

1 A message to the world came from
2 the Vatican today. It deals with
3 unemployment.

4 Pope Pius ^{the} Eleventh has issued
5 another encyclical, ~~in which~~ he makes a
6 plea for those who are without jobs and
7 are in distress. The Pontiff, as the
8 United Press relates, calls for a charity
9 crusade.

10 "We must," he declares, "appeal for
11 a holy crusade of prayer, charity, and
12 sacrifice in order to alleviate these
13 cruel necessities, more particularly
14 those of suffering children."

15 The International News Service
16 quotes ^{the encyclical} ~~Pope Pius~~ as mentioning the angels
17 who will record in the Book of Life all
18 the good deeds for suffering children.

19 And the Pope commands that priests
20 of the Church everywhere must give all
21 they can to relieve those in need. And
22 if they need more they must get it from
23 their superiors.

24 And along with the subject of
25 ■■ unemployment goes that of disarmament.

1 Pope Pius, ^{adds} ~~says~~ the Associated Press,
2 places a heavy blame on the armies and
3 navies of the world. He declares that
4 the wholesale building of machines for
5 war is one of the causes of the present
6 economic crisis.

7 And so in the encyclical issued
8 today is a call for disarmament. And
9 Oct. 31st is set aside as a day on which
10 the Catholic churches are to hold a
11 demonstration of peace and charity.

1 And another call for disarmament
2 was made in Rome. The Grand Council of
3 the Fascist party in a meeting today
4 adopted a resolution that the world-wide
5 depression must be cured by disarmament
6 and a settlement of war debts and
7 reparations. Mussolini presided at the
8 meeting and stated that he has long been
9 of the opinion that the only way to
10 restore genuine peace and prosperity is to
11 dispose of and wipe out all of the
12 problems and disputes and tag-ends left
13 hanging over from the World War.

14 Nevertheless, Italy today announced
15 plans for building another cruiser.
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1 In ^{our own} the Navy Department at
2 Washington economy plans are being pushed
3 on and on. The New York ~~Evening~~ Sun
4 today quotes Secretary-of-the-Navy
5 Adams as declaring that his Department
6 has under consideration a plan for laying
7 up one-fifth of the American warships now
8 in commission. The idea would be to
9 have these vessels lie idle in the
10 harbor to save the expense of running
11 them. Secretary Adams also admitted that
12 the number of men in the Navy might be
13 cut down.

14 President Hoover has made it
15 clear and positive to the Navy Department
16 that Uncle Sam's sea-fighting force^s will
17 have to get along with less money. The
18 Navy Department has handed in a budget
19 of 401 million dollars, but the President
20 has said, "Nothing doing." He has
21 ordered that the budget shall be cut
22 down to 360 million -- a slash of 41
23 million dollars.

24 A good deal of controversy has been
25 going on about the money to be spent on

1 the Navy. The government has curtailed
2 the number of new ships to be built.
3 Advocates of the Navy are warning us that
4 we mustn't cut our power on the sea down
5 too far in comparison with other nations.
6 It is pointed out that instead of being
7 equal with Great Britain on the ocean, we
8 may sink to third place, with a fleet
9 weaker than either the British or the
10 Japanese. ~~fleets~~. But President Hoover
11 answers with just one word -- ECONOMY.
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1 There was a lively skirmish in
2 Boston today between striking longshore-
3 men and ~~the~~ strike-breakers. Men fought
4 with clubs and knives all over the huge
5 Commonwealth Pier, and several shots were
6 fired. The United Press reports that
7 fourteen of the fighters were injured.

8 A strike of longshoremen is on, and
9 that's always liable to cause a row.

11 By the way, the 2 Amer.
12 fliers Pangborn + Herndon
13 left Japan this evening on an
14 attempted non-stop flight right
15 across the Pacific to Seattle.
16 If they make it — they will
17 fly about 4,460 miles non stop

Arthur S.
Blumberg.
Chief electrician
on Wilkins'
Nautilus

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1 I want to say a word or two now
 2 about batteries. ---no, not about the
 3 batteries of your car and mine, although
 4 they certainly are important in our
 5 lives. *We have to have good ones if we want our starters to work. But,*
 6 Let's take a glance at the
 7 batteries of a submarine. We are all
 8 familiar with the fact that with an
 9 airplane the power plant, -the motor,
 10 is pretty nearly everything. Well, with
 a submarine, it's a case of batteries.

11 Word keeps coming along about
 12 that submarine voyage of Sir Hubert
 13 Wilkins, in which for the first time in
 14 history *an undersea boat* ~~a submarine~~ took a dive under
 15 the Arctic ice, and went nosing around
 16 beneath the frozen surface of the Polar
 17 Sea. This week's Literary Digest, for
 18 example, reminds us of the vital part
 19 the batteries played in that fantastic
 20 adventure. The Digest *tells* ~~reminds~~ us that
 21 those batteries supplied enough current
 22 for 3000 motor cars, enough current in
 23 fact for the electrical requirements
 24 of a small city.

25 Lieutenant William Van.C. Brandt

discusses the electrical elements of the submarine in an article in a publication called EXIDE TOPICS.

The Literary Digest quotes from that article and explains that when operating on the surface that Wilkins submarine was driven by Diesel Oil engines, but the moment the under-sea craft took a dive why, then she ran under electric power, given by her batteries. Yes, and if those batteries go wrong why it's liable to be just too bad.

Well, perhaps you are wondering why I have gone off on that subject of batteries. Well, I have a chap in the studio here who is an electrician. He knows all about batteries. Yes, and he also knows about that Wilkins expedition into the Arctic. He is Arthur O. Blumberg and he has just returned from abroad. What was he doing abroad? Why he was a member of the Wilkins party. He was the chief electrician aboard that submarine, the Nautilus, when she steered into the Arctic and dived under the ice.

Arthur O. Blumberg is the first man of Wilkins expedition to return to this country. He was loaned to Sir

Hubert Wilkins by the United States Navy. He is a Navy man and holds the rank of Chief electrician's mate. The International News Service suggested that he had plenty ~~to~~ to tell - if we could get him to talk. Well, how about it, shipmate?

1 Well, it certainly seems funny to
2 hear Lowell Thomas' voice here tonight.
3 The last time I heard it was about a
4 month ago when I was up there with the
5 other fellows aboard the Nautilus, ~~about~~
6 ~~400~~³²⁰ miles ^{or so} from the North Pole. We
7 picked up just two radio broadcasts
8 while we were driving that submarine
9 through the ~~the~~ Polar ice. Both came
10 from Station KDKA in Pittsburgh, and both
11 were Lowell Thomas' nightly ^{Literary Digest} review of the
12 news.

13 It gave us a strange ^s sensation the
14 first time we heard him. ^{And} what do you
15 think he was talking about? He was
16 telling the news about us, about our
17 submarine up there in the Arctic. Or
18 rather, he wasn't telling any news. He
19 didn't have any. He said nothing had
20 been heard from us, and that we must
21 have dived under the ice. Well, that
22 was quite right. We had been under the
23 ice. And that Lowell Thomas broadcast
24 was the first word we'd had that the
25 rest of the world was worrying about us

and thought that something might have gone wrong.

Yes, fellows, those dives under the ice were curious darn curious. You know we had trouble with the Nautilus right along.

Well, we were just getting ready to dive. I was down below charging those same batteries that Lowell Thomas has told you about, when somebody gave me a hail:- "Hey, Blumberg, the Captain wants to see you."

I went on deck. The broken ice stretched away in all directions. We were plowing through it. Captain Dannehower said to me--: "I think we've lost our diving rudder. Go aft and take a look."

He sent me because I was the most experienced submarine man on board and was in charge of the diving machinery. I took a look. Yes sir, the starboard diving rudder was gone! And boy, that made me colder than ever. It was a huge steel fin. We'd been banging against the masses of ice for days. And let me tell you, those young icebergs hit us hard. In fact, one of them had hit us so hard that it

1 had broken the diving rudder right off.
2 It had snapped 4 inches of steel the way
3 you'd snap a lead-pencil

4 Well, to dive without a diving
5 rudder was a peculiar thing. In fact,
6 it was very dangerous. But we did it.
7 Sir Hubert Wilkins said we'd come all
8 the way to within ^{about 300} ~~400~~ miles of the North
9 Pole just to show that a submarine could
10 dive under the ice, and that we were
11 going to show it. *He's about the most determined*
man I know.

12 Without a diving rudder we had to
13 do some peculiar maneuvering. ^{And} Captain
14 Dannehower knew all the tricks. We
15 flooded the tanks and then pushed the
16 nose of the Nautilus under the ice.
17 We drove her forward so that she was
18 pushed under the ice-pack, scraping her
19 top against the bottom of the ice. We
20 had the top side fitted with two runners
21 of steel, like the runners of a sled turned
22 up-side-down. And these went sliding
23 along the ^{under-side} ~~bottom~~ of the ice. There was
24 a terrific banging and rattling and
25 thundering. ~~The under surface of the~~

The ice was irregular and jagged, and it was slam-bang all the way.

As I said, we did it -- we did it twice. We drove the Nautilus, for trips, under the Polar ice-pack. We showed enough to prove that a submarine trip beneath the ice to the North Pole is a possible thing.

Yes, and Sir Hubert Wilkins is the man who can do it -- and by the way, you just wait for the story he has to tell ~~you~~ when he comes back. I haven't even given you a hint.

Would I go back again? Yes, with Wilkins - and with a boat better adapted to the job.

As for Wilkins, and his knowledge of the Arctic and everything else - it was a hundred per cent. Yes, I'd go with him.

ENGLAND

Well, Shipmate, I'd consider that a pretty exciting hint. But let's get out from under the ice, now, and go over to England. Political wiseacres are trying to figure out how Prime Minister Ramsey MacDonald can get himself re-elected to Parliament. General elections are to be held pretty soon in England. The latter part of this month is mentioned as the probable time.

Yes, Ramsay MacDonald lost out in the fight he made last night. His old home-town comrades turned him down, turned him down cold. MacDonald comes from the quiet little Scottish town of Seaham. It was there that he became the leader of the local Labor party. His fellow-townsmen sent him to Parliament and in the course of time he rose to high influence and power. He became Prime Minister of Britain. Yes, and you can bet the folks back at Seaham were proud of him.

The Associated Press reminds us that when ~~xxxxx~~ that dramatic financial crisis came

1 along in Great Britain Ramsay MacDonald
2 broke with his own party. And now he is
3 at the head of a government backed by
4 Conservatives and Liberals, and opposed
5 by the Laborites.

6 The Labor party turned savagely
7 against him -- yes, and even the local
8 branch ⁱⁿ of his own home town.

9 Yesterday, Ramsay MacDonald returned
10 to ^{Scotland} Seaham. He went to appear before his
11 old organization, the local Labor party ^{in Seaham.}
12 He wanted to persuade them to change
13 their minds. He was trying to win them
14 over to his side.

15 And so last night he got up and
16 made his plea before the assembled
17 working men of the little Scottish town.
18 He tried his best. He made ~~a good~~ ^{an eloquent}
19 speech. He asked them to believe that he
20 was doing his best for the salvation of
21 Great Britain.

22 Well, his old comrades were friendly
23 toward him. At times during his speech
24 he received a rousing cheer. But when
25 it was all over -- it was thumbs down.

1 The Seaham Labor party voted and
2 confirmed the decision that Ramsay
3 MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great
4 Britain, was expelled from their midst.

5 Well, what's MacDonald going to do
6 now? He says that he still has hopes that
7 he may be elected as a Labor member from
8 Seaham. He declares that if any element
9 of the Labor party there asks him to run
10 he'll do it.

11 The International News Service
12 makes the comment that some of the Prime
13 Minister's supporters in London are
14 shaking their heads over this decision.
15 They want him to stand for election in a
16 district where he is sure to win. In
17 England, you know, they have a way
18 whereby a party puts a man up for election
19 in any section it pleases. The
20 Conservatives would like to have the
21 Prime Minister be a Conservative candidate
22 in one of those constituencies which the
23 party has in its pocket. But the Prime Minister
24 replies that he'd much rather run for
25 election back in his old home town,

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if ~~he can find~~ any section of the
Labor party there ~~that~~ will ask him to
run. *Yes, there's drama in that.*

1 A significant report from Soviet
2 Russia comes along this evening. A
3 cable from Moscow declares that the
4 Commisar^S of Communications has been
5 removed from office. His name is
6 Rukhimovich, and until today he was the
7 big boss in charge of all the railroads
8 of Russia. Well, he hasn't got that
9 job any more. A^{new} man has been appointed
10 to succeed him.

11 The Associated Press passes along
12 the comment from Moscow that the removal
13 of the head of the railroads is to be
14 explained by the fact that the Soviet
15 railroads are not doing so well. They're
16 not operating with any particular
17 efficiency or effectiveness. And so a
18 new man has been put in to see if he can
19 make the trains run any better.

20 A United Press dispatch from
21 Moscow tells us that seven officials of
22 the Soviet Timber Trust have been sent
23 to prison because of bad management.
24 They seem to have bungled the job. At
25 any rate, those Soviet timber operations

1 didn't seem to be going any too well.

Russia

~~The~~ Northeastern Timber Trust shows a
3 deficit of 30 million rubles.

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TALL STORY

I have a letter here from Lieutenant Commander R. W. Swearingen of the United States Navy who concludes his epistle by asking which club is he a member of - The Hole in One Club or the Tall Story Club. "please figure it out for me", pleads the Lieutenant Commander.

Well, I'll just pass this golf problem along to the members of the Tall Story Club for an answer.

"My tee shot", he writes stopped on the very edge of the cup. As I walked up to the ball, I noticed that a large grasshopper had climbed upon it. When I came nearer the grasshopper hopped off, and, the kick of the grasshopper's long jumping legs sent the ball into the cup."

Well, it's up to you Tall Story Club members to enlighten the Lieutenant Commander and tell him where he belongs - in the Hole in One Club or the Tall Story Club.

I don't know - in fact all I do know at this particular moment is that it's time to say,

SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.