. Mr. Prentiss looked at his hands, and he saw that they were certainly not the hands of a painter.

It was an interesting conversation, and no doubt highly important to criminology. And then Mr. Prentiss called the police. To them the prisoner later admitted that he had committed sixteen burglaries. But the idea of a criminologist coming home and finding a burglar in his house - well, that would be

an interesting item any day in any man's country.

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Shorts

Here are a few shorts:

A resident of Pomeroy, Ohio, says the United Press, has a parrot that sings church hymns. And

Somebody over in Germany, according to the International News Service, has suggested a tax on kissing to help pay the German war debts. It will be two cents a smack. That's cheap enough.

Also American ice manufacturers are going to put colored ice on the market. Then, according to the New York Evening World, housewives will be able to order it to match their gowns.

Well, we started with big excitement in Brazil tonight, and now we're around to colored ice - and that's a wide enough range for any day's news. So Goodnight.