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1 If I were a newsboy, I'd be
2 shouting "extra--extra". The wires have
3 been popping with news today:--Important
4 flashes from Washington; a good one
5 about a congressman who wouldn't take
6 an ⁱaeroplane ride; a weather prophecy
7 for Thanksgiving Day; a bit of football;
8 something sensational from Russia; more
9 excitement down in Peru; a new Viceroy
10 for India; a strange prehistoric monster
11 up in Alaska; and so on, and so on.
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1 President Hoover comes out today
2 with a denial that he intends to put
3 through any new Federal laws to put a
4 stop to racketeering. He rather pours
5 cold water on the whole idea of the
6 Federal Government taking up the fight
7 against the racketeers. This spikes
8 some recent rumors. According to the
9 International News Service, the President
10 said that there are plenty of state laws
11 to deal with racketeering. He added
12 that what is needed is enforcement.

13 Mr. Hoover had a few plain words
14 to say about prosecuting prominent
15 gangsters for income tax frauds. He
16 pointed out that things must be in a
17 fine fix if the state governments must
18 fall back on the Federal income tax law
19 to stop local crime.

20 But there's a mayor down in Texas
21 who rushes in where even Presidents might
22 fear to tread. *Says the Texas fire-eater, just give me twenty-*
23 *five Texas policemen and one Texas ranger,*
24 *and he'll clean up the Chicago racketeers*
25 *in three weeks. In reply to which Chicagoans*
say "Ho ho" and likewise "Ha ha."

1 Senator Robinson of Arkansas,
2 Democratic leader in Congress, comes
3 forth with an announcement that he is
4 against the congressional uprising
5 that has been threatened recently. The
6 present session of congress is short.
7 Republican insurgents who are not working
8 in harmony with President Hoover, say
9 they want a special session to follow,
10 ~~it~~, so that farm relief bills can be
11 put through. They threaten to hold up
12 important bills in the present Congress,
13 so that the President will be forced
14 to call a special session. And the way
15 they want to do it is by a filibuster -
16 by endless palaver until the time of the
17 present session is up. But Senator
18 Robinson ^{declares that he} ~~says he~~ will not ^{help the} ~~join a~~ fili-
19 buster, ^{scheme} ~~and~~ ^{He says he} does not want a special
20 session. So President Hoover and the
21 Democratic leader ^{at least} agree on this point.

22 Here's the one about that
23 Congressman & the airplane.
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CONGRESS

He is William R. Coyle, of Pennsylvania, and he is a Republican. The Republican majority in the next Congress will be just two. Therefore, any Republican Congressman is half of that Republican majority. Anyway, Mr. Coyle, who is a member of the Naval Affairs Committee of Congress, arrived at Camp Kearney, in California, to inspect the site of a proposed dirigible base. He came by train. He said he intended to take an airplane, but changed his mind. "You see," he pointed out, "it wouldn't do for one-half of the Republican majority in Congress to take any chances."

But, according to Department of Commerce figures on the hazards of travel by air over the regular commercial air lines, Congressman Coyle's fears are imaginary.

WEATHER

The weather man reports that another wave of snappy weather is sweeping Eastward. It's on its way down from Northern Alberta. The rumor is that the Upper and Middle Mississippi Valley will get a frosting of snow to go on that Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. Snappy but cooler weather is forecast for most of the country -- grand weather for football, and grand weather for working up an appetite for Thanksgiving dinner.

If there is a little tang in the air, we'll all like that. But here is even better news. The New York Sun declares that Thanksgiving dinner is going to be a lot cheaper this year, and that even those with a slender purse will be able to indulge in a good old-fashioned spread. Here's hoping ~~xx~~ no one get's left out.

Right in line with Thanksgiving comes a story about a turkey.

1 Old Tom, a turkey gobbler
2 up in Colchester, Connecticut, was snooping
3 around a cider mill, says the North
4 American Newspaper Alliance. Filling
5 himself on the cider ~~the~~^{Mr.} Turkey gobbler
6 took off down a hill and crashed head-
7 long into a horse owned by Miles Standish,
8 ~~not the original Miles Standish to be sure, but one~~
9 Standish, ~~one of our~~^{the} famous Pilgrim
10 Fathers. The frightened horse broke his
11 shafts and bolted, leaving Miles Standish
12 seated in the road making somewhat
13 unpuritanical remarks at the ~~xxxxxx~~
14 turkey gobbler. The story appears in
15 the New York Evening World, and ~~it~~^{it} goes on
16 to say that Old Tom, the ~~x~~ turkey, gobbled
17 angrily in reply and then went back to
18 the mill for more cider.

FOOTBALL

From the Associated Press comes word that at the rate tickets are selling a crowd of about 120,000 people will see that Army-Notre Dame football game at Soldier Field, Chicago, next Saturday. The dispatch adds that although the West Point team came through the season without defeat, Notre Dame seems to be a five to one favorite.

By the way, Jumping Joe Savoldi, the spectacular full-back who recently resigned from Notre Dame on account of his matrimonial problem, has signed up for professional football. He will play Thanksgiving Day with the Chicago Cardinals. His back field team mates will be Red Grange, the former Galloping Ghost of Illinois, and Bronko Nagurski, the famous plunging fullback formerly of the University of Minnesota. What a back field! Red Grange, Nagurski and Jumping Joe Savoldi. I'd hate to see that trio of Juggernauts come tearing through the line at me.

Nibs Price, who gained considerable fame as coach out at the University of California, has turned in his resignation. The Associated Press wires that he resigned because of the

unsuccessful season his team has had. Price adds that he had poor support. His Berkeley team this season received ~~in~~ two humiliating defeats. Two weeks ago it was beaten by the overwhelming score of 74 to 0 by the University of Southern California, and then last Saturday Leland Stanford continued the parade to the tune of 41 to 0.

1 In Moscow today there is a courtroom
2 scene worthy of some grim drama of the
3 stage. Eight men are on trial for their
4 lives. They are prominent engineers and
5 professors, and they are charged with
6 being Russian representatives of what
7 the Soviet authorities claim is a gigantic
8 international plot. In a sense, the
9 nations of Western Europe are ^{also} on trial
10 in that Moscow court room.

11 According to the United Press, ~~the~~
12 Bolshevik leaders are making that trial
13 as dramatic and sensational as they can.
14 They are playing up the idea that the
15 nations of Europe are plotting against
16 their communistic experiment. ^{That's the idea} ~~They~~ want
17 to put ~~that idea~~ across ~~in~~ with the
18 Russian people. — ^{which is} ~~That's~~ the main thing.
19 The eight engineers and professors
20 are merely incidental. Apparently they
21 haven't a chance. Eugene Lyons, of the
22 United Press, cables that the Reds from
23 all over Russia are howling for blood,
24 and there have been wild parades and
25 demonstrations. The son of one of the

defendants has even written to the newspapers demanding his father's death. So you can see how dramatic the trial is.

The United Press also cables that, in addition to these eight men on trial, a total of two thousand persons have been arrested for alleged connection with the supposed international plot. 70 have already been dealt with by the Bolshevik secret police. Many were killed without trial.

1 Last evening I told of the escape
2 from prison of Commander Ramon Franco,
3 the famous Spanish aviator. Today, the
4 United Press cables a story telling us
5 that when the Commander vanished from
6 his cell in the military prison he left
7 behind a letter to the Premier of Spain.
8 In the letter he said that he had left
9 Spain to serve the cause of liberty,
10 and ^{then he} ~~he also~~ added, ^{by way of} ~~as~~ an explanation
11 for his escape, that he was "born to
12 fly".
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No sooner does trouble quiet down in South America than up it pops again. This time it's in Peru. 15 persons were injured in a clash between workmen and students, says the United Press, and Soldiers are patrolling Lima, the Peruvian capital, tonight.

1 I have a letter here from Dr.
2 Archie Boudreau, who tells us what they're
3 doing about unemployment up his way in the
4 Berkshire Hills, ^{which is} one of the beauty spots of
5 America. They're turning back the clock
6 at the town of Hinsdale, Massachusetts.
7 That is, they are abandoning machine
8 labor and going back to hand labor. It's
9 less efficient, but they're putting more
10 men to work, and that's the big idea. A
11 story in the Boston Globe tells us that ~~xx~~
12 it was all Dr. Boudreau's idea too. He
13 talked Hinsdale into ^a ~~the~~ scheme, ~~and it~~ ^{which}
14 is creating a lot of discussion.

15 Hinsdale is a small mill town.
16 The mills shut down when the business
17 depression came, and ^a ~~one~~ hundred men were
18 out of work. And that's a big unemploy-
19 ment problem at Hinsdale. ~~Dr.~~ Dr. Boudreau
20 said: "There's that road we've got to
21 build. Four men, a steam shovel and two
22 motor trucks can do it in a couple of
23 weeks. But let's go back to old fashioned
24 ways. With picks and shovels and horse
25 and wagon, it will take twenty five men

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1 a couple of months to ^{finish} ~~do~~ it."

2 The doctor pointed out that
3 it would be a little more expensive to
4 the tax payers, but that the tax payers
5 would have to help to support the men
6 out of work, anyway. So, Hinsdale took
7 up the idea, and twenty-five men are
8 going to work.

9 Well, there's a good deal of
10 discussion about the idea of helping the
11 unemployment situation by discarding
12 machinery and going back to hand work.
13 And, as usual, the Literary Digest is
14 right up to the minute in discussing the
15 latest question of the day. This week's
16 Digest carries an article headed "Going
17 Back to Hand work."

VICEROY

A poet is going to become a real king of kings.

When he gets his job he will receive a salute of guns greater than is accorded to many kings. A hundred Sultans, Maharajahs and other oriental rulers will be under him. ^{the} Name of the man who is going to get this position is Lord Gorrell. The New York Evening Post reports that he is to be appointed Viceroy of India, ruler of 320,000,000 people. The dispatches state that Lord Gorrell not only is a poet but he is a novelist, composer of music, a landscape painter, a publisher, a former newspaper reporter, and a star cricket player, and now he is to ~~be~~ succeed such famous men as the Marquis of Curzon and the Earl of Reading. He will have a palace in the ancient city of Delhi and another magnificent summer residence at Simla in the Himalayas. He will have special trains at his disposal, and strings of elephants.

ALASKA

From Cordova, Alaska, comes a weird tale. The Associated Press wirelesses that the body of a giant, lizard-like creature, evidently a prehistoric monster, but covered with hair and in perfect condition, has been found nearby on Glacier Island. The strange creature is said to be 42 feet long, and has a tail 16 feet long. The head alone of this fur clad lizard of a bygone age is 6 feet in length.

It is believed that the monster was caught in the ice tens of thousands of years ago, and as the years have rolled by it has gradually been carried down to the sea coast by the slow moving Columbia glacier.

Columbia Glacier is one of the most spectacular ice fields in the North. The face of it, as I recall, is a mile or so in width and several hundred feet high. As the miles and miles of ice in this glacier move irresistibly towards the sea, inch by inch, great masses break off the face, masses of ice as big as New York buildings. When they break they crash into the water of Prince William sound with a roar like thunder. It is one of the most spectacular sights in the world, and worth a trip to the North to see.

1 The Associated Press carries a
2 pathetic item today about an aged woman
3 out in Adel, Iowa. For thirty-five
4 years Samantha Burns had lived in the
5 County Home. Her special work was to
6 peel potatoes, and evidently for those
7 thirty-five years ^{each day} she peeled a bushel
8 and a half, never once ~~■~~ missing a day.
9 The Associated Press adds that in
10 12,784 days Samantha peeled 19,175½
11 bushels, enough potatoes to fill 32
12 freight cars--a whole train load. But
13 Samantha has passed on to her final
14 reward, and her last sentence was a
15 pathetic question:

16 "Are the potatoes being peeled as
17 well as when I did them?"

18 Evidently she peeled them well,
19 and as the philosophers tell us, it is
20 not what we do but how we do it.
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PICKLES

3,000,000,000 pickles are produced in the United
states every year. According to the Associated Press, that
means 4,000,000 bushels of cucumbers. Please pass the pickles.

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Let's wind up that "old maid" discussion tonight.

More letters have come in making suggestions about what we should call ladies who do not choose to get married. The other night I told about one lady who proposed that they should be described as "unclaimed treasures". Well, there have been several more votes for that.

George E. Lynn, of Pittsburgh, seconds the motion that "Batchelloress" is the right word. He says that it is a term that is "becoming, pronouncable and good lexicography". Another proposes to substitute for "Old Maid" the phrase "unappropriated blessing". A lady who signs herself Julia N.A., of Fort Wayne, Florida, suggests "solo-ette". While Mrs. Marion Miller, of Raleigh, North Carolina, writes to say that she ~~xxx~~ prefers "Lady in Waiting".

Jane Perry, of Concord, Massachusetts, informs me that several years ago a Boston attorney advertised for a word to take the place of "Old Maid". He got

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1 fifty thousand replies, and the winning
2 word was "anti-gander". Well, girls,
3 how would you like to be called
4 anti-ganders?

5 Appropriately enough, today is
6 Saint Catherine's day, and the United
7 Press reminds us that Saint Catherine
8 is the patroness of--well, what shall
9 we call them? Old Maids, Unclaimed
10 Treasures, or Anti-ganders? Anyway,
11 Saint Catherine is their patron saint--
12 at least in France. And in Paris the
13 day is celebrated with an ancient and
14 very popular ~~XXXXXX~~ ceremony. Any young
15 woman past ~~tw~~twenty-five and not married
16 is supposed to wear a green and yellow
17 lace bonnet when she goes promenading.
18 And any man is permitted to kiss her.
19 Yes, and believe me, the men of Paris
20 take enthusiastic advantage of the
21 opportunity.

22 By the way, in Paris Old Maids are
23 called "Catherinettes".

24 Well, you never can tell. Some of
25 our American girls may be adopting that

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Parisian fashion of wearing green and yellow lace bonnets.

Maybe the day is being celebrated over here. I think I'll go out right now and see if I can find an anti-gander. If I do I'll say quack, quack.

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.