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TAXES

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Good Evening, Everybody:

1 Things have been humming in
2 Washington all day. The House of
3 Representatives tackled the problem of
4 taxes with a rush. With one vote after
5 another the representatives put through
6 a series of tax items. The amount of
7 new revenue put through today will come
8 to a total of between forty and forty-
9 five million dollars.

10 There was very little palaver.
11 With some of the new taxes there was
12 no debate at all. In other cases
13 there was mighty little.

14 The New York Evening Sun
15 specifies some of the new taxes as
16 follows: Five per cent on airplanes,
17 eight per cent on oil pipe-line charges,
18 Corporation income tax of 13½ per cent,
19 and so on down the line.

20 The Cleveland Press points
21 out that the work of putting through
22 taxes, which got under way ~~so~~ so strongly
23 yesterday, kept all its momentum today.
24 The machinery of congressional action
25 worked smoothly, and new taxes were
clicked off one after another.

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STEAMSHIP

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1 Well, it certainly looks as if
2 this summer would be a great time to
3 travel - a mighty cheap time to travel.

4 There have been reports that
5 various steamship companies were going
6 to reduce their rates. And now comes
7 an official statement which shows that
8 most of the companies in the
9 transatlantic field will cut their
10 prices lower than steamship fares have
11 been at any time since 1914.

12 The United States Lines announce
13 a cut of twenty per cent. British and
14 German lines too are cutting their
15 fares, and other companies will
16 undoubtedly follow suit. In addition
17 to price cuts there will be no summer
18 rates this year. In the past it has
19 been the custom for steamship lines to
20 raise their fares for the summer, when
21 the tourist rush is on, but this time
22 the increase will not go into effect.

23 The New York Evening Post
24 estimates that between the actual cuts
25 and the abandonment of the summer increases
why the slash in fares varies between
twenty and fifty per cent.

1 There are some lines of business
2 that seem to find Old Man Depression
3 a pretty nice guy. The old boy pats
4 them on the back and slips a few
5 dollars in their pockets. Take games,
6 for instance.

7 They say that business is
8 brisk among those ~~xxx~~ who manufacture
9 and sell various kinds of indoor sports.
10 People seem to be staying at home more,
11 and they need home amusements, all the
12 way from cards to Ping Pong.

13 This week's Literary Digest
14 quotes an article in the Boston
15 Transcript that points out how a
16 wave of popular favor has hit such games
17 as checkers, chess, and bridge. Two of
18 the biggest gainers are Ping Pong and
19 Camelot. Well, Ping Pong is an old
20 game. It was all the rage in the days
21 when we used to go buggy riding.

22 Recently, as we all know, there's been
23 a revival of Ping Pong, ^{and the national} ~~interest in~~
24 ~~the game is increasing every day~~ ^{ping pong tournament takes place shortly.}

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1 Ping Pong a ~~xxx~~ hearty ~~xxxx~~ ^{ping on} ~~pal on~~
2 the back.
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4 Well, Camelot is a new game.
5 It's a kind of cross between chess and
6 checkers which is having a phenomenal
7 run of popularity. So much so, that
8 a ~~xxx~~ national Camelot tournament ~~ix~~
9 has been arranged for the American
10 championship. The curious thing is
11 that Camelot is favored by so many
12 people who are experts in other games.
13 For example, among the entries in the
14 Camelot tournament are Sidney Lenz,
15 of Bridge fame, Cappa ~~B~~ Blanca, the former
16 chess champion of the world, Frank
17 Marshall, the American chess champ, ~~lon~~,
18 and Newell Banks, the champion checker
19 player.
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Today was a time of waiting in the Lindbergh case. ^{The} Three prominent citizens of Norfolk, Virginia, seem to be marking time waiting for a message from the kidnapers.

According to a story in the New York World-Telegram today, these three citizens have been at least twice in contact with a man who claims to represent the criminals who stole the Lindbergh baby.

They say that when the next meeting takes place, one important ~~xxxxx~~ question will be decided. Is the man who is supposed to represent the kidnapers really what he claims to be? Or is he merely putting over a hoax, an inhuman joke?

Newspaper reporters had an interview today with Admiral Burrage, one of the three Norfolk citizens. The Admiral declared that he believed the clue to be genuine. He said he would not have had anything to do with the matter unless he had had a good deal of faith that the trail was a real one.

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A strange and moody mixture of the old ways of the Indian and the ceremonies of the White Man were witnessed today at Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Chief Bacon-Rind, the proud chieftain of the Osage Indians, was laid at rest. He was one of the richest of Indians. A great man among his people, and an influential personage in the state. He was a Christian, but in most ways he adhered to the ancient customs of his people. He wore Indian costume, and carried himself with the great air of a Red Man of old.

At the funeral of Chief Bacon-Rind today there were hired mourners, after the Indian fashion, who chanted wailing supplications to the Great Spirit. At the same time a Catholic priest murmured the medieval Latin of the Requiem Mass.

^a~~The~~ United Press wire in the ^{Robertson} Boston ¹Traveler relates that the old Chief had given detailed instructions for his funeral. At the first gray light of dawn today an Osage Medicine Man went to the luxurious modern home in which Chief

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1 Bacon-Rind had lived. He painted the
 2 face of the old tribal patriarch with
 3 the decorations appropriate to an Osage
 4 warrior. . Then came the Indian funeral
 5 ritual. After that the Chief's body
 6 was taken to the Church of the Immaculate
 7 Conception, where ancient rites of the
 8 White Man were performed.

9 ~~That strange mixture today of the~~
 10 ~~ways of the Red Man and those of the Pale~~
 11 ~~Face seem to be a symbol of the curious~~
 12 ~~complicated life of so many Indians of~~
 13 ~~our time. But in any case, There was~~
 14 every solemnity as Chief Bacon-Rind was
 15 laid to rest, while his spirit has gone
 16 to the Paradise of the White Man, or the
 17 Happy Hunting Ground of the aboriginal
 18 American.

~~LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:~~

Our returns from the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll tonight include one extremely interesting town. I mean it is particularly interesting in connection with ~~the~~ a poll of this kind. Quite a number of the inhabitants of the town have written in asking ~~for~~ me for the latest figures. Well, I'll hold that town until the last.

Let's start out on the Pacific coast. If you look down on Bakersfield, California, from an airplane, you see a great forest of oil derricks. Well, the gusher of Prohibition Poll votes from Bakersfield, California, totals as follows: Three hundred thirty DRY, thirteen hundred ninety two WET.

Then let's fly East by way of Arkansas and have a look at a second report from Little Rock. Nine hundred ^{and} eighty say yea the Amendment is okay; nineteen hundred ^{and} eighty say nay--we want a change.

1 Up on the shores of Lake Michigan,
2 where the breezes blow, in the city
3 of Waukegan, the tide of votes ~~XXXXM~~
4 is running as follows:

5 One Hundred and fifty five DRY.

6 Eleven Hundred ^{and} Seventy Eight WET.

7 When General Lafayette looks down
8 from a cloud railing in the skies he
9 probably is extremely proud of the fact
10 that a city in Indiana bears his name.
11 Well, the votes from Lafayette, Indiana,
12 stand Six Hundred ^{and} Eighty for continuance,
13 and twenty four hundred ^{and} sixty five for
14 repeal.

15 But wait a minute, in coming across
16 the continent, I have jumped right over
17 one state. Here's Clinton, Iowa, with
18 One hundred ^{and} forty two DRY and Eleven
19 Hundred ^{and} fifty two DAMP.

20 With our seven-league boots we stride
21 across the map to Atlanta, Georgia, where
22 the second check-up gives us Fifteen
23 Hundred ^{and} seventy four IN FAVOR of things
24 as they are and Five thousand, seven
25 hundred ^{and} forty eight, clamoring for REPEAL.

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1 And now for three cities in the
2 East.

3 Plainfield, New Jersey, five hundred
4 ^{and} twenty seven DRY; Two thousand four
5 hundred ⁺ forty four WET.

6 Troy, New York, where most of your
7 shirts and collars come from, unless you
8 wear the celluloid kind, -- an even four
9 hundred votes are FOR the 18th
10 Amendment and Eighteen hundred ⁺ sixty six
11 take the other side.

12 Torrington, Connecticut, One hundred
13 ⁺ thirty nine seem to be fairly well-
14 satisfied; while Eleven hundred and nine
15 are not.

16 And now for the special request
17 Westerville, ^{Ohio,} is called the home of the
18 Anti-Saloon League. I have letters from
19 that town and from neighboring communities
20 asking how the Westerville vote now
21 stands. It's DRY. One hundred ⁺ thirty
22 three want a change and Two hundred ⁺ six
23 say the 18th Amendment should remain
24 in the Constitution.
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1 A whole lot of ~~very~~ distinguished
2 people over at Cannes, in France, got
3 the scare of their lives today.

4 In a restaurant adjoining the
5 Casino a gala dinner was in progress.
6 Among the guests were Lord and Lady *Louis*
7 Mountbatten, Lady Oxford and Asquith,
8 that is to say, the brilliant Margot
9 Asquith. There were also a number of
10 prominent Americans.

11 As a special feature for the
12 occasion a trained animal act was put
13 on in a cage, a lion taming act.
14 Suddenly a lioness escaped, and started
15 parading around in the dining room at
16 perfect liberty. There was a wild
17 panic. People dashed toward the doors.
18 Women fainted. Clothes were torn
19 in the rush.

20 A United Press dispatch in
21 the New York World-Telegram tells
22 how the animal was subdued with a
23 fire hose. They played a powerful
24 stream of cold water on Mrs. Lioness and
25 that took all the pep out of her, and
then the ^{*Margot Asquith*} ~~owners~~ lassoed her, and got her
back into the cage.

*no, I mean the lion
tamer lassoed her*

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PHILIPPINES

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1 Grave matters of statecraft
2 and diplomacy are livened up by a
3 claim that is being made upon the
4 government of Great Britain. They say
5 that John Bull is in possession of
6 several islands that don't belong to
7 him, and that he should give them up.

8 Well, the potentate who is
9 demanding those islands is a former
10 co-ed of the University of Illinois,
11 who made quite a mark in class
12 activities at the Midwestern college,
13 and is a member of a national
14 sorority. She is Princess Tarhata
15 Kiran, Illinois 27, and now ruler of
16 the Sultanate of Sulu.

17 This former college girl is
18 the niece and adopted daughter of that
19 Monarch with the musical comedy title -
20 the Sultan of Sulu. His Majesty has
21 recently been appointed a senator and
22 is now sitting in the Philippine
23 legislature, representing the
24 Mohammedans of his kingdom. During his
25 absence the former Illinois college

1 girl is acting as absolute monarch, and
2 in that capacity she has made a demand
3 through diplomatic channels, asking
4 ~~xxxx~~ Great Britain to give up a couple
5 of islands south of the Philippines, —
6 islands which long have been claimed
7 to be a part of the kingdom of Sulu.

8 The Foreign Office at London
9 is considering the matter, but they say
10 it is highly unlikely that John Bull
11 will turn the islands over to the
12 co-ed from the University of Illinois.

13 Well, this young woman has
14 had an extraordinary career. After
15 graduating from college and cutting a
16 large figure in American University
17 life, she went back to her native land,
18 that Mohammedan monarchy of Sulu in
19 the southern Philippine Islands. There
20 she married a Moro chief. She became
21 his fifth wife. She let her bobbed
22 hair grow long and gave up the short
23 dresses of college days, and took up
24 an oriental existence in the harem of
25 a Moro chief. Her husband was a

1 veteran fighting man. He had battled
2 against Uncle Sam away back in the
3 days of the Philippine Insurrection,
4 and then not long after the marriage
5 he went on the war ~~field~~^{path} again. He
6 headed a revolt against the American
7 authorities at Manila. And the
8 former college girl joined her husband
9 in the rebellion. She took part in
10 the disturbances that finally resulted
11 in the capture of the Moro chief. He
12 was sentenced to a prison term. Soon
13 afterwards she was adopted by her
14 uncle, the Sultan of Sulu, as his
15 daughter. He has no other heirs, and
16 now she governs the kingdom and
17 will undoubtedly succeed him and become
18 the Sultana of Sulu.

1 In Chicago a Judge gave a man a
2 sentence which turned out to be altogether
3 too severe, so the Judge decided to serve
4 the sentence himself. It happened this
5 way:

6 Judge John Zbarbaro was dispensing
7 justice when Thomas Delmato was brought,
8 charged with disorderly conduct. The
9 defendant had a set of books with him --
10 five volumes of Victor Hugo.

11 "I'll sentence you to jail,"
12 announced the Judge, "and you'll have to
13 stay there long enough to read those
14 books."

15 And so the defendant was taken to
16 the hoosegow along with those five
17 bulky volumes of Victor Hugo.

18 The next day the Judge asked how
19 much the prisoner had read in the course
20 of 24 hours. He discovered that Delmato
21 had succeeded in wading through just one
22 page and a half of Hugo's prose. That
23 made the Judge stop and think. At that
24 rate of speed it would take the prisoner
25 three years to read those five volumes,

1 which means that the Judge had sentenced
 2 the unfortunate chap to three years in
 3 prison on nothing more than a disorderly
 4 conduct charge.

5 The Judge pondered over the mistake
 6 he had made, and arrived at a judgment
 7 worthy of Solomon. He called off the
 8 prisoner's sentence and had him released
 9 from jail. At the same time the Judge
 10 took the sentence upon himself. He
 11 carried the books home with the
 12 announcement that he would read them.

13 *And now like Solomon I too*
 14 *will pronounce a sentence — or at*
 15 *least a phrase — s-l-u-t-to-m.*