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Lowell Thomas broadcast for the Literary Digest, Monday March 28, 1932.

Good Evening, Everybody:

*This afternoon, in spite of the dirty weather along the Coast, an airplane took off from Norfolk, Virginia, and went whizzing through the murky, rainy skies to the Navel Yard at Philadelphia. A passenger jumped out, immediately climbed into a waiting automobile, and was whisked over the wet roads to the home of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh at Hopewell. New Jersey, where he was promptly admitted. He was Dean H. Dobson-Peacock, one of the three prominent citizens of Norfolk who are said to hammanham be negotiating for the return of the Lindbergh baby.

Well, as the New York WorldTelegram points out, today was no day
for flying. When the ceiling low;
the clouds hang near the ground, and
there rain and fog; - why, that's when
when any jaunt through the sky is
stangerous. The fact that the Norfolk
clergyman made the trip by airplane
today would seem to indicate that his

mission is important.

One report is that he is bearing to Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh means of identification to prove that the baby is being held on a boat off the Coast. One guess is that these means of identification are the suit of pajamas the child wore when he was kidnapped, or possibly a lock of his curly golden hair.

Dobson-Peacock is still in conference with the Lindberghs. Ever since the breaking of the Norfolk story he has seemed the most optimistic of the three men who are said to have been commissioned by the kidnappers to negotiate with the Lindberghs. The other two, Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired, and John Hughes Curtis, a wealthy boat manufacturer, have been keeping silent.

It looks like a case of fight 2 in Washington. The leaders in Congress 3 will have to go out and do battle if 4 they're going to get the budget balanced.

Speaker Garner of the House elannounced today that he will make a personal appeal tomorrow to the 8 Congressmen, will roll up his sleeves and 9 lead the attack, in an effort to get the 10 House of Representatives to put through n a sufficient amount of taxation to 12 enable the government to pay its bills.

The New York Evening Post today 13 14 declares that the Speaker has been 15 informed by his fellow leaders that unless the advocates balancing the budget, 17 wade right in and do some two fisted 18 battling, why there's serious danger 19 that Congress will fail to provide 20 means for raising enough money to meet 21 the expenses of the government.

With the defeat of the sales tax the other day the insurgents, both Democratic and Republican, are on a rampage. The House is said to be in

confusion, and unless strong and efficient leadership is exerted, why it may just go on and let things of the trift. There are a certain number of Congressmen who now believe that it would be just as well if things were tided over with some makeshift or other. They draw back from the idea of imposing the taxes that are necessary if Uncle Sam is going to pay his way without rolling up a bigger deficit than ever.

right now preparing new schemes of taxation to take the place of the defeated sales tax, but it is realized that most of the various kinds of taxes that will be suggested, are sure to kick up a rumpus.

That is why the Speaker of the Gouse will plunge in tomorrow and crack the whip and try to persuade Congress that an adequate program of taxation will have to be put through.

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The weather's been wet and gloomy all over the East, with a chilly drizzling rain all day. And the bad weather put a crimp in the annual Easter Egg celebration at the White House in Washington. Each year the President and the First Lady of the Land stage an Easter Egg Hunt on the White House grounds for the benefit of all the youngsters who choose to come.

The United Press reports that the smallest crowd in years gathered today, and braved the miserable wet weather. And yet that smallest crowd was fairly large at that. It consisted of 2,279 persons -- children and their parents.

The youngsters all bundled up, wandered around on the wet ground, and in spite of the bad behavior of the weather man, they managed to have a sterday, with about 20 youngslers and ad the time of my life. good time.

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Today in the old city of
Dublin a tall gaunt man, with deep
lines in his face, made a solemn
pilgrimage to a gloomy prison. In
the middle of the grim prison courtyard
there's a plot of graves, and there
the tall sad-faced man kneeled for
long minutes in solent prayer.

Thus did Eamon de Valera,
the new President of Ireland, pay homage
to his comrades of the Easter rebellion
sixteen years ago, who were condemned
by a British court-martial and shot.

The United Press reminds us

that it was in the forbidding Arbor

Hall Military Prison at Dublin that the

last tragic drama of the Easter

rebellion was enacted. It was there

that the leaders of the revolt were

taken after they were captured. De

Valera was one of them. All were

sentenced to death. He was the only

one to escape the firing squad. His

sentence was commuted to one of life

imprisonment. And on that day of sorrow

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1 for Ireland, the volleys of the firing 2 squad rang out repeatedly, while a 3 whole nation prayed for its martyrs.

The victims were buried in the 5 cemetery at the middle of the prison 6 courtyard.

Ever since then, says the 8 United Press, the Arbor Hall Military 9 Prison has been kept closed to the public - that is, until yesterday. The new de Valera regime on this 12 Easter Sunday, the anniversary of the Easter rebellion, threw open the gloomy jail to the public. Thousands of Irish men and women yesterday and today visited the scene of the executions, said prayers, and laid wreaths on the graves. And among the visitors was de Valera himself, the only survivor of the men who led the revolt on Easter. He paid a long and fervent homage to his fallen comrades.

Let all over Ireland yesterday thousands of people commemorated the anniversary of the Easter rebellion.

The day seems to have gone off peaceably.
From London comes word that the English
are relieved that there were no large
disturbances.

Meanwhile it is understood that President de Valera is taking a strong stand on the subject of the oath of allegiance and the land annuities. Today he drafted his reply to the latest British note on the subject, and in that reply he insists that the oath of allegiance to King George must be abolished. Also, that Ireland will not go on paying those yearly payments in settlement of British claims to land in Ireland.

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Another bit of capitalistic news comes from Red Moscow. The United Press in the New York Sun declares that the Communist party m has issued a decree that the Russian peasants are to be allowed to have one cow each, also a few chickens. This applies to the peasants who have become members of the collective farms run by the Soviets. Those Russian farmers are supposed to have fallen in line with the ideas of Communism, Socialism, Collective-ism, and all that, but just the same that instinctive desire to own something seems to be a pretty stubborn feeling. The Communist peasants can't get over the old idea that a man is entitled to own a cow and some chickens.

And now the Communist party says

O.K., and has issued a manifesto
threatening punishment to any
enthusiastic Communist who tries to take
the peasants! private livestock away
from them. The Communists am go so far
as to promise to help any peasant get a
cow of his own, if he hasn't one already.

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Our list of cities tonight begins with two lovely communities that are a whole continent apart. One is on the Atlantic seaboard, the other out in California.

Well, Holyoke, Massachusetts
brings a vision of old New England,
with its quiet old-fashioned life and the
But Holyoke is quite an industrial
total too, with paper and textiles
among its leading industries. Here's
Holyoke's vote in the Literary Digest
Prohibition Poll. For continuance of
the 18th Amendment 399 -- for repeal
4,093.

is San Jose, with all of that California sunshine, and the atmosphere of old Spain. San Jose votes 839 dry and 2,118 wet.

Norwich, Connecticut, xxx 262 say prohibition is okay and 1,230 say it isn't.

Orlando, Florida, for continuance 522 -- for repeal, 1,323.

Danville, Illinois, 491 in favor of the 18th Amendment -- 1,542 against.

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Elkhart, Indiana, 532 drys, 1,584 wets.

in favor of the #8th Amendment, 1,934 are against.

perscription only 1,134 for repeal.

Kansas City, Missouri, comes
through with a second set of returns -6,433 in favor of Prohibition -13,015 against.

And we also have a second report on Albany, New York, where the vote now stands 790 for continuance, 4,317 for repeal.

In the Literary Digest Prohibition Foll.

In Oklahoma today anti-aircraft machine guns were mounted, all set to open fire upon an enemy in the sky. No, this wasn't a case of war. The anti-aircraft guns were set up son the walls of the State Penitentiary at McAlister.

The United Press wires that an Oklahoma sheriff picked up word of a plot hatched by two former convicts to use airplanes in an attempt to put through a jail break at the prison. The sheriff declares that the scheme was to have a low-flying airplane drop a cargo of pistols into the prison yard. This would provide escaping convicts with weapons. The plan was also to drop bombs on the east wall of the penitentiary. The bombs were expected to blow down the wall and then the armed convicts would stage a dash for liberty.

In any case, the REXESSE prison authorities took the story seriously enough to be prepared. Three anti-aircraft guns were set up on the guard towers and the guards were ordered to open fire and bring down any airplane

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that might come flying over the prison at an altitude of less than 1500 feet.

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Here's one of those wild and woolly bits of news that seem as if they might be part of a nightmare.

At Indiana Harbor, Indiana, August Manza is a young fellow who has plenty of courage. But now he has discovered, to his sorrow, that courage sometimes is liable to cost money. It cost August 45 dollars.

The United Press tells how August saw a robber holding up a man on the street. He made a dive for the crook and knocked the gun from his hand. The robber made a quick get-away.

Naturally August felt pretty good, and expected some thanks. But the victim he had saved reached down, picked up the gun, shoved it in August's ribs, and said -- STICK 'EM UP. And he robbed his savior of 45 dollars.

And that does seem like a nightmare of ingratitude.

heard a peach of a story today, not a It was told to me by one of the editors of the Literary Digest who had it from a prominent official of Soviet Russia. This Soviet official told of meeting two American millionaires in Paris who had been on a trip to Russia and were most enthusiastic. They were quite musical, 8 themselves, and expressed great admiration for those beautiful Russian 10 folk songs. They told of two delightful chaps they had met in Russia who had taught them many of those lovely songs, and with when They had played poker quite a bit. 14 with those two Russian friends, and-15 While the games were going on the 16 Russians used to sing those dreamy, old-17 fashioned ballade. That's how the Americans had learned the folk songs 19 memorizing the tunes, and even the 20 Russian words. They added that they 21 had lost 5,000 dollars or so in the 22 poker games, but that the songs they had 23 learned were so beautiful that they 24 didn't mind.

When the two Americans told this story the Soviet official asked one of them to go to the piano and play and sing those songs. they had learned. The American did so -- he sang the Russian words.

And that's when the Soviet official began to laugh. The quaint Russian words sang to the beautiful tunes were something like this:- "I have two pair -- Queens and Jacks."

"Well, I have three Aces. Let's keep on raising."

And so it was no wonder that the two American millionaires learned plenty of Russian folk songs and lost 5.000 dollars.

and now lets all arise, and in honor of those two musical american millionairies lets sing the Volga Boat Sing. and s-l-u-to-m.