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Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 The big secret was revealed today,
2 I mean the secret of the plot ^{disclosed} ~~revealed~~
3 by the Soviet authorities at Moscow a
4 few days ago.

5 At that time the name of the
6 country involved was kept secret ~~by~~ the
7 Red leaders. The identity of the
8 diplomat ~~x~~ involved was also kept secret.
9 But today the cat is out of the bag.
10 The country is Czecho-Slovakia. The
11 diplomat ~~is~~ named ~~x~~ is Carl Wanek, who
12 is connected with the Czecho-Slovakian
13 diplomatic mission at Moscow.

14 The ^{J. N. S. story several days ago told how} ~~United Press~~ reminds us that
15 the plot ^{was} ~~is~~ described ~~xxxx~~ by the
16 Bolshevick secret police as an attempt
17 to kill the Japanese Ambassador to
18 Moscow, for the purpose of causing a
19 war between Soviet Russia and Japan.

20 Carl Wanek, of the Czecho-Slovakian
21 Legation is said to have approached
22 a Soviet Government employee and
23 proposed the ^{ass} ~~ass~~assination of the Japanese
24 Ambassador. The Government employee
25 immediately informed the OGPU, the Soviet

1 Secret Police.

2 ~~The International News Service~~

3 ~~The U.P.~~ contributes the added interesting
4 information that Czecho-Slovakia has
5 been supplying the Chinese Military
6 forces with arms and munitions for
7 their struggle against the Japanese.

8 The Chinese are said to be
9 equipped with war material manufactured
10 by the great Skoda factory. This was
11 the ^{giant} ~~great~~ Austrian armament plant which
12 during the World War produced the ^{huge} ~~giant~~
13 German siege guns that battered down
14 the Belgian ~~forces~~ fortresses.

15 Since the dismemberment of the
16 Austrian Empire the Skoda factory has
17 been in the Republic of Czecho-Slovakia
18 and is still being operated.

19 There are hints of deep and ~~dark~~
20 devious schemes ⁱⁿ ~~to~~ which these two
21 facts are salient points---that the
22 Czecho-Slovakians have been supplying
23 the Chinese with weapons for their
24 struggle against Japan, and that the
25 Czecho-Slovakian diplomat in Moscow

1 tried to plot the ^{ass}assination of the
2 Japanese Ambassador for the purpose of
3 causing War between Russia and Japan.
4 The plot by the way is absolutely denied
5 by the Czecho-Slovakian government at
6 Prague. However Carl Wanek the
7 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ accused diplomat has been
8 recalled and left Moscow today.

9 They say that the affair may
10 cause a break of relations between the
11 Soviets and Czecho-Slovakia.

12 Altogether this sounds like one
13 of the wildest complications since you read your
14 last novel of International intrigue.

1 *Yes,* There are fighting words from
2 China to night. The Central Executive
3 Committee of the Nationalist Party
4 has ordered---the utmost armed
5 resistance.

6 ~~Of course we know who that means--~~
7 ~~Japan.~~ The United Press cables that
8 the Chinese forces near Chinchow have
9 been ordered to fight to the last in
10 defence of that city.

11 Meanwhile the Associated Press
12 sends word from Mukden that the Japanese
13 drive against Chinchow has been halted.

14 Japanese authorities declare that the
15 regiments advancing against the city
16 have been withdrawn. *No reason is given.*

17 And now let's take a timely and
18 vividly phrased question---"Did ~~the~~
19 Japanese ~~diplomats~~ ^{ic} ju-jitsu twist the
20 League of Nations High-collared neck
21 and then hurl that august body on its ear?"
22 ~~neck?#~~

23 The question ~~is~~ ^{is} asked in this
24 week's Literary Digest, which proceeds
25 to go on and give us a lively discussion
of the problem.

1 American Consulate ~~the~~ authorities in
2 the Far East are urging ~~the~~ Chinese
3 ~~authorities~~ ^{officials} to do something about the
4 case of an American woman missionary,
5 who is being held a prisoner.

6 It appears from word given out by
7 the United Press that she wasn't
8 ~~xxx~~ captured by bandits but by
9 ordinary Chinese peasants. The story
10 has a curious sound.

11 Harriet Halverstadt, a Methodist
12 missionary, was stationed at Haitang.

13 She was on her way to Fuchow to spend
14 Christmas day. In those parts the
15 Chinese farmers are all het up on the
16 subject of taxes.

17 The authorities are planning an
18 irrigation project and want to finance
19 it by increasing ~~xxx~~ local taxation.
20 The peasants don't like the idea of
21 more taxes and that's why they captured
22 the American missionary. They are holding
23 her as a hostage for the purpose of
24 persuading the authorities. They have
25 told the local government that they

1 won't release Miss Halverstadt unless
2 the plan~~s~~ for higher taxes is chucked into
3 the Chinese wastebasket.

4 They are treating their prisoner
5 *giving her plenty of rice cakes and birds nest soup,*
6 well, and all the ^{peasants} want is to have the
7 taxation scheme dropped and then they
8 will release ~~her~~ the missionary lady.

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Well, that trouble in India has come. The U. P. reports that the campaign against British rule has flamed into fatal fighting.

The gateway of India is under martial law tonight. This is the fantastic city of Peshawar, the Paris of the Pathans, the capital city of the troubled land of Northwest India, where Khyber Pass leads to the wild highlands of Afghanistan and Central Asia.

The International News Service cables that Peshawar was put under martial law today. Lord Willingdon, the British Viceroy, issued an edict which gives the police and the military authorities a dictatorial power over the civil population of the walled city. The reason for it all is an organization called the Red Shirts, which is stirring up trouble against British rule in India. Troops fired on the Red Shirts in Peshawar. Eight were killed and fifty wounded, including the Superintendent of Police. The Red Shirts in that region are led by Abdul Gaffar Khan who is now under arrest.

All of India is seething with unrest, cables the Associated Press, and in those always difficult and turbulent northwest provinces, the Red Shirts are leading a dangerous agitation. A number of the Red Shirts leaders have been arrested and are charged with urging the people to re-commence Mahatma Gandhi's old

1 civil disobedience campaign.

2 They say the agitation is becoming
3 more and more troublesome as the time
4 draws near for the homecoming of Gandhi.
5 He is due to arrive in India on
6 Monday, after his trip to Europe to
7 attend the ^{London} Round Table Conference. ~~the~~
8 ~~London~~. Gandhi is scheduled to get a
9 wild reception, and plenty of people
10 expect the situation to take a turn for
11 the worst ^e when the little Holy Man steps
12 on his native ~~shores~~ ^{strand, Hindustanee soil} to resume the
13 leadership of the movement against Great
14 Britain.

15 (The police have arrested Pandit
16 ~~Jawahar~~lal Nehru, one of the most active
17 of the agitators. He is charged with
18 having openly declared that he intends
19 to urge Gandhi to start a no-tax
20 campaign.) Pandit ^{Taharwalal} ~~Jawahar~~l Nehru has
21 already been leading a no-rent campaign
22 in which hundreds of thousands have been
23 lined up on a program ^{of} ~~to~~ refus^{ing} to pay
24 rent to their landlords. If there is a
25 wholesale refusal to pay taxes too, why

1 that will add a heavy load to the burden
2 of trouble which John Bull is carrying
3 in India already.

4 Just at present it is a battle
5 between the activities of the terrorists
6 in India and strong repressive measures
7 taken by the British Indian government.

8 "There can be no compromise with
9 terrorism." That's how this week's
10 Literary Digest quotes Sir Stanley
11 Jackson, the governor of Bengal.

12 From the other side, the Indian
13 side, comes a strong denunciation of
14 the stern regulations recently put
15 into effect by the British viceroy.
16 Indian journalists call it a frightful
17 measure, also a fearful thunderbolt
18 launched on the hapless people of
19 Bengal.

20 The Literary Digest gives us a
21 dramatic picture of how the British are
22 clamping on stern laws, trying to hold *down*
23 the lid ~~down on the~~ ^{on that} Indian volcano.
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REPARATIONS

1 The big conference on war debts
2 and reparations is scheduled to take
3 place in January. And one line of
4 comment is that the issue will be drawn
5 sharply between Great Britain and
6 France.

7 The International News Service
8 explains that these two great powers
9 have different ideas about what Germany
10 should pay and how she should do the
11 paying. England believes that private
12 debts should come first -- in other
13 words, that the money which Germany
14 owes on her ordinary debts should be
15 paid first, and that reparations should
16 ~~wait~~ wait until afterward. If Germany
17 can pay reparations, all well and good,
18 but the common garden variety of debt
19 should have the right-of-way.

20 France, however, takes the stand
21 that private debts should be on
22 exactly the same footing as reparations,
23 and that one thing is as important as
24 the other.

25 The opinion is pretty general that

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1 the Young Plan is ready for the
2 scrap-heap, and there'll have to be an
3 entirely new arrangement concerning the
4 ~~amount~~ ^{bags of bullion} ~~which~~ [^] the nations owe each
5 other.

6 But any way, as the United Press
7 cables, plans are all set for the big
8 pow-wow. England seems to be
9 especially ^{aroused.} ~~enthusiastic on the subject.~~
10 Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald has
11 expressed himself ardently in favor of
12 holding that ~~conference~~ conference on debts.

13 ^{There} ~~is~~ [^] seems to be one cause for *melancholy*
14 among European statesmen, however. They
15 believe, cables the Associated Press,
16 that it is highly improbable that the
17 United States will take any part in
18 the deliberations. They expect Uncle
19 Sam to stand aloof, and that fills them
20 with forbodings, because your Uncle
21 has quite a large finger in that
22 reparations ^{and war debts} ~~pie~~ [^].

1 From the Western coast of
2 South America come reports of a Communist
3 uprising and tonight in the Republic
4 of Chile soldiers are out hunting down
5 the insurgents.

6 Yesterday in the Province of
7 ~~Atacama~~ ^{Atacama} a band of communists invaded
8 the town Cotapo, and fortified themselves.
9 A force of soldiers marched to the scene
10 and the battle began.

11 The Associated Press wires that the
12 rebels were driven out of town after a
13 fight in which a score of people were
14 killed.

15 There were a few disturbances in
16 other parts today and the Government
17 gave orders to the Army to get busy and
18 suppress every sign of Red agitation.

1 Pages of dim and dusty history are
2 recalled vividly by the latest
3 proclamation from the Vatican. Pope
4 Pius 11th today issued an encyclical
5 calling upon all Christian churches to
6 unite under the leadership of Rome.

7 The encyclical was issued, comments
8 the United Press, to celebrate the *one thousand*
9 ~~five~~^{five} hundredth anniversary of the Council
10 of Ephesus.

11 Well, that Council ~~is~~^{was} one of the
12 most famous gatherings in the history
13 of Christianity. It met to debate the
14 doctrines of a man who was a great
15 figure in his time, Nestorius, the
16 patriarch of Constantinople. ~~Well,~~^{now,} the
17 peculiar doctrines of Nestorius were
18 condemned by the Council, and that gave
19 rise to the Nestorian Church, which had
20 such a peculiar, and spectacular career.
21 The doctrines of Nestorius were
22 suppressed, so far as Europe and the
23 western part of Asia ~~was~~ were concerned.
24 But Nestorian missionaries carried their
25 creed toward the East, and the far-flung

1 Nestorian Church was built up all the way
2 from Persia, across Central Asia and into
3 China, where reminders of ■ Nestorian
4 christianity are still to be found.

5 It was to this Nestorian Church in
6 Asia that we ~~are to~~^{can} trace the weird
7 story of Prester John, that famous hero
8 of the Middle Ages who was supposed to be
9 a great Christian King, ruling in
10 the heart of Central Asia.

11 I suppose there'll be more than one
12 student of almost-forgotten history, who
13 upon reading today of the Papal
14 encyclical in ■ commemoration of the
15 Council of Ephesus, will pick up learned
16 volumes and go pouring through pages
17 that tell of the dim happenings of
18 distant days.

1 One interpretation of the latest
2 bright beam of limelight thrown on
3 Jimmy Walker is that New York's jaunty
4 Mayor may perhaps be headed for the United
5 States Senate.

6 The New York Evening Post today
7 pointed ^S~~ed~~ out that of late Jimmy has been
8 the subject of nation-wide attention.

9 There was his dramatic trip to
10 California to appeal for Tom Mooney and
11 now comes the Cuban business. *All of this nation
may have Senatorial meanings. wide hip hip hoorah*

12 The report is that Mayor Walker
13 has been asked to act as umpire in the
14 political row that is going on in Cuba.

15 It is pointed out that he is a
16 great friend of President Machado and
17 that he is ^{on} equally cordial terms
18 with the leaders of the faction opposed
19 to Machado.

20 Cuban officials declare that they
21 have nothing to say on the subject.

22 Political observers point out that
23 it would be mighty strange for the
24 opposing parties in Cuba to consent to
25 have one man decide their political

1 destiny. But just the same the report
2 has come through that Jovial Jimmy
3 Walker has been asked to referee the
4 Cuban political fight and that he may
5 soon take a trip to Havana to do that
6 bit of umpiring.

7 The United Press reports that no
8 formal invitation has been extended to
9 the Mayor as yet but that Cuban
10 spokesmen have been sounding him out
11 to see if he is willing.

12 Jimmy probably will reply, "yes,
13 it's about time for me to have a vacation."
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1 Today at Peoria, Illinois, resounded
2 the loud and lusty bang and clatter
3 of the ball smashing into the pins and
4 sending them flying.

5 The bowlers are having their day at
6 Peoria, and it's all an exceedingly
7 brotherly affair. It is the 9th annual
8 brothers' bowling tournament, conducted
9 by the Peoria Star. Every team that
10 enters, is composed of two brothers.

11 I have a telegram from Fred ~~W.~~ Türk
12 of Peoria, and also one from the sports
13 department of the Peoria Star, and
14 these enthusiastic missives tell me
15 that this year is a record-breaker.
16 A year ago 750 teams of brothers
17 entered the tournament, and that was a
18 record. This year, however, 822 teams
19 are on the job -- or in other words,
20 1,644 brothers.

21 Well, the brothers are bowling this
22 evening. They're throwing hooks, and
23 making ~~downright~~ ten-strikes. The ball
24 goes zipping down the alley, the pin-boy
25 ducks out of the way, and there's that

1 loud and hearty clatter which delights
2 the ear of a bowler.

3 Well, when I think of those 822
4 teams of ~~the~~ ^{brethren that's a lot of brethren.} bowling brothers, [^] It just
5 about bowls me over, and,

6 SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.

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