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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today at Albany Governor Roosevelt of New York gave his decision in the case of Sheriff Thomas M. Farley of New York Well, the Governor's decision was - thumbs down. He ordered the removal of Sheriff Farley from his job.)

The New York World Telegram reminds us that this is the result of charges made by Samuel Seabury, Counsel for the Hofstadter Committee, which has been investigating/energes of political corruption in New York City.

The Sheriff failed to explain
to the Governor's satisfaction just how
he got large amounts of money that he
had deposited in banks, and in consequence
the Governor has ordered him to be
removed from his post as sheriff.

In removing the Sheriff, the Governor made a formal declaration of policy. He declared that it is the duty of officials to come forward and explain fully the sources of the money

they may have. XXX Which means that
the amount of wealth an official possesses
is not merely private business -- it is
public business also.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Whenever I think of tall men,
giants, or at least near giants, I
always think of two places, the backblocks of Australia and Minnesota.

here's some prohibition poll news from the
city of tall men -- Menneapolis. 5,050
of them, and of course this includes some

their wives both short and tall, have
had their votes tabulated. And as you wount
would expect from tall people, they
speak in no uncertain terms. I,010 of
them are for the 18th Amendment, and
4,040 say thumbs down. Minneapolis xx
4 to 1.

Brushing off the white dust that has gotten on us during our visit to the flour mills of Minneapolis, let's come east across Wisconsin and slide over the ice of Lake Michigan to the city where they have forgotten more about high-class carpentry and cabinet work than most of the world will ever know. Let's look in on some of the boys and girls who are turning out all of our celebrated rocking chairs. If all the

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twin beds that have been made in Grand Rapids were put side by side, -- but wait a minute, who cares about that? What we want to know is, when they wash the shellac and varnish off their hands at night, how do they vote in the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll?

Well, they also give the 18th Amendment a shellacking. 833 favor it, but 2,197 clamor for repeal. Thow, let's see, What state was first to go dry in this country?

Announcer speaking: - Maine, Lowell, Maine.

Correct, Howard. Go to the head of the class.

Yes, that was Announcer Howard Petrie putting in his oar. Howard's excited over the Poll too.

Well, here 's a town in Maine that has a rather wet sounding name but not intoxicatingly so. Its name sound is Waterville. 421 of the folks up there have had their votes counted in the poll so far. II5 say water is good enough. 306 don't think so.

What great city in Pennsylvania has to bear the brunt of more than its share of wise-cracks? In vaudeville when they run out of gags, the average comedian falls back on Pittsburgh and its smoke.

It has fallen to my lot to see most of the picturesque and spectacular cities of this planet. But I have yet to see one that is max more impressive than the city built on the peninsula max where the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers come together to form the mighty Ohio.

When you stand on the cliffs above Pittsburg, in the evening, and see the lights come on one by one in the great skyscrapers and see the blast furnaces shooting flames into the darkness, it almost takes your breath away. And the Digest prohibition returns for Pittsburgh are a bit breath-taking also. 36,481 Pittsburth votes have gone through the tabulating machines up until today. And of these 5,650 are for the 18th Amendment, while 30,831 are against -- more than five

to one.

Some years ago I made a speech in the auditorium of the University known 3 as Oklahoma A. and M. It is located in the town of Stillwater. I remember wandering around Stillwater and I recall e it as a city of homes, the center of a great agricultural district. And 8 here's what they think about this 9 prohibition problem in Stillwater. 262 10 votes have been counted. 68 of these are against the 18th Amendment. 194 are for it. That's about three to one dry.

These figures from Oklahoma once more remind us that when the farm vote is all counted it may put a different complexion on the whole matter. Again, let me add, that the farmers are always fully represented in every Literary Digest poll. In fact, if anything, their representation is a shade more 21 complete than that of any other group. This is because it is easy to compile a list of farmers, and not so easy to compile a list of workers in mills and

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1 factories and mines.

I happen to be more interested 3 in milk than in water or beverages that are stronger than water. This is because 5 the cows on my farm give milk, only. And 6 when I hear from the New York State Dairymen's League, the address on the 8 letterhead is Utica, New York. Let's see what their slant is. My Utica figures give a total of 3,009 ballots counted, of which 539 say the 18th Amendment is okay, and 2,470 say it isn't. Nearly five to one against for Utica.

I've forgotten who Chief Pawtucket was, but with a name like that he surely must have been a chief. At any rate he has a city named after him, and it's the second largest city in the smallest state. It's in the heart of the textile and machinery manufacturing region. And here is the way the votes tally from Pawtucket in Little Rhody. 113 for the existing Amendment, 937 for repeal, a total of 1,050, a ratio of

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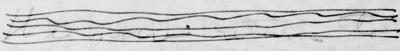
It's cold in New York tonight. Yes, and I'll bet the wind is whistling down Euclid Avenue out in Cleveland, Ohio, too. Cleveland is one of the fastestgrowing cities on the continent. Like Chicago the air seems to be charged with electricity. Everybody seems to be hustling. I was out there just recently and they were all talking about the Digest Poll. So let's see how the Clevelanders express themselves when they 13 say it with ballots. 17,164 is the number of votes that have come in, would there to now 2,507 are for the 18th Amendment, 16 and 14,657 are opposed to it. Nearly 17 6 to I for Cleveland

Here are two where the vote is 19 Close. In Topeka, Kansas, repeal leads in the count by less than one hundred ballots. 1,245 for continuance, 1339 for 22 repeal. That's wet, but 23 it may change with the arrival of the 24 next mail.

The other town I have in mind is

down in Tennessee, the city of Bristol, up in the beautiful mountains of Sullivan County near the border of Vicginia. The total vote is 471 so far. The repealers sent in 179 of these, while the 18th Amendment wins with a vote of 292.

Well, that's the summary for tonight. Rush your ballot along. Make your voice count in the greatest poll of all time.



Tomorrow Ill have state by state returns. But maybe you'll not want to wait. They appear, together with an analysis of the vote thus far in the new Literary that will be on the newstands tomorrow marning.

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Something of a sensation has been made by Secretary Stimson's declaration 3 concerning the trouble in the Far East. 4 The Secretary of State has issued a 5 warning that the Nine Power Pact and 6 the Kellogg-Briand Peace Treaty were been 7 being violated in the far East. an indirect accususation aimed at Japan.

The New York Evening Post quotes the Secretary in a letter to Senator Borah as pointing out that the United States agreed to a limitation of its naval strength and to leave its naval bases at Guam in the Phillippines without 16 further fortification. He adds that Uncle Sam# did this only because the other nation had agreed to the Nine Power Treaty which guaranteed the territornal integrity of China.

Secretary Stimson's declaration constitutes another demand that the open door policy in China must be preserved.

The war news from the Far East

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tells that Chinese artillery did some more bombarding. Guns mounted on railroad trucks p4 umped shells into the Japanese section of the International Settlement. The reason for the shooting was the fact that the Chinese believed that new forces of Japanese troups were being landed. And so the cannon got into action and shelled the Japanese section of the waterfront. HA squadron of Japanese airplanes dropped bombs on a railroad station. That is, the bombs were aimed at the railraad station, but xxxxx they don't seem to have hit anything more than a few cottages.

The spectre disease makes its appearance in war-stricken Shanghai along with the other terrors of war. The authorities fear that a smallpox epidemic may break out. In consequence the people are being vaccinated by the wholesale.

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I don't know if this scandal which comes next is likely to cause any disruptions in affairs of state, but anyway the General is all excited about it. He is General Rafael de Nogales, South American soldier of fortune who was a General in the dimm Turkish Army during the World War, and has fought in numerous other wars, disturbances, and revolutions. The General claims that the sword given by Gomez, the dictator of Venezuela, to General Pershing was stolen. He protests with high indignation that Gomez took the sword out of the National Venezuelan Museum, when he had no right to do it. He relates with a catch in his voice, how that particular weapon is sacred to the people of Venezuela. It was the blade wielded by the famous patriot Paez in the wars of liberation. But now General Pershing has the

But now General Pershing has the sword, and General de Nogales is quoted by the New York Evening Post, that he doesn't quite know what can be done about it.

They've been having unemployment disturbances over in England.

In London 10,000 water staged a demonstration in Hyde Park, and then started for the House of Commons. They tried to force their way into the parliament buildings, but the London Bobbies were out in force. There were a number of lively skirmishes. Finally a delegation was admitted to the House of Commons and presented a petition to a group of Labor members.

At Bristol, says the United Press, the trouble was more serious. A mob stormed through the streets and smashed store windows and overturned automobiles. There was a series of savage fights with the police, in which thirty people were injured.

In Washington today before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, the President of the New York Stock Exchange made a vigorous defense of the practice of short selling. He was speaking of the recent regulation put into effect in the M Stock Exchange for the purpose of limiting short sales. He continued with the statement that short selling was necessary.

The Stock Exchange President declared that if brokers had not been allowed to sell short at all, why conditions in the Stock Market would have been much worse. He specified that without short selling market prices could not have been maintained at all after the crash of values in 1929.

An interesting exhibit has been put on display by the committee that is conducting the campaign against hoarding. It is silver dollar, one of those big round cartwheels that were so familiar in times past.

The novel part is that it is a hoarded silver dollar. It had been hoarded for forty-five years. The United Press tells the story of how back in 1887 that particular dollar came into the possession of S. C. Carpenter. He didn't put it in the bank. He put it in a sock. Later on he gave it to his son, and the son presented it to a niece. All the while the dollar was hoarded and kept out of circulation.

The anti-hoarding lesson is that if that dollar had been invested it could have earned \$29.19 at six per cent compound interest.

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Well, here's a lady who seems to believe in romance. It's a case of from Cupid to Romeo.

At Reno yesterday Mrs. Bertha
M. Buckley was divorced from her
husband. His name is Cupid Buckley.
Immediately afterward she took out a
license to marry Romeo Whitten.
Marrying first Cupid and then Romeo
would seem to be the height of
romance, or the height of something.

Listen, all you men, here's what you're going to wear -- if the retail clothing merchants have their way. The boys who sell suits and neckties and socks are holding a convention in Chicago, and ma a United Press dispatch in the New York World-Telegram explains that they're trying to think up ways to improve business. Here is one of the thoughts at which they have arrived with great mental labor. They are going to start a campaign to make men wear clothes that will counteract the depression. They say that if the men will wear brilliant raiment, blazing, fancy colors, why that will disperse the economic gloom.

So here's what the well-dressed man will wear next summer. Let's start with the things that are commonly put on first.

M Gentlemen and Fellow Citizens:-You are going to wear polkadot step-ins with zippers. Your socks will be of opalescent and even ir descent colors. 23 Pink will be the most fashionable shade for garters. Then there will be cream-

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You'll wear wide-brimmed hats of pale green, and decorated with tricky feathers. Shirts will be a mad riot.

Yes sir, when the boys trip down the avenue in that dizzy get-up, all the way from the polkadot step-ins to the feathers in the hats, why that's what is supposed to scare away Old Man Depression. It would be enough to scare anybody away. In fact, it scares me right out of here, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.