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Chile

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4 Good Evening, Everybody:

5 If you have any property in Chile,
6 there's no need for you to be alarmed.

7 The authority for this statement is no
8 less than Senior Carlos Davila, himself.

9 Yes, the man who overthrew the Chilean
10 government ~~under~~ President Montero. ^{The man who} ~~and~~ has
11 established a socialist regime.

12 Mr. Davila made this statement to
13 a United Press correspondent, as reported
14 in the New York Sun. The new Socialist
15 Government of Chile will not molest the
16 private property of either Chileños or
17 of foreigners.

18 It may be interesting to know
19 that American and British investments in
20 that republic amount to more than a
21 billion dollars.

22 For a while this afternoon it
23 looked as though the new socialist
24 government might be upset by a counter
25 revolution. But according to the latest

1 advices military police and troops
2 squelched all manifestation^s. ~~and~~ ^{They} appear
3 to have the situation in control. At
4 the same time the guards around the
5 presidential palace were reinforced.
6 The city was filled with rumors and
7 the streets are full of ^{excited} crowds. ~~discussing~~
8 ~~They clasped on a~~ ~~excitedly.~~ ^A strict censorship, ~~has been~~
9 ~~established.~~

10 The Davila government made one
11 other important announcement to the
12 United Press today. They will issue a
13 decree dissolving all the religious
14 orders such as the Franciscans, Jesuits
15 and Dominicans.

16 Señor Davila, by the way, is
17 better known in the United States than
18 any other Chileno. When he was ambassador
19 to the United States he was one of the
20 hardest working diplomats who ever came
21 to Washington. Instead of playing around
22 with the rest of the diplomatic set, he
23 went touring all over the United States
24 trying to find out things. He would
25 do such ~~things~~ ^{stunts}, for instance, as

1 traveling ^{over} ~~with~~ the Chautauqua, ^{circuits,} lecturing
2 and talking to people. He played a big
3 part in engineering President Hoover's
4 swing around South America. While he
5 was in the United States he made no
6 secret of his interest in Soviet
7 Russia. It was more than a hobby with
8 him. It was a serious study.

9 In Washington, D. C. official
10 circles are flabbergasted by the turn of
11 events in Chile. They feel ~~that~~ there
12 is no way of knowing which way the
13 Chilean cat is going to jump next.
14 ~~First she seems to be going in the~~
15 ~~ways of Mussolini, then she takes a step~~
16 ~~in the direction of Stalin and the rest~~
17 ~~of Soviet Russia.~~

18 ~~But at any rate, it is good to~~
19 ~~know that American property is safe~~
20 ~~there for the time being.~~

1 There's an interesting interpretation
2 by a United Press correspondent in the
3 New York World-Telegram today, of the
4 latest political events in Germany. What
5 the new Cabinet means is that the German
6 Reich is now in the hands of the same
7 crowd that dominated it in the days of
8 Kaiser Wilhelm the 2nd.

9 It is in effect a coalition of
10 the big Junker Prussian landlords, of
11 captains of industry in the Ruhr district,
12 of militarists, and of the Fascist
13 followers of Handsome Adolf Hitler.

14 Latest reports have it that Doctor
15 Bruening, the Chancellor who was
16 overthrown by this camarilla was freely
17 ~~xxxxxx~~ doublecrossed by men whom he believed
18 to be his own loyal supporters. So much
19 so that his downfall astounded a great
20 many people.

1 And one reaction from the present
2 state of affairs in Germany is already
3 to be observed in France. The gain in
4 power made by the Handsome Adolf has
5 compelled the new French Premier

6 ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Eduoard Herriot to make some
7 rapid overnight changes in his policy.

8 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ According to Raymond
9 Carroll, in the New York Evening Post,
10 France already begins to hear the
11 figurative TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP of
12 heavy armored boots across the Rhine.

13 In accordance with this sentiment
14 Mr. Herriot is rewriting the declaration
15 of his policy which he will submit to
16 the French Parliament tomorrow. And
17 those who have seen advance sheets of
18 this declaration describe it as a superb
19 example of political tightrope walking.

I've just heard of something remarkable - a thrifty poet - and he's no less than the Poet Laureate of England. As a matter of fact, he happens to be a very fine poet even though he is the ~~Poet~~ Laureate. He is John Masefield who is not unknown in this clime.

Now the thing about Mr. Masefield is that as Poet Laureate he is entitled to an annual salary that's slightly jocular. It is 350 pounds a year in English money which - well it figures out not much more than a thousand dollars today.

But the Poet Laureate is also entitled to a butt of sack. That's Elizabethan English for a barrel of wine. But Mr. Masefield scorns ~~a~~^{the} butt of sack, and prefers to have the money instead. So instead of the wine he's going to draw \$135. Maybe he suspects the wine wouldn't be very good.

1 Going to Europe without
2 visiting France is unthinkable, so
3 says a valuable article in the current
4 issue of the Literary Digest, the
5 annual summer travel number.

6 ~~France, say the editors of the~~
7 ~~Digest, is a country that caters~~
8 ~~superbly to every taste, grave or gay.~~
9 ~~Through every gateway you plunge~~
10 ~~into exquisite scenes. If you step~~
11 ~~ashore at Cherbourg or LeHavre, you~~
12 ~~must not forget that you are already in~~
13 ~~Normandy, and next door to it is~~
14 ~~picturesque Brittany.~~

15 The Digest quotes a writer
16 for the French Line, who remarks:
17 France is a ~~xxx~~ favored land in the
18 matter of resorts. Every whim or
19 personal preference is met by a girdle
20 of pleasure, health, historic interest,
21 and physical enchantment.

22 There are other articles which
23 describe the fascination of mellow
24 England and Scotland; also the
25 multitude of ~~fascinating~~ ^{entrancing} sights in Italy,

1 Germany, Norway, Sweden, ^{Italy;} in fact of
2 all Europe. You will also find in
3 this issue of the Digest useful
4 information about railways and hotels.
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10 Hotel Association of the United States
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12 Mr. Green, will you tell the
13 folks some of the things you told me
14 today?

1 ^{Lowell}
2 Thank you, Mr. Thomas. I am
3 delighted to have this opportunity of
4 addressing the great Literary Digest
5 audience.

6 I speak in behalf of the 25,000
7 hotels in this country and Canada, over
8 7,000 of which are members of the
9 American Hotel Association of the United
10 States and Canada. Ours is an important
11 industry. Possibly you folks, out there,
12 who patronize hotels have never stopped
13 to think of the immensity of the business.
14 In the United States, alone, our invested
15 capital exceeds five billion dollars.
16 Taking the 18,195 hotels which are
17 listed in the new Hotel Red Book, we are
18 able to offer a total of 1,800,000 guest
19 rooms. That ought to be reassuring to
20 those who are contemplating a trip this
21 summer -- nearly two million hotel rooms
22 to choose from. And, let me whisper a
23 little secret to you, while I am about
24 it -- hotel rates haven't been as low as
25 they are these days in many ^a year.

 So, you see, every cloud has its

1 silver lining. The roads are wonderful;
2 motor cars are easily bought these days.
3 The railroads are offering the greatest
4 bargains in summer rates. Hotels are
5 ready to make you feel at home. Now is
6 the time to take the family on that
7 summer trip you have been promising them.

8 Let me say, incidentally, that I
9 cannot too highly commend the Literary
10 Digest for its efforts to stimulate
11 travel and touring in America. I was
12 glad to note that the current issue is
13 adequately devoted to that very subject,
14 in all its phases. Anything which has a
15 tendency to encourage people to move
16 about and to spend their vacation funds
17 intelligently is a good thing, not only
18 for business generally, but for the
19 morale of the people themselves. You
20 cannot be glum or downcast while whirling
21 along our delightful ^{American and Canadian} scenic highways.
22 You might just think that over.

23 True are the words "we all have
24 our little troubles." There is no use
25 trying to dodge the fact. Hotelmen have

1 them, like everybody else, possibly more
2 so. We not only have to bear with the
3 general business depression, but while we
4 are striving honestly and patriotically,
5 to respect and live up to the law in our
6 hotels, we suffer enormously at the hands
7 of those who have no respect at all for
8 the law. In our large cities we are
9 confronted with a situation wherein the
10 hotel restaurant business is dwindling
11 away, day by day, while, across the
12 street, our illegitimate competitor, the
13 speakeasy, reaps the reward of our loyalty
14 to the law of the land. We are forbidden
15 from dispensing certain "extras" with
16 meals while the other fellow is forbidden
17 nothing. He has NO responsibilities. He
18 just sails merrily along, ignoring the
19 law, paying no taxes on his business,
20 and waxing fat while we grow thinner and
21 thinner.

22 Some of us now are wearing belts
23 that look more like a bracelet for a
24 wristwatch.

25 Well, let us be cheerful about it,

1 anyway. That is one stock in trade that
2 we cannot afford to be without -- cheer-
3 fulness. No matter how it hurts, the
4 hotelman must always keep smiling.
5 Nobody wants to stay in a hotel where the
6 proprietor is a congenital grouch.

7 The Hotel is a responsible
8 institution. In this country, alone,
9 we employ over five hundred thousand
10 people. The ladies will be particularly
11 interested to know that 45 per cent of
12 this great army are women, and more than
13 25 per cent of our hotel managers are
14 women. That is as it should be.

15 I am very happy to have this
16 opportunity of talking to you, for my own
17 sake, and also as President of our
18 Association. The last word I would like
19 to pass along to you, is, adopt the slogan
20 which since time immemorial has served as
21 a tradition of good hotel-keeping --
22 BE CHEERFUL.

1 California has been blowing herself
2 to another earthquake. From Eureka, a
3 town you ^{may} have read of in Bret Hart and
4 Mark Twain, comes the news that one
5 person is killed and several are injured.

6 Four shocks struck the town about one
7 o'clock this morning.

8 Many homes were shaken down.
9 Eureka is almost without windows today.
10 And the Highway from Eureka to San
11 Francisco is blocked.

12 Earthquake experts at Harvard
13 believe that these shocks in California
14 were after-shocks from the severe quake
15 that occurred in Mexico last week.

16 According to latest reports from Mexico
17 City, the total ^{number} of people killed last
18 Friday in the State of Jalisco was 22.
19 One town was so badly damaged that the
20 citizens decided to build a ^{brand} new town.
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TAX BILL

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Yes, Mr. Green, let's be cheerful, even when we hear about taxes.

The United States Senate this afternoon passed the billion-dollar tax bill. Of course this has been a foregone conclusion for several days. But there was a last-minute fight on it by reason of the difference of opinion among the Senators over a tax on electric power. *But that difference was adjusted.* The bill, accordingly, goes to President Hoover for his signature.

(The problem of the Bonus Army becomes graver every day. We learn from a United Press dispatch in the Cincinnati Post that there are 2500 veterans now encamped on the banks of the Potomac, and at least 5,000 others are marching on Washington.)

One of the contingents ~~that~~ ~~are~~ on the way ~~has~~ created a serious state of affairs in Pennsylvania. All the east bound trains of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad were tied up. The state police were called out.

We learn by a special story in the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph this afternoon that the railroad officials have announced they would not run any freight trains from Connelsville, Pennsylvania, until the marchers have left. There are between five and six hundred veterans stranded in that town. They are camped in quiet and orderly fashion on the banks of the ^{Youghiogany} River. Their numbers will probably be increased by a delegation of 300 from

1 Pittsburgh.

2 The police of Washington, D. C.
3 have withdrawn their threats to drive
4 the veterans away as soon as their food
5 supply runs out. But the boys are
6 getting consignments of forage and
7 money from home.

8 ~~Although their cause seems~~
9 ~~hopeless,~~ The veterans are determined
10 to wait until the House votes on their
11 ~~xxxx~~ demand.

I have a new candidate for the Tall Story Club. What makes him more interesting is that he is science teacher in the High School of Rochester, New York. His name is Doctor Howard Minchin. And here's the yarn:

A despondent man wanted to commit suicide. Now don't be alarmed -- the story hasn't got a tragic ending. He collected a revolver, some ~~po~~ poison, a rope, some gasoline, and a match. He soaked his clothes in the gasoline, and took the poison. Then he climbed a tree with a branch ^{which hung out} ~~stuck out~~ over a deep river. He tied the rope around his neck and ^{around} the branch of the tree. Then he lit the match and set fire to his gasoline-soaked clothes. After that he shot off the revolver.

Evidently his aim wasn't good, because the bullet instead of killing ^{him} ~~the would-be suicide~~ cut the rope. The man fell into the river. The water put out the fire. In his excitement he swallowed so much of the

river that it provided an antidote
to the poison. A fisherman pulled
him out of the river, and he went back
home not only alive ~~but~~ ^{and} uninjured, ^{but}
~~something of a philosopher.~~
That ought to be tall enough
for you. It sure is for me. And
s-l-u-t-m.