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& \text { for the Literary Digest, } \\
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will be the fourteenth
$4+i m \theta$ across the Atlantic Ocean.

6 a little bit different. It's a political transatlantic flight. The two aviators, ares andulexander Magyar nd xwoux their idea is to make a flight from the
11 United States to Budapest just to call

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The two adventurers now on their a way across the ocean expect to fly the 33300 miles to Budapest and I and there along about noon tomorrow.

They are carrying a radio set and at 7:140 towgit a norwegian steamer ${ }_{11}$ pïcked up a message from them. They said they were going strong t all was well.

The most important International News of the day is that the French are said to be willing to ease their demands on Germany, in the matter of granting a big loan.
Post who goes on to gay that It's IfkeIy enrogh-that France is
backing down because there was near panic on the Paris stock
exchange today.

They asy the French are beginning to see that a breakup in Germany, which is constantly threatening, would be disastrous to French financial and economic interests. Hence, the way seems to be opening for Germany and France to get together and compromise their differences.

Other wise the financial situation in Central Europe
is about the same -- not so good.

The United Press sends word that there is a threat of
nationwide strikes in Germany. The Communists are urging a
general walk-out. If anything like that happens it will be
serious indes. Riots in four cities - Berlin, Leipzig,

Karlsruhe and Darmsladt.

Well, people in New York or folks who come to New York from out of tow, are still going to pay five cents for riding on the subway and el evaded lines.

The Traction company has been trying to get permission
to raise the fare. But the United Press gives the information that today the New York State Court of Appeals gave the ruling that carfare still means a nickel, a half-a-dime, and so well still go ahead feeding five cent pieces into the hungry slots of those little machine and travel from Coney Island to Yonkers. justia of the ir tril..l, and now n
famoza Wickersham Committee comes forward and 21 declares that their trial was not just developments of the day is a report by the wickersham committee on the subject of that Mooney and Billings case in California.

The Wickersham committee declares that the processuof law that sent those two men to prison and are keeping them there, were all wrong. "shocking to one's sense of justice" is one of the quotations which the, Associated Press gives from the report of the Committee. Well, Mooney and Billings, both radical labor leaders, were sent to prison for a bomb explosion in San Francisco during the feverish days of the world War. Ever since there has been a bitter argument about President Hoovers and proper.

Tomorrow will be a great day in an auction room over in London. Prominent in the proceedings will be the name of the Earl of Harewood, who is the husband of Princess Mary, daughter of the King and Queen.

No, the son-in-law of King George wont be at the auction to buy anything. $\mathrm{He}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ selling. He 's auction em off one of the most extraordinary pieces of jewelry in the wor Id. It is
known as the "CANNING JEWEL"; and Ge hind that A an astonishing bit of history. It is said to be the supreme example of Renaissance jewelry, $\xlongequal{\text { and }}$ is set with pearls, diamonds and rubies.

It was made by Benvenuto Cellini the great Fifteen ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Century master. Well, as the Un it ed Press recons , tradition has it that Cellini fashioned the superb piece of jewelry for Lorenzo deMedici, the ruler of Florence. Lorenzo gave it away as a present taxaxe and the one to whom he gave it--well, that's the extraordinary part of the story. He
sent it to Far-Off India as a gift to the Mogul Emperor at Delhi. The Empire区uxex, of the Moguls in India was at the height of its glory. The Peacock Throne was the splendor of the world, and I suppose it was only fit that the Mogul Emperor should have among his fabulous treasures the supreme piece of jewelry of the Italian Renaissance. Well, the masterpiece that Benvenuto Cellini had created remained in the possession of the potentate of Delhi until the Indian Mutiny in the middle of the la st century\& When the British troops stormed Delhi they found Benvenuto's old masterpiece in the treasury of the King of Oudh. It was seized by the British Indian Government. Then it was bought by the Earl of Canning, and from him it has descended to the son-in-law of King George, the present Earl Affarewod. well, half the splendor of the world seems to lie dreaming $\operatorname{ing}^{m}$ that exquisite work of Benvenuto Cellini, which will sold in an auction room in London tomorrow.

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    And now comes an even stranger tale, the tragical
story of a glorious dream that has turned to dust. It comes
from the craggy northland of Sweden. It tells of a whole
colony of people who in the course of a strange history came
several years ago to what they thought was the fulfillment of
heart's desire. But, today the paradise that they foreaaw has
fallen in broken bits about them.
    Let's take the story from the beginning as given in
today's New York Sun.
One hundred and fifty years ago, in the year 1781,
a rich Swedish land owner named Magnus Stenbock, got into a big gambling game, He lost, lost heavily, and hadn't the money to pay. but he had a great estate with many peasants living on it, and the Swedish peasants in those days were serfs - almost slaves.
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Russia was then in her great period of imperial
expansion. She had
vast $\mathbf{x} \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{M} \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{x}$ territories but not enough people. Catherine the Great was looking for colonies of immigrants to come in and settle the waste spaces, and she was willing to buy slave peasants and settle them in russia.

And so Magnus s,tenbock, in order to pay his gambling debts, sold three hundred of his serfs to the Empress Catherine, and the Empress 11 settled them in a colony on the broad 12 deep fields of the Ukraine. And there 13 that small community of Swedes lived for 14 a hundred and fifty years surrounded by 15. XX millions of the Muscovites. They ${ }^{16}$ kept to their old Swedish ways, talked 17 their old language, worshipped according 18 to their old religion. They never 18 became Russia anized. They remained 20 Swedes, and they were happy too, although 21 a strange people in a strange land. old-fach ioned Swedes could not abide by the new Red revolutionary doctrines. They hated communism. They loved their I and

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and wanted to keep it, and above all things they were intensely religious, 3 and were enraged by the propaganda which 4 the Soviets carried on against God and streligion.

Well, for a hundred and fifty years they had kept a traditional
8 memory of Sweden. Al though they had been
a away for generations it was still their
(7) 10 home land. They thought of it as a

11 paradise, radiant and fair.
And now when the rule of the ${ }^{13}$ Soviets turned their lives in Russia to wretchedness and anger, why the thought of Sweden became more beautiful than ever.

And that colony of Swedes in the Ukraine formed the project of going ${ }^{19}$ back to sweden. They communicated with the Swedish government. The authorities ${ }^{21}$ of stock holm agreed to help them, and ${ }^{22}$ gave $\$ 100,000$ with which to buy ${ }^{23}$ from the soviet authorities the right to ${ }^{24}$ go back to Sweden.

The great day of departure came.

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 tract of farm I and so that they could I ive in a village of their own and remain a united community. country. ${ }_{\text {at }}$ it has little available farm land. The government found itself unable Sweden has changed. It has become modern. It is a different country from what those Swedes of the Ukraine thought the land in sweden would be just the same as it had been in the Ukraine, deep new colony. And so the returned exiles were given farms here and there, all over Sweden - they were split up. And that made them unhappy. They missed each other's company. They found themselves very different from the Swedes around them. Yes, those exiles were Swedes all right, but in their village of the Ukraine we time had stood still those hundred and fifty years. They were still, Swedes of 1781, andonce then an and fifty years that/ aped it would be.

They tried to work their farms, but couldn't. They had imagined that black soil of limitless depth, rich, those immensely fertile acres that make the Russian wheat crop so great. They were bitterly disappointed to find that

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the $k x x x$ lands in sweden was something else again, thin, rocky, sterile. They couldn't make a go of it. To cultivate that kind of stony land after the rich Russian soil they had left well just broke their spirit z. They began to drift into the cities, especially into stockholm. They were destitute beggars who had to be taken care of by the charity authorities.

And, just as when in Russia they had longed for Sweden, so now in 13 Sweden they began to long for Russia. 14 They were consumed with yearning for their 15 old village and their old deep rich 16 fields on the banks of the Dneiper. And ${ }^{17}$ now they have begun to go back. They have procured permission from the soviet authorities to return. The swedish A batch of 139 are ready to start now. Soon these will make the long journey

Here's a Scotch story. But it's not about pennies. $1 t^{\prime}$ 's about population. The latest British census shows that the population of Scotland is declining. Ten years ago that Braw Caledonian land contained four million eight hundred eighty-two thousand, nine hundred forty-seven people. Today that number is nearly forty thousand less. And the New York Sun tells us that isn't all of the story either.

If you took away the Ir is that have immigrated to scotland, why, the decline of the scotch population would be even sharper. There are four hundred thousand Ir ishmen in Glasgow alone.
of course, the English are making jokes about it - they always make jokes about the scots. They are reviving the old wheeze:- that the scots have empaled London and ar now running the
22 British Government. And of course, the fact is that there are an amazing number of Scotsmen among the ruling officials
of England - including the Prime Minister,

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Ramsay MacDonald.
But seriously, if the present decline in population continues, why eventually the old land of Scotland will be nothing more than bare uninhabited hills with the lingering echo of a bagpipe here and there.

But it's different in Italy. The Italian Government reports that the birth rate during the past two years has increased $9 \%$.

The new Literary Digest, the one that will come tomorrow gives a vivid account of the Italian drive for I arger population.

The Literary Digest quotes the United Press as saying that in the last ten years the population of Italy has increased over $\overline{6} \%$ and that today Italy has a larger population than any other European power except Germany and Russia. In the figures for population-increase, Italy is first--Germany is second and Germany is a bad second. The margin of births over deaths is twice as great in Italy as in Germany.

Just what the Italians intend to achieve was clearly put by Mussolini. The Lit er any Digest x\& axes tells us that the Duce was addressing a gathering of women and here's what he said:
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second half of this century wi th a population of not le ss than sixty million". In other words he put the proposition up to the ladies, whore the proportion seema to belong.
wonder whether or not this next bit of news is just an African Tall Story.

The Assoc lated Press sends along a rep ort from Rhodesia, which tells of a rancher who was attacked by a lion.

The lion sprang at him, but the rancher thrust his hand into the beast's mouth and clutched : $t$ by the tongue. And there he was fighting with the maddened $I$ ion and hanging on to its tongue until a neighbor with a rifle came and killed the animal. They say the $r$ ancher was badly mauled by the lion's claws but he will recover.

The reporters took the tale to an expert at the Bronx Zoo, The expert says the story is very tall indeed. He explains that a lion's tongue is so constructed and so slippery that a man's hand couldn't possible get a good grip of it.

Well, maybe so, but 1 know from experience that a lot of these stories that seem to come right out of the

Tall Story Club are really true. I once lived for a month, with a Scotsman out on Singapore Island who had gotten into a tangle with a panther and he saved his life by ramming his fist and forearm down that panther's throat.

That has a tall sound, too, but it was perfectly true. So maybe this African lion yarn isn't so tall - after all. And now as i said before, it is time for me to make myself scarce.

And so long until tomorrow.

