

JAPANESE MINISTER

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GO^{OD} EVENING EVERYBODY:

1 ~~Here's the explanation of the~~
2 ~~assassination of the former Japanese~~
3 ~~Minister of Finance.~~ Junnusohe Inouye,
4 who until recently controlled the
5 financial policy of the Mikado's
6 empire, was shot today by a young
7 Japanese, who was immediately arrested.
8 The assassin declares that he took the
9 life of the statesman because of
10 Inouye's opposition to Japanese military
11 activities in China,) and also because
12 of the financial policies he put into
13 effect during his term as Finance
14 Minister.

15 An International News Service
16 dispatch printed in the New York Evening
17 Journal today, relates that the man who
18 killed the statesman is a native of the
19 Ibaraki Prefecture, where things are
20 not so good for the agricultural
21 population. He blames the former
22 Finance Minister for the bad economic
23 condition of the farmers.

24 ~~All of this is in line with~~
25 ~~the criticism that has been showered on~~

1 The American Consul at Shanghai
2 had a few words to say to the Japanese
3 today. He protested against the way
4 Japanese airplanes have been flying over
5 the International Settlement. The
6 fighting machines of the Mikado have
7 been winging through the skies making
8 observations, and dropping bombs. Often
9 they have gone roaring over the buildings
10 in the section under the control of the
11 foreign diplomatic representatives.

12 The American Consul thinks that ~~is~~ ^{is}
13 a danger to the people in the International
14 Settlement and he asked the Japanese
15 Commanders to keep their planes away from
16 that particular section. Apparently
17 the idea ~~would be~~ ^{is} that the people in the
18 Foreign Settlement don't like the ~~idea~~ ^{notion}
19 of possible air fights and duels in the
20 sky, or any other sort of hostilities
21 staged right over their heads.

22 The fighting in Shanghai is still
23 going on. The Chinese made a furious
24 attack today. They tried to capture the
25 Japanese position but were flung back

1 after furious fighting.

2 The United Press describes how
3 there was a heavy artillery and machine
4 gun barrage and then the Chinese fighting
5 men surged forward in waves. They got
6 within 500 yards of the Japanese lines
7 but the blasting fire of the defenders
8 forced them back.

9 There was another attack on the
10 Woosung forts today. 33 Japanese
11 fighting ships gathered and concentrated
12 their fire on those forts ~~xxxxxxx~~
13 guarding the River. The Chinese put up
14 ~~xxxxxxx~~ stubborn resistance.

15 The New York Evening Journal, on
16 the authority of the International News
17 Service, reports that the Japanese
18 gun fire seemed to be a preparation for
19 the landing of regiments to take part
20 in the general advance against the
21 Chinese line, which extends from Woosung ^{the river} up
22 to Shanghai.

1 J. Hubert Stevens, of the First American Bobsled
2 team, in the two-man bobsled races at Lake Placid, set a new
3 record for the Mt. Van Hoevenberg run today. He roared round the
4 hairpin bends at terrific speed, while the crowds yelled franti-
5 cally. He made the mile and a half in two minutes and 4.27
6 seconds. The largest crowd so far was on hand.

9 Joe Williams today, in the New York World-Telegram,
10 points out a paradox. I think the other night I used some such
11 terms as flashing swiftness and dizzy speed in mentioning those
12 skating races on the ice. Well, you might think there would
13 be some flashing swiftness and dizzy speed in skating races.
14 There is in some of the, but in others they seem to be having a
15 kind of slow motion picture on the ice.

18 The sprint races are fast, really sprints, but as
19 for the distance races, well, one race was thrown out because the
20 speedsters were so slow. And in an account of another skating
21 race I read how one of the referees had skated up to the
22 speed boys and told them to hurry up and get a move on.

25 The boys go skating around and around the course,

lap after lap; they really do put on dazzling bursts of speed when they hit the last lap, but in the early part of the race they ^{just loaf.}

They also say

~~paradox~~ [^] The Norwegian team was expected

to do wonders. Those chaps from

Scandinavia are brought up on the ice.

go slipping and sliding down the glassy
They [^] ~~slide~~ [^] down the glaciers, and ~~go~~

~~skiing down mountain sides~~, and ~~as~~ far as

is concerned skating, [^] why Scandinavia in winter time

is cluttered with frozen lakes, and the

boys spend a large part of their lives

~~doing figure eights and~~ skimming like

the wind, ~~along the frozen surface.~~

The Norwegian team includes several

really great skaters who ~~are~~ ^{were} expected to

carry all before them at Lake Placid.

But just the same, Uncle Sam has won

every race. ~~that's been run on the ice.~~

The grand and particular hero has been

Irving Jaffee, who yesterday won the

10,000 meter finals, and gave the

United States a clean sweep of the

Olympic speed skating championships.

In a wild diving finish Jaffee

beat out the great Norwegian speed

skater Ballangrud. Now you'd expect

Jaffee to be a regular man of the ice,

a fellow born and reared to the hardy

1 rigors of northern snows. But it's
2 altogether different. Irving Jaffee
3 is a ~~dx~~ Jewish boy from New York, who
4 works in a Wall Street Office, does
5 most of his travelling in the subway,
6 and learned to skate in puny, ~~x~~
7 tender-foot skating rinks of the ~~xxxx~~
8 Big City.

9 Westbrook Pegler, writing in
10 the New York Evening Post today, ~~xxxxxx~~
11 makes the crack that Jaffee learned to
12 skate out of a book. And yet, he's
13 beaten all of the mighty men ^{from} ~~in~~ the
14 Scandinavian northland.

15 It does seem funny, but then there
16 are a lot of funny things about those
17 winter Olympics at Lake Placid.

1 Things are all set to happen in
2 the West, in those states where the
3 prairies stretch to the horizon, out
4 where the mountains begin, and out where
5 the Pacific thunders against the cliffs
6 of California, Oregon and Washington.
7 To hundreds of thousands of homes the
8 mail-man will pay a visit. Well, he
9 often does that. But this time he'll
10 bring something special. It will be
11 marked in bold letters:- This Envelop
12 Contains Your Secret Ballot (Return
13 Postage Paid) in The Literary Digest
14 state-by-state Nation-wide Poll of
15 20 Million Voters on Prohibition.

16 Yes, the West is now coming into
17 the Digest 20-million ballot on
18 prohibition. A stream of ballots went
19 shooting into the mails today. They
20 went swirling through Uncle Sam's
21 magnificent network of postal
22 communications, and, as fast as
23 the mails can carry them they'll be
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1 delivered to the folks in the Western
2 states.

3 Today's batch of ballots are
4 headed for California, Washington,
5 Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming,
6 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah,
7 Nevada, and Texas. The folks in those
8 states are getting their big chance to
9 vote YES or NO. Thousands of ballots
10 will go to oil men in Texas, to the
11 orange growers of California, the corn
12 raisers of Iowa. Yes, and the miner
13 in the mountains will get his ballot,
14 the cotton farmer, and some will go to
15 the few remaining cowboys who ride the
16 range.

17 All this sounds rather
18 Western, but this Literary Digest
19 prohibition poll is countrywide, an all-
20 American event. Many of the central,
21 eastern and southern states have already
22 received a deluge of ballots.

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1 And they're going to get more. Don't
2 suppose that because a ballot has not
3 reached you yet you're not destined to
4 get one. There is still plenty of time
5 for the mailman to bring the envelop that
6 nominates you a voter in this tremendous
7 test of public opinion. It's something
8 like a facinating game to wait and see
9 who the lucky ones will be.

10 It's an exciting thing to know
11 that the advance stream of those twenty
12 million ballots is now pouring over the
13 country. And it's still more exciting to
14 think of all those votes coming back.

15 I wish I knew the way the
16 straw-vote is going, what the hundreds
17 of thousands of ballots that have
18 already come in indicate.

19 However, there's one thing
20 that I can mention. Today was a banner
21 day for the Literary Digest Prohibition
22 Poll. The number of returned ballots
23 that have been pouring in from one statex
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1 after another has been tremendous. The
2 start was lively. The flood has been
3 increasing steadily, day after day.
4 Today marked high-water so far. Fifty
5 thousand votes poured into the Literary
6 Digest office this afternoon. And that's
7 some stack of ballots to ~~xx~~ sort, count
8 and tabulate.

9 Fifty thousand votes for one
10 afternoon is impressive, but it's ~~xxxx~~
11 only a beginning. It's going to jump to
12 75,000 x a day, and 100,000 a day as
13 the ballots roll in from north, south,
14 east, and west. It's going to increase
15 continuously as more and more ballots
16 are poured into the mails, until that
17 gigantic list of 20 million is
18 exhausted.

19 Well, I know how I feel about it.
20 I know how hundreds of thousands of others
21 feel. Let's get a peek at the
22 results. Let's see if we can't persuade
23 the Literary Digest editors to tell us
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1 something. Of course, we all understand
2 that the Literary Digest has to use the
3 utmost care in checking and tabulating.
4 It takes time before I can begin to
5 give out the returns, those impressive
6 figures that tell the story and give the
7 answer to the most important question that
8 has ever confronted the American people.
9 It will be several days yet before some
10 of the Digest figures will be available.

11 But just the same, I'm going to see
12 if we can't ^{have an advance look} ~~take a peek~~. Maybe I can
13 persuade the ~~Literary~~ Digest editors to
14 give us a few tidbits in the way of
15 figures that will tell us something about
16 certain towns, certain sections -- maybe
17 your own town. I think I can convince the
18 ~~Literary Digest~~ editors that they ought to
19 let me tell you of a few particular places
20 that are showing up especially well in the
21 Poll, or distinguishing themselves by
22 shooting back the votes with the greatest
23 possible speed. Anyway, let's see what I
24 can do about it, and maybe I'll be able
25 to give you something significant

tomorrow, something that you can take
hold of and use as a basis for figuring
out trends and probabilities concerning
that 20-million-ballot Prohibition Poll.

1 Here's a case of a man who was a target for a barrage
2 of snowballs. Ordinarily, it isn't either amusing or dignified
3 to have a small boy throw snowballs at you. I can speak from
4 past experience and several dented derbys. But this case is
5 different.
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7 At New Britain, Conn., relates the United Press,
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9 Orazio Puglisi was driving along in his car. He was horrified
10 to see a boy take a slide on the slippery roadway and land right
11 in front of the swift-moving car. The boy went down. Orazio
12 jammed on his brakes with a convulsive bit of rapid action.
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14 The car did a dizzy skid, and there was the boy hanging onto
15 the front bumper of the machine. The lad had made a quick and
16 skillful grab as the car had borne down on him.
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18 Was the boy hurt? Well -- his feelings were badly
19 hurt. He was made when he should have been thankful. He ran to
20 a nearby snowbank and started firing snowballs at the man in
21 the car. And that's how it happened that one chap at least was
22 tickled to death when a small boy started snowballing him. He was
23 tickled pink that the lad was alive and able to paste him with a
24 snowball.
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1 Let's go sentimental for a moment
2 and observe that love is fickle, and
3 romance fades quickly, and heart's
4 devotion is easily obliterated.
5 Tattooing, however, is altogether
6 different. The marks of tattooing are not
7 fickle -- they do not vanish quickly, nor
8 or they easily obliterated.

9 From a hospital in Brooklyn comes a
10 story of a girl who was treated for acid
11 burns on one arm. Her injuries are
12 described as painful, but not serious.
13 It's a sad, sentimental story.

14 As the New York Sun tells it, Mary
15 Nuseld met a fellow named Jimmy. It was
16 last summer, and "Hearts and Flowers" was
17 the theme song for the occasion.

18 Mary and Jimmy went down to Coney
19 Island. The moon was shining, and
20 everything was lovely. They told each
21 other their love was eternal, as eternal
22 as something tattooed on your arm. And
23 just to prove it, they went to a tattooing
24 shop. The expert got busy with the
25 needle, and Mary and Jimmy had him

1 tattoo a heart on the left arm of each
2 of them.

3 Summer went by, and so did Jimmy's
4 love. His affection grew pale, but not
5 the heart on Mary's arm. It stayed just
6 as vivid and brilliant as ever.

7 The next thing you know, Jimmy
8 married another girl, and that made Mary
9 angry. And there on her arm was that
10 tattooed heart to remind her all the time
11 of Jimmy's faithlessness in love. The
12 constant reminder was so painful that
13 Mary decided to remove the tattooed heart.
14 But as I remarked, tattooing is a lot more
15 faithful than love.

16 Mary got herself some acid and tried
17 to wipe the heart off with the burning
18 liquid. It seems she went about it too
19 enthusiastically, for the next thing you
20 know, she was in the hospital being
21 treated for acid burns. Her injury is
22 said to be painful, but not serious. And
23 I suppose that's a good description for
24 broken hearts and things like that --
25 PAINFUL, BUT NOT SERIOUS.

1 Well, here's one line of
2 business that seems to be booming. The
3 Chicago Bible Society announced ~~to day~~
4 that it sold more bibles in the central
5 states during 1931 than any other
6 previous year.

7 ~~The United Press gives us~~
8 ~~the detail that~~ The Chicago Bible
9 Society has been in existence for
10 ninety-two years. But 1931 was its
11 banner year so far as ^{the} sales of bibles
12 ~~are~~ concerned.

1 Last night we had a bit of news
2 about railroad slang, the odd expressions
3 employed by old time railroad workers.

4 Well, tonight we have another
5 line of slang, and the heading of the
6 dispatch makes it look interesting. *This time*
7 ~~It is a case of~~ ^{to the} Salvation Army. ~~slang~~

8 The New York Sun informs us
9 that in the Salvation Army a particularly
10 racy and colloquial kind of speech is
11 used. The 1932 year book issued by ^{international} ~~the~~
12 ~~Salvation~~ ^{Headquarters} Army in London, gives us a
13 few bits of choice soul-saving slang.

14 If a couple of Army workers are
15 talking, and one of them refers to the ^{moment}
16 ~~act of~~ ^{when} everybody say^s ~~ing~~ "Amen," ~~together,~~
17 he calls it "firing a volley."

18 In the Salvation Army they do
19 a good deal of fishing, but fishing is x
20 Army slang for the business of speaking
21 with individuals during a prayer, in order
22 to help them come to a decision.

23 Fixed bayonets is when the
24 worshippers raise their right hands to
25 attest what is being said or done.

1 And do you know what a "free-and-easy" is? Why, that's
2 a meeting of praise in which special freedom and naturalness
3 are encouraged.
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5 A hallelujah-wind-up is a rousing close of Sunday meeting.

6 A prayer meeting is called a "knee drill."
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8 And, when a Salvation Army man refers to the prisoners,
9 he means the converts. They are prisoners-of-war captured from
10 the hosts of His Satanic Majesty the Devil.
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12 And so in Salvation Army circles, you may hear some
13 choice line of slang, such as:-

14 I was fishing with a prisoner at a free-and-easy.
15 We fixed bayonets just before the hallelujah wind-up of a knee
16 drill.
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18 To which I suppose I should add -- "Amen, brother,
19 and,
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21 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.
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