

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 There was a flare-up in the United
 2 States Senate today on that familiar
 3 subject of the war debts. This comes as
 4 a result of the revelation that the new
 5 British budget does not provide for
 6 any debt payments by Great Britain to the
 7 United States, which makes it seem as if
 8 England does not intend to resume payments
 9 to Uncle Sam when the Hoover moratorium
 10 expires this summer. Various Senators
 11 arose and declared themselves, saying that
 12 the debts must be paid. They declared
 13 themselves against any policy of
 14 cancellation. *TP In my way down from Milwaukee*
on the Milwaukee tonight I saw where
 15 *Journal* The United Press in the Milwaukee
 16 *Leader* quotes Senator Borah as stating
 17 that he'd be in favor of any debt program
 18 that would assure the American taxpayer
 19 that better conditions would prevail in
 20 Europe. But he added that all proposals
 21 so far would simply amount to putting the
 22 burden of the war debts on the back of
 23 the American taxpayer.

24 And here's one that all of today's
 25 papers have been featuring: →

1 Tonight's verdict on Governor
 2 Roosevelt's address at St. Paul,
 3 Minnesota, seems to be a pretty ^{general} ~~final~~
 4 okay. (This is the latest incident
 5 in the clash between those two old
 6 political buddies, Alfred E. Smith and
 7 Franklin D. Roosevelt.

8 The New York governor comes forward
 9 with the emphatic statement that he is
 10 not trying to set class against class,
 11 as Ex-Governor Smith charged. In a
 12 former speech ^{Franklin} Roosevelt declared that
 13 the Hoover administration was helping the
 14 rich and ~~was~~ ignoring the little fellows ^{at}
 15 ^{he called} ~~at~~ the "bottom of the social pyramid." ^{what}

16 But now ^{Mr. Roosevelt} ~~he~~ explains that he
 17 doesn't advocate help for only one class.
 18 He things ^{to} everybody should be ^{given a hand,} ~~helped.~~
 19 And that the interests of every economic
 20 group in the country should be ~~xxxxx~~
 21 aided and protected.

22 That's what Franklin ~~D.~~ Roosevelt
 23 said at St. Paul last night, and the
 24 United Press in the Chicago Daily Times
 25 quotes a series of comments which

1 important political figures had to
2 make today. The concensus of opinion
3 seems to be that the matter is closed.
4 Democratic leaders opposed to Governor
5 Roosevelt declare that it was Ex-Governor
6 Smith's charges that forced ^{Franklin} Roosevelt
7 to take the stand that he was in favor
8 of helping not one class, but all classes.
9 The Roosevelt men declare that this is
10 what the New York Governor meant all the
11 time.

12 In any case, ~~the concensus of~~
13 ~~opinion among~~ the leaders seems to be *agreed*
14 that Governor Roosevelt's most recent
15 statement of his position on economic
16 questions is satisfactory.

1 Here in Chicago there is a good
2 deal of talk in political circles about
3 a new plan that has been proposed to
4 simplify city elections. It is claimed
5 that this new scheme would cut down
6 considerably the high cost of
7 democracy, would reduce the really huge
8 sums of money that cities spend to hold
9 elections. The idea originates with
10 one of Chicago's prominent citizens,
11 Walter L. Gregory, president of an
12 influential civic organization called
13 the State Street Council. Mr. Gregory
14 is also a veteran hotel man. ^{He is} ~~As~~ the
15 manager of the ^{world famous} Palmer House, ~~that~~
16 ~~splendid, modern hostelry~~ whose name
17 bulks large in the traditions of Chicago.

18 Well, ^{Walter} ~~Mr.~~ Gregory's idea is so
19 simply that it rather hits one between
20 the eyes: -- vote by mail. The manager
21 of the Palmer House points out that we
22 entrust a large part of our business to
23 Uncle Sam's mail man, so why not let
24 him help us do our voting. As described
25 in the Chicago Evening Post, the idea

1 would be for the city to mail ballots
2 to all the registered voters just before
3 election day. The voters would mark
4 the ballots in the regular legal way, and
5 mail them back to the election board.
6 Then they'd be counted, and HAIL TO THE
7 WINNER.

8 The genial manager of the Palmer
9 House points out that this would save
10 the expense of polling places, watchers,
11 policemen, and the other hundreds of
12 workers and hangers-on who are paid out
13 of ~~the~~ public funds on election day. It
14 would also put a stop to the skullduggery
15 at the polls, and more of the better
16 class of voters would exercise their
17 franchise if they could merely mail in
18 their ballots, instead of having to go
19 to a polling place, which sometimes is
20 threatened by gangsters and his little
21 ~~but~~ better than an armed camp.

22 Well, well — votes by mail! That
23 sounds like a Literary Digest poll.
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1 And how about the poll tonight:-

2 Well, here's another exception.

3 It's one of the smaller cities of Kansas,
4 and it's NOT dry. What town is it? Why
5 it's -- Pittsburg -- not Pittsburgh, Pa.--
6 Pittsburg, Kansas -- 398 for continuance,
7 742 for repeal.

8 Well, with that wet town in Kansas
9 here's a dry majority and it doesn't
10 come from the Sunflower state. Johnson
11 City, Tennessee, votes in favor of
12 prohibition -- 604 to 555.

13 And now here we are in Peru --
14 I mean in Peru, Indiana -- for continuance
15 457 -- for repeal 1061.

16 Phillipsburg, New Jersey, gives a
17 dry vote of 176, while 1061 ballots are
18 marked wet.

19 That's two 1061's. ~~Huh~~ Huh! Have
20 I made a bull? No, I haven't. The wet
21 vote from Peru, Indiana, and from
22 Phillipsburg, New Jersey, are exactly the
23 same. And that's one of those peculiar
24 coincidences that crop up when you're
25 dealing ~~with~~ with immense masses of
figures.

1 ~~immense masses of figures.~~

2 White Plains, New York, gives 241
3 votes to the dry cause. The wet vote is
4 1644.

5 In Middletown, Ohio, 614 citizens
6 voted in favor of the Amendment, while
7 2033 turned ~~the~~ thumbs down.

8 Next comes what is NOT a case of
9 "carrying coals to Newcastle," as the old
10 phrase goes -- it's "votes from Newcastle"
11 -- Newcastle, Pennsylvania. 1577 dry,
12 2141 wet.

13 Here's the capital of Wisconsin --
14 the fair city of Madison. Well, having
15 made a trip to Milwaukee this morning,
16 I'm particularly interested in Wisconsin
17 tonight. Madison votes 750 for
18 continuance, and 2701 for repeal.

19 We have two second reports ^{this evening} ~~tonight~~
20 -- both from the border states of the
21 Old South. Louisville, Kentucky, down in
22 the blue grass ~~area~~ region, gives us
23 2634 dry, and 14,690 wet.

24 On the shore of Chesapeake Bay,
25 Baltimore casts its ballots this way --

1 4151 shout HURRAH for prohibition --
 2 25,227 utter a sound of razzberries
 3 for the 18th Amendment and express their
 4 whole-hearted agreement with Governor
 5 Ritchie on this subject.

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1 A strange and solemn celebration
2 was held in Shanghai today when
3 government officials, huge crowds and
4 long lines of school children welcomed
5 a 45-year-old American mother. She was
6 escorted through the crowded streets
7 with formal ceremony, as the honored
8 guest of a grateful nation.

9 She is the mother of Robert Short,
10 An American aviator who enlisted in the
11 Chinese air service in the fight against
12 Japan. As a Lieutenant in the Chinese
13 army, ^{young Short} ~~he~~ fought a spectacular battle in
14 the sky with several Japanese pursuit
15 planes near the city of Soochow. The
16 American flyer fighting for China
17 killed one of the Japanese aviators but
18 the other sky fighters of Nippon shot
19 him down, ~~and he was killed.~~

20 A special dispatch to the Chicago
21 Daily News relates that Lieutenant Short
22 is to be laid in his final resting place
23 in the flying field near which he
24 fought his ^{last} ~~heroic~~ battle. The Chinese
25 nation is according him the dignities

1 of a national hero. Officials of the
2 Nanking government invited his mother
3 to be present as a guest of the nation.
4 And so it was that today, in the
5 company of another son of her's, she
6 landed at Shanghai, and was honored with
7 a stately, oriental welcome in the
8 great city on the China Coast.

1 The drama in that courtroom out
2 in Honolulu is becoming more intense
3 all the time. It's going on right now,
4 with the courtroom packed. Most of the
5 spectators are women of the various
6 races that populate the Hawaiian
7 Islands.

8 A United Press cable to the Chicago
9 Daily News tells how Clarence Darrow *of Chicago,*
10 the flaming veteran who is counsel for
11 the defense, put a Doctor on the witness
12 stand -- the Doctor who attended to
13 Mrs. Massey after the attack. The
14 Doctor told of the brutal injuries the
15 young wife had sustained, and how he had
16 set her broken jaw.

17 The ~~man~~ next witness was a
18 civilian friend of Lieutenant Massey, and
19 he described how the attack on Mrs.
20 Massey had preyed on the young
21 Lieutenant's mind, day after day.

22 All of this is leading toward
23 Darrow's contention that Lieutenant
24 Massey was temporarily insane at the time
25 of the killing of the Hawaiian who was

1 accused of being one of the gang that
2 attacked Mrs. Massey.
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1 I feel I ought to say as little
2 as possible about the Lindbergh case
3 tonight. The Colonel today denied the
4 truth of the rumors that contact has
5 been re-established with the kidnapers
6 and that the crooks are demanding more
7 ransom.

8 And along with that ^{Col.} Lindbergh
9 makes a plea for silence. A United Press
10 wire in the Milwaukee ^{Ledger} ~~Journal~~ gives
11 Lindbergh's public statement, a patient
12 and reasonable declaration in which the
13 world-renowned aviator explains that
14 newspaper reporters have been following
15 his representatives, which makes it all
16 the more difficult to get in communication
17 with the kidnapers.

18 Then he adds that the publication
19 of false rumors about ransom and of
20 paying more money make things only
21 harder and more trying for the famous
22 young couple who are anxiously,
23 desperately trying to get back their
24 baby.

1 Reports from Ireland tell of a
2 movement against the government of
3 President De Valera. One wing of the
4 Republican party wants even more radical
5 measures against England than De Valera
6 proposes. It consists of members of
7 the original Sinn Fein, that fighting
8 party which led the bitter campaign
9 against British rule. The movement
10 against De Valera is headed by Mary
11 MacSweeney, heroine of the Irish revolt.
12 She was one of the leaders of the Easter
13 rebellion, and commanded a body of
14 Republican fighters who battled against
15 the British on that day of terror in
16 Dublin.

17 A United Press dispatch to the
18 Chicago Daily News declares that these
19 extreme Irish Republicans hold to the
20 belief that the only real and legitimate
21 government of Ireland was that same
22 Republic which was declared on Easter
23 Sunday in 1916.

1 I have a telegram here from Ben
2 Adams, financial editor of the Literary
3 Digest. He tells me about a new
4 record that has been set. Over the
5 week-end Ben did a bit of pinch-
6 hitting for me. He took ^{that} ~~my place on the~~
7 weekend cruise to Boston ^{on the Levi} ~~of~~ the big
8 ship Leviathan, which has been all
9 fixed up and is being put back into
10 trans-Atlantic service.

11 Well, Ben ~~Wires~~ wires me that a new
12 record for telephoning was made on that
13 short gala voyage. Using the wireless
14 telephone, 103 calls were put in from
15 ship to shore, including telephone
16 conversations with Montreal, California,
17 and London. Ben himself says he called
18 his wife in New York and talked to
19 her as clearly ~~■~~ and as easily as if
20 he were phoning from the Literary Digest
21 office.
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PANHANDLER

1 Every so often in the news comes
2 the tale of a beggar or panhandler who
3 turns out to have a lot of money.

4 Here's one that takes the cake. The
5 story is given to an admiring world by
6 the Newark, New Jersey, Evening News, *I read*
tonight's Milwaukee Journal and relates how Tony Misiak was picked up *it in*
7 by the Newark police. Tony was a
8 tattered woe-begone figure who looked
9 the very image of need and destitution.
10 He was panhandling on the street.

11 When the cops searched him they found a
12 roll consisting of 29 1,000-dollar
13 bills, thirty-nine 100-dollar bills, and
14 various other bits of small change.

15 A check-up revealed that Tony had
16 been leading an interesting life for
17 years. His wife worked in a laundry. At
18 night Tony himself worked as a porter in a
19 building. During the day he was out
20 panhandling. He had been saving for 36
21 years, and had accumulated that fat bank
22 roll -- 32,917 dollars.

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24 *When asked about the Depression Tony*
25 *said:- what depression?*

1 From down in Old Virginny comes a
2 vitally significant piscatorial
3 political and presidential
4 prognostication. It sounds like one of
5 those favorite yarns of the Tall Story
6 Club, in which a fisherman finds
7 remarkable ~~■~~ things inside a fish.

8 In any case, a United Press wire
9 to the Fort Wayne, Indiana, News-
10 Sentinel, indicates that the
11 Republicans might as well give up the
12 ghost without any further bother,
13 because here is a sign and omen that
14 this is a Democratic year.

15 J. L. Cave, of Luray, Virginia,
16 is a notable citizen in those parts,
17 because of his fame as a fisherman. Not
18 only is he an expert in the ancient art
19 of ~~■~~ Iszaak Walton but also he claims
20 to have baited trout hooks for President
21 Hoover.

22 Well, Mr. Cave is now shaking his
23 head and saying -- "Yes siree, boys, I
24 baited them hooks for the President,
25 but I'm sorry to say that Mr. Hoover is

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1 not going to be re-elected."

2 This mighty Virginia fisherman was
3 angling along the Rapidan, the President's
4 favorite fishing ground. He caught a
5 2-pound Rainbow trout. Inside the trout
6 he found a hard object. It was a
7 quarter. Well, that in itself was quite
8 an event -- catching ~~not only a fish, but~~
9 ~~also a 25-cent piece in addition.~~
with two bits inside.

10 The piscatorial political and
11 presidential prognostication comes in
12 the fact that the quarter inside the fish
13 was dated 1912. That was the biggest
14 Democratic year of all. And furthermore,
15 on the quarter was scratched the name of
16 Woodrow Wilson, the overwhelming
17 Democratic victor of that year.

18 This, declares Fisherman ~~Bob~~ Cave, *with his*
19 *Democratic Virginia accent* is a positive and undeniable omen for 1932.
20 It's a prophecy of a Democratic victory.

21 Well, that seems to settle the
22 matter. We can lay aside our doubts and
23 speculations and sleep quietly tonight.
24 Of course, we may have some other kind of
25 piscatorial political and presidential
prognostication when we meet again
tomorrow, *and so long until then.*