

1 It was announced today that Jimmy
2 Walker, New York's debonair Mayor, will
3 leave ~~xxxxxxx~~ tomorrow night for
4 California.

5 But this time it's no gay vacation
6 for Jimmy on the sunny shores of the
7 Pacific. He's going out to intercede for
8 Tom Mooney--that same Tom Mooney who has
9 been in prison these many years.

10 The International News Service
11 explains that Mooney, himself, and his
12 mother have made a personal appeal to
13 Jimmy Walker saying that as things stand
14 the prisoner's only chance of being
15 released is through the good offices of
16 the Mayor of New York.

17 ^{Mayor}~~Jimmy~~ Walker is said to be a close
18 personal friend of Governor Rolph of
19 California. ^{He}~~Jimmy~~ believes Tom Mooney
20 to be innocent of that bomb explosion on
21 Preparedness Day, in San Francisco. And
22 Mooney and his mother believe that
23 Jimmy's pleading ^{and} persuasion will go a
24 long way with ^{the} Governor ~~Rolph~~ of California.

1 In Washington Dino Grandi, the
2 Italian foreign minister, has
3 completed his negotiations with
4 President Hoover. Everything is said
5 to be O.K.

6 The Associated Press declares that
7 Grandi had a long talk ^{today} with
8 Mussolini on the trans-Atlantic
9 telephone, and the Duce said "Splendid!
10 Fine!"

11 The black-shirt dictator gave his *telephonic*
12 approval to the diplomatic conversa-
13 tions that have been going on and
14 announced that his government ■■
15 entirely agrees with Uncle Sam's
16 attitude on international questions.

1 In Kansas City a crowd of
2 ladies had an idea which was just small
3 and ordinary in the beginning. But
4 it grew by leaps and bounds, until now
5 it's a mighty big thing and mighty
6 beneficial too.

7 At the women's city club the
8 officials asked each member to
9 contribute a quart can of fruit or
10 vegetable for the benefit of the
11 unemployed and the needy. As the canned
12 goods came in they stacked it all in a
13 corner of one of the rooms of the club.
14 It was a nice tidy heap, ~~and~~ Nobody
15 guessed how big it was destined to
16 grow. But, ~~relates the United Press,~~
17 as club members dropped in and saw the
18 stack of canned fruits and vegetables
19 they felt an impulse to add some more
20 and they did. It's one of those
21 cases where suggestion is a powerful
22 influence.

23 And that increasing stack of
24 canned goods was a powerful suggestion.
25 The women just kept increasing the pile,

1 until it grew into a mountain. The
2 campaign was called off today because
3 thousands ~~and~~ ^{upon} ~~and~~ thousands of cans of
4 fruit and vegetable have been collected.
5 A truck was filled for a first delivery
6 and tonight the unemployed and the
7 needy in Kansas City are starting to
8 eat up that mountain of canned goods.

9 *A mountainous and noble idea.*

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1 A super-government is planned for
2 Chicago. The International News
3 Service reports that the scheme got
4 under way ^{today} to erect what they call a
5 super-government, which will take over
6 the work of a number of departments
7 that didn't seem to be running any
8 too efficiently.

1 ^Q~~The~~ romance of rubber is told in the
2 new Literary Digest, that came out today
3 -- rubber, synthetic rubber. Of recent
4 years there has been much talk about the
5 fulfillment of that old dream of the
6 industrial age -- the creation of
7 artificial rubber out of common products
8 around us.

9 With the death of Edison, it was
10 announced that in his laboratories they
11 had succeeded in making rubber out of
12 goldenrod. Right after that, word came
13 of the creation of synthetic rubber by
14 another and very different process.

15 In this, ~~latter process~~, only the
16 simplest materials are used. You take
17 coal, common coal, and put it together
18 with limestone and water, and presto
19 chango, ^{out bounces} ~~you have~~ rubber.

20 The New Literary Digest calls it a
21 Fairy Tale of Fact, and that certainly is
22 an apt description.

23 The story begins at that great
24 mid-Western fortress of football, Notre
25 Dame. Twenty-five years ago, long before

1 Rockne and the Four Horsemen, Notre Dame
2 was just an obscure mid-Western
3 university. It wasn't even dreaming of
4 its great football days to come.

5 On the faculty was a young priest,
6 the Reverend Julius A. Nieuwland, who was
7 devoted to Chemistry. He spent his days
8 in the laboratory, stirring up odd
9 mixtures in test tubes and retorts. He
10 passed acetylene into a solution of
11 copper and salts of ammonia, and the
12 result was, ~~that~~ a curious gas, ~~was formed.~~
13 ~~That was the first step of discovery.~~

14 Ever since then Father Nieuwland
15 has been fiddling around with that
16 curious new substance which he had
17 stumbled upon.

18 ~~After a long series of further~~
19 ~~experiments,~~ He found that he could take
20 that strange gas ~~he had discovered~~ and
21 turn it into a kind of oil, ~~Two years~~
22 ~~later an assistant of Father Nieuwland's~~
23 ~~tried a chemical trick with~~ ^{and then they changed} the oil and
24 ~~turned it~~ into a highly elastic material,
25 resembling rubber.

At this point the Du Post people offered the co-operation of their engineers, and the drive for a real artificial rubber was under way.

The Literary Digest quotes the United Press in saying that now it has succeeded. As yet the new substance cannot be used for automobile tires.

And now comes what is always an interesting question. Who will get the money? The new synthetic rubber promises to be worth a great fortune. But Father Nieuwland will not get a nickel of it. He explains that he is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, a religious order devoted to poverty. Father Nieuwland has taken the monastic oath of poverty. Whatever is earned will go to the Order of which he is a member.

MANCHURIA

The President of China has girded his ancestral sword and is going to the wars. General Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the Nationalist government at Nanking, announced today that he was on his way to the battle front to take charge of the fighting against Japan.

They say that all China is shocked by the crushing defeat which the Japanese have inflicted upon the army of General Ma, whom the Chinese have been hailing as their savior.)

At Shanghai, cables the International News Service, there was something of a turmoil today when 15,000 children abandoned school and thronged into the streets to collect money for the fighting forces in Manchuria. They invaded stores and stopped pedestrians and automobiles. They caused a wild traffic jam in the main street of Shanghai, until the police took a hand and straightened things out.

The United Press cables a statement issued by Prime Minister Briand of

1 France today. As acting president of
2 the League of Nations, Briand declared
3 that if the United States would
4 intervene in the Manchurian embroglio,
5 why that would bring a peaceful
6 solution. ^HThe League of Nations is
7 talking over the idea of declaring an
8 economic boycott against Japan.

9 In Washington the Japanese ambassador
10 called upon Secretary-of-State Stimson
11 twice today and explained the Japanese
12 viewpoint concerning the big battle
13 yesterday. He declared that the
14 Japanese attacked and captured the city
15 of Tsitsihar only as a means of breaking
16 the military power of General Mah
17 Chan-shan. He promised that the
18 Japanese ~~would~~^{will} retreat from the city as
19 soon as the Chinese army had been put
20 out of commission.
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Sir Hubert
Wilkins.

Australian.
of the
Submarine
"Nautilus".

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1 When explorers from this
2 continent set forth they usually carry
3 two flags. And this holds true of
4 many foreign explorers as well. They
5 carry the flag of their own country,
6 and the flag of the Explorers Club of
7 New York. Perry did this, so did
8 Amundsen, so did Byrd, and so have a
9 host of others.

10 Sir Hubert Wilkins, although an
11 Australian, has carried the flag of the
12 Explorers Club on six expeditions. I
13 have just attended a picturesque
14 ceremony when Sir Hubert returned the
15 flag to the Explorers Club. It was
16 covered with the grease and grime of
17 his submarine, the Nautilus, and it
18 was the first flag ever carried into
19 the Arctic Ocean by submarine.

20 I have just seen the motion
21 picture film record of the expedition.
22 I was doubtful as to what they might
23 show. But I was wrong. They are the
24 most eerie, the weirdest, the most
5 unearthly pictures I have ever seen -

1 unlike anything ever made. They were
2 taken from the submarine under the
3 Arctic Ice pack.

4 The scientific organizations that
5 backed the Wilkins-Ellsworth submarine
6 expedition say it was a great success
7 in spite of the various mishaps that
8 occurred to the Nautilus at the start.

9 Captain Wilkins has been busy
10 assembling the data that he brought
11 back from the North. So far he has not
12 told his story on the air. But tonight,
13 he has consented to do this for the
14 first time, for the benefit of the
15 friends of the Literary Digest.

16 And now, just for a moment,
17 you're going to hear Sir Hubert give
18 his first radio talk on the first
19 submarine expedition into the Arctic.
20 He will tell of one incident on his ~~XXXX~~
21 journey. Of course, it would take
22 hours for him to tell the entire story
23 which is one of the most dramatic in
24 the entire history of exploration.
25 Sir Hubert Wilkins:

1 Scarred and dented by tusks of
2 ice, with propellers saw toothed and
3 maimed, one blade turned over like a
4 half closed hand, the "Nautilus" was
5 sunk until her eyeports dipped into
6 the Polar Sea. We were stretching
7 caution to the limit as half crippled
8 we nosed beneath the icefloes. Capped
9 by amethyst tinted icicles we played
10 hide and seek at the bottom of Arctic
11 Pack. We were terribly awed by the
12 grinding crunch of the ice upon the
13 deck and on our own weak shoulders we
14 seemed to be bearing the full weight of
15 the frozen mass.

16 The scrunching of the heavy
17 ice was a sound unearthly, fearful,
18 like the ripping of calico in giant
19 strips. Like earthquake shocks. We
20 trembled with fear.

21 But as we looked through the
22 portholes our fear gave way to wonder
23 and admiration. Our steel bow moving
24 stealthily, was disturbing the mighty
25 ice cakes and releasing from beneath

1 them showers of pearl like bubbles.
2 Light striking through, made the clear
3 ice look like a mass of diamonds set in
4 opal. We were in a veritable alladins
5 cave.

6 Small black fish were startled
7 from their iceholes. Their gills
8 fluttering, tails lashing they backed
9 away. Shrimps and prawn-like creatures,
10 large and small, sprang off their tails
11 like kangaroos in a nightmare. Sea
12 fleas and other things that looked like
13 cockroaches with waving horns, fled from
14 our vision. Alone, passing unconcerned,
15 were jellyfish. They looked like
16 miniature airships drifting in starlight.

17 Then as we plunged up from
18 beneath the pack, the ice slithered from
19 our sides like thin avalanches. With
20 the hatches open we were free in the
21 wind again. We breathed deeply of the
22 cold exhilarating air.

23 But all on board felt a strange,
24 unnatural tiredness. In those preceding
25 minutes we had lived ages in a new

1 world. A world such as no human had ever
2 seen before. It was glorious and
3 wonderful. No matter how long we live
4 we shall never forget the strangeness
5 of these scenes nor will we give up
6 hope of returning to view them once
7 again.

8 I have no time tonight to
9 describe them in greater detail.
10 Perhaps some day I might be permitted
11 to tell you the whole story from the
12 lecture platform.

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ROUMANIA

And by the way did you hear about the King of Roumania getting a black eye? It has been officially announced that King Carol failed to preside at the opening of the Roumanian parliament because he had a cold. -- That's the official account -- but here's the inside story, as cabled by a news correspondent in the Balkans:

They say that King Carol had a fist fight with his brother, Prince Nicholas, and His Majesty got the worst of it. The cause of the row was the marriage of Prince Nick to a lady not of royal rank. The King has been raising Cain about it, and the report is that Prince Nicholas went to the royal palace to have the matter out.

The trouble began when King Carol reminded the Prince of his royal dignity and duty. Prince Nicholas said, "What do you mean, royal dignity and duty? What about Madame Lambrino? And what about Madame Lupescu?"

He reminded the King of the King's own scandalous romances, which have been the talk of the world.

1 ~~the talk of the world.~~

2 It was all very distressing, and it
3 was still more distressing when the
4 royal battle of words turned into a
5 battle royal of fists. The King and the
6 Prince went at each other. The result of
7 the battle was never in doubt. Prince
8 Nicholas is a powerful chap, and he has
9 been studying boxing for the last couple
10 of years. By the time the officers of
11 the royal household had jumped in and
12 stopped the scrap, King Carol had a royal
13 ~~black eye~~ shiner. ~~So says the rumor.~~

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1 At Council Bluffs, Iowa, a
2 man has been doing a lot of figuring.
3 He is E. V. Gustafson who used to be
4 the city clerk, and is a shark at
5 figures.

6 Last Sunday an Omaha newspaper
7 told that Dr. Leopold Bauer of Austria
8 had deposited one shilling in the Bank
9 of England and announced that in his
10 will he would leave instructions ^{for} the
11 shilling ~~must~~ ^{to} remain in the bank ^{for}
12 fifteen hundred years and draw interest
13 during all that time.

14 Of course, there's no telling
15 where the Bank of England is liable to
16 be in fifteen hundred years, but never
17 mind.

18 When former City Clerk
19 Gustafson of Council Bluffs heard about
20 this - well, that's when ^{she} ~~he~~ took pencil
21 and paper and started to figure.

22 The Associated Press relates
23 that he worked so hard and so long
24 that at last he has doped out the
25 answer. He tells us how much that

shilling now worth twenty-five cents will amount to in fifteen hundred years at an interest rate of five percent, compounded semi-annually. Here's how much.

Four thousand fifty-one octillions, five hundred and seven septillions, eight hundred and seventy-two sextillions, three hundred and eleven quintillions, seven hundred and seventeen quadrillions, seven hundred and sixty-four trillions, eight hundred and ninety-six billions, three hundred and nine millions, five hundred and ninety thousand, three hundred twenty-three dollars and twenty cents.

Well, now just let me get my breath long enough to say - SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.