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POLITICS

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 There is considerable excitement
 2 in Democratic circles over the
 3 contests between Governor Roosevelt and
 4 former-Governor Alfred E. Smith in the
 5 primaries of two states. Those states
 6 are Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.
 7 Between them they contribute no less
 8 than 112 delegates to the National
 9 Convention. At a late hour this
 10 afternoon ~~Governor Roosevelt was leading~~
 11 ~~in the Bay State, but~~ the issue is still
 12 in the balance. ~~In Pennsylvania~~ ~~the~~ ~~But the~~
 13 ~~Massachusetts~~ ~~Bay State~~ returns are by no means
 14 final, ~~as only a few of them are in so~~
 15 ~~far.~~

16 George Van Slyke in the New York
 17 Sun declares that much more than the
 18 delegations of two states is at stake.
 19 If Al Smith makes good on his challenge
 20 of Governor Roosevelt's commanding lead,
 21 the "Stop Roosevelt " movement will be
 22 revived in real earnest and carried into
 23 the Convention.

24 The political dope ^{has been} ~~was~~ that Al Smith
 25 was ^{almost} ~~pretty~~ sure to carry [^] Massachusetts;
 whereas, [^] ~~Franklin~~ Roosevelt was expected to lead
 in Pennsylvania. ^{So it will be mighty}
 interesting to read the final results in tomorrow morning's ^{news} papers.

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SUBWAY

1 A rather extraordinary situation
2 turned up today. It looks as though
3 New York ~~of all cities~~ would join the
4 number of municipalities not only
5 owning but operating a transit line.

6 You may have heard before that N.Y.
7 ~~we've~~ ^{has} had a new subway ~~here~~ all
8 completed and ready to run for over
9 six months. It cost over six hundred
10 million dollars to build, and there
11 are millions of people clamoring to
12 ride on it. But so far the only
13 passengers it has had have been
14 newspaper men ~~xx~~ taking a free ride
15 to look the line over. Not a nickel
16 has ~~been paid into the till.~~ ^{clicked in the turnstiles.}

17 Trains have been running over
18 the line every day. They have to run
19 them so that the line and equipment
20 won't be ruined by disuse. But nary
21 a passenger, nary a member of the great
22 public family, has had a chance to use
23 the line.

24 This situation arose because
25 nobody could agree how and by whom this

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1 line should be operated. The city
2 advertised for ~~xxxx~~ bids as the law
3 demanded, and the Transportation Board
4 informed the public today that not a
5 single bid had been received for the
6 job of running the subway.

7 ~~Accordingly~~ ^{Hence} it may be necessary
8 for the city to run the subway itself,
9 and what a job that's going to be.

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LINDBERGH

1 People are still trying to link
2 Al Capone and his crew to the kidnapping
3 of the Lindbergh baby.

4 Bates Raney, staff correspondent
5 of the United Press, ^{relates in the N.Y. World-Tel.} ~~says~~ that the
6 Chicago racketeer, or at any rate his
7 men, are still trying to chisel in.
8 ~~But~~ But authorities who really know,
9 assured the public that there's no
10 reason whatsoever to believe that either
11 Capone or any of his gorillas would be
12 of the slightest use. So far as
13 Colonel Lindbergh is concerned, he ~~has~~ ^{has}
14 refused to hold any communication with
15 Capone or any of his crew.

16 Capone himself informed ~~the~~
17 ~~United Press~~ ^{reporters} that he cannot make a
18 definite promise of return. At the
19 same time he declared that he would
20 like to help and thought that he
21 probably could.

22 However, a Deputy United States
23 Marshal has been stationed outside Mr.
24 Capone's cell in the Cook County jail,
25 on a twenty-four hour watch, for several

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1 months. Capone can see nobody and talk
2 to nobody without a Federal policeman
3 checking up and listening in on all
4 conversations.

5 These are the actual facts about
6 the attempt to inject a Capone angle
7 into the melancholy story of the
8 Lindbergh baby.

9 75,333. Lincoln voted 5,249 for
10 continuance of the 18th Amendment, and
11 2,042 for repeal -- a dry majority of
12 208,222.

13 And here again we have the driest
14 town in all the United States -- Zion
15 City, Illinois, the home of "Billie"
16 Jewell's successor, Dr. Jolly. The Zion
17 City vote is 135 dry, and only 32 wet.

18 And here by contrast we have the
19 largest city in the United States --
20 New Orleans, Louisiana, with a population
21 of 459,762. The New Orleans balloting
22 reports 735 in favor of prohibition, and
23 12,286 against. In short, New Orleans
24 turns in a vote that is 84.35 per cent
25 wet.

POLL

1 Here's a batch of curiosities and
 2 interesting facts in today's ^{city} finals from
 3 the Literary Digest prohibition poll.
 4 As a matter of fact, ^{this is} ~~it is~~ the most
 5 interesting report we have had yet.

6 For instance, we have the driest
 7 large city in the United States --
 8 Lincoln, Nebraska, with a population of
 9 75,933. Lincoln votes 2,249 for
 10 continuance of the 18th Amendment, and
 11 2,043 for repeal -- a dry majority of
 12 206, in *Bryan's home town.*

13 And here again we have the driest
 14 town in all the United States -- Zion
 15 City, Illinois, the home of "Elijah"
 16 Dowie's successor, Mr. Voliva. The Zion
 17 City vote, ^{out where the world is still flat,} is 135 dry, and only 32 wet.

18 And here by contrast we have the ^{wettest}
 19 largest ~~at wet~~ city in the United States --
 20 New Orleans, Louisiana, with a population
 21 of 458,762. The New Orleans balloting
 22 reports 735 in favor of prohibition, and
 23 12,296 against. In short, New Orleans
 24 turns in a vote that is 94.35 per cent
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CLOCKS

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This daylight saving time ^{which has just descended upon us} business _^ may be a boon to some of us, but it's a nuisance to others.

In New York City there's ² ~~one~~ _^ man with 1800 clocks, and he refuses to change ^{a single} _^ one of them to oblige the New York Legislature. So says a story in the New York World Telegram tonight. The gentleman with the 1800 clocks who despises daylight saving, is Professor Emeritus Daniel W. Hering, ~~Professor Hering is~~ curator of the James Arthur collection of clocks at ~~the~~ New York University.

"I see no reason to tamper with a valuable 17th century time piece for a 20th century whim", says Professor Hering.

"Of course, I don't ^{attempt} ~~intend~~ _^ to keep them all going", he adds, "just thirty or forty for companionship."

The thirty or ~~xxx~~ forty clocks ~~which~~ go clicking on their way, like positive old gentlemen who won't change their ways no matter how things and ^{customs} change around them.

BASEBALL

1 Now here's a curious story about
2 home runs, but you don't have to be a
3 baseball fan to be interested in it.
4 It comes in a United Press dispatch to
5 the ~~the~~ Cleveland Press. It seems that
6 in Ashtabula, Ohio, ~~there is a~~^{a whole} family of
7 home-run hitters^{is} being developed. That
8 is to say, if Shakespeare is wrong, and
9 names^{do} mean^{something} ~~anything~~.

10 The Papa of the family is an ardent
11 baseball fan. Whenever his wife produces
12 a new baby,^{which she has done 14 times,} he won't have the child
13 christened until one of the Cleveland
14 Indians hits a home run. Then the
15 latest baby is christened with the name
16 of the lucky home-run hitter.

17 Sometimes the family has to wait a
18 long time for a christening, especially
19 when Roger Peckinbaugh's Indians go into
20 a slump. That's what happened recently.
21 There was a new baby in the household,
22 and for months they couldn't have a
23 christening. Then Joe Vosmik, one of
24 the Indians, came through with a homer.
25 But even then there could be no

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1 christening, because there was already
2 one ^{little} JOE in the family.

3 Last Sunday, however, Earl
4 Averill pounded out two homers in
5 St. Louis. ^{Whereupon} ~~and~~ there was ^{wild rejoicing, and} ~~a joyous~~
6 ~~function~~ ^{baptizing} in that Ashtabula home.

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Since my return from Chicago, my associates at the Literary Digest, and in the studios here at the N.B.C., have all asked me the same question: -- How are things out in the Middle West?

Well, on my way to Chicago I stoppe d in Fort Wayne, Indiana, an important, and typical industrial center. Mr. Remmel, editor of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, told me that times were improving, factories were fairly busy, and they had no complaint. So if Fort Wayne is typical of the Middle West, that's a good sign.

~~In Chicago and Milwaukee I heard the same story. Instead of moans and groans, I heard laughter and optimism everywhere.~~

Coming back to New York I dropped off at Canton, Ohio, to make a speech for the American Legion. And afterwards I had quite a surprise. We often hear our American missionaries criticised. They are the subject of endless abuse. But many years ago, in the wilds of Burma, at the head of the Irrawady River,

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1 in the Himalayan mountains, near the
 2 Chinese frontier, I visited a strange
 3 race of people called the Kachins.
 4 And among these people was a white man
 5 whom the Kachins regarded as a saint
 6 and a sage. He had accomplished wonders
 7 among the remote peoples of Burma,
 8 medically and spiritually. Both he and
 9 his wife, a Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, had
 10 devoted their lives to these people of
 11 the Himalayan wilderness. Mr. Hanson
 12 died in the service and I found his wife
 13 in Canton, a long way from the Irrawady
 14 River and the road to Mandalay. ~~But I~~
 15 ~~can't resist this temptation to pay a~~
 16 ~~tribute to two remarkable American~~
 17 ~~missionaries.~~

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BREADLINE FROLICS

1 Well, I'm terribly sorry I had to
 2 leave Chicago without getting a chance
 3 to see the Breadline Frolics, a show
 4 by the unemployed for the unemployed.
 5 As a matter of fact, I was ~~very~~ anxious
 6 to be present at the Majestic Theater
 7 last night, but I ~~just~~ had to leave
 8 before this unique money-raising stunt
 9 began.

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10 The Breadline Frolics was
 11 unanimously declared the undisputed
 12 sensation of Chicago's theatrical
 13 season, according to ~~a dispatch by~~
 14 Frederick C. Othman, ~~United Press Staff~~
 15 ~~Correspondent~~, in the Chicago Daily News.

16 "Society came to the Majestic to
 17 patronize that tatterdemalion ~~(ragged)~~
 18 crew on the stage, but stayed to applaud
 19 so loudly that all the critics predicted
 20 a long run for the show," adds Mr.
 21 Othman.

22 "Such members of the ~~QX~~ orchestra
 23 as were jobless were in white coats,
 24 donated by a linen supply company. The
 25 principals, most of them stars once

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prosperous, now penniless, were in rags, their everyday clothing. The chorus pranced around in fumigation nightgowns, made of yellow muslin.

adds Mr. Othman,

"The 85 members of the cast[^] were recruited from 17,000 men who have been sleeping and eating in Chicago's shelters[^] *and flops.* Their Frolics was a combination of minstrel and vaudeville show, and *Chicago* ~~everybody~~[^] seems to *have gone wild* ~~be crazy~~[^] about it.

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IRELAND

1 Here's something from Ireland
2 that looks very much like a revival
3 of the historic dispute between John
4 Bull and the island off his west coast.

5 "The Irish Free State has shown
6 that it intends to repudiate the terms of
7 the 1921 treaty," ~~That's~~ the treaty
8 that established the Irish Free State.

9 This statement was made today
10 in the House of Commons by the Right
11 Honorable J. H. Thomas, Secretary of
12 State for the British Dominions. Mr.
13 Thomas declared further: "The text of
14 the bill introduced in the ~~Saill - which~~
15 ~~is the Irish name for~~ ^{Irish} parliament,
16 a bill to remove the oath of allegiance
17 to the British Crown from the Free
18 State constitution, shows that the issue
19 actually raised is a repudiation of
20 the settlement of 1921," adds Mr. Thomas.
21 That's the English slant on the matter.

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How would you like to spend ~~x~~ the night in a tree with a dozen wild boars champing and fuming around. ~~the base of it, trying to gnaw the trunk down? Especially if you had very little ammunition for your rifle?~~

That's what happened to a young man who went to Venezuela. He's Mr. E. R. Blake, instructor of Biology at the University of Pittsburgh, and he has just returned from the Orinoco where he'd been collecting birds for the University museum.

He left camp alone in the middle of ~~the~~ night, looking for birds. At a considerable distance from his camp he saw a dozen peccaries crossing his path. A peccary, ~~it seems~~, is not exactly a wild boar, but it has the same equipment for doing damage. Young Mr. Blake shot one of the peccaries, thinking it would drive off the rest. Instead of that the whole dozen of them challenged him. Having very little ammunition he jumped to a tree and

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1 ~~xxxx~~ climbed up just in time to escape
2 being goared by the tusks of the animals.

3 They must ~~xxxxx~~ have a lot of
4 patience and determination, those
5 brutes, because they came around the
6 base of the trunk and started gnawing
7 at it, like ~~beetles~~^{beavers} trying to bring it
8 down, ^{and} Mr. Blake. ~~too~~

9 Fortunately he picked a large
10 tree, but the peccaries, working in
11 relays, would have had it down, to the
12 serious damage of Mr. Blake, if the
13 dawn hadn't come in time. It seems
14 they don't work daytime.

15 That's the adventure that Mr.
16 Blake told to a reporter of the New
17 York ~~World Telegram~~^{Evening Post} when he landed today.

ESKIMO

1 From the wild lands of Venezuela
2 it's a far cry to the cold Hudson Bay
3 territory. But from there we've a
4 strange tale of a man who traveled
5 3,000 miles by sled and boat looking
6 for a wife, and then couldn't find one.

7 The story, which appeared in a
8 special dispatch to the New York Sun
9 from Ottawa, was told in a report by
10 Constable McCormack of the Royal
11 Canadian Mounted Police.

12 The wife-hungry traveler is
13 an Eskimo named Atilul.

14 "I first met Atilul in the
15 winter of 1929 near Mistake Bay",
16 reported Constable McCormack.

17 "He came down from Repulse
18 Bay, 450 miles in a straight line,
19 and had stopped at every settlement
20 on the way trying to find a wife. He
21 was unsuccessful.

22 "Then he went up to Baker
23 Lake, another 175 miles, almost dying
24 for lack of food.

25 "Early in the spring Atilul,

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1 who is 55 years old, was back at
2 Chesterfield, ^{Inlet,} another 300 miles, where
3 he had traveled by ~~xxxxx~~ whaleboat.

4 "During his early travels
5 Atilul had his eight year old daughter
6 with him. When I met him this year he
7 had a much younger girl. I learned
8 later that he had traded the older
9 girl for the younger one in order to
10 gain more sympathy.

11 "When I saw Atilul last June
12 he was making full speed towards the
13 coast at Repulse. He wanted to get
14 his whaleboat hauled 28 miles to the
15 coast, and then set off for Southampton,
16 almost 70 miles, before the ice got
17 bad.

18 "For a native", adds Constable
19 McCormack, "He's the biggest schemer ~~xx~~
20 I've ever met."

21 You see, ~~even in the bad~~
22 ~~lands there are men who live by their~~
23 ~~wits.~~ Anyway poor Atilul is still
24 looking for a wife. And if I don't
25 go home now I'll be looking for one
two. So, ~~so long~~ if you don't mind I'll
say so - ~~ong~~ until tomorrow.