

LINDBERGH

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

1 There seems to be a wilder crop
2 of rumors than ever tonight in the
3 Lindbergh case. Two sensational ^{reports} ~~rumors~~
4 have been going ^{the} ~~around~~s.

5 The first one is really
6 fantastic. It relates that the
7 Lindbergh baby has been returned, that
8 the child has been in its parents'
9 possession for two days, and that the
10 Lindbergh's had ~~be~~ ~~xx~~ been keeping the
11 matter secret because they made the
12 promise to the kidnappers not to let
13 the news of the child's return become
14 published for several days.

15 At Boston today Mayor Curley is said
16 ^{to have} declared that he had been reliably
17 informed that the Lindbergh baby had
18 been handed back to his parents on
19 Sunday night, and that the reason for
20 keeping the matter secret was to give
21 the kidnappers a better chance to make
22 their getaway. ^{The United Press reports that the Mayor's}
^{office denies that he said any such thing.}

23 This is rumor No. 1, and it
24 has been positively denied. In
25 authoritative quarters it is asserted

1 with the utmost emphasis that the
2 child has not been returned.

3 The New York Evening Post tells
4 of a second rumor which is said to
5 come from a person in touch with the
6 Lindberghs. This report relates that
7 Colonel Lindbergh has known for
8 several days where the baby is hidden,
9 and that on Sunday night he opened
10 negotiations with the kidnappers. This
11 rumor adds that the baby is being held
12 aboard a boat.

13 This story is officially denied
14 by Miss Elizabeth Morrow, Mrs. Lindbergh's
15 sister. She declares positively that the
16 family does not know where the baby is
17 hidden.

18 The New York Evening Post points
19 out that both rumors concern supposed
20 important events alleged to have occurred
21 on Sunday night.

22 From the Lindbergh home comes the
23 simple statement that the family has
24 settled down to wait.

25 The New York Sun tells how

1 a section twenty miles square around
2 the Lindbergh home is being searched
3 for the kidnapped child. Automobile
4 loads of New Jersey state troopers
5 were hurried into the hill country
6 today, and they've been combing every
7 nook and corner.

8 This activity follows hot on the
9 heels of ~~that latest clew about~~ ^{I mean the one to the effect that} ~~revealed by~~
10 ~~the stepladder, which the kidnappers~~
11 ~~used in stealing the baby.~~ [^] The wood
12 of which ~~the stepladder~~ [^] was made has
13 been found to be waste pieces of North
14 Carolina pine used in building a
15 cottage ~~at~~ the State Home for Epileptics
16 at Skillman, New Jersey. This cottage
17 was built a year ago. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Men
18 living in the neighborhood of the
19 Lindbergh home worked on the job, and
20 they are known to have carried away a
21 good deal of the waste lumber when the
22 job was over.

23 Another angle points to the
24 possible fact that professional
25 kidnappers, and not amateurs, may be

1 responsible for the crime. The New York
2 World-Telegram declares ~~xx~~ that the
3 police are hunting three ~~xxxxxxx~~
4 gangsters who are known to be connected
5 with the kidnapping racket.

6 And so it's the familiar story,
7 the same story that we've been hearing
8 day after day for more than a week -
9 one rumor after another, one clew after
10 another - with the baby still missing.

11 to Baltimore. She has flashed a radio
12 distress call, telling that she shipped
13 her rubber raft while battling with
14 the gale. The ship cannot be feared,
15 and the seas are mountain-high.

16 The New York World-Telegram tells
17 us that help is on the way, and let's
18 hope that the news will be just what
19 some more stories of heroic rescue
20 at sea.

1 Along with this blustering, wintry
2 weather we've been having come tales
3 of ships in distress at sea. Tonight
4 half a dozen vessels, including the
5 American liner the PRESIDENT HARDING,
6 are hurrying to the rescue of two
7 disabled freighters. One is a coal
8 steamer that has been disabled since
9 Sunday night. The other is a German
10 freight steamer, bound from Germany
11 to Baltimore. She has flashed a radio
12 distress call, telling that she snapped
13 her rudder-shaft while battling with
14 the gale. The ship cannot be steered,
15 and the seas are mountain-high.

16 The New York World-Telegram tells
17 us that help is on the way, and let's
18 hope that the result will be just ~~a~~ two
19 ~~couple~~ more stories of heroic rescues
20 at sea.
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1 There was a terrific explosion
2 at Camden, New Jersey, today. A huge
3 gas tank blew up. Eight people are
4 known to be dead. More than a dozen
5 are missing, and four injured persons
6 have been rushed to the hospital.

7 The gas tank was one of those
8 usual giant drum-like affairs. The
9 New York Sun declares that the cause
10 of the accident has not been determined.
11 There was just one sudden and terrific
12 explosion as millions of cubic feet
13 of gas blew up. Then there was a raging
14 fire as more and more of the
15 inflammable stuff blazed skyward. The
16 flames didn't spread. There was no
17 other damage except for the tank that
18 exploded.

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20 that method of raising revenue.

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22 uproar in Congress, and the United Press
23 in the New York World-Telegram quotes
24 Speaker John W. Cramer today as
25 declaring that the Democrats have
prepared a substitute for the sales tax,
in case the opposition becomes too
difficult to surmount.

1 The new tax bill was reported by
2 the Ways and Means Committee to the
3 House of Representatives today. It
4 includes that sales tax, which has been
5 causing so much discussion. The sales
6 tax calls for manufacturers to pay a
7 tax on a long list of goods.

8 The Finance Editor of the Literary
9 Digest explained to me today that this
10 is a brand new departure in American
11 government. Other countries have a
12 sales tax, including most of the
13 European nations. ^{HP}Canada has one too.
14 At first the sales tax provoked violent
15 opposition among the Canadians, but
16 since it has been in effect opinion
17 seems to have changed, and now the
18 Canadians seem rather to approve of
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25 prepared a substitute for the sales tax,
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difficult to surmount.

1 Well, the first battle in the
2 primary campaign has been fought, and
3 politicians have been trying to figure
4 just how much it means.

5 (Governor Roosevelt swept
6 New Hampshire in yesterday's ^{primary} ~~election~~.
7 He was opposed by ex-governor Smith,
8 but won by a two to one vote. The
9 Democratic standard-bearer of 1928
10 carried only three cities.

11 Governor Roosevelt's sweeping
12 victory makes it certain that New
13 Hampshire's eight votes will support
14 him at the Democratic National
15 Convention.)

16 The United Press returns show
17 that Smith was strongest in the cities,
18 while ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Roosevelt swept the rural
19 section.

20 Pres. Hoover at the same
21 time swept the Republican primaries
22 without opposition.
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1 In New York former Sheriff
2 Thomas M. Farley was ~~xxxx~~ cleared
3 today of the charges made against him.
4 Judge ~~John K.~~ ^{has} Freschi, before whom the
5 former sheriff was on trial, ordered
6 the former ~~sheriff to be~~ ^{defendant} acquitted, ~~on~~ ^{in full}
7 ~~all charges on every count.~~

8 Farley was on trial because
9 of charges made by Samuel Seabury of
10 the Hofstadter Committee. It had been
11 shown that as sheriff, the defendant
12 had kept for his own use the interest
13 on public money which he had deposited.
14 His ~~xx~~ defense was that this had always
15 been done by the sheriffs in New York,
16 and that the law does not say anything
17 about who is entitled to the interest
18 on the money which the sheriff places
19 on deposit.

20 The New York-World Telegram
21 quotes Judge Freschi ^{has} as declaring
22 today that the prosecution had not
23 proved any guilty intention on the part
24 of the former sheriff, and ^{had} ~~he~~ failed to
25 prove that Farley was conscious of
wrong doing.

SHARE A MEAL

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1 A new idea for helping the
2 needy unemployed is under way in New
3 York. It is called Share a Meal, and
4 is sponsored by the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
5 Emergency Unemployed Relief Committee.

6 ~~Sallie McBougall, in the New~~
7 ~~York World Telegram, tells how~~ Baskets
8 are being hung up in grocery stores,
9 and housewives, doing their shopping,
10 are invited to share a meal - that is,
11 they are asked while procuring
12 supplies for their own dinners, to buy
13 an extra can of something or other
14 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and drop this bit of
15 canned goods into the basket. The
16 food that they donate is distributed
17 among the people in the neighborhood
18 who are short of provisions for their
19 own dinners.

20 That's the way you share a
21 meal, and they say that the amount of
22 canned goods donated is doing a whole
23 lot to help people who are without
24 jobs and in need.

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1 Tomorrow we are going to have
2 the fourth set of state-by-state
3 returns in that Prohibition Poll, which
4 is causing political leaders to do a lot
5 of figuring. This next set of returns
6 will bring the Poll to its middle period.
7 The issue isn't settled, not by a long
8 shot, but the returns are shaping themselves
9 into mighty impressive-looking figures.
10 The^{se} figures and the analysis will be
11 printed in the Literary Digest tomorrow,
12 and I 'll just tip you off to one
13 interesting slant. Are the prohibitionists
14 discouraged by the ~~re~~turns thus far?
15 Not at all. The figures do show a
16 majority against prohibition, but
17 advocates of the dry cause use a bit
18 of interesting logic to explain why
19 the cause of prohibition^{still} is mighty
20 strong, ~~those definite and precise~~
21 ~~figures notwithstanding~~

22 Well, the Literary Digest tomor row
23 will tell us all about that.

24 Meanwhile, let's get along to a
25 few more cities.

There is one on the list here that has a real kick -- I mean a mighty dry kick. What community in the country is it that votes so enthusiastically and overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition? I give you three guesses. Well, we'll strike the answer pretty soon. It's about two-thirds of the way down on this list.

The list starts out with a city that seems to be pretty evenly divided on the subject of prohibition. Fort Smith, Arkansas, ~~out of a total of 854 votes~~, gives 365 for ~~the~~ continuance and 489 against.

It's another story at Stamford, Connecticut. ~~Out of 2,585 votes~~, 304 are dry and 2,281 are wet.

And, strangely enough, almost as heavy a majority is given by Tampa, Florida: -- ~~total 3,253~~: 565 for prohibition -- 2,688 against.

Augusta, Georgia, splits its ~~total of 807~~ votes this way: 186 dry, 621 wet.

Now comes the city of steel, blast furnaces, and huge plants. These big

1 industrial towns do seem to be
2 exceedingly moist.

3 For Gary, Indiana, ~~the total is~~
4 ~~1,409, with~~ 176 votes for, and 1233
5 against the 18th Amendment.

6 Springfield, Massachusetts, comes
7 forward with ~~a total of 9,342~~ -- 1733
8 dry -- 7,609 wet.

9 ^{and now for}
10 Yes, ~~here is~~ that rousing dry
11 majority. It's the heaviest majority
12 for prohibition that we have had thus
13 far. This particular town cast 160
14 votes altogether. 133 give a rousing
15 cheer for prohibition. Only 27 ^{murmur "no"} ~~are~~
16 ~~against the 18th Amendment.~~ That's a
17 topheavy dry majority of nearly five
18 to one.

19 ^{But}
20 ~~Hey,~~ wait a minute, I nearly
21 forgot to tell you the name of the
22 town, and that's the most interesting
23 part of it all. It's Zion, Illinois,
24 that same Zion City founded by
25 Alexander Dowie and run for so long
by Voliva. It is renowned as perhaps
the strictest community in this country.

1 And the Zion vote in the Literary
2 Digest Prohibition Poll certainly does
3 reflect the ~~Puritan~~^{sentiment} ~~enthusiasm~~ of that
4 community.

5 Jersey City is a different kind
6 of town, ~~and it's vote certainly is~~
7 ~~different -- total 9, 190 --~~ 598 dry --
8 8,592 wet.

9 And then here's Hagerstown,
10 Maryland ~~which, out of a total of 1,762~~
11 ~~votes, gives~~^{with} 475 for prohibition and
12 ~~casts~~ 1,287 against.

13 But don't think that the strict
14 and proper citizens of Zion City are
15 the only ones who show up with a dry
16 majority tonight.

17 Oskaloosa, Iowa, casts its vote
18 in favor of prohibition. Out of 423
19 votes, 229 give a loud cheer for the
20 18th Amendment, while ^{only} 194 take the other
21 side. ~~of the question.~~

22 Well, ~~that seems to end my list~~
23 ~~of cities tonight.~~ And the next thing
24 ~~is to wait until tomorrow for the state-~~
25 ~~by-state returns, which tell how the~~
~~country is going.~~

(The Irish Free State has a new President tonight. Yes, he is Eamon de Valera. The parliament at Dublin elected him by a decisive majority.)

The United Press relates that Former President Cosgrave refused to be a candidate, knowing that his party was in a minority.

Well, the elevation of Eamon de Valera marks the climax of a spectacular career. The tall gaunt Irishman who is half Spanish, has long been one of England's most fiery antagonists. ^{He} ~~and~~ ^{flamingly} ~~prominently~~ figured in the revolution which led to the formation of the Irish Free State.

Ever since then he ~~has~~ ^{Irish} been agitating for the complete independence of Ireland. And now ^{as the new} ~~he~~ ^{Irish} ~~stands~~ ^{president he} committed to the abolition of the oath of loyalty to King George, the Fifth.

And now from Ireland let's hop across Europe to the Near East.

~~And~~ The animals came
in two by two,
The elephant and the kangaroo.

1 ~~A familiar old name comes along~~
2 ~~Do you remember Mount Ararat? Well, it's in the~~
3 ~~in the news tonight - Mount Ararat.~~ *news again.*
4 ~~no,~~ ^{time it} this hasn't anything to do with
5 matters biblical. It doesn't concern
6 Noah or the Ark. Mount Ararat ^{this time} figures
7 as the subject of a bit of diplomatic
8 ~~negotiation.~~

9 The New York Sun reminds us
10 that Mount Ararat is on the border of
11 Turkey and Persia. The ancient summit
12 on which Noah ^{ranked against} ~~landed~~ with his Ark
13 is on the Turkish side of the boundary.
14 But its companion peak, known as
15 Little Ararat, is on the Persian ~~x~~ side -
16 or at least it was until now.

17 Turkey and Persia have arranged
18 to swap pieces of territory, and they
19 say it's a mighty rare thing for
20 nations to come to an agreement on the
21 basis of - you give me this bit of
22 land, and I'll give you that. Turkey
23 gives up a section of territory at
24 another place along the boundary line,
25 and receives in return the mountain
known as Little Ararat.

1 But don't think that in this
2 transaction the Turks are particularly
3 interested in Noah and his Ark. The
4 reason they want Little Ararat is
5 something else again.

6 The Turkish authorities are
7 always having trouble with ~~the~~ Kurdish
8 bandits, and these wild fellows
9 commonly take refuge in the rocky
10 wilds of Little Ararat.

11 The Persians haven't been able
12 to do much in hunting them down, and so
13 the Turks decided it would be a good
14 thing if they got hold of the bandits'
15 nest for themselves. They think they'll
16 be able to clear out the ^{so} bands of
17 Kurdish raiders.

18 Well, to Abdul the Turk, Mount
19 Ararat means Kurdish bandits, but to us
20 it still means Noah and the Ark. Yes,
21 the animals they came in two by two,
22 the elephants and the kangaroo. ^{They came} ~~but~~
23 ~~as for me~~ ^{in -- but} I'm going out -- and
24 ~~And~~, so long until tomorrow.