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6 Good Evening, Everybody!

7 This first dispatch is summarized
8 in one brief sentence. President
9 Hoover didn't hold his usual Tuesday
10 conference with the newspaper men today.
11 Instead, he sent out a statement
12 consisting of that one sentence. It
13 read:

14 "The President and his advisers
15 have been going over the economic
16 situation, and have found many factors
17 that are favorable."

18 The United Press points out that
19 this is the first direct word that
20 Mr. Hoover has given the press,
21 concerning business conditions, for
22 several months.
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1 A pitched battle was fought near
2 Hoquiam, Washington, between railroad
3 workers and a huge swarm of ferocious
4 bees *today*.

5 Men were at work in the railroad
6 yards when the swarm of bees swooped
7 down, ~~on them~~. For a while it was no
8 contest. The men fled, and the bees
9 remained in possession of the yards.

10 Then, according to the United
11 Press, a train crew held a long
12 council of war and ~~then~~ returned to the
13 charge with sections of hose connected
14 up with live steam. Using the jets of
15 steam as a weapon, they ~~charged~~ ^{advanced} against
16 the bees. The insects found the steam
17 was a little too hot for them, and they
18 were driven out.

19 And so tonight the railroad
20 company is once more in possession of
21 its own yards.

1 Better late than never, I guess.
2 The army air force staged its real
3 demonstration over New York today. Last
4 Saturday's big show was skimped a bit
5 on account of bad weather. And the huge
6 armada of the air didn't put on any
7 real fighting maneuvers.

8 Today, however, according to the
9 United Press, sky squadrons sailed down
10 from the north and cut across New York
11 State. Thousands of people in the towns
12 and on the farms saw ^{between} five hundred ^{and six hundred} ~~odd~~
13 airplanes pass overhead.

14 ^{At New York City} According to the International
15 News Service, ~~which has been~~ a grand
16 fighting maneuver was staged off the
17 southern end of Manhattan Island. The
18 planes flew in close formation. ~~in formation~~
19 Then the smaller combat planes climbed
20 high above the big bombers.

21 The swarms of hornets ~~above~~ ranged
22 themselves in fighting order as if
23 protecting the flock of larger eagles
24 below against the attack of some
25 imaginary enemy.

It was a highly impressive
maneuver, and millions were watching.

AUTOMOBILE

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1 Well, here's one fellow with whom
2 I certainly can sympathize. And there's
3 many a one of you folks who can
4 sympathize with him too.

5 Lynn Hilliker, of Owens-Mouth,
6 California, has a car--even as you and
7 I. And sometimes Lynn's car won't
8 start--even as your car and mine.

9 Well, according to the Associated
10 Press, Lynn was trying to get the old
11 bus to go somewhere today, and it
12 wouldn't move. He kept working at the
13 starter, until the battery was worn
14 out, but it ~~wasn't~~ didn't do any good.
15 Then he tried cranking. He wore his
16 arm out cranking, and that didn't do
17 any good.

18 You couldn't blame Lynn for being
19 mad. First he threw the crank through
20 the windshield. Then he pounded a few
21 holes in the hood. And finally he got
22 some gasoline-soaked rags and set the
23 darn thing ~~afire~~ afire, and burned it up.

24 The police are looking into the
25 matter. But if I were the Judge, and

Lynn Hilliker were brought before me -- I'd just say, "Not
Guilty!"

AMERICA

Of course, it's an old story that the man who wrote Hamlet was not Shakespeare, but somebody else, and the man who discovered America was not Columbus, but somebody else.

But now comes the theory that America was not named after Amerigo Vespucci, but after somebody else.

History tells us that the new world was named after the comparatively obscured Italian who had something to do with explorations in South America. But tonight the New York Evening Post prints a dispatch from London which states that a new theory has been formed that America was named after an Englishman named Ameryk, Richard Ameryk, Sheriff of Bristol.

It has been discovered that John Cabot was helped by this same Sheriff Ameryk. John Cabot was, of course, the Genoese navigator who made his great explorations under the patronage of the King of England. Sheriff Ameryk was instrumental in getting for Cabot a pension from the British Crown as a reward for his discoveries. At least so the story goes, and the inference is that John Cabot named America after his friend, Sheriff Ameryk.

Well, maybe so. At any rate, it's something that sounds brand new.

FINLAND

At Helsingfors, Finland, the authorities today spent a bit of time reading through a sharply worded document.

According to the Associated Press, Soviet Russia has sent a diplomatic note to the government at Finland, accusing the Finns of interfering in Soviet affairs. This Russian note is an answer to a previous Finnish note which accused the Soviets of mistreating Finns who lived in Russia. The fact of the matter is that a number of Finns live in Russia, and they are supposed to be protected by a treaty which the Soviet authorities made with the Republic of Finland.

However, in their recent drive to stamp out the class of land owning peasants the Bolsheviks have ^{not} been any too gentle with some of the peasants who are Finns. Hence the dispute - with the Government of Finland accusing the Bolsheviks of violating the treaty, and the Bolsheviks accusing the Government of Finland of meddling in Russian affairs and trying to protect the hated Kulaks, that is, the peasants in Russia who don't want to give up their land,

1 A sharp command echoes from
2 Spain this evening, a command of -
3 "demobilize, muster out, go home."

4 The Republican government of
5 Spain today ordered an immediate big
6 reduction of its military forces. The
7 Spanish army is being slashed right and
8 left. Seventy regiments are being
9 abolished; Thirty-seven infantry
10 regiments, seventeen cavalry and sixteen
11 outfits of other branches of the
12 service.

13 ~~According to the International~~
14 ~~News Service~~ the Spanish Government is
15 determined to cut the army down to
16 half, --from sixteen divisions to eight
17 divisions.

18 Three hundred officers have
19 resigned. The government offered them
20 inducements and told them they could
21 have a pension of full pay for life
22 if they would step out of the army.

23 The military reductions are
24 partly for economy and will result
25 in the saving of twenty million

dollars a year. The government also claims that the smaller army will be made more efficient.

Innocent bystanders point out also that the Spanish army is a possible source of trouble for the Republican regime, and that it may be good policy for the government to reduce the strength of the military forces.

In any case there are a lot of Spanish soldiers who'll soon be singing: It's Home Boys, Home.

The Associated Press has received a cable from Madrid stating that forces of soldiers and civil guards have been sent to the Province of Andalusia today where labor disturbances are under way.

Military detachments are also on their way to San Sebastian, where disorders among the working men are threatening.

1 A big cloud of gloom seems to
2 be hanging over China - and China has
3 has plenty to be gloomy about of late.

4 The Associated Press informs
5 us that Competent political observers
6 in the flowery kingdom are predicting
7 another big civil war. There have been
8 plenty ^{of} signs of trouble of late, but the
9 ~~latest and most~~ ^{most recent} ominous indication is
10 seen in a statement issued by President
11 Chiang Kai Shek, head of the Nationalist
12 government. He states that the ~~the~~
13 discontented elements of southern China
14 are Communists. He declares that they
15 demanded that he resign and when he
16 refused they decided to overthrow his
17 government. The Nationalist President
18 declares that he has been compelled to
19 choose between communism and war, which
20 means that he will choose war.

21 Some very prominent Chinese
22 leaders are directing the new
23 revolutionary movement at Canton. One
24 of them is a son of the late Dr.
25 Sun Yat-Sen, the founder of the Chinese

1 Republic. The National president himself
2 is married to a daughter of Dr. Sun ~~Yat~~
3 Yat-Sen, which makes him a brother-in-law
4 of the man who is stirring up the trouble
5 in Canton.

6 Military headquarters of the
7 Nationalist government announced that
8 sixty thousand troops are moving against
9 the rebels of Canton, while other
10 dispatches state that between fifty and
11 one hundred thousand more soldiers are
12 being held in reserve, ready to act when
13 needed.

14 Yes, it's a gloomy cloud that
15 is hanging over China these days.
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1 The Government of Peru has
2 announced that the trouble in the
3 Peruvian oilfields has been put down.

4 This is the ~~trouble~~^{rumpus} that was
5 reported yesterday.

6 According to the Associated Press,
7 the workers in the oilfield^s have been
8 discontented. ~~and~~^{They} attacked the barracks
9 of the police. Government forces were
10 hurried to the scene. Some concessions
11 were made ~~to made~~ to the discontented
12 workmen and quiet was restored. *So*
13 *apparently it didn't develop into a real*
14 *revolution.*

MEXICO

A loud holler comes from down in Mexico. The boys who are doing the hollering are a lot of gold miners.

According to the Associated Press, gold has been discovered in the State of Sinaloa, and prospectors immediately flocked to the scene.

The Government sent soldiers to guard the gold fields and protect the prospectors.

But the prospectors are wailing that something entirely different happened. They have made a formal complaint to the Government and their sad complaint is as follows:

That the soldiers on guard at the gold fields have driven the prospectors out and are mining the gold for themselves. The soldiers are busy digging the precious yellow metal and are shipping it to the United States to be sold. How's that for high comedy?

1 This week's issue of the Literary
2 Digest raises an interesting question--
3 HOW MUCH SPEED CAN WE STAND? How fast
4 can a human being go and stand the
5 strain?

6 The Digest article points out the
7 terrific speeds at which human beings
8 are travelling now-a-days. Take the
9 mad rush through the sky of fast
10 airplanes; or take those rocket-cars,
11 that experimenters are developing, which
12 work on the principal of a skyrocket
13 and burn up space at a terrific rate.

14 The Digest quotes an article ~~in~~ ^{from}
15 the Philadelphia Public Ledger which
16 tells about what are called the "strains
17 of flying". Aviators say that after
18 flying at high speeds they are affected
19 by ^{eye} ~~high~~ strain and headaches. Then the
20 tremendous rush of cold winds affects
21 the ears. Sudden changes of speed and
22 direction, and sudden changes of
23 atmospheric pressure also ^{don't do} ~~affect~~ the
24 ears ^{any good.}

25 It has been found that flying at

1 altitudes above 5,000 feet is more
2 exhausting than hitting it up nearer
3 the ground, where the atmosphere is at
4 a more normal density.

5 Well, how are these strains going
6 to affect mankind in the long run? In
7 other words, how much speed can we stand?
8 The Digest puts the question in a way
9 to make one stop and think.

10 As it happens, it didn't occur to
11 the Digest editors to ask the Tall Story
12 Club for an answer to that very important
13 question. The boys who study the
14 literature of the Great American Whopper
15 can bring forward a good deal of evidence
16 to bear ~~on~~ upon the subject of speed.

17 Joseph H. Nettleton, of New Milford,
18 Connecticut, relates that a fisherman,
19 who was out in a boat on the Hoosatic
20 River in Connecticut, ^{caught} ~~got~~ a tremendous
21 big mouthed bass. He didn't catch it
22 on a line. That gigantic bass swallowed
23 the big rock that the fisherman was
24 using for an anchor. And then the bass
25 started out to tow the boat.

1 Well, step up folks, and meet Miss
2 1931. Yes, that other girl there in
3 the background is Miss 1930 - and
4 doesn't she look old fashioned.

5 A nationwide fashion census has
6 been held. Stores in 43 leading
7 American cities have combined to create
8 a picture of Miss 1931. Well, how does
9 Miss 1931 compare with Miss 1930? This
10 is answered in an article printed today
11 in the New York Evening Journal.

12 Miss 1930 wore a coat with a
13 cape coming well down the back and over
14 the shoulders, a cape large enough to
15 flutter in the wind. At least a majority
16 of the fashionably dressed women wore
17 that kind of coat last year.

18 Miss 1931 wears a coat that
19 has a neater look but is just as feminine.
20 It has soft revers in the front. A rever
21 to my untutored mind is a lapel that
22 looks something like a flap.

23 Miss 1930 wore a turban that
24 looked like a bonnet, but Miss 1931
25 wears a turban that is softly draped, for

1 which is the result of intricate
2 design.

3 Well, I kept this fashion dispatch
4 until last, because I figured it would
5 bewilder me a bit. Bewilder is right.

6 I am just plain rattled--

7 So, So Long Until Tomorrow.
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