

1 Every new development to day adds
2 horror and tragedy to the Lindbergh
3 case. All kinds of rumors are floating
4 about. *It has been announced far and wide*
5 ~~They say~~ that the world renowned
6 aviator who is now nothing but a wildly
7 anxious father, paid a \$50,000 ransom. *And now*
8 *one supposition is that he paid it*
9 Broadway calls ~~these~~ chisellers.
10 They merely pretended to be the
11 kidnapers and took the money. That's
12 one report tonight.

13 Another is that the ransom
14 was paid to one of the kidnapers,
15 but he was a double crosser and skipped
16 with the money, and the baby still remains
17 in the hands of the gang.

18 What is certain is that
19 (Colonel Lindbergh paid \$50,000 to men
20 ~~whom~~ *who* he was convinced were the ones
21 ~~that~~ had stolen the child, that they
22 promised to have the baby at a certain
23 place where he would find it, and that
24 when the time came and Lindbergh went
25 for the child - it wasn't there.

The ~~kind~~ Lindberghs are

1 certain that they were dealing with the
2 kidnappers.)

3 The New York Sun today declared^s
4 ~~that~~ it has information that three
5 notes were left in the nursery the
6 night the baby was stolen. On the
7 lower left hand of each note was a
8 secret code by which the kidnappers
9 could be identified. Nobody saw these
10 notes except the kidnappers who wrote
11 them and Colonel Lindbergh himself.
12 The notes were never made public, were
13 not even shown to the highest police
14 official^s.

15 The people to whom the \$50,000^s
16 ransom was paid, identified themselves
17 to Colonel Lindbergh by means of this
18 secret code. Thus he believes there
19 can be no doubt but that they were the
20 men who stole the child.

21 The paying of the ransom was
22 the reason for the optimism we had last
23 week. That was why the baby's room was
24 lighted. That was why the ~~re~~ report
25 was out that the child would be returned

1 in a few hours. Everything was
2 hopeful, but it turned into bitter
3 disappointment.

4 One curious report this evening
5 concerns (Professor John F. Condon
6 who inserted mysterious advertisements
7 in the newspapers, and is said to have
8 been the intermediary by which Colonel
9 Lindbergh contacted with the kidnapers.)
10 He went on an automobile trip this
11 afternoon, accompanied by a former
12 well-known prize fighter, and another
13 man who is unknown and is described
14 with the familiar adjective "mysterious".

15 Meanwhile the authorities are
16 trying to trace down the money in
17 small denominations which was paid to
18 the men who took the ransom. The
19 numbers of the bills have been given
20 out and it is hoped that the police may
21 be able to pick up the trail.
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1 Our returns in the Literary Digest Prohibition poll
2 start out with a dry majority. A second report from Winston
3 Salem, North Carolina, shows that 1,323 were for continuance of
4 the 18th Amendment, 1,220 for repeal. A clear majority of 103.
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6 Glendale, California, is virtually a suburb of Los
7 Angeles. 929 of its inhabitants voted for continuance; 1,346 for
8 repeal.
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10 Tennessee is looked on as a dry or near-dry state, but
11 a second report from Nashville, shows 1,735 for the amendment,
12 3,902 against.
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14 In Muncie, Indiana, the vote is a trifle closer. There
15 we find 1,249 for, 2,258 against the 18th Amendment.
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17 Then there's Paducah, Kentucky, celebrated in song
18 and story as the birthplace of Irvin Cobb. We don't know how
19 Irvin Cobb votes -- but 487 of his Paducan townsmen vote for
20 continuance, 1,219 vote for a repeal.
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22 Kingston, New York, shows 280 dry, 1,831 wet.
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24 Marietta, Ohio, where Charley Dawes comes from, votes
25 502 for prohibition, 1,002 against.

1 In Somerville, Massachusetts, we find 680 who would
2 like to see the amendment untouched, while 2,284 would repeal
3 it.
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5 In Port Huron, Michigan, 261 are for the existing
6 order of things, 1,204 want to see it changed.
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8 In Easton, Pennsylvania, 584 are against any modifi-
9 cation, 4,287 want to see the amendment repealed.
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1 (Many ~~of us~~ have the idea that
2 President von Hindenburg's victory in
3 the German election was a final
4 decision, and that Adolf Hitler sustained
5 a crushing defeat. This is by no means
6 the fact, says H. R. Knickerbocker in a
7 dispatch from Berlin to the New York
8 Evening Post. Hitler showed a great
9 increase in strength in the run-off
10 election,) and this is considered
11 important for America and the outside
12 world, as well as for Germany.

13 ~~The political future of Germany,~~
14 ~~says Knickerbocker, is as uncertain as~~
15 ~~ever. The fight is really keener than~~
16 ~~ever.~~ Hitler and his followers are
17 plunging tooth and nail into a struggle
18 for the control of the Prussian diet.
19 As you all know, Prussia is the most
20 important state in the Reich. The
21 election for the diet will take place
22 on April 24th. And not until those
23 returns are in will there be any less
24 uncertainty about the future of Germany.

25 ~~However~~ However, Mr. Knickerboker

1 adds that the re-election of President
2 von Hindenburg with his formidable
3 6-million majority at least gives a
4 guarantee that the negotiations between
5 America and other nations with Germany
6 will ~~be~~^{remain} in the hands of Chancellor
7 Heinrich ~~Br~~ Bruening.

1 Uncle Sam made a proposal at the
2 disarmament conference at Geneva today.

3 "Boys," said your Uncle, "let's
4 chuck poison gas into the discard; also
5 tanks and heavy guns that can be moved
6 around."

7 The suggestion was made by Hugh
8 ~~W.~~ Gibson, the American delegate.
9 The United Press in the New York World-
10 Telegram quotes Mr. Gibson ~~as~~
11 declaring that the nations are so
12 nervous and afraid of each other
13 largely because of the deadly aggressive
14 weapons of land warfare. So why not
15 throw out the most dangerous of those
16 ~~deadly~~ weapons.

1 The British government has replied
2 to President DeValera's demand that the
3 oath of allegiance and the land
4 annuities must be abolished. John
5 Bull says NO. The United Press in the
6 New York World-Telegram quotes J. H.
7 Thomas, ~~the~~ Dominion Secretary, as telling
8 the House of Commons today that (the
9 government at Dublin has been informed
10 that the authorities at London will not
11 renounce either the oath of allegiance
12 to King George or the payment of land
13 annuities which Ireland has been handing
14 over to England.)

15 One side says YES, and the other
16 side says NO, and that seems to make
17 a lively argument of it.
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INTRODUCTION TO MRS. FARRAR

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April 11, 1932.
p. 13.*

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1 about cultivating their minds and that's
2 where the dictionary comes in.

3 And then there's another angle.
4 From all over the country comes news of
5 the increasing popularity of word games,
6 ~~those various kinds of ingenious sports~~
7 ~~that have to do with words, the formation~~
8 ~~of words, the definitions of words.~~ For
9 example, there's our old-friend, the
10 crossword puzzle. Those checkered
11 contraptions of words ^{are going strong,} ~~have a never-failing~~
12 ~~following.~~ Isn't that so, Margaret?

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14 Margaret

15 Yes, that's quite true.

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17 L. I.

18 And people who solve word-puzzles
19 have to have dictionaries. That's also
20 ^{a part of the plot} ~~true,~~ isn't it, Margaret?

21 Margaret

22 Yes, ~~cross-word puzzling means~~
23 ~~dictionary study.~~ → Some cross-word
24 puzzles are enough to drive people to
25 drink, but they all drive people to the
dictionary.

L.-I.

1 Well, I suppose you word-puzzlers
2 live with your noses in the dictionary.
3 ~~but I guess I'd better not get tangled~~
4 ~~up in any such discussion. I don't know~~
5 ~~much about it, while~~ ^{But} Margaret here is
6 one of our foremost puzzling experts. ~~and~~
7 ~~although most experts are a bit puzzling,~~
8 ~~at times.~~ She is Margaret Petherbridge,
9 one of the three editors of the crossword
10 puzzle book. And she's the right person
11 to tell us something about the relation
12 of ~~crossword puzzles~~ word-puzzles to the
13 dictionary. ~~How about it, Margaret?~~
14 ^{now Margaret}
15 Come on, and puzzle us a bit.

1 I'll bet there are a lot of
 2 awfully good solvers listening in and
 3 there wouldn't be much chance of puzzling
 4 them. And there's no use of my telling
 5 them how important the dictionary is.
 6 They know that from long and sad experience.

7 What's a six-letter word meaning
 8 Italian ducal family of the 15th and
 9 16th centuries, beginning with "sf".
 10 Well, we go tearing through the dictionary
 11 and find that the word is "sforza". (*sfortsa*)

12 There's one thing that struck me
 13 while I was waiting for Lowell here in
 14 the studio. ~~xx~~ -- ~~He~~ was:- what's a four-
 15 letter word beginning with "L" and meaning
 16 tardy? I picked up the dictionary on the
 17 table here. Naturally Lowell would
 18 have a Funk & Wagnall's. And as I skimmed
 19 through it I realized how well the
 20 desk-size dictionary does for ordinary
 21 word-puzzling. ~~Of course there's nothing~~
 22 ~~like the big unabridged, but just the~~
 23 ~~same it's amazing what a remarkable~~
 24 ~~selection of words the editors have got *x~~
 25 ~~into the small dictionary.~~ Take just one

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1 ~~xx~~
 2 random page under "n".

3 How would you like to find these
 4 brain-twisters in a cross-word puzzle?
 5 "neist", which is a dialectic form of
 6 next.

7 "Nematoda"--an order of worms.

8 "Neoplatonism"~~xxx~~-- a system of
 9 philosophy.

10 "Nephoscope", an instrument for
 11 studing the clouds.

12 Just look them up in your Funk &
 13 Wagnalls desk standard dictionary and
 14 you 'll find them all there, together
 15 with thousands of others that are not
 16 so odd, and also somewhat more useful.

17 The point is the number and
 18 splendid variety of words that are crammed
 19 into that smaller-sized dictionary. But
 20 now, Lowell, here's a ~~xx~~ 10-letter word
 21 beginning with "m" and meaning a
 22 dial-shaped instrument ~~into~~ which ~~the~~
 23 ~~radio speaker talks.~~ *I now return to you.*

STOCKS Well, Margaret, what's more
puzzling than a cross word puzzle? Page 18
The answer is finance.

"It's all your fault," many people
~~have~~ have been saying to Wall Street,
~~trying to find a scapegoat for present~~
~~conditions.~~ "Nothing of the sort. It's
~~xxxxx~~ your own fault", replied Richard
Whitney, president of the New York
Stock Exchange, ~~today.~~

Mr. Whitney was trying to explain
the brokers side of the argument to the
Banking and Currency Committee of the
United States Senate today.

According to a dispatch of Harold
^{Brayman}~~Bremner~~ to the New York Evening Post, ~~it~~
~~is the people who are trying to give~~
~~the United States away, and~~ the much
abused bears are not to blame. There's
no such thing as bear raids, if you
believe Mr. Whitney. Short selling is
a necessity. Without it we'd have no
liquid market. Without it six billion
dollars of bank collateral loans would
become frozen.

He revealed the fact that he
himself had been badly burned in the
long process of deflation. You can well

1 imagine that Mr. Whitney had a tough
2 time of it with that Senate Committee.
3 There are some pretty caustic fellows in
4 the United States Senate, Senators
5 Brookhart, Blaine, Steiwer, Morrison,
6 and Glass all had their fling at him.
7 "It was the public which sent up stocks
8 in 1928 and 1929", says Mr. Whitney,
9 "a public which believed that stocks
10 would be still higher."

11 "That is what you call a bull
12 raid, isn't it?" asked Mr. Brookhart.

13 "If you can call it a bull raid
14 when 120 million people are taking part
15 in it, ^{why} yes," replied Mr. Whitney.

16 *And so the repartee*
17 *reverberated in Washington today.*
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1 Here's something new in the method
 2 ■■ of selecting a wife. It comes in a
 3 United Press dispatch ^{to the N.Y. World-Telegram} from Hollister,
 4 California.

5 Jim Dale, the owner of a poultry
 6 farm, has arrived at the lusty age of
 7 60 years, and thinks it's time he got
 8 married. He's going to leave it to the
 9 Elks Lodge to pick him a wife. The Elks
 10 are going to hold a picnic on the 5th of
 11 June. All the women in the vicinity who
 12 think they might like to become Mrs.
 13 Jim Dale have been invited to attend,
 14 ■■■ and file their applications with
 15 the chairman. Six candidates have
 16 already registered, ~~over~~ ^{2 months in advance,}

17 On the day of the picnic they will
 18 all be placed on a platform and ~~shown~~ ^{exhibited} to
 19 the multitude. The Chairman will
 20 introduce them, one by one, just as
 21 though they were competing in a ~~dance~~ ^{beauty contest.}
 22 ~~marathon~~ ^{And gee, I'll bet they'll be beauties!} The spectators will be
 23 invited to applaud the ladies of whom
 24 they approve. The one who gets the
 25 loudest, most emphatic applause will

1 receive the prize of one ~~able-bodied~~
2 ~~and~~ prosperous husband, aged sixty.

3 ~~And the best bid I can make for~~
4 ~~your applause now is to cut this short~~
5 ~~and so --~~

6 ~~SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

7 And the other candidates will
8 say - s - l - u - to - m.