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4 Good Evening, Everybody:

5 A secret conference was on today.

6 It was between the United States Senate

7 and the House of Representatives. What

8 about? Well, that all important tax

9 bill. The Senators and Congressmen

10 met this afternoon in executive session.

11 No reporter or spectator was let in.

12 But there seems to be a fair

13 prospect that the differences between

14 the Senate and the House on this vital

15 bill will be quickly adjusted.

16 Meanwhile the administration is

17 waging a strong fight on the Democratic

18 bills in both houses of Congress to

19 provide relief for the unemployed.

20 Secretary of the Treasury Mills appeared

21 before the Senate Committee and argued

22 against Senator Wagner's plan. Secretary

23 of War Hurley appeared before a House

24 committee to oppose the program of

25 Speaker Garner.

1 Mr. Ogden Mills warned the Senate
2 emphatically that Senator Wagner's bill
3 would unbalance the budget on which so
4 much careful pruning is being done. Mr.
5 Mills said the Wagner five hundred
6 million dollar construction appropriation
7 would, if put into effect, undo all
8 the work of the special economy committee.
9 Secretary of War Hurley told the House
10 that the hundred million dollar "mercy"
11 fund in the Garner program is equivalent
12 to a dole. There were angry words when
13 the Secretary of War said this. A
14 Democratic representative from Maryland
15 declared that it was shameful of the
16 Secretary to dispose sacred subjects
17 with such/^{an} epithet~~s~~ as the word dole.

18 Then the controversy is still
19 waging on the bill to ^{trim}~~cut~~ Uncle Sam's
20 expenses by 238 millions. There was a
21 proposal to cut the pay of all Uncle
22 Sam's employees from the President down
23 by ten per cent. But this idea will
24 be modified before it leaves the Senate.

25 Harold Brayman in the New York

1 Evening Post reports that lobbyists
2 are jamming the corridors of the capitol.
3 You can hardly see the doors of the
4 committee room for the crowds of
5 interested people, each lobbying for
6 his own hand.

1 (The Bonus Army in Washington,
2 D.C., ~~begins to get~~ ^{seems to have passed} beyond the joking
3 stage, In fact ~~it is~~ becoming a serious
4 problem, ~~which will affect the entire~~
5 ~~country~~. The latest reports of the
6 United Press in the Kansas City Journal-
7 Post show that at least eight of these
8 bonus armies are marching on Washington
9 from various parts of the United States.
10 These eight groups ~~xx~~ include more than
11 3,000 war veterans.) In addition, seven
12 more battalions are being recruited. 200
13 men from San Francisco have reached
14 Council Bluffs, Iowa. Toledo is host to
15 a force of 800 men from Detroit. And
16 then 1,200 from Chicago are on their
17 way to Toledo. 400 others left Pittsburgh
18 today in box cars. 400 from Camden,
19 New Jersey, are approaching Washington.
20 Fifty men are on their way from Fort
21 Worth, Texas. A troop of 200 from New
22 Orleans left Opelika, Alabama, today in
23 trucks. And this is not all.

1 It looks as though before this
2 business is over there will be a
3 formidable army of ■ many thousands in
4 Washington.

5 The veterans now advancing are
6 having less difficulty in obtaining
7 transportation than did the pioneers
8 who started the crusade. But cities
9 which donated food to the first armies
10 are unable to contribute any more.

11 (The Superintendent of Washington's
12 police is imploring the Senate to
13 appropriate 70,000 dollars to take care
14 of the veterans.) But some of the
15 Senators are reluctant to do this for
16 fear of attracting ~~too~~ huge and unwieldy
17 armies to the capital.

18 If these forces increase, they will
19 exceed even the historic multitude of
20 Coxey's army. *Moreover they are husky,
disciplined men.*

21 ~~If the veterans would only consult~~
22 ~~the new issue of the Literary Digest --~~
23 ~~the annual summer travel number -- they~~
24 ~~can learn of many just as attractive~~
25 ~~places to go in the summer than~~
~~Washington, D.C. -- and not quite as~~
~~hot.~~

1 There's encouraging news from the
2 Department of Agriculture in Washington.
3 It reports that the supplies of the
4 world's wheat continue to decrease. ^{This may seem like a paradox, but} ~~this~~
5 the Department points out ^{that it} makes for a
6 more healthy situation ^{wheat} in the market.

7 ~~Apropos of this, the Chairman of the~~
8 ~~Federal Farm Board announces that he is~~
9 ~~convinced that there is discrimination~~
10 ~~against cooperative farm operations in~~
11 ~~the Chicago Board of Trade. The Farm~~
12 ~~Board has been making an unofficial~~
13 ~~investigation. The Grain Futures~~
14 ~~Commission next week will hear charges~~
15 ~~to this effect which were read by the~~
16 ~~Farmers National Grain Corporation.~~

1 (Here's startling news on the
 2 Prohibition question. Doctor Daniel
 3 Poling, Chairman of the Allied Forces
 4 for Prohibition resigned his post today.
 5 What is more, Doctor Poling announced
 6 that he would welcome a test of the
 7 Prohibition question. He advocates ^{re-}submitting
 8 ^{it to the people})

9 What makes this news important is
 10 the fact that the organization of which
 11 Doctor Poling ~~was~~ Chairman, ^{includes all the} ~~is comprised~~
 12 ~~of~~ organizations on the Dry side of the
 13 question, ^{such as} ~~including~~ the Anti-Saloon
 14 League and the others, ~~of which~~

15 ~~It should be added that the~~ But the
 16 Superintendent ~~xxxxxxx~~
 17 of the New York Division of the Anti-
 18 Saloon League emphatically disagrees with
 19 Doctor Poling. ^{And} This superintendent is
 20 one of the ^{dominant} ~~foremost~~ members of the
 21 Anti-Saloon League. He declared his
 22 organization ^{will} ~~would~~ oppose any member of
 23 either branch of Congress who favor^s ~~ed~~
 24 submitting the ~~xxxx~~ Prohibition Question
 25 to the people again.

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1 There's a new ghost in Newport,
2 Rhode Island, the gilded summer resort
3 of the American nobility. It seems
4 that Newport is almost as famous for
5 its ghosts as for the richness of its
6 summer colony.

7 For instance, there are 26
8 ~~xxx~~ pirates who were hanged off
9 Gravelly Point in 1723. On stormy nights
10 old Newport residents say these
11 restless ~~xxxxx~~ souls hold ~~xx~~ a convention
12 in the old slave market.

13 By the way, you don't have to
14 take my word for this. I got it from a
15 dispatch in the New York World-Telegram.

16 Then, too, there's the pale
17 faced young Spanish beauty who visited
18 Newport in 1852 and vanished mysteriously.
19 It is she who haunts the summer palace
20 once owned by William Waldorf Astor and
21 now the property of the Cornelius
22 Vanderbilts. More than one millionaire
23 claims to have seen her shadowy form
24 flitting through the great halls of the
25 huge house.

1 One of the Newport ghosts is a
 2 cheery old soul. He's an old molasses
 3 king from the 18th Century. He built
 4 the house now inhabited by Richard
 5 Washburn Child, author and once United
 6 States Ambassador to Rome. XXX

7 The identity of Newport's new
 8 ghost has not yet been established.
 9 But it is rattling windows and banging
 10 doors in the once magnificent Colonial
 11 mansion built by the late Jay Coogan.

12 There's one ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 13 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ veteran resident of
 14 Newport who is familiar, though we
 15 wouldn't like to say intimate, with all
 16 the Newport ghosts. That is to say,
 17 he has a bowing acquaintance with them.
 18 He is a doctor, also the local historian
 19 and bell ringer. The Doctor is fond of
 20 walking and does all his walking at
 21 night. So, if you are ever in Newport
 22 and want to meet the foremost ghosts,
 23 call on Dr. William Sherman.

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1 And talking about pirates they are
2 generally supposed to be extinct. That
3 may be true in these waters but they still
4 have them in China. In fact there was
5 a fight today between ~~the~~ river pirates
6 on the Yantgze ~~Kiang~~ and a group of
7 sailors from a customs cruiser ~~xxxx~~ of
8 the Chinese Government. What's more, the
9 pirates seem to have had the better of
10 the scrap.

11 The Chinese authorities heard reports
12 that water robbers were on the rampage.
13 So they sent a small boat down the river
14 manned by six sailors and commanded by
15 the ~~Danish~~ third officer of the cruiser, ^{a Dane,}

16 Seventy miles below Woosung they found
17 a native junk which looked suspicious to
18 them. The sailors invited the junk to
19 give an account of itself. One of the
20 crew of the junk boarded the cruiser's
21 small boat and exhibited unsatisfactory
22 papers. Thereupon the Danish third
23 officer started to board the junk. The
24 pirates opened fire with a machine gun
25 killing the officer and three of his men.

1 The customs cruiser rushed to the
2 scene of the fight but the pirates
3 made their escape in the heavy fog.

4 So you see the days of pirates are
5 not over.

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1 There seems no longer any ~~xxxx~~
2 doubt that Edouard Herriot will be
3 designated as the new Premier of France.
4 President Lebrun ~~has~~ ^{has} ask^{ed} him to form
5 a government of the left wing. This
6 means the radical socialists *in the saddle in*
7 *France.*

8 The list of proposed cabinet
9 ministers, as cabled by the United
10 Press to the Newark News, includes the
11 name of Joseph Caillaux, who has been
12 the storm center of many political
13 fights in France. At first it was
14 thought that Mr. Caillaux was to be
15 excluded from the cabinet, but later
16 advices indicate that he will be
17 ~~xxxxxxx~~ chairman of the important
18 Finance Committee of the ^{French} Senate.
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1 ("Depressions never last forever."
2 This is the gist of an important article
3 in the new issue of the Literary Digest
4 which is out today.)

5 *Friends of* the Digest ~~friends~~ may recall
6 that this time last year the magazine
7 published a chart compiled by Colonel
8 Leonard P. Ayres, showing the trend and
9 compass of all the depressions that hit
10 the United States from 1854 to 1931.
11 The Digest distributed over 20,000
12 enlarged reproductions of this chart to
13 its friends. The people who received
14 them included many of the most important
15 business houses and institutions in the
16 United States, and everybody found ^{the chart} ~~it~~
17 exceedingly valuable. In fact, although
18 it was published a year ago, requests are
19 pouring into the Digest office even today
20 for copies of the old chart.

21 The editors of the Digest have
22 received thousands of letters within the
23 last few months, asking whether this
24 chart would be brought down to date. We
25 were not able to say yes until just now,

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1 because the facts and figures have only
2 recently become available.

3 But I am now able to announce
4 that a new and far more complete
5 edition of Colonel Ayres' chart is
6 published in the new issue of the Digest
7 at the foot of the article I mentioned.

8 Col. Ayres has not only brought
9 his chart down to date, but has expanded
10 it considerably. The new version shows
11 in graphic form the entire history of
12 American business for the whole century.
13 In other words, it covers the years
14 from 1832 to 1932. ~~It also has more~~

15 ~~complete information than last year's~~
16 ~~chart.~~ The new one includes not only
17 all the information that was given
18 last year, but in addition it shows the
19 trend of bond prices, of railroad stock
20 prices, and of commercial paper.

21 In the article accompanying the
22 chart, incidentally, the Digest quotes
23 an interview in the New York Times with
24 the famous historian, James Truslow
25 Adams. The gist of his interview is

1 a reminder that things have been just as
 2 bad or even worse many times in the
 3 past than they are today. But ~~the~~ the
 4 United States has invariably recovered
 5 and gone on to new heights of
 6 prosperity.

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11 unconsciously.

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14 case of national hysteria which could be
15 cured by hypnosis. A man with hypnotic
16 power, he adds, is needed to lead the
17 country -- a Theodore Roosevelt, or an
18 ~~someone like him~~ Andrew Jackson.

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