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Good Evening, Everybody:-

The other day the New Jersey police captured an expert porch climber named Arthur Barry, who had taken a fair sized fortune, snaffling the jewels of rich folk on Long Island. Well, today something new developed -- the question was raised as to whether he had any connection with the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby. The N. Y. World-Telegram points out that the farm-house in New Jersey where he was taken was not far from the Lindbergh home.

The man himself scorned the idea that he could have had anything to do with that kidnapping. He described it as an amateurish job. The dispatch says that he discussed it as gravely as a surgeon would talk of an operation performed by an inept and bungling colleague. He said, moreover: "Of course I would not do such a thing to the Lindberghs. For the Colonel did a great favor for me once." The reporter looked astonished; so the prisoner went on to explain:-

When I was in trouble in Long Island, he made his flight to Paris. I owe him a great deal for that. He took me

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off the front page. And believe me, I was glad to be off the front page at that time."

Mr. Barry gave the New Jersey police alibis for his whereabouts on the night of the kidnapping of ^{the} ~~Colonel Lindbergh's~~ baby, but at the same time the officers declare they are going to check up his alibis ~~very~~ minutely.

LONDON

John Bull's peace officers are facing riots on a scale such as hasn't been seen in England since Ben Tillett, the labor leader, led his army of unemployed on Westminster in the days of Gladstone. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post reports that two hundred thousand hunger marchers are converging on London tonight. With the support of the hundred thousand unemployed already in London, they expect to stage a demonstration on Wednesday for which all the police reserves are being held in readiness.

The formal part of this march will be a presentation of a petition to the Prime Minister, signed by half a million of the jobless. On Thursday there'll be a gigantic demonstration in Hyde Park. The dispatch relates further that no less than eighteen columns of footsore marchers are trudging through the rain towards London. Some of them are coming from as far away as Glasgow which they left September 26th.

Correspondents are pointing out that if the riot comes off it will be the 38th in England ~~since~~ since the depression set in.

PARIS

The French government is of the opinion that the depression there is at an end and that business is on the upward march. So said the French Minister of Labor speaking in the name of the Cabinet. A dispatch to the New York Times points out that the number of unemployed in France ~~ix~~ has ^{decreased more than} ~~fallen over~~ one hundred thousand since March. The jobless in La Belle France now number only ~~twenty~~ two hundred fifty six thousand.

But the French Minister of Labor adds that France cannot cure her ills alone. The French are linked and bound with every other people.

HELEN

There's a great to do in all the papers today over ~~the~~
Princess Helen of Roumania, the former wife of ^{Jolly old} King Carol. She
arrived in Bucharest yesterday evening for the 11th birthday party
of her son, the Crown Prince Michael. A dispatch to the Montreal
Star says that the circumstances of her arrival have caused
considerable speculation.

The Princess Helen came from the frontier in the royal
private coach which the King had sent to meet her. When she
arrived in Bucharest she was taken not to the royal palace, but
to the house she had occupied while her little son was for a
brief time King of ^{the} Roumanians.

The talk is of a reconciliation. But this has been
denied on behalf of the Princess.

ITALY

They had a big military parade at Turin in Italy today.

Premier Mussolini reviewed a force of more than two hundred thousand troops including motor sections, infantry, cavalry, artillery, tanks, and Bersagliers. While this was going on two hundred airplanes maneuvered overhead.

What made this ^{whole Turin affair} ~~reviewing~~ important was that the Duce took advantage of the occasion to make another strong appeal for revision of war debts by Uncle Sam. What Europe needs, he says once more, is a clean slate. And then he added:

"The ship of reparations has come into port. But it needs refuge."

Mr. Mussolini also said that Italy will continue to be a member of the League of Nations. The League must not be abandoned in this day of its need. *He said it yesterday and re stated it again today.*

DEBTS

(It is believed in Washington, D. C. that Europe is ready to default or even repudiate her eleven billion dollar war debt to Uncle Sam, that is, if the United States Government insists upon payment in full.) This is reported today by William Philip Simms, Foreign Editor of the Scripps Howard newspapers. He has information that the moment the presidential elections are over Europe ^{is} going to start one final bitter drive for drastic reduction or cancellation of the war debts.

It seems there are growing indications that Europe has formed a united front against Uncle Sam. Now that the German reparations slate has been wiped clean at Lausanne for a payment of about one cent on the dollar, similar sweeping reductions will be demanded from the ^{U.S.A.} ~~United States~~. Shrewd political observers in the capital believe that the debtor nations of Europe ~~either~~ either together or separately are about to approach ^{you would} Uncle ~~Sam~~ offering ~~about~~ ^{or so} ten cents on the dollar.

GERMANY

The present German government is not concerned with the restoration of the monarchy. So said Chancellor von Papen today to a mass meeting of workers guilds in Berlin. Only the German people are competent to determine what sort of government they want, added the Chancellor. ~~The question of monarchy~~ There are so many more important problems facing Germany today that the question of monarchy is not even up for discussion.

FISH

In the east end of London there's a fish peddler who claims to be a very remarkable fish peddler. To his neighbors in Billingsgate he is known as William Brightwell, purveyor of fish, fruits and meat ^{— but mostly fresh fish, or maybe it isn't fresh.} But he has another calling card which ^{pro} claims him to be His Imperial Highness the Archduke Franz Rudolf Maximilian of Hapsburg.

A dispatch to the Toronto Star relates that Mr. William Brightwell Hapsburg ^{is again insisting that} ~~says~~ he is son and heir to the late Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. For more than fifty years none of the neighbors knew that William Brightwell ^{the fish monger,} even ~~claimed~~ to be anything else than William Brightwell. Recently, however, he's been putting forward his claim to be the eldest son of the unfortunate Maximilian and Carlotta.

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His story runs that when Napoleon III deserted Maximilian, the Emperess Carlotta went to Pope Pius the Ninth at the Vatican. She was allowed to stay in Rome for six weeks, and it was there, says Mr. Brightwell, that he was born. His ~~brother's~~ birth was kept a secret and he was brought to London and

left on the doorstep of an orphanage. A few days later he was taken to the home of William Brightwell, a grocer, who ~~had~~ adopted him. As all students of history know, the unfortunate Empress ~~of~~ Carlotta went to all the courts of Europe trying to get help, and eventually lost her reason. Meanwhile her son was reared in the home of this Billingsgate grocer. But, he says, his uncle, King Leopold of ~~the~~ Belgium used to pay two hundred pounds a year for his education. He claims the present King ^{of the Belgians} Albert [^] as his cousin.

The reason he is telling this story now, he adds, is that he has hopes of recovering ~~this~~ six million dollars worth ~~of~~ ^{of} gold and crown jewels. The jewels and money ^{belonging} ~~belonged~~ [^] to Maximilian remained in the Mexican Treasury until 1911. In that year President Diaz shortly before he was overthrown, sent them to Europe. The steamer ^(carrying them) ~~sank~~ [^] off the ^{Virginia} ~~Florida~~ [^] Capes with the supposed treasure on board. Now a company has been organized in London to salvage that steamer. ~~which sank off the Virginia Capes.~~ William

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the fish monger - or ~~Prince~~ Archduke
Brightwell [^] Franz Rudolf Maximilian Hapsburg, whichever

you choose to call him, has served notice through a London

law firm that he is prepared to prove his title to this fortune.

*I wonder if this is a tall story or a
fish story.*

FOOTBALL

Last Saturday ~~certainly~~ was a dramatic day for football fans. Richard⁵ Vidmer in the New York Herald Tribune says it should be marked on the calendar as ~~xxxxxx~~ shipwreck Saturday. "In every section of the land high hopes were dashed against the rocks of defeat or snarled in the toils of high scores." Well, that's a picturesque way of putting it.

hitherto victorious
No less than thirteen college ~~six~~ elevens went up against their first defeat of the season. Two other ^{expectant}/~~champions~~ encountered their first ties.

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In the Eastern division five teams are still in the ranks of the unbeaten. ~~They~~ are Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, Penn, and Brown. *Princeton is still in the running with two tied games.*

In the Midwest Chicago's ~~six~~ victory over Indiana was the most sensational event of Saturday. The experts are dopping Michigan as the most ^{likely}/~~probably~~ champion of the big ten, ~~in the~~ ~~prairie states,~~ though Notre Dame ^{has given}/~~gave~~ evidence of power that has yet to be fully tested. *So far they've been averaging a point a minute.*

Among ~~these~~ formidable ~~scores~~ of Pacific coast

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aggregations, the most spectacular seems to be last year's
champions of America, the University of Southern California,
the Trojans, whose victory over Stanford Saturday came as a
surprise.

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The New York Times has just printed a two-column article concerning the present Literary Digest presidential poll. ^{And} This shows how important the Times considers it. The story states that Digest polls have always favored the Republican side, not intentionally, but because it seems to be easier to obtain lists of those who normally vote the Republican ticket. Many working people have neither telephones ^{nor} ~~or~~ motor cars, and it is more difficult to reach them with a poll.

Having said this, the New York Times further states that the Digest poll, this year, so far, indicates an overwhelming victory for Franklin Roosevelt.

In spite of this, the Republicans say Mr. Hoover is gaining ground rapidly.

TIME

What I'm going to say next will, of course, sound like a bit of advertising. But it isn't. If you happen to listen to this hour very often, you may be interested in knowing a little about my present sponsor, the Sun Oil Company. Well, I ran into an interesting story about Sun Oil in this week's issue of Time Magazine. I just thought you might like to read it.

LOANS

~~Many applications for loans~~ Among the applications for loans pouring in on the Reconstruction Finance Corporation are several with if not a comic, at any rate a freakish aspect. For instance, a dispatch to the ~~Boston~~ Boston Traveler says that a lady in Boston wants the modest sum of \$150,000. On this she proposes to make \$480. a month by borrowing from the R.F.C. at three and a half per cent and lending it to other Bostonians at seven per cent.

Then there are some Florida real estate men who would like ^a~~one~~ million and a half to pipe fresh water to some islands off the coast. There's one set of thrifty financiers who want to borrow money to build half a toll bridge from the United States to Canada. They are sure the Canadians would build the other half, but they don't say how the one half would be held up while the second half is being built. Then another Florida gentleman wants to ^{sponge on}~~borrow from~~ Uncle Sam in order to ^{run}~~run~~ a sponge farm. He assures the R.F.C. that sponge farms are self liquidating. *And that sounds reasonable.*

HOLD_UP

Here's an ironic story from Kansas City, Missouri.

On the door of one of the drugstores hung a sign "Closed". The owner's explanation as quoted in a dispatch to the Cincinnati Post, is that he had^s been robbed seven times in two years.

"I've turned the store over to the robbers", said the druggist. "They came twice last week and that finished me."

3 He explained further that it was not so much the loss of the money as the strain on his nerves. He got tired of looking down gun barrels so often.

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STAMPS

This is an important day for stamp collectors. So my friend, Charlie Macloon, of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, informs me. For today Uncle Sam's Post Office has issued two new issues of three cent stamps. One of these bears the picture of Daniel Webster, commemorating the 150th anniversary of his death. The other is a portrait of William Penn, because this is the 250th anniversary of ^{the} ~~his~~ landing in America *of the patron saint of Philadelphia.*

The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph adds further that these new stamps are already enormously popular. Before they were even on the market, Uncle Sam received huge requests for them. The original order to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving was for thirty-five million of each series. But the advance demands of the collectors have been so big that within the last ten days the Post Office Department changed the order to fifty million for each stamp. Incidentally in today's mail I received letters from friends bearing samples of these new stamps.

OPERA

I heard a good story today. It was told by Fortune Gallo, impresario of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company. The San Carlo Company, by the way, is opening a new season tonight in New York, after being off the boards for a couple of years. For many a season it was one of those deep sea opera companies that travelled from one end of the country to the other. Impresario Gallo is reputed to be one of the ^{few managers who have} ~~very few men who~~ actually made money out of opera.

And he is a rattling good story teller to boot. A humorous chap with a great fund of Neapolitan comedy. He was telling how fine the audiences are in this country. They don't hiss singers as savagely as audiences do in Italy. And the story illustrates that point.

There was a performance of some opera or other in Venice a few years ago, and the tenor sang his big aria so beautifully that the audience made him give a lot of encores. ^{They loved it so that} ~~They loved~~ they made him sing that aria over 11 times. The 11th time, the tenor

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cracked on the top note - and they hissed him off the stage.

As Impressario Gallo of the San Carlo Opera Company says,
"Si signore, that was one tough audience".

FREAK

Scientists in Poland are considerably interested in
~~the~~^a man who's built on peculiar lines. He claims that his head
is wired for sound.

A dispatch to the Hartford Times describes the man as
a factory engineer. He insists that he receives radio broadcasts
in his head without the benefit of any apparatus whatsoever. At
the town of Lodz in Poland is a large broadcasting station.
Whenever that ~~is~~^{station is functioning} ~~announcing~~, this factory engineer claims he hears
the ~~news~~ programs even if he is nowhere hear a receiving set.

The scientists are investigating him. They admit that
his brain seems to have some radio-like faculty which is difficult
for them to explain. At the same time they have their fingers
crossed.

And now it's time for me to cross my
fingers and fold my hands and say s-l-u-t-m.