

WHEAT

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Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 ~~Now it'll be hanged if there~~
2 ~~isn't some~~ ^{there's} good news from Europe ^{tonight. And}
3 ~~who'd have thought it.~~ ^{that's a bit unusual} At least it's
4 good news for the farmer and people
5 interested in the wheat business.

6 "We're going to be selling
7 wheat to Europe in large quantities
8 within the next four months", ^{declares} ~~said~~ George
9 ~~S.~~ Milnor, president of the Grain
10 Stabilization Corporation of the United
11 States.

12 Mr. Milnor is in Paris, and the
13 report comes through a United Press
14 dispatch to the ^{n.Y.} World-Telegram.

15 "I am convinced that this means
16 the end of the wheat crisis", said Mr.
17 Milnor. "The principal European countries
18 have exhausted their domestic wheat
19 supplies. ^{This means they} ~~and~~ must buy heavily before the
20 ~~new~~ new crop at the end of August.

21 "The United States has no need
22 to grant credits now, because Europe by
23 necessity will be forced to pay cash,
24 ~~within the next four months~~, and they're
25 going to need well over fifty million
bushels." ^{Yes, that's good news.}

1 Here's a novel idea. A despatch
2 from Morristown, New Jersey, tells how
3 the American Legion of that city is
4 making a house to house canvass for
5 food -- particularly jams and jellies.
6 The town is divided into sections and
7 a truck moves slowly through the streets.
8 ~~of each section.~~ On each is a bugler.
9 At the sound of the bugle, front doors
10 fly open and out comes a shower of jams
11 and jellies. There is a crew of six
12 on each truck, to catch the jams and
13 jellies.

14 It sounds like a grand and
15 spectacular way of getting food for the
16 unemployed. I'd like to watch the
17 boys on the trucks go through that
18 barrage of jams and jellies.
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BEER

A loud demand was heard in Washington ^{today}.

"Give the people beer and lower the taxes," said American industry, ~~today~~ ~~at Washington~~, to the Congress of the United States. *By American industry the dispatch meant* ~~it was~~ a delegation from the National Association of Manufacturers. ~~that made~~ This proposal ^{was made} to the Senate Finance Committee.

The Association claimed that if we are allowed to manufacture and sell what it ^{argues will be} ~~sells~~ a wholesome, palatable ^{cereal} ~~serial~~ beverage, non-intoxicating in fact, the government could raise not less than 270 million dollars in taxes.

1 (News is definite tonight that some
2 of the bank notes in the Lindbergh case are
3 in circulation. ~~The~~ ^Q 20-dollar gold
4 certificate bearing one of the numbers of
5 the Lindbergh bills was found in New
6 York today and turned over to the police.
7 Just who first put the 20-dollar bill
8 in circulation is unknown, and the
9 police are trying to trace it down.)

10 There are many other reports
11 concerning bills ~~that are~~ said to bear ^{the}
12 serial numbers ~~of~~ ^A the bank notes that
13 Colonel Lindbergh gave to the man
14 believed to be one of the kidnapers.
15 There is nothing definitely certain about
16 these, however. The only bank note that
17 has positively been identified is the
18 one found in New York today.

19 ~~The New York Sun adds the detail~~
20 ~~that~~ The \$50,000 ransom which ^{cal,} Lindbergh
21 paid ~~to the~~ consisted of 5,150 bills,
22 of five, ten and twenty-dollar denominations.

23 Meanwhile it is denied that
24 Doctor John F. Condon, the 72-year old
25 teacher has been again in contact with

1 the kidnapers. Doctor Condon who got
 2 in touch with the men to whom Lindbergh
 3 paid the ransom, declares today that while
 4 he has been trying hard to ~~contact~~ ^{communicate once more} with
 5 the ^m~~kidnappers~~ again, he has not
 6 succeeded.

7 The New York Sun ~~today~~ ^S printed ~~ed~~ an
 8 account given by the taxi-driver who
 9 carried the first note from the supposed
 10 kidnapper to Doctor Condon. The
 11 taxi-driver tells how he was hailed by a
 12 man in the Bronx who paid him 50¢ to
 13 deliver the message to the Doctor's house.
 14 The chauffeur having no idea of what the
 15 message was, went ahead and delivered it.
 16 He says the man was poorly dressed and
 17 talked with what was probably a German
 18 or Scandinavian accent.

19 ~~Among the odd things~~
 20 *Somebody ^{has} tried to drag me into the*
 21 *case. I've just had a long distance call from*
 22 *the Chief of Police of a town in Canada - St.*
 23 *Thomas in Ontario. He told me that they have*
 24 *under arrest up there, a man who had four*
 25 *letters in his pocket, one addressed to Col.*
Lindbergh, another to his mother, a third to Mrs.
Morrow, and the fourth addressed to me. It's seems
mighty odd. Chief Herbert Gunson wanted my permission
to open the letter and of course I said "go ahead."

1 There was quite a sensation in
2 Honolulu today. Of course, when I say
3 Honolulu, ~~you know~~ I mean the so-called
4 honor murder trial.

5 The prosecution called its
6 first witness today. His name is Sam
7 Lau, and he is a Chinese detective
8 and fingerprint expert of the Honolulu
9 Police Department.

10 A ~~The~~ United Press dispatch to the
11 St. Louis Star says that the Chinese
12 Sherlock Holmes wore a light tan suit
13 to match his complexion. I don't know
14 exactly what importance that has. What
15 was important was that Mr. Sam Lau
16 identified the guns, the bullets, the
17 blood stained towels, and other
18 ~~articles~~ articles which the prosecution
19 thinks ^{are vital} ~~to be important~~ evidence against
20 the defendants.

21 "Kahahawai, the dead man, was
22 kidnapped, and killed in Mrs. Fortescue's
23 bedroom", ^{charges} ~~says~~ the prosecution.

24 "You can't prove it", replied ^S
25 Clarence Darrow, the old bulldog ~~xxxx~~

1 ~~xxxx~~ who is chief of the lawyers
2 defending Mrs. Fortescue and the others.

3 The trial ^{seems destined} ~~is certain~~ to become
4 one of these affairs with insanity
5 experts outswearing each other on both
6 sides. Arrangements have been made
7 for both sides to bring psychiatrists
8 from the States.

1 Here's a bridge story that ought
2 to go down in the book of records. I'd
3 say it ought to go into the Tall Story
4 Book, if it ~~wasn't~~ ^{vouched for by} ~~came in as a United~~
5 ~~Press dispatch from~~ [^] the Detroit News.

6 Every bridge player dreams of
7 some day holding thirteen cards of the
8 same suit in one hand. That's what
9 happened to Mrs. Joseph Jacks of
10 Detroit. She had a full hand of hearts.

11 ~~I don't know whether Mrs. Jacks~~
12 ~~lit a cigarette but at any rate~~ She Jacks
13 ^{put on her best Poker face} ~~looked nonchalant~~ [^] and bid one heart.

14 Eventually she was forced ~~to~~ and had to
15 bid seven. To her astonishment and
16 disgust her husband who was ~~bidding~~ ^{playing}
17 against her took the bid. ~~with seven~~
18 ~~spades~~ [^] ~~What was still worse, he made~~
19 ~~it, which is no way for a husband to~~
20 ~~behave.~~ I wonder what Mrs. Jacks called
21 Mr. Jacks.

1 Here's one for the stenographers,
2 the young men and women who jot down
3 those funny-looking signs with such
4 uncanny speed. How many stenographers
5 do you suppose there are in the ^{se} United
6 States? Well, there are more than
7 one million. And just think of the amount
8 of dictation they ~~could~~^{could} take on any day.

9 ~~Well,~~ That just reminds us of the
10 number of important people who have begun
11 their careers with a ~~stenographer's~~ stenographer's
12 notebook and a pencil. The Philadelphia
13 Record prints a United Press interview
14 with Doctor John R. Gregg, the inventor
15 of one of the best-known systems of
16 shorthand. The Doctor tells us of a few
17 of the eminent men who were stenographers.
18 First comes Woodrow Wilson, who was a
19 rattling good stenog~~rapher~~. Then there's
20 George B. Cortelyou, who began as a
21 White House stenographer and rose to
22 various high offices, including the
23 Secretaryship of the Treasury. Judge
24 Kenesaw Mountain Landis, the Czar of
25 Baseball, started in ~~as a stenographer~~^{by taking dictation} and

1 so did Irving S. Cobb, the famous writer
2 and humorist.

3 And that list doesn't include
4 any of the fair stenogs who began by
5 taking dictation, and then marry^{ed} ~~ing~~ the
6 boss and did the dictating themselves.

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8 Borah's state, 150 for continuance,
9 556 for repeal.

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11 Pennsylvania, shows 14,688 approving
12 present methods, 39,401, disliking them.

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14 Ohio, shows 1,503 for prohibition,
15 6,344 against.

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17 Carolina, with 324 in favor of the
18 amendment, 1,079 disapproving of it.

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20 are 535 voting dry, 1,314 wet.

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22 the rum used to come from, reports
23 384 for continuance, 1,505 for repeal.

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25 208 contented with the present conditions.

~~Ladies and Gentlemen~~

In the latest reports from the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll ~~ballots~~ we ~~find~~^{is} the town of Winfield, Kansas, ~~and its~~ dry; 473 voting in favor, ~~of the 18th Amendment~~^{and} 247 against.

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1 ^{are not,}
772 ~~on the other side.~~

2 Orange, New Jersey, has
3 329 in favor of the 18th Amendment,
4 2470 opposed. ~~to it.~~

5 At Geneva, New York, ~~xxxxxx~~
6 there are 341 drys, 1058 wets.

7 ~~We now return to our program.~~

8 A dispatch from the
9 from Frederick Kuh, United Press staff
10 correspondent at Berlin, brings us the
11 information that Adolf Hitler's Fascist
12 ~~army~~ army was ordered disbanded and
13 suppressed throughout the German Reich
14 under an emergency decree signed by
15 President von Hindenburg today.

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17 Adolf. The order was made effective
18 throughout Prussia at 5 p.m., and is
19 being enforced in all the other states
20 of the Reich.

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22 little bit more behind it than that.
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24 troops, and not against the party. But
25 the Munich police invaded and occupied

1 Well, it looks as though the
2 German government were saying to them-
3 selves: "Look here, we've had enough
4 of this Hitler person. We've been
5 handling him with kid gloves to ~~downed~~
6 long. It's time we went after him.

7 ~~proper.~~ "Raus mit ihm."

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1 the famous brown house which is the
2 headquarters of the lad with the
3 Chaplin mustache.

4 Yes, there is no doubt that the
5 newly re-elected President von
6 Hindenburg means business.

7 "The government is fully
8 determined to crush without mercy any
9 attempt to form a state within the
10 state," the gallant old soldier
11 announced in the proclamation which
12 went with the decree.

1 Another historic spectacle is that
2 of England going strong for protective
3 tariff. Raymond Gram Swing, in a dispatch
4 to the New York Evening Post, reports that
5 the budget to be presented to Parliament
6 on April 19th will be a general levy of
7 30% on manufactured and 20% on
8 semi-manufactured goods.

9 "What this means", says Mr. Swing,
10 "is that British industry will be
11 surrounded by ^{an even} higher tariff wall ~~even~~
12 than that which surrounds us. While
13 there is a general 10% tariff in America
14 the British wall of protection will
15 amount to somewhere between ~~12~~ 14 and 15%.
16 In other words half again as high as ours!"

1 Surprising as it may sound, Uncle
 2 Sam got some kind words from another
 3 European country today. No less a
 4 magnifico than Mussolini himself gave
 5 us the accolade for our proposal to
 6 abolish chemical warfare and all the
 7 other more deadly forms of destruction.

8 You may remember that yesterday
 9 Premier Tardieu of France gave our
 10 suggestion the razz. Well, today
 11 Signor Grandi, Mr. Mussolini's foreign
 12 minister, got up at the Disarmament
 13 Conference in Geneva, and said in effect:

14 "It's not Uncle Sam who's absurd.
 15 It is you, ^{my dear} ~~Mr.~~ Tardieu."

16 The Italians/~~go~~ ^{go} us one better,
 17 as a matter of fact. They would abolish
 18 not only chemical warfare, tanks, high
 19 calibre guns, ^{but also} ~~but~~ bombing planes.

20 "The State Department is not in
 21 the least discouraged by French
 22 opposition to the American proposals",
 23 ^{announced an official} ~~said a~~ spokesman ^{in Washington today.} ~~of our foreign office~~
 24 ~~today.~~ "The American delegation is
 25 going to work harder than ever for the
 idea."

1 And what is more, Japan is the
2 latest country to join those backing
3 up your Uncle Samuel in Geneva.

4 The Nipponese delegation wants
5 all the countries to agree never to
6 attack civilian populations in wartime;
7 No aerial bombing; No attacks on cities
8 or towns; Guarantees of security to
9 all civilian populations.

10 Well, that sounds like a good
11 idea. ~~It goes even further than the~~
12 ~~suggestions that we made to the rest~~
13 ~~of the world at Geneva.~~ *It's too bad they*
14 *didn't think of it at Shanghai.*

Oh ha,

1 ~~He is~~ General Mah is on the other
2 side of the fence once again. That
3 military chieftain with the maternal
4 name changes his colors about as rapidly
5 as the famous Chameleon. In fact it's
6 somewhat difficult to keep track of
7 General Mah's shifting loyalties. At
8 first he was trumpeted to the far Eastern
9 skies as the Saviour of his country,--the
10 country being China. He was a commander
11 of the Chinese Armies fighting against
12 the Japanese during those early
13 embattled days in Manchuria. Far and wide
14 over the land of Cathay he was heralded
15 by the teeming millions as the patriotic
16 hero and a mighty defender of his *celestial*
17 fatherland. Then the next thing we
18 heard was that General Mah had changed
19 sides and gone over to the Japanese.
20 The maternal general had jumped the fence
21 with a nimble leap.

22 A United Press dispatch ^{to} ~~by~~ the
23 Indianapolis Times reminds us that the
24 General became a pillar of strength to
25 the regime of Henry Pu-yi. Henry is the

1 former boy emperor of China, whom the
 2 Japanese have set up as the head of the
 3 independent Manchurian Government.

4 ~~He~~ ^{now} ~~once~~ ^{again} ~~the~~ General ^{Ma} has
 5 gone over the fence ^{again}. He announced today
 6 that he has broken with the Japanese
 7 and is flying the flag of China ^{once} ~~once~~
 8 more.

9 He declares that the Heilungkiang
 10 Province of which he has control ~~was~~ ^{is} no
 11 longer under the rule of Henry Pu-yi,
 12 and his Japanese supported regime.

13 A further complication is added
 14 by the detail that General Mah is now
 15 on a visit to the Soviet Russian city
 16 of Blagoveschensk, which makes the plot
 17 all the thicker. *A thick plot and an unpronounceable*
 18 *name. But anyway* ~~He~~ ^{if} General Mah keeps on jumping
 19 the fence he's liable to get hooked on
 20 the barbed wire some day and tear his
 21 pants or at least he may tear his
 22 Chinese Mandarin's gown. *And that would be a*
 23 *celestial misfortune. After which I will*
 24 *repeat my celestial refrain of*

25 S-l-u-to-m