

1           Scenes reminiscent of the World War were witnessed in  
2 Washington today when ( a thousand members of the American Legion and  
3 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars paraded through the streets and  
4 assembled at the steps of the Capitol.

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6           They presented a petition signed by more than 2,400,000  
7 names demanding the payment of the bonus.)

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9           The veterans , many of them, wearing faded uniforms of  
10 olive drab, marched with flags and the blaring music of bands.

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12           The Brooklyn Times relates that they were received by  
13 a group of Senators and Congressmen.

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15           Meanwhile the New York World Telegram today prints  
16 large headlines declaring that the disabled veterans who were  
17 actually wounded in the war are getting less from the Government  
18 than those who never saw the embattled fields of France.  
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In the Senate today there was a move to put into effect a ten per cent ~~xx~~ cut ~~xx~~ on appropriations. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

~~xxx~~ A <sup>proposal is</sup> ~~bill was~~ up which provides for \$124,000,000 to run the State Department, <sup>the Department of</sup> ~~of~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Justice, and the Commerce and Labor Departments, next year. The appropriations sub-committee of the Senate put its okay on the <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ proposition to make a slash of ten per cent. ~~if~~ ~~this goes through it~~ <sup>This</sup> will mean, <sup>among other things,</sup> that one million dollars will be cut out of the fund appropriated <sup>for</sup> ~~to~~ prohibition enforcement.

~~The New York Sun declares that~~

~~There's~~ There's a good deal of sentiment in the Senate in favor of eliminating the stock transfer tax which is embodied in the present tax bill. The New York Sun makes the comment that the matter is entirely in the hands of the insurgents of both parties. The ~~&~~ conservative Republicans and Democrats are against the idea of putting a tax on all sales of stock, but they haven't

1 power to control the action of the  
2 Senate, and so it's up to the insurgents,  
3 and a good many of them are said to  
4 believe that the stock transfer tax  
5 should come out of the tax bill  
6 prepared by the lower house.

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2 a proposal to abolish the <sup>Federal</sup> Farm Board was  
3 beaten. The idea was to cut appropria-  
4 tions for the maintenance of the Farm  
5 Board to such an extent that the Board  
6 would pass right out of existence.  
7 The majority of the Representatives  
8 didn't like the notion and voted against  
9 it. And so we have the Farm Board still  
10 with us.

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2 printed in Paris today.

3 Last night we heard how a group  
4 of French newspapers started out on a  
5 campaign of attacking the credit of the  
6 United States for the purpose of beating  
7 down the value of the American dollar.  
8 And now the French journal that lead the  
9 attack has taken back its most sensational  
10 statement.

11 It <sup>had</sup> declared that one of the most  
12 important banks in the United States had  
13 suspended payments and now it admits  
14 that this is false--that it made a  
15 mis-statement and that the bank in question  
16 has not suspended payments at all.

17 The United Press put on the wire  
18 today an analysis of the situation made  
19 by the Wall Street Journal, which declares  
20 that the value of the French franc is  
21 being artificially sustained by speculation  
22 and one inference that may be drawn is  
23 that those Paris newspapers have been  
24 trying to ~~hit~~ <sup>hurt</sup> the dollar for the  
25 purpose of supporting the ~~xxxx~~ value of  
French currency.

1 That ~~xxx~~ latest international  
2 conference in London doesn't seem to  
3 have amounted to much. England, France,  
4 Italy and Germany don't seem to have  
5 been able to agree on the subject of  
6 helping the small nations along the  
7 Danube, and so that Four Power Danubian  
8 ~~xxxx~~ conference broke up today.

9 The London correspondent of the  
10 New York Evening Post declares that  
11 there is no attempt to discuss the  
12 failure of the negotiations. ~~The~~  
13 ~~conference is broken up and~~ There isn't  
14 even any talk of having <sup>the conference</sup> ~~it~~ reconvene  
15 at some future date.

16 There was a plan to have the  
17 smaller nations, such as Austria, Hungary  
18 and the Balkan States agree on some kind  
19 of preferential tariff according to  
20 which they would lower tariffs on each  
21 other's goods. The scheme was to do  
22 something to break down those tariff  
23 walls around the small nations, the  
24 tariff walls that are so seriously  
25 impeding commerce, but Italy and

1 Germany couldn't see the scheme as  
2 presented by France and England. They  
3 figured while the preferential tariff  
4 might help the commerce between the  
5 small nations, it would hurt their  
6 own trade. Germany especially figured  
7 that she'd lose a lot of money, and  
8 so <sup>the scheme is</sup> ~~that idea is all~~ off.

~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

Remember the old song - Everybody's doing it? Doing what?

Why, holding prohibition polls. There are a number of people over this broad country who have decided to check on the returns in ~~the~~ <sup>tells how</sup> giant nation-wide prohibition poll conducted by the Literary Digest. The New York Sun ~~today prints an article about~~ <sup>tells how</sup> four local straw votes ~~that~~ have been held ~~one~~ in Iowa, ~~two in~~ Indiana, ~~and one in~~ and Virginia.

That enterprising Iowa newspaper, the Des Moines Register, has just given out returns of a poll that it has been conducting all over the State of <sup>Iowa:</sup> ~~Ohio~~, and places its own figures beside those given by the ~~Literary Digest Poll.~~

~~In the Des Moines Register Poll the dry vote is 31,009. The wet vote is 43,348. In percentages we have 41.70 in favor of prohibition and 58.30 against the 18th amendment. The~~



1 ~~Literary Digest percentages for Iowa~~  
 2 ~~show 36.05 for, and 63.95 against.~~  
 3 ~~In other words, the local newspaper~~ <sup>The Des Moines Register</sup> ~~poll~~  
 4 agrees with the Literary Digest Poll  
 5 in giving a wet majority. The local  
 6 poll is a trifle drier. The difference  
 7 ~~in the dry vote between the Des Moines~~  
 8 ~~Register poll and the Literary Digest~~  
 9 ~~Poll~~ is only five per cent.

10           The South Bend, Indiana, News  
 11 Times held a poll for the city of South  
 12 Bend. ~~The returns are 2,082 dry, and~~  
 13 ~~6,301 wet. The percentages are~~  
 14 ~~24.83 dry, and 75.17 wet. The Literary~~  
 15 ~~Digest percentages are 22.46 dry, and~~  
 16 ~~77.54 wet. That's a difference of only~~  
 17 ~~two per cent.~~

18           The South Bend News Times  
 19 conducted a second poll at the town of  
 20 Mishawaka, Indiana. In this town the  
 21 Literary Digest vote is more than three  
 22 to one wet. The newspaper vote is  
 23 ~~almost~~ <sup>nearly</sup> the same. ~~It's four per cent.~~  
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poll conducted by the Richmond News Leader shows the town much more strongly against prohibition than the Literary Digest vote indicates.

1 ~~LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:~~

2 Here's a small matter that I must  
3 attend to. My sister who lives in Tyler,  
4 Texas writes and asks me to dig up the  
5 vote from Tyler and announce it so they  
6 can hear it down there in the Lone Star  
7 State. I'd never hear the end of it if  
8 I didn't do it, so here's the vote from  
9 Tyler - 276 Dry---318 Wet.

10 Our list of cities tonight  
11 includes one out and out Dry community.  
12 No, it isn't in Kansas. It's in  
13 Colorado. The town of Greeley, <sup>famous for its potatoes,</sup> votes  
14 374 for continuance of the 18th Amendment  
15 and 357 for Repeal.

16 Then we go along to Alameda,  
17 California, and we find the vote  
18 overwhelmingly wet. 1,112 are against  
19 the present state of things and 198 are in  
20 favor of things as they are.

21 The same state of affairs exists  
22 at Winona, Minnesota---1,221 are against  
23 the Amendment and 149 say the Dry Law is  
24 okay.

25 At Frankfort, Indiana, 547 are

1 for continuance and 1,022 for Repeal.

2 Ashland, Kentucky, 606 Dry and  
3 1,182 Wets.

4 Haverhill, Massachusetts, 408  
5 are for Prohibition and 1,379 Against.

6 Cleveland, Ohio, sends in a second  
7 report. Cleveland is decidedly Wet  
8 28,532 are for Repeal and 4,425 think  
9 things are okay as they are.

10 Jeannette, Pa. 127 are for the  
11 18th Amendment and 918 against.

12 Milwaukee, Wisconsin - second  
13 report. Just as you might expect Milwaukee  
14 is Wet. 27,562 want a change and 2,026  
15 think Prohibition is okay.

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18 ~~We now return to our program.~~  
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1 Two South American governments  
2 are making vigorous moves to suppress  
3 the possibility of revolution. In the  
4 Republic of Chile martial law is in  
5 effect tonight and the Government seems  
6 to be in firm control of the country.  
7 Heavy forces of troops are patrolling  
8 the capital city of Santiago and the  
9 Presidential palace is under a heavy  
10 guard.

11 A United Press dispatch to the  
12 Atlanta Journal reminds us that a  
13 revolutionary movement of apparently  
14 serious proportions has been under way  
15 in Chile.

16 The second South American  
17 Republic where trouble seems to be brewing  
18 is Ecuador. Military forces dissatisfied  
19 with the present Government are in control  
20 of sections of the coast and they have  
21 ordered that all ships shall be seized.  
22 The insurgents ~~xxxxx~~ hope to get supplies  
23 from foreign vessels. The revolutionary  
24 elements today proclaimed a naval officer  
25 named Mandoza supreme chief of the  
Revolution.

1           A dealer in children's toys  
2 was arrested this afternoon in connection  
3 with a giant drug smuggling plot.

4           The New York World Telegram  
5 tells how government agents raided one  
6 of the giant transatlantic liners and  
7 seized \$322,000. worth of dope which  
8 was concealed in boxes marked - German  
9 Toys. Inside of these boxes was a  
10 layer of mechanical playthings and  
11 underneath was the store of narcotics.  
12 The fake boxes of toys were addressed  
13 to a New York merchant, and it was he  
14 that was arrested today.

1                    ~~In the news tonight there's~~ *Here's*  
2 some more discussion about Christopher  
3 Columbus. There are several points of  
4 dispute in the career of the great  
5 discoverer and one of these is about the  
6 exact place where he landed. ~~Geographers~~  
7 Geographers in figuring out the entries  
8 in Columbus' log book have decided on  
9 one of the islands of the Bahama Group,  
10 as the land which Columbus ~~sighted~~ sighted,  
11 the island that he named San Salvador,  
12 although there has always been some  
13 doubt as to whether the island picked out  
14 is the right one.

15                    Now comes Doctor David Fairchild,  
16 a naturalist and scientist, who has just  
17 returned from an 8,000 mile cruise  
18 through the Caribbean Sea. He declares  
19 that the Island named San Salvador can  
20 not be the one on which Columbus landed.  
21 *P.A.* as quoted by the United Press in the  
22 Baltimore Post,

23                    *↗* Doctor Fairchild points out that  
24 Columbus distinctly describes his landing  
25 place as an island with great forests.

1 He repeatedly describes the tall trees.  
2 But the island now called San Salvador  
3 is certainly not a place of huge  
4 forests. And I can add my own testimony  
5 to Doctor Fairchild's on that point. I  
6 have been to San Salvador and there is  
7 no mistaking the fact that it is an  
8 island of sand dunes and scrub vegetation.

9 The scientist goes on to tell  
10 of investigations that he made which  
11 proved that San Salvador never did have  
12 any large forests and couldn't have  
13 been the scene of tropical jungle at  
14 the time ~~xx~~ Columbus landed.

15 He adds that <sup>of</sup> all the thousands  
16 of islands in the Bahama Group only  
17 three are heavily wooded, with thickets  
18 of large trees and of these only one is  
19 on the Eastern fringe of the Bahamas,  
20 the ~~side~~ <sup>side</sup> of the Group which Columbus  
21 must have sighted first. This island  
22 is now called Abaco, and it may be that  
23 this is ~~xxxxxxx~~ the true landing-place  
24 of Columbus.  
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1 Over in England William D. McCann, a miner, was  
2 separated from his wife. The couple couldn't get along. After  
3 a period of singleness and solitude McCann became lonely, so he  
4 thought he'd get himself another wife. In fact he advertised  
5 for one:- "Young man regular work wishes to meet widow." He  
6 received a letter in reply to that ad, and after he exchanged  
7 several letters with the lady, he made an appointment to meet  
8 her.  
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12 He nearly fainted when he saw her. It was his wife,  
13 the same one from whom he had separated, and in her hand she  
14 had a document for him. It was a summons to appear in court on  
15 a charge of non-support.  
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17 A United Press dispatch which appeared in the  
18 Hartford Times relates that when the grave and solemn British  
19 judge heard the story of the sentimental miner and the sentimental  
20 advertisement, he burst out laughing.  
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1 Here's a tall one that seems to be  
2 circulating a good deal through the  
3 country. It has come to me from various  
4 sources. Some tall-story tellers relate  
5 it as an experience of their own --  
6 such as Jim Martin of West Philadelphia,  
7 Pennsylvania. Others inclose newspaper  
8 clippings.

9 L. Z. Lawrence of Haddonfield, New  
10 Jersey, sends me a clipping which  
11 attributes the whopper to George &  
12 McCarthy of Piney Hollow, New Jersey.

13 Here's the way the amazing yarn  
14 reads:

15 A man went out in the woods and  
16 took his umbrella with him -- it looked  
17 as if it might rain. He put the umbrella  
18 down on a rock and began to gather  
19 medicinal herbs. Why the medicinal  
20 herbs, I don't know. But that's the way  
21 all the <sup>many newspaper and letter</sup> versions of the story go. It  
22 started to rain, and the man dashed to  
23 the rock and grabbed his umbrella. He  
24 opened it in a hurry, and as he did so  
25 a snake fell to the ground -- a snake

1 split in two from head to tail.

2 You see, the snake had swallowed  
3 the umbrella -- had swallowed it from  
4 the tip almost to the handle, so that  
5 when the umbrella was opened, why that  
6 disrupted ~~the~~<sup>my</sup> snake. And it disrupts me  
7 to the point where I think I'll raise my  
8 umbrella and say so long until Monday.