

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 There's considerable speculation
2 about the way things are ^{likely} ~~going~~ to go
3 in Ireland. The indications now are —
4 nothing wild or exciting.

5 One thing is sure, and it is
6 that Eamon de Valera, ^{and his} ~~of the~~ Republican
7 Party, has ^{VE} ~~beat~~ beaten the Moderates ~~party~~
8 headed by President Cosgrave. With the
9 returns of the recent election counted
10 and tabulated, de Valera leads with
11 68 seats in the Irish Parliament, as
12 compared with 53 for the Cosgrave group.
13 However, there are seventeen Independents
14 and 7 Labor members. So neither of the
15 major parties has a clear margin.

16 De Valera, however, will be
17 supported by the seven Laborites, and
18 is sure to be the head of a new
19 ~~xxx~~ government. His program calls for
20 the abolition of the oath of allegiance
21 to Great Britain. He also advocates
22 refusal on the part of Ireland to
23 continue paying three million pounds a
24 year to England in settlement of the
25 land question. These two lines of action

1 would violate the treaty between the
2 Irish Free State and the English
3 government.

4 President Cosgrave announces that
5 he will cooperate with the new ~~de Valera~~
6 regime, so long as the treaty with
7 England is respected.

8 The Labor members who are lined
9 up with de Valera are said to be in
10 favor of a moderate course. Without
11 their support the new regime won't be
12 able to get anywhere, and so it is
13 expected that the de Valera government
14 won't try anything radical and
15 extreme.

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1 The House of Representatives
2 today adopted a plan for government
3 economy. This plan was originated by
4 Congressman Garner, Speaker of the House,
5 ~~of Representatives~~, and is a scheme to
6 reorganize government bureaus.

7 President Hoover has a plan of
8 his own to do that same thing, but the
9 Lower House of Congress saw fit to
10 adopt Representative Garner's plan
11 instead - although, as the New York
12 Evening Post relates, Mr. Garner's
13 scheme was denounced by the Republicans
14 as being absurd and futile, and a mere
15 gesture.

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~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

The ~~mountain~~^{torrent} of votes that ~~was~~^{came in all right!} expected over the week-end, ~~certainly did~~^{sure did} materialize. A half million ballots came tumbling through the mails into the headquarters of the Literary Digest prohibition poll. ^{I mention} That ~~is~~^{is} just a reminder that the voting is still in full swing, and that the figures we're giving out are incomplete, just an early scattering, ^{but perhaps they show how the wind is blowing.} ~~It's also a reminder to the voters to~~ ^{# Oh yes, and by the way} ~~send in their ballots.~~ That ballot which may be lying on the desk because ~~we~~ you haven't got around to mailing it in yet, represents your voice, ^{It's} your expression of will, in this immense test of public opinion on the subject of prohibition. If you want to register your say concerning the ~~most~~ vital topic of the day, ~~why~~ all you have to do is to mail in that ballot without ~~any~~ further delay.

But now let's take up some of the figures. Here's a city down in the blue-grass section -- a famous old town of a state renown^{ed} for its beautiful

women and swift-running horses. ^{that?} What city is ^{that?} Louisville, Kentucky, ^{of course, Louisville.} is represented by a total of 8,383 ballots. Of these 1,382 say YES, we want prohibition -- 7,001 register an equally positive NO.

Let's take another southern city. This one is ^{away out} on the broad plains of Texas ^{where} Dallas gives us a total vote ^{so far,} of 3,044. And Prohibition makes a much stronger showing ^{in Dallas than} ~~than it did~~ in Louisville.

1,044 votes are cast in the Dry cause, while around 2,000 are registered as Wet.

Well (prohibition does seem to be strong in Texas, because here comes another community of that ^{vast} ~~broad~~ state. This ^{and it one} ~~which~~ gives a definite Dry majority.

Abilene is deep in the old cow country, ^{out} on the lone prairie, away up in the Panhandle. ^{But} Abilene ~~but it~~ doesn't seem to be speaking with any voice of the ^{rip roaring two-gun} ~~old~~ cowboy days. Out of a total of 418 votes, prohibition gets a majority ^{in Abilene} of 215 Dry, ~~against~~ 205 Wet.)

And then there seems to be a good deal of Dry sentiment ^{out where it's a mile high - I mean} in Colorado. At the foot of ^{old} Pikes Peak, ^{next door to the Garden} ~~stands the~~ of the Gods, the Cave of the Winds, and Ute Pass

is one of the most delightful little cities on Earth.
~~handsome town of~~ Colorado Springs, which
~~is known as the home of~~ ^{There are many} millionaires ^{in Colo.}
~~Spring~~
 It isn't a rural farming town or anything
 like that, and you'd expect it to go
 stronger against prohibition. But the
 vote is close. The Wet vote is just a
 bare majority. Out of 474 votes,
 Colorado Springs contributes 210 to
 prohibition -- 264 are against.

Well, we seem to have been traveling
 around in the West quite a bit. Let's
 go back East and take a city in New
 York state. It's ^{the famous place where the boat races are run,} Poughkeepsie, on the ^{I mean}
^{Home of Vassar} banks of the Hudson, No, the figures
 from Poughkeepsie are quite different
 from those returns from the West. The
 Poughkeepsie-ites go on record with
 2,093 ballots. 391 call for a
 continuance of the present Dry regime --
 1,702 are in favor of repeal.

Well, those are the figures for
 tonight. Let's go on with a complaint.
 It comes from the Chamber of Commerce of
 Charlotte, North Carolina. J. L. Snyder,
 the president, telegraphs that I was all

1 wrong the other night in giving the
2 returns from Winston-Salem, North
3 Carolina. He doesn't quarrel about the
4 figures. What he objects to is that I
5 said that Winston-Salem was the biggest
6 city in North Carolina. Here's the way
7 his telegram reads:- For your
8 information Winston-Salem is not the
9 largest city in North Carolina --
10 population 75,275 against Charlotte
11 82,675. Would appreciate correction.

12 Mr. Snyder is right. But just the
13 same, I have an awfully good excuse.

14 The statement about Winston-Salem was
15 taken from a ~~standard~~ directory of
16 cities, which describes Winston-Salem
17 as the largest city in North Carolina.

18 At the same time, this directory lists
19 Charlotte as having the larger

20 population. *Anyhow they are both fine*
21 *cities — 2 of the liveliest in the country.*
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1 The news from the Far East
2 tonight is favorable to the Chinese.
3 They seem to have the best of the fighting
4 today. (The Japanese are trying desperately
5 to force the Chinese out of the peninsula
6 in which Shanghai is situated. The
7 Mikado's commanders threw their heaviest
8 forces in^{to} the battle today in an effort
9 to drive the Chinese from the Town of
10 Tachang, but the Chinese ~~fighting men~~^{troops}
11 held on grimly, and when the smoke of
12 battle had blown away, they were still
13 holding on to their positions.)

14 Meanwhile, Japan is rushing up
15 fresh forces. Tokio is sending 25,000
16 more^{soldiers} to the Shanghai ~~fighting lines~~^{front}
17 This will just about double the number
18 of Japanese ~~that are~~ engaged in the
19 attack.

20 Reports are that^a cabinet crisis
21 is under ~~watch~~^{way} in Japan. The Japanese
22 offensive around Shanghai has not been
23 going anything like as well as the
24 authorities at Tokio had expected, and
25 that sort of thing always does have

1 political repercussions at home.

2 ~~The N.Y. Sun reports that an~~

3 ~~The New York Evening Journal reports~~

4 ~~that an~~ American aviator was shot down
5 and killed by Japanese planes. He was
6 Robert M. Short, of Los Angeles, ~~but~~ the
7 only American known to be flying in the
8 Chinese air forces.

9 The American war bird got into a
10 sky fight with three Japanese planes. In
11 the thrilling duel the Chinese airplane
12 with the American aviator, was shot down
13 in flames, but not before the Los Angeles
14 flier had killed a Japanese lieutenant
15 who was an observer in one of the
16 hostile machines.

17 In the fighting yesterday Chinese
18 shells hit the Italian warship Libia.
19 It was at first reported that projectiles
20 from the Chinese guns had fallen near
21 the Italian craft, but had not scored
22 any hits. It was reported tonight,
23 however, that four shells struck the
24 Libia. One of the missiles pierced
25 the warship's steel plates a foot above
the water line. The Libia was moored

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1 in the river, and was in range of the
 2 fire which the Chinese were aiming
 3 at their Japanese adversaries. It was
 4 the old story of the innocent bystander
 5 who accidentally gets hit.

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1 The shadow of Soviet Russia falls
2 across the Far Eastern tangle tonight.
3 A manifesto has been issued by the War
4 Office in Moscow warning 5 million men of
5 the possibility of war. The soldiers of
6 the Red Army and all men who may be
7 called for military service in case of
8 trouble are told that they must be
9 prepared to defend Soviet territory
10 against the attacks of enemies. No, the
11 possible enemy mentioned is NOT Japan.
12 The Soviet manifesto declares that White
13 Russians are plotting to seize Soviet
14 territory in the Far East. There are
15 hordes of anti-Bolshevik Russians in
16 Manchuria, and they're said to be
17 actively helping the Japanese. Moscow
18 claims that they intend to continue
19 their activities by trying to capture
20 a part of eastern Siberia.

21 A United Press dispatch in the New
22 York World-Telegram today reminds us that
23 Soviet Russia has the largest army in
24 the world. It has a standing army of
25 639,000 men, and 4½ million in the

1 reserve. France comes next with a
2 standing army of ^{just over} ~~a little more than~~
3 600,000 men.

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1 In the harbor of Cherbourg in
2 France, a bit of fishing is going on.
3 The boys are fishing for barrels of gold.

4 Four barrels of American gold fell
5 overboard today at Cherbourg. A
6 shipment of the yellow metal was being
7 unloaded from a liner when there was a
8 slight mishap, and four barrels crammed
9 with glittering gold -- 200,000 dollars
10 worth of glittering gold -- fell splashing
11 into the water and sank to the bottom
12 of the harbor.

13 The United Press dispatch in the
14 New York World-Telegram relates that
15 divers were immediately hired to begin
16 salvaging operations. And so they are
17 fishing for gold in the harbor of
18 Cherbourg.

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1 A famous opera star died today.
2 Johanna Gadski was fatally injured in an
3 automobile accident over in Germany.
4 She was known far and wide as a singer
5 of Wagnerian roles. Her fame was
6 especially great in the United States,
7 until the World War came along and ended
8 her American operatic career. In fact,
9 she was one of the few foreign singers
10 who have begun their reputations in this
11 country. Madame Gadski was not well
12 known when she came here to sing, but
13 she swiftly rose to prominence as the
14 star Wagnerian soprano of the
15 Metropolitan Opera House.

16 She was especially noted for her
17 vigorous singing of the Ride of the
18 Valkyries, with its wild outcries.

19 And now she has gone to some distant
20 Valhalla, where we may suppose the
21 shades of the Wagnerian heroes have their
22 abode.

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1 During the past couple of weeks
2 a number of people sent me a bit of
3 terse and vivid writing that has been
4 printed and distributed far and wide.
5 I understand that business houses have
6 been sending ^{it up and down the continent.} ~~this around.~~ It concerns
7 Abraham Lincoln, and is well worth
8 repeating.

9 Here's the way it reads:-

10 "When Abraham Lincoln was a young
11 man he ran for the legislature in
12 Illinois and was badly swamped. He
13 next entered business, failed, and spent
14 seventeen years of his life paying off
15 the debts of a worthless partner.

16 "He was in love with a beautiful
17 woman to whom he became engaged -- then
18 she died. Entering politics again, he
19 ran for Congress and again suffered
20 defeat. He then tried to get an appoint-
21 ment to the United States Land Office,
22 but failed.

23 "He became a candidate for the
24 United States Senate and was badly
25 defeated. In 1856 he became a candidate

1 for Vice President and accepted defeat
2 once more. In 1858 he was defeated by
3 Douglass. One failure after another --
4 bad failures -- great setbacks.

5 " Yet, in the face of all these
6 failures and disappointments, he eventually
7 became one of the country's greatest
8 men, if not the greatest."

9 Then follows the reflection that
10 a record like that for Lincoln should
11 make those of us who are discouraged
12 feel mighty small. If Lincoln had the
13 courage to face disappointments like
14 those, why we certainly should not find
15 it so difficult to bear up with whatever
16 temporary ^{tribulations} ~~difficulties~~ come our way.

1 Well, it seems as though I
2 missed a trick yesterday. I was a bit
3 neglectful. Members of the Tall Story
4 Club have been roaring:

5 "What do you mean by
6 neglecting the official holiday of the
7 Tall Story Club?"

8 Yes, indeed. The truth
9 telling brethren are greatly devoted
10 to the memory of George Washington,
11 who couldn't tell a lie. And Washington's
12 birthday is naturally a great occasion.

13 Well, I'll try to make it up
14 by telling a whopper tonight from
15 Kirkwood, Missouri. It relates that in
16 certain parts of Florida the ground is
17 so fertile that when a farmer dropped
18 his corncob pipe it instantly started
19 to sprout and grow. He stooped to pick
20 it up, but it grew so fast that when he
21 got it to his mouth he was eating roasting
22 ears.

1 Well, it's always encouraging
2 and edifying to find children devoted
3 to their parents. And here comes a case
4 of a daughter who displayed a
5 magnificent devotion to her ^{father - dear old dad.} ~~father~~

6 A United Press dispatch in the
7 New York Sun tells how in Chicago Anne
8 Berdnick, 21 years old, saw two men
9 fighting with a third. It was dark. Anne
10 ~~but Anne took a good look and~~ cried
11 out:

12 "Heavens, they're beating up
13 Father."

14 Now Anne is not the kind of
15 girl to stand and gape while her father
16 is getting a licking. She seized a
17 milk bottle and sailed in. Biff, Bang,
18 and she crowned the two men who were
19 doing the beating. In fact, she put
20 a prompt end to the fight, and the three
21 men ran away.

22 When Anne got home, she found
23 her father in bed, peaceably sleeping.
24 He had been in bed all evening. Anne
25 had made a slight mistake when she
sailed in with her trusty milk bottle, ^{smacking}
the ~~three~~ two men over the bean ^{while} they ran away
with a loud shout of e-l-u-to-m