

1 Good Evening, Everybody:

2 (The Lindbergh family is still waiting  
3 -- still hoping to receive word from the  
4 kidnappers. That seems to be the  
5 situation tonight, although there are the  
6 usual rumors that the famous aviator has  
7 been in communication with the criminals  
8 who stole his little son.)

9 One of the rumors tonight pictures  
10 the Lone Eagle in disguise, working on  
11 the case in the role of a New Jersey State  
12 Trooper. The New York World-Telegram  
13 today declares that the United Press  
14 has well-supported reports to the effect  
15 that Lindbergh, dressed in the uniform  
16 of a State Trooper, has made several  
17 mysterious automobile trips. Well, *the flying*  
18 <sup>Colonel</sup> ~~Lindbergh~~ in disguise is just another  
19 weird angle to this weird case.

20 And that ladder is in the news  
21 again tonight. The man who superintended  
22 the building of the Lindbergh home  
23 declares that the wood of which the  
24 ladder is made may have been part of the  
25 lumber used ~~in the building~~ at the time the

1 ~~Lindbergh~~ house was built. He explains  
2 that a quantity of North Carolina pine  
3 was employed for cratings and other  
4 temporary purposes. And the ladder is  
5 made of just this type of wood. The  
6 New York Evening Post comments that this  
7 might point to a man who worked on the  
8 job of building the Lindbergh house.  
9 Sixty men were employed <sup>there</sup> ~~on the job~~, and  
10 the superintendent can't remember any  
11 one <sup>on</sup> ~~at~~ whom suspicion might ~~be~~ reasonably  
12 ~~directed~~. *fall.*

13 <sup>no other</sup> A report went around today that the  
14 ~~Lindbergh~~ baby might be aboard an ocean  
15 liner. And ~~in~~ consequently ships bound  
16 for European ports are being searched.  
17 The New York Sun adds that particular  
18 attention is being paid to the Norwegian-  
19 American liner, BERGENSFJORD. The rumor  
20 is that a small, curly-headed blond baby  
21 was taken aboard the ship, which sailed  
22 from Brooklyn the day after the kidnapping.

23 In New York today two youngsters  
24 went to school under guard. They are  
25 children of Salvy Spitale, the man of

1 many underworld contacts, who is  
2 Colonel Lindbergh's representative in an  
3 inquiry among gangsters and racketeers.  
4 Spitale seems to have dropped out of  
5 sight ever since the world-renowned  
6 aviator enlisted his aid. Presumably,  
7 he is away on some hidden errand.

8 His wife declares that she has  
9 received three menacing letters, the  
10 writers of which threaten to kidnap the  
11 two Spitale children unless the father  
12 discontinues his investigation in  
13 Lindbergh's behalf. As a result, Mrs.  
14 Spitale has employed guards to watch the  
15 children on their way to school.

16 Meanwhile, Mrs. Lindbergh is said to  
17 be ill -- and no wonder. Few women have  
18 ever been under a more terrible strain  
19 than that anxious, worrying mother, as  
20 the long days of blank mystery have gone  
21 by.

1 Well, I was right last night  
2 about those two ships. I made a guess  
3 that the news of the two vessels  
4 disabled on the tempest beaten sea,  
5 would wind up in a tale of brave  
6 rescue work. And that's just what has  
7 happened.

8 The coal steamer H. F. de  
9 Bardleben, was knocked out of commission  
10 by <sup>what</sup> ~~which~~ is described as the severest  
11 gale that has raged on the North  
12 Atlantic this year. The men aboard sent  
13 out distress calls, and all they could  
14 do was hope.

15 The big liner, the Adriatic,  
16 hurried through the tempest to the rescue.  
17 She found the storm-battered vessel,  
18 and then stood alongside waiting for a  
19 chance to rescue the crew. But the gale  
20 was too violent. It was impossible to  
21 get the men off. The next thing you  
22 know, the British ~~motor~~ <sup>motor</sup>-ship Laganbank  
23 appeared. After a bit of ~~circling~~ <sup>signaling</sup> the  
24 Adriatic started off again, and  
25 continued her voyage, while the Laganbank

1 took her place and kept watch over the  
2 disabled craft, waiting for a chance  
3 to make the rescue. Then the storm  
4 quieted down for an interval - and that  
5 was the chance. Even so the sea was not  
6 placid lake, but just the same a fine  
7 bit of rescue work was done. The men  
8 of the shipwrecked crew were swung  
9 aboard and tonight they are on their way  
10 to port.

11 ~~The~~ <sup>Another</sup> ship that was in trouble  
12 last ~~night~~ <sup>evening</sup> was the German freighter  
13 Harburg. Ships went to her rescue  
14 also. The freight steamer Vincent  
15 found ~~her~~ <sup>her.</sup> There seems to be no  
16 immediate danger because, <sup>as</sup> the New York  
17 Sun reports, ~~xxxx~~ the Vincent is  
18 standing alongside waiting for a tug  
19 which will tow the Harburg to port.

20 There seems to be stormy icy  
21 weather over a large space of the  
22 northern hemisphere. In this country  
23 we've been having record breaking cold  
24 for this time of the year. ~~Then~~ <sup>And</sup> the  
25 official forecast is that it will be

1 cold tomorrow.

2 ~~From~~ <sup>From</sup> the other side of the ocean  
3 comes a story of seven hundred fishermen  
4 adrift on the storm swept floating  
5 ice of the Gulf of Finland. The men  
6 were out on the ice fishing, when the  
7 storm grew so violent that the frozen  
8 surface on which they were, was broken  
9 loose from the main ice pack, and  
10 drifted away.

11 The United Press reports tonight  
12 that a Finnish icebreaker is on its  
13 way from Helsingfors pushing ~~its way~~  
14 through the frozen sea, in an effort to  
15 rescue the fishermen.

16 We had a tragic story last night  
17 about an explosion in Jersey City. Today's  
18 report is that fourteen men were killed. But  
19 it was not a gas tank. It was a purifying  
20 tanks. I was in Jersey City today and it was  
21 explained to me that those familiar gas storage  
22 tanks that are a familiar landmark on the  
23 skyline of our American cities ~~are not~~ can  
24 not blow up.

1 ~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

2 Well, we're over the two million  
3 mark tonight. More than two million  
4 ballots have been checked off for our  
5 fourth set of state by state returns.  
6 And once more the drys have registered  
7 a gain. They've picked up another  
8 percentage point, or rather it's a  
9 little more than one per cent.

10 Let's try to visualize this  
11 immense amount of ballots, and also the  
12 huge army of voters that sent them  
13 along. Tonight's total is 2,063,111.  
14 The split is 488,335 for, and  
15 1,574,776 against prohibition. The  
16 division according to percentages is  
17 23.66 dry, and 76.34 wet. And as I  
18 said, that represents a gain of more  
19 than one per cent for the dry cause.

20 The list of states is printed  
21 in the new Literary Digest which came  
22 out today, and it shows some mighty  
23 interesting things. (Kansas remains  
24 unyieldingly faithful to the cause of  
25 prohibition, ~~and carries aloft the~~

~~banner of the Eighteenth Amendment.~~

It's interesting to look at the Kansas vote - 17,596 dry, and 15,864 wet.

That's a dry preponderance of ~~52x88~~ 52.58%, as against a minority wet vote of 47.42%.

Next to Kansas comes Arkansas, the second driest state of them all. Arkansas does not give a dry majority, but it comes mighty near. The advocates of prohibition muster 48.<sup>67%</sup> ~~and 67/100~~ ~~per cent of the whole vote.~~

Then comes a strong show of prohibition strength in Tennessee, North Carolina and Oklahoma. Each of these states has a mighty slim wet majority.

Away over at the other end of the list come the big wet states of the east. ~~The figures are running mighty true to form in that twenty million Literary Digest Prohibition poll.~~ New York shows the heaviest sentiment against prohibition. The empire state gives only a little more



1 than fourteen per cent of its vote to  
2 the dry cause, and nearly 86 per cent  
3 to the opposite side.

4 The second position in the wet *column*  
5 ~~rank~~ belongs to New Jersey. Then  
6 Rhode Island. Then Wisconsin. Then  
7 Illinois. Each of these states rolls  
8 up a wet vote <sup>of</sup> <sub>λ</sub> more than 80 per cent of  
9 the total.

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10 The detailed list of figures gives  
11 a mighty interesting picture of the  
12 distribution of prohibition sentiment  
13 in this country.

14 Now for that interpretation of  
15 the figures from the prohibitionist's  
16 standpoint. I mentioned last night how  
17 the Literary Digest today prints the  
18 viewpoint ~~that~~ <sup>of</sup> some of the ~~acute~~ *drys*  
19 ~~minded drys are taking.~~ The Wichita  
20 Kansas Beacon is a strong supporter of  
21 prohibition. The Beacon is convinced  
22 of the accuracy of the Digest figures,  
23 but just the same it keeps its strong  
24 prohibitionist attitude, and makes the  
25 editorial comment that while there

1 is a wave of anti-prohibition feeling, <sup>it's</sup>  
 2 ~~why that wave is~~ only temporary. The  
 3 Beacon believes that the reaction has  
 4 been caused by economic conditions.  
 5 It is convinced that the anti-prohibition  
 6 wave has reached its peak and, as  
 7 conditions ~~xxxxxx~~ become better, it will  
 8 recede, and that people of the Southwest  
 9 are going to return to their strong  
 10 and determined adherence to prohibition.

11 Now let 's do a tailspin. I mean,  
 12 let's drop down out of the rarified  
 13 atmosphere of the 20-Million-Ballot Poll  
 14 as it concerns the entire country, and  
 15 let's taxi up to the hangar at Wilbur  
 16 Wright Field and see how the vote is  
 17 going in Dayton, Ohio. 3,918 votes for  
 18 the 18th Amendment, 14,909 against.

19 Then let's hop into the air and  
 20 slide west to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where the  
 21 vote is 1506 for continuance; 3,330 for  
 22 repeal.

23 Redlands, California, ~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>votes</sup> 240  
 24 dry, 127 wet. That's a ~~clear~~ <sup>clear cut</sup> majority for prohibition.  
 25 New London, Connecticut, 231 for

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continuance, 1,228 for repeal.

Sioux City, Iowa, 406 dry,  
1,414 wet.

Lexington, Kentucky, 581 for  
continuance, 996 for repeal.

Shreveport, Louisiana, 504 votes  
are dry, 1,404 are wet.

Augusta, Maine, 227 favor  
continuance, 478 want repeal.

Camden, New Jersey, 892 dry,  
5,101 wet.

What city do we think of when  
we think of watches? Well, perhaps  
the answer would be several cities. But  
one of them most certainly is Elgin,  
Illinois. The Elgin vote stands 342  
for the Amendment, 1,093 against.

And right here ~~xxxxx~~ while  
we are at Elgin is a good time to  
watch the clock and hurry along with  
the news.

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1 Here's <sup>an item</sup> ~~a bit of news~~ that has an  
2 interesting bearing on the prohibition  
3 poll.

4 A United Press dispatch in the  
5 New York Sun declares that the dry  
6 leaders in Washington are keeping a  
7 keen eye on the present attitude of the  
8 public toward prohibition. For the  
9 first time in the history of prohibition,  
10 wires the United Press, the dry forces  
11 are worried - without admitting that  
12 defeat is possible.

13 Well, the prohibition leaders  
14 have demonstrated their ability before  
15 this, and you can bet that they're  
16 devoting a lot of sagacious attention  
17 to the trend of public opinion which  
18 the Literary Digest poll is revealing.

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1 I have a couple of letters here that  
2 ought to make us grown-ups feel that  
3 anything we do isn't so much after all. I  
4 mean we'll feel that the real fellow who  
5 deserves the credit is the <sup>the youngster,</sup> boy who gets  
6 out and does things.

7 These two letters are from mothers  
8 of sons who are junior salesmen for the  
9 Literary Digest, those sturdy little  
10 chaps that bring the Digest to your door  
11 in all kinds of weather.

12 A mother out in Pennsylvania writes  
13 that every day when her boy comes home  
14 from school he asks if the mailman has  
15 brought his new <sup>copies</sup> ~~supply~~ of the ~~Literary~~  
16 Digest. That's because he sells them so  
17 fast. The mother writes that he has a  
18 school bank with almost 85 dollars in it.  
19 He buys his own clothes. And that's a  
20 big thing in the family, because his Daddy  
21 has been out of work for some time.

22 And then there's a mother in Iowa  
23 who writes this way: "George works very  
24 hard selling the magazines. You see, I am  
25 a widow, and he is my only boy, my only

1 child. He gets a real ~~kick~~ kick out of  
2 thinking he is helping me, and he  
3 certainly does help. ~~me.~~

4 Then I have an exceedingly  
5 confidential letter from David Robey, a  
6 ~~small~~ junior salesman at Alta Vista,  
7 Virginia.

8 "Well, Lowell, we're both workers for  
9 the Literary Digest," writes Dave. "I  
10 enjoy my work very much, and I'm sure  
11 you are fond of yours."

12 That's the spirit, Dave! *Old Timer.*

13 I AM fond of my work, as the lad  
14 phrases it so quaintly, and I used to  
15 enjoy the same kind of work he's ~~is~~ doing.  
16 When I was a kid I sold newspapers and  
17 magazines too, out in the little mining  
18 town where I was raised. And hustling  
19 around and making nickels, dimes and  
20 quarters had a thrill that I'll never  
21 forget. And so I have <sup>plenty</sup> ~~all kinds~~ of  
22 fellow-feeling for those little chaps, who  
23 are junior salesmen for the Literary  
24 Digest. I almost feel that I'm one of  
25 them.

1 Over in France there's quite a bit  
2 of talk about the fact that there is no  
3 law to regulate the sale of firearms.  
4 Anybody can buy any sort of weapon he may  
5 want without any question being asked.

6 Some people complain that it is  
7 altogether too common for ladies to walk  
8 into a store and buy a gun to shoot an  
9 unfaithful husband or sweetheart. And  
10 the folks who believe there ought to be a  
11 law, point to the story of Alice Francois.

12 It appears that Alice's husband left  
13 her. Wild with the rage of a woman  
14 scorned, she went to a gunsmith and  
15 bought a pistol. She told the gunsmith  
16 to be sure that the pistol was loaded.

17 The New York Sun relates that she  
18 looked up her husband and found him  
19 talking to a beautiful blonde. Alice  
20 drew the pistol from her handbag and  
21 opened fire on hubby and the blonde.  
22 ~~MMMM~~ BANG, BANG! She fired six times.  
23 It sounded like the battle of Shanghai,  
24 but nothing happened. The husband didn't  
25 fall -- neither did the blonde.

1       The explanation points to the fact  
2 that since there is no law about selling  
3 pistols, some of the French gunsmiths use  
4 psychology. The man who sold Alice the  
5 pistol noticed that she was a trifle  
6 agitated, and figured she was going to  
7 shoot somebody. So he carefully loaded  
8 her gun with blanks. The police arrested  
9 Alice, but inasmuch as she hadn't shot  
10 anybody, they gave her a bawling out and  
11 let her go.

12       She went <sup>straight</sup> to another gunsmith and  
13 bought another pistol. This time she  
14 made sure it wasn't loaded with any  
15 blanks. She made perfectly certain it  
16 had bullets in it, deadly bullets. And  
17 then she looked up her husband and ~~that~~  
18 blonde again.

19       Once more she opened fire on the two  
20 of them. Once more she pulled the trigger  
21 six times, and once more nothing happened.  
22 There wasn't even any noise.

23       It appears that the second gunsmith  
24 also used psychology. He too figured  
25 that Alice was going to shoot somebody,



1 and when she insisted on having real  
2 bullets in the gun he secretly put the  
3 pistol out of commission. He filed off  
4 the firing pin. *I'd like to have seen Alice's*  
*face as she kept pulling away at the trigger - all in vain.*

5 Well, this time the gendarmes  
6 thought that Alice had achieved enough  
7 attempted homicide, so they sent her to  
8 jail to cool off and calm down.

9 ~~Well~~ <sup>And</sup>, I guess it's time for me to  
10 cool off and calm down, and say --  
11 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.