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IRELAND

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Good Evening, Everybody:

1           The word from London is that the  
2 British Government has sent a stiff note  
3 of protest to Dublin, <sup>to DeValera, President of the Irish Free State,</sup> J. H. Thomas,  
4 Secretary for the Dominions, had an  
5 audience with King George today, after  
6 which he informed <sup>the House of Commons</sup> that the British  
7 Government will not agree to the abolition  
8 of the oath of allegiance <sup>or</sup> ~~to~~ the ~~xxxxxx~~  
9 elimination of the land annuities to be  
10 paid ~~by Ireland~~ to England, <sup>by Ireland.</sup>

11           This <sup>refusal is</sup> ~~points are~~ included in the  
12 note which has been sent to the DeValera  
13 Government at Dublin, although the text  
14 has not been made public.

15           The London correspondent of the  
16 New York Evening Post interprets the  
17 situation in terms of bluff and bluster.  
18 He says it will be a lot of bluster on  
19 the part of both England and Ireland.  
20 London will adopt a stern attitude but  
21 in his opinion the English ~~xxx~~ in the end  
22 will be willing to compromise.

23           It is suggested that the compromise  
24 may be reached by taking the matter to the  
25 World Court and letting that International

Business matter

IRELAND - #2

1 Judicial Body decide on the question of  
 2 whether or not members of the Irish  
 3 Parliament shall go on taking the Oath  
 4 of Allegiance to the King, and whether  
 5 Ireland shall continue to pay those land  
 6 annuities ~~to~~ the British Government.

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2 that General Wang-ken, the West Point  
3 graduate in the Chinese army, has been  
4 executed. The United Press in the New  
5 York Sun declares it has reliable  
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1 In the news today there are two  
2 strange stories of parents and children.

3 One tells how a singer, a well-  
4 known French tenor, walked down the gang-  
5 plank in New York, clutching in his hand  
6 the photograph of a young woman.

7 Meanwhile, on the dock a girl waited with  
8 the photograph of a man in her hand.

9 They were father and daughter, and each  
10 had the other's picture, so as to be sure  
11 they would recognize each other.

12 The New York Sun tells the story  
13 of how years ago Louis Rousseau married  
14 an American girl at Dallas, Texas. A  
15 daughter was born, but immediately  
16 afterward there was a separation. The wife  
17 left the husband, taking the child with  
18 her. The husband returned to France, and  
19 there achieved success as a tenor at the  
20 Paris opera. Years went by and he  
21 didn't see his daughter -- he didn't  
22 know where she was.

23 A year ago the girl, now grown up,  
24 accidentally learned the whereabouts of her  
25 father. She wrote to him, and he wrote



1 back, and they arranged to meet. She  
2 was living at Far Rockaway, Long Island,  
3 and gave her address. Shortly before he  
4 sailed to America to meet her she moved  
5 to another house. She wrote to him,  
6 telling him of her change of address.  
7 But the letter never reached him. He  
8 came to New York and went to the old  
9 address and found she had gone. They  
10 couldn't tell him where. He lived for a  
11 month at Far Rockaway, hunting for her.  
12 Later on father and daughter found out  
13 that nearly every day the girl had passed  
14 the house where he was living, but of  
15 course neither of them knew it.

16 When the tenor Rousseau returned to  
17 France he received his daughter's letters  
18 once more, and now again he has returned  
19 to America to find her. This time they  
20 took no chances. The girl met him at the  
21 dock, and each had a picture of the  
22 other -- just to make sure.

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24 That story has a happy ending, but  
25 this next one is a bit of vivid tragedy.

1 Recently Lya De Putti, a famous film  
2 actress died in New York, and now the  
3 word comes that her husband has committed  
4 suicide over in their native land of  
5 Hungary. This brings to light a strange  
6 bit of drama. For twelve years, while  
7 the brilliant star of the screen was  
8 making a career for herself, she was  
9 regarded as dead by her husband and two  
10 daughters back in Budapest. Her husband  
11 pretended that she had died, and her two  
12 children believed it. It is only now  
13 that the two girls have learned that  
14 during those twelve years the fascinating  
15 beauty of the screen, Lya De Putti, was  
16 their mother.

17 The United Press tells the story of  
18 how the beautiful Hungarian girl fifteen  
19 or more years ago married Zoltan von  
20 *Shepeasy* Szepessy, a proud Hungarian aristocrat  
21 who was an official of the Austrian-*Hungarian*  
22 Imperial court. For a while they were  
23 happy, but in 1920 the radiant young  
24 wife left her husband and went on the  
25 stage. This was a dreadful blow to the

1 haughty aristocrat. He never became  
 2 reconciled to it. From then on he  
 3 considered his wife dead. He spoke of  
 4 her as one no longer in the land of the  
 5 living. He had a grave arranged in a  
 6 cemetery, an empty grave above which was  
 7 a headstone bearing the name of his wife  
 8 and giving the day she left him as the  
 9 date of her death. Thus he lived a life  
 10 of tragical make-believe. ~~He always~~  
 11 ~~spoke of his wife as one who had been,~~  
 12 ~~but who lived no longer.~~ And he brought  
 13 up his two daughters in the conviction e.  
 14 that their mother had died.

15         Meanwhile, the beautiful wife, now  
 16 using her maiden name, made her ■■  
 17 sensational success on the motion picture  
 18 screen. Yet the husband never gave up the  
 19 hope that she would return, give up the  
 20 theatrical career that he hated, and  
 21 return to her family. But she never did  
 22 return. Instead she ■ died, <sup>recently.</sup> And now he  
 23 has killed himself. He left a note with  
 24 the command that he should be buried  
 25 beside that empty grave in the Budapest



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1 cemetery, the empty tomb that he had  
 2 arranged when he began to live the  
 3 fiction that his wife was dead.

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1           In New York today a number of  
2 banks issued warnings to their customers  
3 and also to the general public. The  
4 subject of the warning is counterfeit  
5 money.

6           They say a clever gang is at work  
7 and has been putting across one of the  
8 largest counterfeiting operations in the  
9 last ten years. Several thousand phoney  
10 bank notes are believed to have passed  
11 into circulation already and the New  
12 York Sun declares that the United States  
13 Secret Service has already arrested a  
14 score of men who are believed to be  
15 connected with this new epidemic of  
16 false money.



*Prohibition Poll*  
**PROHIBITION POLL**

1 ~~LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:~~

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4 Now let's hear from the Mother  
5 of Prohibition. I have a letter here  
6 which asks me to give the figures in  
7 the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll for  
8 Hillsboro, Ohio.

9 The letter goes on to point out  
10 that Hillsboro has been called the  
11 "Mother of Prohibition" because it was  
12 there that, years ago, Mrs. Thompson  
13 lived and worked, and she was the first  
14 person to devote herself to the fight  
15 against liquor in the United States.

16 Well, the Mother of Prohibition  
17 is faithful to the Dry Cause. The  
18 figures from Hillsboro give a clear-cut  
19 majority in favor of the Eighteenth  
20 Amendment, -- Continuance - 576, Repeal 420

21 And now let's go ahead with the  
22 other cities on the list.

23 Fresno, California, <sup>the grape and raisin city,</sup> 695 for  
24 Prohibition, 2209 against.

25 Pueblo, Colorado, 473 say the



1 Eighteenth Amendment is okay, and 999 say  
2 no.

3 New Britain, Connecticut,  
4 overwhelmingly want<sup>s</sup> a repeal-1,565 votes  
5 against, and 290 for Prohibition.

6 Saint Petersburg, Florida,  
7 607 Drys, and 1,189 Wets.

8 Decatur, Illinois, for continuance  
9 885; for repeal 1,933.

10 Terre Haute, Indiana, 829 are  
11 in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment,  
12 and 4,845 are against.

13 Burlington, Iowa, 300 want to  
14 keep Prohibition and 1,241 want ~~to~~ repeal.

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16 Pittsfield, Massachusetts, <sup>in the beautiful Berkshire</sup> sends in  
17 439 votes that are Dry, and 1,406 Wet.

18 Binghamton, New York, for  
19 continuance of the Eighteenth Amendment  
20 795 votes, and for repeal 2,561.

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~~We now return to our program.~~

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1 In the Lindbergh case there is  
2 nothing new. The New York World Telegram  
3 declares that the search for the missing  
4 baby has reached a stage of stagnation,  
5 except for some more fantastic rumors  
6 that there is a connection between the  
7 kidnapping and the efforts of Scarface  
8 Al Capone to dodge the eleven-year  
9 prison term, ~~xxxxxxx~~ with which  
10 he is faced.

11 There are other rumors of  
12 activity on the part of important  
13 underworld figures in various attempts e.  
14 to solve the mystery.

15 One more wild and woolly clue comes  
16 in the shape of a young fellow who declares  
17 that he heard some talk among New York  
18 racketeers aboard a Hudson River boat  
19 about two weeks ago. He declares that  
20 the racketeers ~~xxx~~ were talking about  
21 the Lindbergh baby. *But of course, all*  
22 *the world is. But he claims to have heard*  
23 *something significant.*  
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In Washington Congress is getting set for the vote on the Sales Tax, which is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

*This is a good deal of newspaper opinion to the effect that*  
~~seems to regard~~ the Sales Tax proposal as sure to be beaten. The New York Sun declares today that pressure from back home is being brought to bear on the lawmakers; and that pressure is a storm of opposition against the Sales Tax.

Storm,

That storm we heard about last night was even worse than had been reported. The series of cyclones that hit the South were the most devastating in recent years. A check up of the casualties reveals more than 300 killed, 2500 injured & 7000 homeless. The Red Cross and State troops are on the job in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky & South Carolina, doing their best to relieve the injured & homeless.



1 From out in Ohio comes <sup>a</sup> report  
2 of an eventful meeting of the Tall Story  
3 Club, at the town of Russellville. A  
4 thrilling account of a whopper session  
5 was printed in the truthful columns of  
6 the ~~Rip~~ Ripley, Ohio, Bee.

7 Ripley, by the way, is the place  
8 where Eliza of Uncle Tom's Cabin fame  
9 escaped across the ice and Mack Sauer  
10 the editor of the Bee, tells me that at  
11 Ripley they still have some of the cakes  
12 of ice on which Eliza stepped in that  
13 memorable flight of hers. *In fact they've been*  
14 *using that same ice in their local soft drinks ever since.*

15 The session began with the  
16 presiding Ananias reading a chapter out  
17 of the Tall Story Book. Then the  
18 truth-telling brothers told a ~~few~~ few  
19 whoppers of their own.

20 One man related a story of a  
21 chap from Wyoming who was born on the day  
22 when they had the big blizzard. He was  
23 fourteen years old before they could dig  
24 a way out and get him to school.

25 Then there was a discussion  
of the gigantic rats that they have in

1 the neighborhood of Russellville. A  
2 farmer wanted to ~~cut~~<sup>cut</sup> several acres of  
3 timber and he used rat-power to do it.  
4 He bored a hole in each tree and put some  
5 grains of corn in <sup>each hole.</sup> ~~them~~. Then he plugged  
6 up the holes. The rats in order to get  
7 at the grain had to gnaw so deeply into  
8 the wood that the trees fell down. Then  
9 the farmer hitched the gigantic rodents  
10 to the timber and made them haul it down  
11 to the saw-mill. Then he killed the rats  
12 and used their tails for cross-ties.

13 Another of the devotees of  
14 the Great American Whopper <sup>at this convention</sup> related how  
15 he was out hunting prairie dogs. He  
16 explained that when you shoot one you  
17 have to move fast to grab him ~~xxx~~ before  
18 he gets back into the hole. This Tall  
19 Story Teller took a shot at a prairie  
20 dog and then sprinted so fast that he  
21 when he stooped over the prairie dog's  
22 hole he suddenly felt a stinging  
23 sensation. He had travelled so fast  
24 that he got ahead of the bullet which  
25 hit him and bored a hole through a silver  
dollar in his hip pocket.



1 Then a man told about his old  
2 Uncle Cy<sup>Caldwell</sup> down in Kentucky. Uncle Cy  
3 used to swing the barrel of a shot gun  
4 around to make the shots scatter better  
5 and in this way, he was known to kill  
6 16 rabbits <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ one <sup>blast</sup> ~~shot~~. Sometimes he  
7 would increase the range of his gun by  
8 giving the butt of the gun a quick push  
9 with his shoulder as he fired. By  
10 giving the gun a good hard push he could  
11 make the bullet go several miles more.

12 Uncle Cy also mixed salt with  
13 the shot in his gun so that the game  
14 would be preserved.

15 When Uncle Cy went fishing he'd  
16 stand on the bank of the river and make  
17 a noise like an angle worm and then  
18 when the fish came swarming, he would  
19 pick them up and drown them in a bucket  
20 of water which he always carried.

21 At the end of the proceedings,  
22 the brothers arose and chanted the old  
23 slogan of the Tall Story Club--"The truth,  
24 the whole truth, and nothing but the  
25 truth---and then <sup>they said</sup> So Long Until Tomorrow.