

1 Here's a bit of cheering news
2 that ought to reach the hearts of
3 people all over the world. Yes, the
4 Lindbergh baby.

5 C. C. Nicolet ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ the New York
6 World-Telegram reports ^{from} information
7 which appears to be reliable that the
8 child is safe and that final negotiations
9 for his ransom will be completed before
10 long.

11 John H. Curtis and Rear Admiral
12 Guy Burrage ~~xxx~~ returned, unexpected ^{ly, today,}
13 to Norfolk, Virginia, confident that they
14 would soon be able to restore the ^{child.}
15 ~~Lindbergh's dear little baby.~~

16 Meanwhile another one of the
17 ransom bills turned up this afternoon
18 in New York, ~~according to a late~~
19 ~~story in the New York Evening Sun.~~ ^{And}
20 where do you suppose it was. ^{The N.Y. Eve. Sun tells us it was} [^] In the
21 pocket of ^a ~~the~~ Deputy United States
22 Marshall. [^]

23 It was a ten dollar bank note.
24 The deputy today gave the bill to a
25 bonding agent in exchange ^{for} ~~of~~ smaller
[^]

1 bills. The bonding agent later in the
 2 day deposited the note in a branch of
 3 the Corn Exchange Bank. A few minutes
 4 later he received a hasty telephone
 5 call from a cashier, reporting that
 6 he ^{had} deposited one of the eagerly sought
 7 bills.

8 Simultaneously with all this
 9 Col. Lindbergh issued a statement this
 10 afternoon imploring the papers to
 11 make no attempt to check his activities.

12 Some people have charged that the
 13 publicity given to this ~~awful~~ crime has
 14 been largely responsible for the failure
 15 to recover the child.

16 ~~The United Press conducted~~
 17 ~~a symposium of all newspapers, asking~~
 18 ~~their opinions.~~ ^{The famous magazine known as} the Editor and Publisher,
 19 both editorially and in ~~his~~ news columns
 20 made the following statement ^{today}: -

21 "Editors ^{has} and Publishers ^{city} made
 22 a careful canvass of the facts in the
 23 case; Not only as they relate ~~to~~ to the
 24 metropolitan district of New York ^{city} but
 25 to the entire country, and we challenge

1 the charge as a base slander," meaning of course, the charge
2 that publicity has hindered the return of the baby.

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4 "Press cooperation in the Lindbergh case has been
5 unparalleled either in peace or war," declared the Editor and
6 Publisher Magazine.

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2 in that ^{Honolulu} courtroom seems to be approaching
3 a climax.

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5 principal defendant Lieutenant Thomas
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10 lawyers waited in suspense, expecting him
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12 Hawaiian Kahahawai.

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17 daughter, when she was a schoolgirl of
18 sixteen, and he an Ensign just out of
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Clyde Beatty.
Animal Trainer.
April 15, 1932 -
p. 5.

1 Well, the circus is in town, and
 2 that does bring back memories of the
 3 old days when a bag of peanuts and a
 4 glass of pink lemonade, and the big
 5 show under the main tent, were the
 6 most thrilling things in life.

7 ~~So~~^{now} what do you like best, the
 8 trapeze performer, the clowns, the
 9 equestrians, or the animals? My
 10 preference has always been for the
 11 animals, the lion, tiger, giraffe, the
 12 hippo, the elephant, and the kangaroo.
 13 I suppose most boys have dreamed of being
 14 animal trainers. I know I did. I could
 15 see myself in the cage making the lions
 16 and tigers step around.

17 Well, it's like a vivid reminder
 18 of those old dreams to have Clyde Beatty
 19 here. He's the greatest animal trainer
 20 of them all, and it's the thrill of a
 21 lifetime to watch him in the main tent -
 22 or at Madison Square Garden with the
 23 ~~Ringling Brothers Barnum & ~~xxxx~~ Bailey~~
 24 circus. ~~How~~^{how he} he makes those lions say
 25 "uncle," and [^]persuades the tigers to eat

Oh boy!

1 out of his hand like kittens! ^ But
2 let's have Clyde Beatty himself tell us
3 something about it.

4 Come on, Clyde, how does it feel
5 to be in the cage with those ~~forty~~ *thirty*
6 lions and tigers making playful passes
7 at you?

1 A good many people laugh when I
2 tell them that my act in the circus is
3 much more dangerous than it looks. I am
4 in a cage with about thirty roaring
5 lions and tigers and I suppose that
6 does look pretty dangerous.

7 But to tell you the truth I
8 could be in there with fifty or sixty
9 lions and be in much less danger than
10 I am. The biggest risk I run is having
11 my animals mixed. I have both lions
12 and tigers, both male and female. I
13 don't know whether everybody knows it
14 or not, but the lions and tigers are
15 natural enemies, just like cats and
16 dogs, and when they get to fighting,
17 they all are likely to lose their heads
18 and turn on me.

19 That did happen once. I was ~~in~~
20 ~~more~~ more frightened ^{that time--} (and I admit I
21 do get frightened sometimes) - ~~that time~~
22 than * on the several occasions that
23 I have really been hurt. There were
24 32 lions and cats in that cage.
25 Something started the excitement. In

1 two seconds the inside of the cage was
2 a roaring, rising mass of fighting
3 animals. Of the 32, 29 were on the
4 ground tearing at each other's throats,
5 and, of course, nobody could tell when
6 one or two or three or four would
7 remember me and start in my directions.
8 And I was on the far side away from the
9 safety cage. I didn't see how I could
10 possibly get out. I yelled and fired
11 my gun, cracked my whip, keeping my back
12 to the bars, working my way inch by inch
13 around to the door where I could get
14 out. Somehow I got there. But on each
15 side of the door were two lions just
16 wild with excitement. They weren't
17 five feet apart. I was scared that
18 time. I can't tell you to this day
19 how I managed to get between them and out
20 of the cage, but I did.

21 And two of my finest beasts were
22 killed, but I didn't get a scratch.

23 The closest shave I ever had
24 was when my favorite lion, Nero, saved
25 my life. One of the tigers had me down.

1 I was helpless. The 38 other cats, as
2 we call them in the arena, were getting
3 excited. Looking up I saw Nero leap
4 from his pedestal. I thought, of course,
5 he was coming straight for me. But no.
6 He got his fangs in the tiger and
7 pulled her off ~~xx~~ me. ~~xxx~~ And I managed
8 to get out, although my leg was badly
9 torn.

10 Now I'd like to say that Nero
11 saved me, because of his affection for
12 me, but that really isn't true. He
13 did it because of his hatred for the
14 tiger, x

15 And just to show you the
16 fickleness of these little pets of mine,
17 that same lion turned on me not so very
18 long ago and gave me a bad wound in the
19 hip, from which I have scarcely
20 recovered even now. But ~~xxxxxx~~ Nero and
21 I understand each other. I know he just
22 got a little mixed up, and we're the
23 best of friends again now. He's in the
24 cage with me at every performance.

1 I haven't told you a fish story
2 for a long while, and here's one that
3 concerns the President.

4 Mr. Hoover had sent to the
5 United States trout hatchery near Nashua,
6 New Hampshire, for 500 eight inch brook
7 trout which were to be shipped to his
8 camp on the Rapidan in Virginia, so that
9 he and his guests could catch them when
10 the season opened.

11 Unfortunately some trainmen
12 by mistake - well, we'll hope it's a
13 mistake - ~~took~~ ^{put} them off the train at
14 Orange, Virginia. Some mountaineers
15 in the vicinity who were expecting a
16 ~~small~~ ^{similar} consignment - at any rate, that's
17 how the story runs - grabbed the shipment
18 and dumped President Hoover's nice new
19 trout into the Rose River.

20 Virginia's trout season opened
21 tomorrow, and if the President wants
22 to do his usual angling, ~~he'd~~ ^{it looks as though he'll} have to
23 move his camp, ~~which would be quite a~~
24 ~~job~~ And that's the sad story 500 poor
25 fish that went wrong.

1 By George, the echoes of
2 that bomb shell that Al Smith threw
3 into the Franklin Roosevelt camp are
4 still resounding throughout the land.
5 Tammany leaders are reported in the
6 New York Evening Post, as shaking in
7 their shoes for fear of a split on the
8 floor of the Democratic State Convention.

9 Mr. Curry, the silent leader
10 of Tammany Hall, has picked Al Smith
11 as one of the delegates at large to the
12 Democratic National Convention.

13 And Governor Roosevelt of
14 New York is being bombarded from all
15 sides. Here's Alfalfa Bill Murray,
16 down in Oklahoma, charging that money
17 was spent like water to buy Roosevelt
18 votes in the primaries throughout the
19 Middle West. ~~And in Washington~~ ^{And as} you would
20 ~~surmise~~ ^{surmise} ~~might know~~ the Republicans would
21 ~~gleefully seize the chance to get into~~
22 ~~the scrap~~ in Washington, ~~the~~ the
23 ~~Republicans~~ are waiting eagerly for
24 evidence to give them an excuse for an
25 investigation.

1 In Albany the Republican side of
2 the legislature is threatening an
3 investigation of Governor Roosevelt's
4 administration. ~~So there's a fight~~
5 ~~from all sides.~~

6 And when Al Smith was leaving
7 Washington to return to New York, a
8 reporter asked him what response he
9 got from his speech:

10 "Oh, telegrams by the hundreds,"
11 said Al.

12 "All approving of you?" asked
13 the reporter.

14 "Well", replied Al, "there's
15 one fellow who wired in and telegraphed:
16 'I hope you get another bedtime story
17 for my little boy tonight.'"

~~LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.~~

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3 In today's returns from the Literary
4 Digest Prohibition Poll we have Santa
5 ~~XXX~~ ^{by the sea in} Monica, California, where the movie
6 stars cavort and sometimes even bathe.
7 Santa Monica votes 442 for Continuance
8 of the 18th Amendment and 1,115 for
9 Repeal.

10 Then we have Grand Rapids, Michigan,
11 where the furniture comes from. On ~~the~~²
12 second report we find 2,367 ~~Dry~~¹, and
13 6,416 ~~Wet~~.

14 Here's an interesting town
15 Middlesboro, Kentucky----fifty--fifty,
16 215 for and 215 against. "You pays your
17 money and you takes your choice."

18 A second report from Tampa, Florida,
19 where the cigars are made shows 661 who
20 like present conditions, and 3,040 who
21 do not.

22 Michigan City, Indiana, reports
23 1,262 Wets and 113 Drys.

24 In Salina, Kansas, there are 494
25 who want the present system continued and

1 561 who would like it changed. That's a wet
town in Kansas.

2 Then there's Waltham, Mass. where
3 some of the watches come from and where
4 there are 381 in favor of Continuance
5 and 1,221 who want Repeal.

6 In Sandusky, Ohio, ^{on Lake Erie} ~~I don't know~~
7 ~~what goes on in Sandusky~~ - but there are
8 152 who like Prohibition and 1,788 who
9 don't.

10 Then there's ^{throwing, busy,} York, Pennsylvania,
11 where they had the witches' trial a
12 couple of years ago. Among the Yorkites
13 there are 3,130 Wets and 1,311 Drys.

14 And in Port Arthur, ^{not Manchuria - I mean Port Arthur,} Texas, 353 vote
15 for Continuance and 717 for Repeal.

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18 ~~We now return to our program.~~
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1 This ^{was} ~~is~~ a day of rioting in ^{various} ~~several~~
 2 parts of the world. In New York several
 3 policemen were injured in a rackus started
 4 by the Communists. A couple of hundred
 5 of the so-called Reds ^{shouting, and} singing ~~and shouting~~
 6 their Revolutionary songs gathered outside
 7 of a couple of city home-relief-stations.
 8 It took the ^{Police} emergency squad with all its
 9 equipment to suppress the tumult, which
 10 had to be done with a good deal of
 11 violence.

12 On the other hand the United Press ⁱⁿ
 13 ^{World-Telegram} reports a condition amounting almost to ^{the N.Y.}
 14 martial law in Eastern Ohio mine fields.
 15 Some 300 Ohio National Guardsmen are on
 16 duty near Adena.

17 And in Auckland, New Zealand--it's
 18 seldom that we get news from New Zealand,
 19 there was fighting in the streets with
 20 mounted police, volunteer constables and
 21 even Marines from ^e British cruiser, taking
 22 part. At one time it looked as though the
 23 mobs were ~~xxxxxxx~~ gaining the upper
 24 hand. They did in fact beat off a landing
 25 party from the cruiser.

1 ~~A United Press~~ ^{The} dispatch ~~to the New~~
 2 ~~York World Telegram~~ ^{adds} has ~~it~~ that the
 3 rioting lasted for three hours with fierce
 4 fighting. The mob was lead by girls who
 5 smashed every window in the principal ~~st~~
 6 street of Auckland. Hundreds were
 7 treated in the hospitals; three policemen
 8 and thre e civilians were seriously hurt.

1 Now that the preliminary exchange
2 of left-handed compliments is over ^{Uncle Sam} ~~United~~
3 ~~states~~ ^{La Belle} and France seem to be getting
4 together on this business of what shall we
5 fight with, if we go to war.

6 There ^{was} ~~is~~ a two-power disarmament
7 conference going on secretly at the
8 Foreign Office in Paris this afternoon.
9 A United Press dispatch to the New York
10 Evening Sun brings the information that
11 the conference is supposed to be informal.

12 Our Secretary of State Henry
13 Stimson was there, also Walter Edge, our
14 Ambassador to Paris, and many other
15 magnificoes.

16 Mr. Stimson told the reporters that
17 he was going to be nothing but a backseat
18 driver at Geneva. "I haven't the slightest
19 intention of trying to supercede
20 Ambassador Gibson. I am just here to
21 get behind and push, if the occasion comes".

22 ~~The American party included the~~
23 ~~wives of its foremost members.~~
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1 I'm off for Chicago tonight. I'll broadcast from
2 the Windy City during the whole of next week and try to give the
3 news the way it looks from the shores of Lake Michigan where they
4 are now getting ready for that great World's Fair.
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6 Well, Chicago is like an old home to me. I worked on
7 the newspapers there, wore out my shoe leather as a cub reporter,
8 chasing fires and stories of all sorts. So I'll be gazing upon
9 familiar scenes and meeting old friends.
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12 Chicago has some of the greatest and finest newspapers
13 in the world. It will be interesting to study their news columns
14 and chat with the editors, and get a Midwestern slant on things.
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16 And meanwhile, so long until I grab the old microphone
17 in Chicago on Monday.
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