

1 GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

2           The New York Evening Post declares today that it  
3 has reliable information that the Lindbergh family has had no  
4 word from the kidnappers of the baby. The bereaved home at  
5 Hopewell, N.J., has been deluged with communications, letters,  
6 telegrams, telephone calls, many of which purport to come from  
7 the kidnappers. But the Post declares that Colonel Lindbergh has  
8 been convinced that none of these countless communications are  
9 actually from the criminals that stole the baby. Even at the  
10 Literary Digest office we have been receiving these communications  
11 for the Lindberghs. I got a number of simply fantastic letters  
12 today.

13           The New Jersey State Troopers apparently have accomp-  
14 lished nothing in their hunt for the child and their attempts  
15 to break the case. The New York Sun today points out that the  
16 State Police is not a detective organization and adds that it  
17 appears that the troopers conducted their investigation without  
18 the help of trained detectives and there is a feeling that what  
19 was needed on the case was not a State Police organization, but the

1 services of trained investigators,  
2 experienced detectives.

3 They say that the underworld is  
4 trying to muscle in. No, not to get  
5 any money out of this pitiful Lindbergh  
6 tragedy, but merely to gain fame and  
7 credit. Underworld leaders would like to  
8 appear in the role of lending a helping  
9 hand, ~~and the underworld would like to~~

10 to the world-renowned aviator, and no  
11 doubt they would very much like to  
12 get the baby back. Scarface Al Capone  
13 now in a Chicago jail, told Arthur  
14 Brisbane, the famous editor, ~~today~~ that  
15 he would like to help recover the child.

16 Arthur Brisbane, in the New York Evening  
17 Journal, quotes Capone as saying:-

18 "I DON'T WANT ANY FAVORS IF I AM ABLE TO  
19 DO ANYTHING FOR THAT BABY".

20 The interest of the underworld  
21 has been sharpened by the fact that  
22 two <sup>of its</sup> important figures ~~of the underworld~~  
23 are acting as agents for Colonel Lindbergh.  
24 And by the way, these two men, Spitalo and  
25 Blitz, seem to be in a bit of trouble in

1 Brooklyn; it was revealed today that  
2 they are two of sixteen men, who have  
3 been indicted on charges of violating  
4 the Prohibition Law. They are scheduled  
5 to stand trial, and that may ~~xxxx~~  
6 handicap their activities in the Lindbergh  
7 case. According to the New York World  
8 Telegram today Spitalo and Blitz declared  
9 that they have a lead, which suggests that  
10 the Lindbergh baby may be in Detroit.  
11 They say that they will go to Detroit  
12 to investigate as soon as the Prohibition  
13 trouble they are in is straightened out  
14 sufficiently for them to leave Brooklyn.

15 *And once more the word is — well*  
16 *there is no word. Just blank, pathetic*  
17 *mystery.*

1           The coming week-end will be an  
2 exciting one in Germany. The Presidential  
3 election, which will be held on Sunday,  
4 promises to be one of the most bitterly  
5 fought in German history. The New York  
6 Sun today declares that German political  
7 campaigners have thrown politeness to the  
8 winds, and have turned the campaign into  
9 a knock-down and drag-out free-for-all.

10           Of course, the big issue is -- Will  
11 Handsome Adolf Hitler and his <sup>Fascist</sup> cohorts  
12 ~~of Fascists~~ win the battle of ballots?  
13 Who will be the next President of  
14 Germany -- Hindenburg or Hitler? It is  
15 up to the German voters to decide between  
16 the iron leader ~~■~~ who led Germany's  
17 armies during the World War, or the young  
18 firebrand who has risen to eminence in  
19 such sensational fashion.

20           The hint has gone around that if  
21 Hitler is beaten in the election, why his  
22 Fascist fire-eaters may stage an attempt  
23 to overthrow the government by violence.  
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1 A quiet wedding was performed today  
2 in a Register's office in London.

3 Prince Lennart of Sweden married a girl  
4 who is not at all of royal rank, but is  
5 just a commoner. And you can say too  
6 that the bridegroom is not of royal  
7 rank -- that is, he isn't any more. By  
8 marrying a commoner he forfeited his  
9 royal rights. He has no chance ever to  
10 become King of Sweden. His grandfather,  
11 King Gustav, refused to give his consent,  
12 and so the marriage could not take place  
13 in Sweden. However, at the last minute  
14 King Gustav sent his best wishes.

15 The United Press cables that the  
16 mother of Prince Lennart was not at the  
17 wedding either. And yet she had gone to  
18 London to attend the ceremony. She is  
19 the Russian Grand Duchess Marie who  
20 has become such a prominent figure in  
21 America of late. She was the wife of  
22 ~~xxx~~ Prince William of Sweden, the famous  
23 explorer, also well known in America.  
24 He is Prince Lennart's father. But the  
25 marriage between the tall, quiet,

1 scholarly Swedish Prince and the  
2 spectacular and even fantastic Russian  
3 Princess resulted in unhappiness and a  
4 separation.

5 Well, the mother, the Grand  
6 Duchess Marie, wanted the wedding today  
7 to be held with formal ceremony in a  
8 Church, but the young bridegroom  
9 decided otherwise. The Grand Duchess  
10 is said to have offered 10,000 pounds  
11 to her son, as a wedding gift, if he  
12 would consent to have a gala, ceremonial  
13 wedding. But Prince Lennart insisted on  
14 a quiet affair in a Register's office,  
15 with just the legal formalities. And  
16 they say that's the reason why the  
17 brilliant Grand Duchess Marie, the mother  
18 of Prince Lennart, did not attend that  
19 London wedding today.

20 From England, the interesting  
21 young couple will go to Switzerland for  
22 their honeymoon. They will live on an  
23 island in Lake Constance, and henceforth  
24 they will be known simply as Mr. and  
25 Mrs. Lennart Bernadotte.

1 Here's ~~As~~ a bit of a surprise in our  
 2 list of figures tonight. Most of our  
 3 towns are in the South and Middle West.  
 4 That's where you'd expect to find a  
 5 strong dry sentiment. But as a matter  
 6 of fact, our decisive showing for  
 7 prohibition this evening is from another  
 8 part of the country entirely. *It's in the North-*  
 9 *East. But let's wait till we come to it.*

10 The first city on the list is  
 11 both South and West. It is Little Rock,  
 12 Arkansas -- for prohibition 780,  
 13 against 1,481.

14 In California the city of Oakland  
 15 gives 1563 in favor of the 18th  
 16 Amendment -- 5,969 against.

17 We had a report on Colorado Springs  
 18 several days ago, but here 's another.  
 19 For the dry law 813 -- 1120 against.

20 Macon, Georgia, 589 for -- 1114  
 21 against.

22 Here's ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> city <sup>in the North East</sup> ~~that is neither~~  
 23 ~~Southern nor Western~~, but it's <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~ the  
 24 one that goes for prohibition. It's  
 25 Worcester, Massachusetts -- 1407 votes  
 say "Yes, we like <sup>things as they are."</sup> ~~prohibition."~~

1 4692 say "No, we don't."

2 Great Falls, Montana -- 186 votes  
3 for, 1,118 votes against.

4 Well, here's our prohibition  
5 majority, and it's from one of the big  
6 Eastern states -- one of the biggest in  
7 fact -- Pennsylvania. ~~We'll~~ We know  
8 ~~that~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ there's a good deal of ~~xxx~~ strong  
9 dry sentiment in the state founded by  
10 William Penn. That's indicated by the  
11 fact that the present governor, Mr.  
12 Pinchot, is an ardent dry.

13 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, votes  
14 615 enthusiastic ballots in favor of  
15 the dry cause. The wet vote is 510.

16 Now comes Columbia, South  
17 Carolina -- 358 for -- 1275 against.

18 Schenectady, New York, 870 for --  
19 3077 against.

20 Houston, Texas, 1588 for --  
21 5,629 against.

22 The New York Herald Tribune today  
23 prints a pointed editorial which makes  
24 some interesting comment concerning a  
25 victory scored by the Literary Digest



1 Poll at Wichita, Kansas. The state-by-  
2 state figures thus far show Kansas dry.  
3 But they also show a wet majority for the  
4 city of Wichita. Well, those figures  
5 were challenged. The editors of the  
6 Wichita Beacon did not believe that  
7 the Literary Digest figures accurately  
8 indicated the sentiments of the city.  
9 But they were ~~not~~<sup>not</sup> content with mere words  
10 and arguments. They decided to hold  
11 a conclusive test. They staged a poll  
12 of their own. They expected it to show  
13 that Wichita was ~~dry~~<sup>yes</sup> in sentiment  
14 and that the Literary Digest figures  
15 were wrong.

16 When the returns from that poll  
17 conducted by the Beacon came in, the  
18 editors were astonished. Their vote  
19 was almost an exact duplicate of the  
20 Literary Digest vote -- so far as  
21 percentages were concerned. The figures  
22 of the Digest Poll were 1,199 in favor  
23 of prohibition and 1,649 against. The  
24 newspaper poll was much larger. It  
25 showed 7,239 for prohibition and 9,680  
against.

1 Well, now let's figure out the  
2 percentages. The Literary Digest Poll  
3 indicated a percentage of 42.1 in  
4 favor of the 18th Amendment. The  
5 newspaper poll's percentage in favor of  
6 the dry cause was 42.79. The Digest  
7 percentage for repeal was 57.9. The  
8 newspaper proportion for repeal was  
9 57.21. And that brings us to the fact  
10 that the difference between the Digest  
11 Poll and the poll conducted by the  
12 Wichita Beacon was less than  
13 seven-tenths of one percent.

14 Well, this just duplicates an  
15 event that took place in the course of  
16 the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll  
17 of 1930. At that time a Savannah  
18 newspaper challenged the Savannah figures  
19 and held a poll of its own -- and then  
20 found to its astonishment that its own  
21 straw vote virtually duplicated the  
22 results as shown by the ~~Literary~~ Digest  
23 Poll.  
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1     ~~By the way,~~  
2     ~~By the way,~~ the Rochester idea seems to  
3     be spreading - I mean that drive  
4     against the depression which the  
5     citizens of Rochester put on with  
6     such ~~good~~ success. I mentioned it a  
7     few evenings ago, and now we have it  
8     once more - but this time the plan is  
9     much bigger.

10     An impressive meeting was held  
11     in New York today, a gathering of a  
12     number of big industries, and organization  
13     work was begun for the purpose of  
14     putting that Rochester idea into effect  
15     in the metropolitan area of New York.  
16     A representative of the Literary Digest  
17     took part in the proceedings, because  
18     an article printed in last week's issue  
19     played a big part in telling the rest of  
20     the country about that project to relieve  
21     unemployment.

22     The Rochester idea is a drive for  
23     home improvement. It's a concerted  
24     movement to get people to make those  
25     improvements that a home always needs.  
In that way they can provide employment  
for many of the thousands that are so  
badly in need of jobs.

1 A Congressional investigating  
2 committee brought in a report today on  
3 the subject of the giant dirigible,  
4 the Akron. The Committee decided  
5 unanimously that the big airship is  
6 okay. Various charges were investigated,  
7 charges that faulty material had been  
8 used, the construction was poor, that  
9 the dirigible was dangerously overweight  
10 and that there had been sabotage--that is,  
11 that working men had deliberately done  
12 bad work, and otherwise had injured the  
13 huge airship when she was built.

14 But now the Congressional  
15 investigating committee declares that  
16 there is nothing to it. The charges are  
17 all nonsense. A United Press dispatch  
18 in the New York World Telegram adds that  
19 the Committee congratulated both the  
20 builders and the Navy Department.

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1 They're having a peculiar  
2 difficulty with the traffic in Chicago.  
3 Thousands of seagulls seem to have  
4 decided to take possession of the  
5 boulevards along the Lake front.

6 A United Press wire in the  
7 New York Sun <sup>states that</sup> ~~tells~~ there's a lot of  
8 ice in the lake, and this floating  
9 ice has kept the birds from getting to  
10 their usual feeding grounds. And the  
11 seagulls have been crowding by the  
12 thousands in the streets near the water.  
13 Automobile drivers don't want to run  
14 over the birds, and traffic has been  
15 seriously held up.

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18 At the Kansas City Zoo they  
19 have a huge hippo named Leo. Leo has  
20 been out of sorts. Leo has what the  
21 doctors call hemorrhagic septicemia.  
22 You don't know much about hemorrhagic  
23 septicemia, but it means the way you  
24 treat the animal is to make an injection  
25 into the hypodermic cavity.

1           There seem to be certain problems  
2 connected with the delicate art of  
3 sticking a ten inch needle into the neck  
4 of a hippopotamus. At least so says  
5 Tex Clark, superintendent of the Swope  
6 Park Zoo at Kansas City.

7           There's a theory that the skin  
8 of a hippopotamus is so thick that it  
9 would take a dum dum bullet or a cavalry  
10 ~~a~~ sabre to make much of an impression.  
11 It was supposed that anything so tiny  
12 and inoffensive as a ten inch needle  
13 would only tickle a hippopotamus and  
14 perhaps make him laugh. And, of course,  
15 a hippopotamus has an ideal mouth for a  
16 good hearty laugh. But it appears that  
17 the theory is all wrong.

18           At the Kansas City Zoo they  
19 have a huge hippo named Cleo. Cleo has  
20 been out of sorts. She has what the  
21 doctors call Haemorrhagic <sup>Septicaemia</sup> Septicaemia.  
22 I don't know much about Haemorrhagic  
23 Septicaemia, but it seems the way you  
24 treat the malady is to make an injection  
25 with a hypodermic needle.

1 Armed with a hypodermic needle ~~xxx~~  
2 ten inches long, Tex Clark and an  
3 assistant, walked into Cleo's cage,  
4 sidled up to the crittur, and started  
5 to jab ten inches of steel into the  
6 hippo's neck. That was when the  
7 excitement began. With a roar of  
8 astonishment and pain, Cleo, the hippo  
9 tried to swallow the two men alive.  
10 Tex and his partner got out of the  
11 enclosure as fast as they could.

12 They made two other attempts to  
13 insert the ten inch needle into Cleo's  
14 neck. Each time the hippopotamus nearly  
15 turned a somersault, and nearly ate 'em  
16 alive.

17 And now the United Press quotes  
18 Tex as declaring that he's going to build  
19 a construction of timber and get Cleo  
20 under it, and lash her to the mast.  
21 Then he will jab that needle into her  
22 neck.

23 But as for trying it again without  
24 suitable protection, Tex says in his  
25 drawling Western way - So long until  
Monday.