

IRELAND

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Good eve - everybody -

1 Something of a bomb-shell was
2 thrown into the House of Commons in
3 London this afternoon. Proceedings were
4 quiet. J. H. ^{Thomas}~~Davis~~, secretary ~~of~~ ^{for}
5 dominions, was speaking in answer to a
6 routine question. The question concerned
7 Ireland. The Secretary was just saying
8 that no communication had been received
9 by the British government from the new
10 DeValera government of the Irish Free
11 State.

12 Just then a representative of
13 DeValera in London brought a message to
14 the House of Commons which was presented
15 to the Secretary ^{for}~~of~~ Dominions. He
16 immediately read it to the assembled
17 members of Parliament, and added this
18 comment:-

19 "I feel I ought not to leave the
20 House in any doubt about the gravity and
21 seriousness of the situation."

22 A United Press dispatch in the
23 New York Sun makes the comment that the
24 Secretary's words caused great
25 excitement.

1 (In ^{an} that official message presented
2 to the House of Commons today the
3 DeValera government at Dublin announces
4 that it is doing two things. It intends
5 to abolish the oath of allegiance to the
6 King, which is required by members of the
7 Irish parliament by the treaty made ten
8 years ago ~~agreement~~ between Ireland and
9 England. And secondly, DeValera
10 announces that his government refuses to
11 pay the land annuities which were
12 promised to Great Britain by that treaty.)
13 The total amount of these land annuities
14 ~~was~~ ^{is} 89 million, 500,000 pounds sterling,
15 of which 76 million pounds is still to
16 be paid in yearly installments. The
17 money was promised to England as
18 settlement of English claims to land in
19 Ireland.

20 Well, today's development brings to
21 a swift climax a crisis that has been
22 threatening ever since DeValera has
23 loomed to the foreground as the head of
24 the government at Dublin. The New York
25 Evening Post reminds us that he ran for

1 the Presidency on a platform which
2 promised to abolish the oath of
3 allegiance and also to stop paying those
4 land annuities. DeValera is acting
5 promptly on his word, and his formal
6 action today brings the relations
7 between England and Ireland to a serious
8 crisis. For ten years the two countries
9 have lived amicably and harmoniously
10 under the terms of the peace treaty
11 which concluded the Sinn Fein revolt.
12 But now once more we hear the old story
13 -- ^{trouble} ~~a dispute~~ between England and
14 Ireland.

~~Good Evening, Everybody:~~

Somebody ought to take the weather man and give him a good sound ~~drumming~~^{drum}. The way he has been behaving this spring is ~~something~~^{shocking} awful. The northern part of the Middle West is in the grip of a blizzard this evening. Half a dozen states are blanketed in deep snow. And with the snow came a raging wind. One airplane crash is reported in the howling blizzard. Chicago reports several casualties.

The storm, as described by the United Press dispatch in the New York Sun, seems to have been most unusual. It started with a blast of lightning and a crash of thunder. And then came the wind and the snow.

And both oceans on either side of this broad continent are caught in the grip of this exceedingly widespread spell of stormy weather. In the North Atlantic ships are fighting with the gale and heavy seas, while far to the

1 West on the Pacific the United States
2 battle fleet reports a shrieking
3 tempest. The great war squadrons of the
4 United States, which have been holding
5 maneuvers off Hawaii, are right now
6 fighting their way through one of the
7 worst storms in years.

8 But of course the most unfortunate
9 news concerning this misbehaving weather
10 comes from the South. Every fresh
11 report increases the damage done by the
12 series of cyclones that have swept a
13 whole group of states. The brunt of the
14 mad tornado hit Alabama, and left behind
15 it a trail of almost unbelievable
16 destruction.

17 And then the cyclone seems to have
18 broken into sections, which swept in
19 different directions, some raising
20 havoc on a northward trail through
21 Tennessee, Kentucky and southern
22 Indiana. Another blast of the storm
23 shot eastward and raised cain in
24 Georgia and South Carolina.

25 The New York World-Telegram prints

1 a series of cyclone stories which tell
2 of towns devastated and isolated farm
3 houses destroyed, with scores of people
4 killed and hundreds injured. Houses
5 were picked up and carried bodily away.
6 Railroad cars and other rolling stock
7 were piled up in crazy confusion. And
8 human beings were snatched up by the
9 fury of the twister and hurled through
10 the air for long distances, sometimes as
11 much as a quarter of a mile. And in
12 some cases victims caught by the raging
13 hand of the storm simply disappeared,
14 and have not ^{yet} been found, ~~yet~~.

15 In one place there was a lumber
16 yard, and masses of planks and beams
17 were picked up by the cyclone and sent
18 driving through the air like giant
19 catapults. This flock of flying
20 timber was ~~went~~ ^{hurting through} ~~soaring into~~ the air into the
21 residential section of the town, where
22 the beams hit houses and crashed through
23 walls like gigantic spears.

24 The terror of the cyclone is an
25 old story in the South, but this time

1 the blast of the black storm was the
2 worst in the memory of the old-timers.

3 Well, with all this strange
4 weather it's Easter Week, the time for t.
5 Easter Weddings and Easter brides. And
6 by the way, at the office of the Literary y
7 Digest, they tell me an interesting
8 thing. Easter season is a time when
9 sales of the Book of Etiquette boom.
10 That's because of the weddings and the
11 brides.

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Emily Post.
Author of book
on etiquette.

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1 And the author of the Book of
2 Etiquette, the Blue Book of Social
3 Usage, came with me to the studio tonight.
4 Emily Post is also the author of the
5 Personality of a House. And this probably
6 will be my night of social errors. At
7 any rate I'm all flustered and watching
8 my step. In fact I'm so fussed that
9 I'll turn the microphone over to Emily
10 Post until I regain my poise.

11 Well, Miss Post, I mean Mrs.
12 Post--you see I'm not quite myself, tell
13 the folks something, won't you please,
14 something about correct social form,
15 something about good taste.

1 To most people the word etiquette
2 suggests a lot of fuss about eating
3 olives and choosing forks. In short, a
4 subject as silly as it is affected.
5 Actually, etiquette is merely another
6 word for good taste, which in its
7 broader sense means the art of beautiful
8 living, which in turn means making the
9 world a pleasant place to live in by
10 smoothing human contacts and defining
11 the standards of taste.

12 The most easily learned expression
13 of taste is taste in clothes. Thousands
14 of American women choose perfect clothes
15 and wear them beautifully. Making a
16 house beautiful is more difficult,
17 because few women have repeated practise
18 in house building or furnishing. No one
19 re-decorates a room twice a year! Though
20 nearly every woman re-decorates herself
21 with new clothes every season.

22 The highest quality of taste which
23 is also a quality of culture, is unerring
24 perception of ethical as well as aesthetic
25 excellence, and from these fundamentals

1 the more ephemeral rules of current
2 etiquette arise - which reminds me, every
3 now and then one hears about everyday
4 manners in contrast to formal manners,
5 which of course is nonsense! Good manners
6 and good taste, are not put on or taken
7 off like one's coat or party dress.
8 There should be no difference in either
9 manners or taste, whether we are alone
10 at home, or out in society; whether we
11 are choosing a bed room chair or a silver
12 center-piece, whether we are choosing a
13 cotton frock or a ball dress. Genuine
14 manners are as much a part of us as our
15 faces. Imitation ones are masks -- and
16 show it. Good manners are NEVER an
17 effort to "show off". And remember that
18 a house can "show off" too, exactly as a
19 person can! It can be a display of
20 things to look at, and with little or
21 nothing for comfortable use.

1 Well, thank you, Mrs. Post, that was charming, and
2 I'm going to take it all to heart. And now let's see. I wonder
3 if Emily Post would consider it a breach of etiquette if I started
4 cussing -- because here's that old subject of taxes, which always
5 makes old John Q. Public swear.
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8 An agreement has been reached on the subject of the
9 sales tax -- an agreement to fight the matter out right away.
10 Both the friends and the opponents of the much-debated tax measure
11 reached an understanding today concerning the procedure to be
12 followed in coming to a decision. Both said -- Yes, let's have a
13 showdown right away -- let's have a decisive vote.
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16 They agreed to give the sales tax the right-of-way
17 over the other parts of the tax bill.
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19 They also decided to have a quick vote concerning the
20 tax on estates -- that is, inheritance tax. It is proposed to
21 raise the inheritance tax as high as forty per cent.
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23 The United Press in the New York World-Telegram makes
24 the comment that the leaders who are supporting the sales tax
25 are confident that the concessions that they have made to the
opposition will prove to be sufficient to win over a majority for
that proposition to levy

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a tax on manufacturers' products.

Clinton W. Gilbert, in the New York Evening Post, however, makes the prophecy that the sales tax is beaten and that it will be rejected by the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority.

There will be a lively debate. A battle of oratory is expected, ^{with many breaches of etiquette.} And then the showdown vote will take place.

1 Ah, Mrs. Post, how does one greet an old friend?
2 Here's the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll.

3 Once more we have the big vote piling up, as it climbs
4 to its huge proportions.

5 Tonight we have a list of ten more cities, all of them
6 sizeable and important places. They add their thousands of
7 ballots to the millions that we have already had.

8 Berkeley, the home of the University of California,
9 votes 1,138 for prohibition and 2,510 against.

10 Columbus, Ga., 207 votes dry, 799 votes wet.

11 Evanston, Illinois, gives us 588 for prohibition,
12 1,723 against.

13 Then we have Council Bluffs, Iowa, with 483 in favor
14 of the 18th Amendment and 1,573 registering a protest.

15 From Brockton, Massachusetts, 508 votes say that the
16 present law is okay, while 1,880 declare it isn't.

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1 Bay City, Michigan, votes 254
2 for prohibition, and 1,790 against.

3 Bayonne, New Jersey, 130 ~~votes~~
4 dry, 1,850 ^{wet} ~~against~~.

5 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, gives us
6 616 ~~votes~~ for prohibition, and 3,738
7 against.

8 Then we have Woonsocket, Rhode
9 Island, with 161 ~~xxxx~~ ballots ~~cast~~ in
10 favor of the ~~18th~~ Amendment, and 1,922
11 ~~registering a protest against the dry~~
12 ~~regime, demanding a change.~~

13 And from Austin, Texas, 822 votes
14 say that the present law is okay, while
15 1,222 declare it isn't.

16 All of these large towns vote
17 in a dampish ~~weave~~ way that the drys
18 would call a social error.
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1 There's nothing new in the
 2 Lindbergh case tonight except the usual
 3 batch of clues and rumors. Let's ~~just~~ ^{simply}
 4 turn to the headlines to see how that
 5 utterly baffling case is still in a
 6 condition of confused activity.

7 The New York Evening Post tells ^{us}
 8 that detectives have been hunting ~~xx~~ in
 9 Queens on Long Island, in search of a
 10 child that is supposed to resemble the
 11 stolen baby.

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12 Headlines of the New York World
 13 Telegram tell of a search in the Bronx,
 14 with detectives looking for ~~xxxxxx~~ a
 15 gangster. A squad of thirty New York
 16 sleuths staged a raid on a fashionable
 17 apartment house, in a hunt for the head
 18 of a Detroit ~~mob~~ ^{mob} gang, called "The Purple
 19 Gang".

20 The New York Sun tells ^{us} that ^{the flying}
 21 Colonel ~~Lindbergh~~ has received a clue
 22 from Chicago. They say a ~~Rxxxxxxx~~
 23 former President of the Chicago Board of
 24 Education has sent some important
 25 information to the bereaved family--

1 information which is said to be the first
2 actual attempt of the kidnapers to get
3 in touch with Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh.

4 Well, those headlines are an
5 example of the perplexity and
6 bewilderment that still surrounds the
7 pitiful disappearance of the most famous
8 baby in the world.

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1 Ben Fontaine of Green Bay, Wisconsin, is not a brave
2 man. He declares that he is in no sense a hero. He's just
3 ticklish. And he says the Book of Etiquette shows that tickling a
4 fellow is bad parlor manners at anybody's party. All you have to
5 do is to give him a nudge in the ribs, and he hits the ceiling.
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7 In fact, in this particular instance, he not only hit the ceiling,
8 he hit the robber.
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10 The United Press relates how ticklish Ben was held
11 up by a robber with a gun, and how, instead of being a meek victim
12 and turning over his money, he lashed out with a hefty punch
13 and knocked the robber cold. The Green Bay police say it was a
14 heroic thing to do, but here's the way Ben explains it:-
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16 "I'm neither brave nor foolhardy," he declares.

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18 "When I saw the gun I was all set to give that crook my money,
19 my watch, and even my shirt. But as I was sticking my hands up
20 he pushed the gun against my ribs, and it tickled me. Now, if
21 there's anything I can't stand, it's being tickled, it always
22 makes me mad. And so I took a swing at his jaw, and down he went."
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25 Well, that story tickles me. In fact I feel

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like laughing in a loud and vulgar way. So before I commit
any further breach of etiquette, I guess I'd better say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.