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5 Good Evening, Everybody:-

6       The Lindbergh case continues  
7 to hold the center of the stage.  
8 The New York World-Telegram tells us  
9 that:-

10       "Beset by frauds and hoaxes,  
11 investigators of three States and the  
12 Federal Government sought today to  
13 pick apart a haystack of fantasy." They  
14 are in search of "a needle of evidence"  
15 which might point to the murderers of the  
16 Lindbergh baby.

17       A narcotic addict from Brooklyn  
18 confessed yesterday that he was a  
19 member of the kidnapping gang. Today  
20 under the pressure of questioning, he  
21 admitted that his confession was phoney.

22       And now it comes to light  
23 that John Hughes Curtis, the faker of  
24 Norfolk, Virginia, had demanded  
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1 \$25,000. as a down payment from  
2 Col. Lindbergh.

3 Curtis meanwhile is being carefully  
4 guarded to keep him from committing  
5 suicide. ~~Pat Tierney in~~ The New York  
6 Evening Post, tells us that he is under  
7 arrest at Hopewell, New Jersey, charged  
8 with giving improper information in the  
9 investigation of a high misdemeanor.  
10 The penalty for this offence is three  
11 years' imprisonment.

12 In Norfolk, the chief of police  
13 declares that he is convinced that something  
14 important is being withheld. The  
15 authorities are trying to find out  
16 where Curtis was on the night of the  
17 kidnapping. His whereabouts at that  
18 time have not yet been satisfactorily  
19 explained.

20 The ~~Norfolk~~ Anglican clergyman *of Norfolk*  
21 who was associated with him in the  
22 so-called negotiations for the ransom  
23 of the baby, has declined an invitation  
24 to come to New Jersey and answer  
25 questions.

1           At the same time Harry Brundige  
2 who covered the Lindbergh story for the  
3 St. Louis Star, has an interesting  
4 sidelight on the case. This is what  
5 he reports for the United Press:

6           "One month after the Lindbergh  
7 baby had been kidnapped from his home,"  
8 says Brundige, "I had a lengthy conference  
9 with Curtis in a Norfolk Hotel. He  
10 had convinced a former resident of  
11 St. Louis that he was in actual contact  
12 with the kidnappers. This man had  
13 urged the Star to send me to Norfolk  
14 to work with Curtis. Curtis told me  
15 he had an appointment with one of the  
16 kidnappers for the following day. He  
17 said he had given his word that he  
18 would not talk to police or give them  
19 any information. But he had not  
20 promised that he wouldn't tell a  
21 newspaper man. I asked him how was  
22 the contact established. 'Through a  
23 man I built a boat for', he replied.  
24 'A bootlegger?' I asked. 'Yes, a  
25 bootlegger', he answered. I followed  
Curtis on the following day in a



1 chartered gasoline cruiser, and later  
2 On that day I found him, instead of  
3 making contacts with kidnappers,  
4 amusing himself at deep sea fishing."

5 And that's the way this most  
6 pitifully tragical episode in American  
7 history has come to a farce of  
8 fakery and tragical nonsense.

9 And there's an illuminating  
10 survey of this phase of the Lindbergh  
11 story, in the latest issue of the  
12 Literary Digest, which will be out  
13 tomorrow.

14 The Digest also quotes the New  
15 York Herald Tribune as commenting on  
16 the number of people who became  
17 private detectives. They included  
18 sensation seekers, well-meaning  
19 busybodies who bothered the Lindberghs  
20 and the police with fantastic clues,  
21 intrusive citizens who pried into the  
22 affairs of their neighbors.  
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1 (Senator Tydings' long awaited beer  
2 amendment was defeated in the United  
3 States Senate today.

4 This amendment was offered as a  
5 part of the billion-dollar tax bill. The  
6 Maryland Senator proposed to legalize  
7 beer for the purpose of raising taxes.  
8 He suggested that the beer should be no  
9 stronger than 2.75 per cent. It was  
10 voted down to the tune of 60 to 24.)

11 But there will be another beer tax  
12 test next Monday in the House.

13 Senator Norris of Nebraska,  
14 hitherto a confirmed dry, had promised  
15 that he would vote for the Tydings  
16 amendment if the Democrats would vote for  
17 a return of high war-time taxes on large  
18 incomes.

19 "I may have to vote for beer one of  
20 these days," Senator Norris admitted,  
21 "but I won't now. If the Democrats won't  
22 tax wealth, I won't tax beer."

23 And so saying he voted nay and took  
24 other progressive votes with him,  
25 deciding votes.

1           Wonders will never cease. The  
2 leaders of our House of Representatives  
3 are trying to put an end to the good  
4 old family payroll racket.

5           A United Press dispatch in the  
6 Cincinnati Post conveys the information  
7 that senators and Congressmen have been  
8 receiving hundreds of letters protesting  
9 about this. Wives, children, in-laws,  
10 and other relatives, some of whom never  
11 go near Washington, are on this House  
12 payroll, and it seems that this payroll  
13 is secret. Not even Congressmen are  
14 allowed to see it.

15           A resolution is going to be  
16 offered in the House tomorrow to throw  
17 this secret payroll open to public  
18 inspection.

19           Another representative is going to  
20 introduce a bill forbidding the  
21 employment of relatives by congressmen.  
22 It's been charged that Senator Thomas  
23 of Idaho, Senator Borah's colleague,  
24 carried his daughter and his sister  
25 as clerk's at the wage of \$2200. a year.

1 Not bad pay when it's considered that  
2 the gentleman's sister is said to be an  
3 assistant cashier in his bank<sup>out</sup> in Idaho, and

4 ~~"His daughter never performed~~  
5 ~~any service whatever for this pin~~  
6 ~~money, and his sister's~~ <sup>has</sup> never even been  
7 in Washington"; ~~declared one of the~~  
8 ~~Senator's opponents. It is added,~~  
9 ~~however, that these ladies are not~~  
10 ~~on the payroll now.~~

11 All of which ~~also~~ adds to the  
12 gaiety of nations.



1           Reports from Los Angeles today, tell us that the build-  
2 ings and grounds of Olympic Village are about complete, all set  
3 for the Olympic Games.  
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5           The National Olympic committees of fifty countries have  
6 sent word their teams will be there. That will mean about two  
7 thousand athletes!  
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9           How about Uncle Sam, Mr, Kirby, is he all set?

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12 MR. GUSTAVUS KIRBY:-

13           Well, in the U.S.A. today we have, perhaps, the  
14 greatest group of athletes in history. Most countries subsidize  
15 their Olympic teams. We do not. We depend on private enthusiasm  
16 and private funds. We think that is infinitely better. And if  
17 Uncle Sam is to have a chance against the athletes of the fifty  
18 nations who are coming to our shores for the games of the Tenth  
19 Olympiade, he 'll have to get busy, and now. So far we have  
20 funds for only about thirty-five athletes to represent us. We  
21 should have three hundred and fifty representatives. This is the  
22 most spectacular and important athletic event in the world; and, of  
23 course it takes place this summer, in Los Angeles, from July 31st  
24 to August 16th.  
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1           It looks as though the end of  
2 the athletic scholarship in the schools  
3 and colleges was in sight.

4           The Middle States Association  
5 of Colleges and Secondary Schools passed  
6 a resolution today that these  
7 scholarships should be abandoned. All  
8 institutions of higher education which  
9 give free ~~xx~~ tuition or money to  
10 football or other athletic stars, will  
11 be banned from the white list.

12           ~~The Middle States Association~~  
13 ~~includes the middle Atlantic states,~~  
14 ~~Maryland, and the District of Columbia.~~  
15 ~~It was founded nearly half a century~~  
16 ~~ago for the purpose of bringing colleges~~  
17 ~~and secondary schools into closer~~  
18 ~~relation.~~

19           They have defined athletic  
20 scholarships as either payments of ~~xxx~~  
21 money, or the equivalent, granted to  
22 students in a college or a university,  
23 because of athletic promise or  
24 athletic achievement.

1 Who do you suppose is the favorite  
2 international character of the Senior  
3 Class of Yale's Sheffield Scientific  
4 School? Well, I'll give you three guesses.  
5 It's Mahatma Gandhi.

6 The Seniors of Shef have been having  
7 an election. The Mahatma got 17 votes,  
8 Ramsay MacDonald 14, and Mussolini,  
9 ~~Il Duce, received~~ 10.

10 The <sup>Yale</sup> Shef taste in fiction is equally  
11 interesting. The Seniors were split  
12 between Falstaff, Tom Jones and Tarzan  
13 of the Apes. All of them got 8 votes  
14 apiece.

15 Their favorite movie star is Joan  
16 Crawford, who is more popular than  
17 either Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, or  
18 Norma Shearer.

19 ~~Most of the Seniors by the way are~~  
20 ~~Republicans, but--and this will interest~~  
21 ~~newspaper editors--they prefer independent~~  
22 ~~newspapers.~~

23 The <sup>undergraduate</sup> ~~gentleman~~ who was voted ~~the~~ to have  
24 ~~undergraduate who had~~ done the most for  
25 Yale, and was also the most popular and



1 most to be admired was a young Mr. Rotan, a  
2 from Texas, former intercollegiate heavy-weight lad  
3 champion wrestler and football guard.  
4 Mr. Albie Booth, who has received much  
5 more publicity throughout the country at  
6 large, was second fiddle to Mr. Rotan.

1 I don't know whether this is an  
2 animal story or a child's story, but  
3 it comes from the Smithsonian Institute  
4 in Washington, so it should be taken  
5 seriously, *and solemnly*

6 Doctor Alex<sup>let's see now</sup>--I don't know how to  
7 pronounce the gentleman's name, but you  
8 have <sup>often</sup> seen it in the papers--I'll spell  
9 it and you can pronounce it the way you  
10 like--~~H-r-d-i-c-k-a~~ <sup>well Dr. Alex that</sup> H-r-d-i-c-k-a--reports  
11 that he has found many children who  
12 behave like animals.

13 The Doctor's induction, from his  
14 observation<sup>s</sup>, is that the youngsters  
15 actually want to be the animals they are  
16 imitating. He found some who acted like  
17 dogs and apparently wanted to be dogs.  
18 Others neighed like a horse. Still others  
19 held their bottles with their toes.

20 But cheer up, parents, Doctor  
21 H-r-d and the rest of it, assures you  
22 that you needn't worry. Your offspring,  
23 if they bark or neigh, will not turn into  
24 either dogs or horses. He quotes an  
25 instance of one small boy whose favorite



1 pastime was to wallow in a ~~mud~~  
2 mudpuddle with a pig. They grunted at  
3 each other and rooted together. It seems  
4 the youngster had no other playmates and  
5 his parents were too busy. But the  
6 one-time pig-boy is now an honor student  
7 in an Eastern college, if that means  
8 anything. *At any rate he's alright. He's*  
9 *now rooting in college.*



(The leaders of the Japanese Army are making a determined effort to control the Cabinet. <sup>This comes</sup> as an aftermath to the assassination of Premier Inukai. According to a U.P. dispatch to the <sup>Newark</sup> ~~World-Telegram~~ <sup>News</sup> from Tokyo the formation of a super-party government <sup>— no I mean super-party government</sup> appeared likely today. It will resemble a Fascist regime, dominated by the army.)

The military chiefs claim that their aim is to purify politics. It is expected that the home minister will succeed the assassinated Premier at the head of the Cabinet. ~~Now~~ The home minister as well as the minister of war are both members of a Fascist organization ~~in Japan~~ which is one of the oldest reactionary groups in the <sup>flowery</sup> empire.

1 In Berlin meanwhile they are  
2 seriously contemplating the danger of a  
3 war between Russia and Japan. H. R.  
4 Knickerbocker cables the New York Evening  
5 Post that 800,000 men have been called  
6 out by the Soviet Government for  
7 maneuvers East of the Ural Mountains.

8 It seems that the news came through  
9 in a curious way. The Foreign  
10 Correspondents at Moscow apparently were  
11 prevented by the censor from telegraphing  
12 it. But it was delivered over the  
13 Russian official broadcasting station  
14 in the Russian language.

15 The message was picked up, however,  
16 in Berlin by an amateur operator who  
17 speaks Russian and who has a particularly  
18 sensitive listening apparatus.

19 Knickerbocker points out that this  
20 ~~measure~~ ~~message~~ is entirely out of order since  
21 usually only one class of 200,000 men  
22 attends the maneuvers. <sup>But</sup> The Russian War  
23 Office <sup>now</sup> has called out four classes for  
24 this occasion, including one which had  
25 hitherto been exempt from military



1 service because of occupation in important industries.

2           This is the first time since the Russo-Polish War that  
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4 as many as four classes have been called to their colors at one  
5 time by the Soviets.  
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And now comes something of a very different tenor.

We should all join in a fight on atheism, Communism, corruption, greed and exaggerated nationalism. Such is the gist of the encyclical issued today by Pope Pius XI from <sup>the</sup> Vatican. ~~City~~

On these evils the Pope blamed the troubles that are afflicting the world today.

"We should put aside all base egotism. The nations of the world should unite all their forces in a single front." He appealed to Protestants as well as to Catholics.

He mentioned emphatically the accumulation of the wealth of nations in the hands of a small group of individuals, the unequal distribution of wealth.

"A small group who hold the world's wealth manipulate the markets of the world at their own caprice, to the immense harm of the masses," the Pope added. "Profiting by this economic distress and moral disorder the enemies of all social orders, be they called

1 Communists or any other name, boldly  
2 set about breaking through every  
3 restraint. This is the most dreadful  
4 evil of our time," *he said.*

5 "There is no excess that will  
6 not seem justified by exaggerated  
7 nationalism. Love of country is abused,  
8 leading people to hatred and driving all  
9 to destruction."

10 ~~The Pope set aside the feast of~~  
11 ~~the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 3rd~~  
12 ~~for the beginning of a week of prayer.~~

13 ~~He urged the faithful during that week,~~  
14 ~~to abstain from entertainments and~~  
15 ~~amusements however lawful. He asked~~  
16 ~~those in easier circumstances to make~~  
17 ~~special sacrifices for the benefit of~~  
18 ~~the poor.~~



## GRAVES

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Newspapers today are commenting  
on that discovery of the oldest town.  
They've dug up ~~the oldest town~~ <sup>the one they say is</sup> so  
far uncovered -- 5600 years old.

Incidentally, it was uncovered by  
American archeologists. A joint  
expedition of the Museum of the University  
of Pennsylvania and of the American  
Schools of Oriental Research were the  
discoverers.

It is situated in northern  
Mesopotamia. They found it after  
digging for two years in that region.

Hitherto the oldest excavations  
were the royal tombs at Ur of the  
Chaldeas, which you may recall from your  
Bible reading. This new town is 500  
years older <sup>than Abraham's home town.</sup> ~~But it was apparently~~  
~~laid out on a very carefully planned~~  
~~scheme.~~



1           Some body got the goat of the Right  
2 Honorable David Lloyd George. It seems  
3 that they've been kidding the former  
4 British Prime Minister and comparing him  
5 to the chorus girl for whom it was no  
6 use to buy a book because she already  
7 had <sup>a book</sup> ~~one~~. Well, it wasn't quite as bad  
8 as that, but some eminent statesman  
9 ~~xxxxx~~ whose name isn't mentioned is  
10 quoted as having declared that Mr. Lloyd  
11 George doesn't read any books except  
12 thrillers. Mr. Lloyd George is quite  
13 indignant and is going to challenge  
14 the eminent statesman to a <sup>duell — I mean a rapier</sup> test of  
15 knowledge of literature. So runs a story  
16 by Morris Gilbert in the New York Evening  
17 Post.

18           "There are only two kinds of books  
19 that I don't read and which I never  
20 shall read," Mr. Lloyd George declares.  
21 "One kind is the printed reports of my  
22 own speeches. I don't even read them  
23 in the newspapers. And the other kind  
24 is a biography of my own life."  
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How is your old straw hat?

According to a dispatch from London in the New York Sun, we, over here, blow ourselves much more in this respect than Europeans do. It's estimated that men of the United States and Canada possess three hats for everyone owned by Londoners - ~~not~~ even <sup>London</sup> including the ~~xxxxx~~ good old <sup>London</sup> top<sup>per</sup>, which ~~xxxxxxx~~ business men, even clerks, are supposed to wear to their offices every day in dear old London.

Incidentally England is discarding the straw hat. Ever since the war the lid of straw has been pretty much boycotted <sup>along Piccadilly and Pall Mall.</sup> Apparently the people most extravagant in their headgear are Mexicans who think nothing of paying <sup>bucks</sup> \$60 for a lid. The average Londoner never ~~thinks to~~ pay<sup>s</sup> more than a dollar and a quarter, or a dollar and a half, <sup>six bob is his top.</sup>

Anyhow I'm now going to reach for my last year's straw hat --- and  
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