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1 Well, this will be my last broadcast
 2 from Chicago for awhile. ~~because~~ Tomorrow
 3 I'll be on my way back to the Literary
 4 Digest ~~is~~ office in New York. ^{But before I go} I've got
 5 one thing to confess. This is the first
 6 time I've been near a broadcasting station
 7 for several days. A week after my arrival
 8 in Chicago, I was "put on the spot", ^{so to speak,} ~~and~~
 9 ~~they would call it~~ ^{Or as they would say} out here, ^{I was} ~~and~~ "taken
 10 for a ride". No, not by gunmen. That
 11 villain, whom we can't always dodge, Old
 12 Man Epidemic, ^{slipped up and} caught me unawares. For a
 13 week ~~now I have~~ ^{we} been surrounded by nurses
 14 and doctors, and flat on my back in bed.
 15 But ~~the broadcasting people~~ ^{my N. B. C. friends} were kind
 16 enough to bring their microphones and
 17 sending apparatus right to my room, and
 18 for a week I've ~~done~~ done all my broadcasting
 19 in bed.

20 I am particularly anxious to express
 21 my appreciation to the boys of the Inter-
 22 national News Service, the United Press,
 23 and the Associated Press, who helped me
 24 along so generously by ^{pushing} ~~sending~~ their
 25 dispatches ~~right~~ to my room as fast as

1 they came in.

2 And I hope that you folks who were
3 listening in were not conscious of the
4 fact that you were listening to anyone
5 with a face that was swollen up like a
6 balloon.

7 At any rate, I'm up again, ~~feeling~~
8 ~~like a boxing champion, and ready~~ ^{all set} for my
9 final Chicago bout with the news.

10 *Let's see what's in these dispatches*
11 *~~my~~ that I have here :-*

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1 I certainly feel like nominating
2 this next one as the biggest whopper of
3 the year. It tells about a collision
4 between a railroad train and a boat.
5 ~~Believe it or not, as Ripley says.~~ The
6 International News Service informs us
7 that at South Bend, Indiana, a 40 foot
8 pleasure-craft was being launched and was
9 sliding down the skids to the water. The
10 skids were laid across a railroad track
11 and a freight train came along and hit the
12 boat **amidships**. And it was just too bad
13 for that boat.

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1 In New York they had another
2 communist riot today. The Reds gathered
3 on Fifth Avenue and pretty soon they were
4 in a wild melee with the police. Accord-
5 ing to the International News Service,
6 ~~xxx~~ Christmas shoppers along New York's
7 Avenue of fashionable stores were caught
8 in the riot, and ^{were} hit and pushed ~~and~~ in the
9 wrestling and pandemonium.

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11 *And, talking about hitting*
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1 Well, we have a new heavyweight
2 champion of the world - that is, maybe.
3 Young Stribling beat Tuffy Griffiths in
4 Chicago last night, and the Boxing Associa-
5 tion says that makes him champion. Well,
6 the last I heard was that Max Schmeling, the
7 German, was the king-pin of the heavy-
8 weights. The United Press tells us that
9 the National Boxing Association has a rule
10 that a champion must defend his title with-
11 in six months or forfeit the crown.
12 Schmeling hasn't fought for six months and
13 the National Boxing Association says he has
14 forfeited his title. And Stribling is next
15 in line. Of course, that leaves Jack
16 Sharkey out of the calculation - also the
17 New York Athletic Commission, which controls
18 boxing in the Empire State. The New York
19 Commission still recognizes Schmeling, but
20 then there has been a fight on between the
21 National Boxing Association and the Moguls
22 of the prize ring in New York, and this is
23 just another argument between them.

24 Meanwhile, in New York, the feather-
25 weight champion, Battalino, won his battle.

1 He got a decision over Kid Chocolate,
2 although the Chicago Daily Times tells us
3 it was almost an even fight.
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1 This next item ^{is} ~~is~~ about a dinner pail.
 2 One of those old-fashioned dinner pails
 3 that's not seen so often any more. It
 4 stands on a mantelpiece in a neat, well-
 5 furnished study down in Washington, and it
 6 does seem out of place there among the
 7 handsome furnishings and books. That dinner
 8 pail belongs to ~~xxx~~ Secretary of Labor
 9 Doak. He used to be a railroad worker and
 10 carried his lunch to work. This week's
 11 Literary Digest tells the story of Bill
 12 Doak and his dinner pail.

13 You ^{remember} ~~know~~ the President started a bit
 14 of controversey when he named Bill Doak as
 15 Secretary of Labor. The American Federation
 16 ~~of~~ of Labor thought he should have
 17 appointed a Federation man. Bill is connect~~ed~~
 18 ~~ed~~ with the Railway Brotherhoods and they
 19 are independent of the Federation. The
 20 Digest tells us that the American Federation
 21 of Labor has 4 million members and the
 22 Railway Brotherhoods have only about 400,000.
 23 ~~hundred thousand.~~ That's one angle of the
 24 opposition to Bill Doak.

25 The Digest article adds a lot more

things that explain the peculiar position of the new Secretary of Labor. It tells us how the President appointed him and what the controversey is all about. And if you want to understand this particular skirmish in the skirmish now going on down in Washington, just turn to the Literary Digest.

There may be trouble in Washington but nothing like the trouble in Spain.

1 Well, the big revolution in Spain
2 seems to have fizzled out. There's a
3 lesson ^{too} in the events that have taken place.
4 It is this: If you must start a revolution
5 you had better be pretty sure of your
6 ground.

7 Loyal government troops, a late
8 dispatch from the International News
9 Service tells us, have made short work of ~~the~~
10 revolutionists ~~up~~ in the Basque country of
11 Northern Spain. Soldiers mutinied yester-
12 day and civilians joined them.

13 The rebels marched directly into
14 the guns of thousands of federal troops.
15 It wasn't much of a fight. ^{It was more of a massacre.} Captured insur-
16 gents said that agitators had fooled them
17 into thinking that all Spain was in revolt,
18 when, as a matter of fact, the ^{hand-ful of} rebels were
19 all alone.

20 The copyright story sent out by the
21 International News Service says that the
22 quick failure of the revolution was due to
23 the heroism of a girl telephone operator.
24 When the rebel troops revolted, they put an
25 immediate censorship on the telephone lines

going out of their district. This was to keep the government from finding out ~~x~~ what had happened. But that girl telephone operator ~~ix~~ defied the order and put through a call informing the government of the outbreak. Just what has happened to her nobody knows.

France had a parliamentary crisis but that seems to have been all straightened out.

(that has just gone into power)

1 The new French ministry ^{*(is a radical*}
2 socialist affair. - ^{*But that's misleading because*} ~~but~~ [^] the radical social-
3 ists in France are really moderates. They
4 are something like the British Liberals.
5 France was without cabinet government for
6 several days while party leaders tried to
7 form a cabinet that would get the support
8 of a majority in the Chamber of Deputies.
9 Senator Steeg finally *got* it. According
10 to the Associated Press, he got his cabinet
11 together at 2:30 this morning and
12 introduced them to the President of the
13 Republic shortly before noon. Briand is
14 again the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Another item from France is about a remarkable get-rich-quick operator. She is in trouble with the police again. The FEMALE PONZI, she is called. She is Madam Hanau who, two years ago, was a figure in a sensational expose. She had a magnificent get-rich-quick scheme. But the police exposed it as a swindle and the names of prominent politicians were involved. Madam Hanau when put in jail went on a hunger strike, that aroused the sympathies even of the people who had lost money in her scheme. The artful Madam Hanau put forward a plan to make a lot of money and pay back her victims. The victims agreed. Now the authorities say that this also a swindle. The police have again arrested the clever lady, but to do it they had to break down the door of her apartment.

1 I have a brief dispatch here which
2 gives a hint of something deep. You will
3 recall that two old enemies, Greece and
4 Turkey have signed a treaty of friendship.
5 Prime Minister ~~of~~ Venizelos, ^{of} Greece, took
6 a trip over to Turkey and was received
7 with almost royal honors by the Turks.
8 It looked like just a fine case of burying
9 the hatchet. But a dispatch to the Chicago
10 Daily News says that some people suspect
11 that there is somebody else behind all
12 this friendship - a figure in the back-
13 ground. It is pointed out that as soon as
14 the treaty was signed the Turkish foreign
15 minister sent a telegram of congratulations
16 to Signor Mussolini.

17 ~~Meanwhile~~ Mussolini is making a big
18 gesture with a remarkable Trans-Atlantic
19 flight. On Monday 14 big planes will take
20 off from the Air port North of Rome and
21 head for South America. This is the first
22 time that a whole formation, a ~~regular~~ whole
23 flock of planes, ~~will try~~ ^{has tried} to make a
24 Trans-Atlantic flight. A foreign dispatch
25 to the Chicago Daily News states that

1 Italy intends this record flight as a bid
2 for recognition as the World's Greatest
3 Air Power.

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1 The news from China tonight is the
2 same old thing - "MISSIONARIES IN DANGER".
3 There is a communist uprising on the
4 Island of Hainan, and, according to the
5 United Press, 36 missionaries are right
6 in the middle of it. They have asked the
7 British and American consuls at Peiping to
8 send warships to rescue them.

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MOSQUITOES

Last night I mentioned the question about mosquitoes that appears in the Literary Digest weekly questionnaire -- where are the biggest and worst mosquitoes found? The question is answered by an ~~xxxxxx~~ article in the Digest, which tells some extraordinary things about mosquitoes. It informs us, for example, that among the mosquitoes, it's a solid fact that the female of the species is more deadly than the male. It's Mrs. Mosquito that bites you. Mr. Mosquito never bites at all.

Perhaps you would expect the answer to be - in the tropics, in the steaming jungles of South America or Malaya.

They are bad in the tropics, all right. Even in a civilized city like Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federated Malay states, they are a terrible plague. I remember dining with an English official one night when our hostess gave each man a native SKIRT TO COVER HIS ANKLES BECAUSE OF THE swarms of mosquitoes that were under the dinner table.

I remember a long overland journey I once made from the heart of Alaska, across the mountains and out to the Pacific Coast. It was over what ~~ix~~ in those days we called "The

Fairbanks-Valdez Trail". For hundreds and hundreds of miles we bounced in a decrepit flivver. Once we plunged the car headlong into a roaring river, hoping to be lucky enough to get across. But down, down we went, and we had to rescue our baggage and swim for shore. Two of us started back along the trail to a prospector's cabin, 16 miles away, to borrow a horse. It was one of the toughest trips I ever made. The mosquitoes followed us in great clouds so dense that they even fogged our vision through our mosquito headnets. As the other chap walked ahead of me I could reach over ~~z~~ on his back and sweep away the mosquitoes by the handfull.

So I wasn't surprised when I read in this week's Literary Digest that the biggest and worst mosquitoes are found in the North instead of in the tropics.

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1 ~~Well, this is~~ something new. "HANDS
2 DOWN", it reads. It seems like a mistake.
3 It ought to be "HANDS UP", or maybe "THUMBS
4 DOWN". But the Associated Press informs
5 us that there was a robbery in New York
6 which had something different about it.
7 The bandits called "HANDS DOWN". They told
8 their victims to keep their hands at
9 their side. They didn't want to have
10 anybody notice the telltale sight of men
11 holding their hands above their heads.

12 So the language may have acquired
13 a new phrase today.

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1 Next comes a peculiar trade
2 item. It states that there is a big
3 market for old, ^{discarded} newspapers among the
4 aborigines of the interior of New Guinea.
5 That great island to the North of Australia
6 is perhaps the world's most savage
7 wilderness. You would think those fero-
8 cious tribes out there would have little
9 use for newspapers; but Australian traders
10 are doing a thriving business selling the
11 natives bundles of old copies of the
12 SIDNEY ~~SUN~~ ^{Sun} and the MELBOURNE ARGUS. The
13 Associated Press tells us that the bushmen
14 of New Guinea have taken to cigarettes and
15 they roll their own - and for cigarette
16 paper they prefer strips of ~~old~~ good old
17 newspaper.

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1 The other night I told you about
2 the dog that tried to put out a forest
3 fire, and since then I've had a lot of
4 letters from radio listeners, who chime
5 in with stories about their dogs. Here's
6 one from Charles Kressel, of East Stroud-
7 berg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kressel has a dog
8 that certainly shows a lot of intelligence.
9 If you shoot a rifle, that dog will start
10 out across the open country, as if he
11 were looking for a deer. If you shoot a
12 shotgun, he heads for the brush, as if he
13 were going to retrieve a quail. One day
14 Mr. Kressel picked up a fishing rod, and
15 he noticed his dog head for the back yard.
16 Mr. Kressel followed old ^{Bowyer} ~~Echo~~, and what do
17 you suppose that dog was doing? He was
18 digging for worms!

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I suppose you have all been talking about that big Army-Navy Game; and the sensational sixty-yard run made by Stecker the big Army half back!

The great classic went to the 4th quarter a scoreless tie; and then, according to the Chicago Daily News, Stecker broke loose on an off-tackle play and away went the big football game.

But it was mighty close - far closer than many had expected.

The proceeds of the game, as you know, will be ~~ix~~ devoted to unemployment relief. The Army won and so did the unemployed.

Well, the football season - or maybe you'd call it post-season - has about come to an end. And so has my evenings end run with the news, and so also my stay in Chicago. So, so long until I ring you up at this same hour from New York on Monday.