

Good Evening, Everybody:

The wet cause <sup>advanced</sup> ~~took~~ another step today with a vigor <sup>advanced</sup> that astonished both prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionist leaders. (The House of Representatives voted on that repeal resolution of Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, <sup>the one</sup> ~~which was~~ adopted by the Senate last week. And the Blaine resolution went over by a vote of 289 to 121. That constituted a two-thirds majority with <sup>fifteen</sup> votes to spare.

As <sup>your newspapers have</sup> ~~been reminding you~~ this means that the repeal of the 18th amendment is put up to conventions in the various states.) It <sup>first</sup> ~~now~~ goes to the Secretary of State <sup>in Washington</sup> who will submit the question <sup>of</sup> ~~formally~~ to each state <sup>government.</sup> This being a resolution and not an Act of Congress, President Hoover <sup>gets</sup> no chance to express his dry convictions and throw any monkey wrench into the machinery.

The resolution was rushed through in almost jig time.

The galleries in the House were jammed with excited spectators.

Last December the repeal resolution was beaten by five votes in the House. So today's wet victory seemed by no means a foregone conclusion. At the last moment, however, several Representatives, both Republican and Democratic, who had *previously* voted dry, bent their heads to the anti-prohibition storm. Of the 121 <sup>*dry*</sup> who voted against Senator Blaine's resolution today an overwhelming majority were Republicans *Lame Ducks*; ~~the~~ *The rest were southern Democrats.*

The day's proceedings started with an announcement by

Speaker Garner that he intended to permit Mr. Rainey of Illinois, *the*

*Democratic Leader*

<sup>^</sup> to move the suspension of the rules and the adoption of the

resolution. This was immediately done. There was a brief ~~text~~ debate and they soon came to a roll call. Representative Blanton of Texas, a confirmed dry who obviously wanted to do anything to delay and confuse action, made a point of order that no quorum was present in spite of the fact that almost every seat in the House was filled. <sup>*Just one of those parliamentary stunts!*</sup> Speaker Garner ignored his colleague from

Texas and so a roll call was held. Several former dry

Representatives who changed their votes explained that they had been so <sup>bombarded</sup>~~inundated~~ by telegrams and letters from their constituents, calling for repeal, that they could not resist any longer. Correspondents report that the drys were <sup>dismayed!</sup>~~stunned,~~ ~~with~~ ~~dismay~~ and ~~and~~ The leading prohibition lobbyists were not even present at the session.

So there you are. It is now up to the states. (The National Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League announced that the fight will go on to a finish at all the state capitals.) The dry slogan will be - No surrender, no retreat, no compromise.

ADD REPEAL

Soon after the news ~~xxx~~ of the adoption of the resolution was flashed all over the country, repercussions ~~came~~ ~~found~~ ~~in~~ several states. From Albany we hear that the assembly got busy at once and Democratic leaders even talked of rushing the thing through tonight.

Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Ohio, ~~if~~ all of whose legislatures are in session are reported to be ~~equally~~ equally eager to hurry the erection of the machinery necessary for ratification. Even Wyoming, once a dry stronghold, wants to be the first state to ratify, and its legislators started hustling accordingly. *Your papers tonight are full of exciting details and there'll be more in the morning.*

ZANGARA

The law certainly moved with astounding swiftness in the case of Guiseppe Zangara who tried to assassinate the President-elect. *Justice can get busy in this country once in a while.* A Miami judge today sentenced him to eighty years in prison. *-- eighty years, longer than most of us live.* He had been charged with assault with intent to kill, *Assault* on the four people who were the least seriously wounded. On each of these four counts he got twenty years.

Zangara kept up his bravado in the courtroom. When the Judge asked him whether he had any regret for what he'd done, he ~~xxx~~ replied: "Yes, I'm sorry I didn't kill Mr. Roosevelt." He said he was sorry he had shot Mayor Cermak and Mrs. Joseph H. Gill who are still in the hospital. But he said he wanted to shoot the President-elect and, as he put it himself, "make him suffer". He ~~xxx~~ rejected scornfully all suggestions that he was not sane. He considers himself as sane as anybody, knew perfectly what he wanted to do, and ~~xx~~ did it deliberately. When he was asked why he wanted to kill the President, he said "It was all because of my stomach. Since my ~~sixxxx~~ stomach hurt I have to get even with ~~the~~ capitalist."

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When the court asked "Don't you want to live?", Zangara replied: "I don't care. I sick. My stomach almost burning up."

Despite his physical symptoms the man was pronounced legally sane. (Eighty years in prison! That's quite a sentence.)

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Incidentally, Chicagoans in particular, and Americans in general, will be glad to learn that the condition of Mayor Tony is improving. His personal physician reports that no complications have set in and ~~that~~ he looks forward to a full recovery of Chicago's ~~mayor~~ *city boss*.

Then too, Mrs. Gill, in the words of her husband, "is coming along nicely. Today's condition is encouraging."

JAPAN

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History continues to move in the Far East. (The Mikado's Cabinet ~~today~~ <sup>has</sup> voted definitely to get out of the League of Nations if the League officially adopts ~~that~~ report of its committee of Nineteen condemning the behavior of the Japs in Manchuria.)

Of course, after the way in which the League broadcast ~~the~~ Committee ~~s~~ report it seems inevitable that the report will be adopted. Today's action on the part of the Nipponese Cabinet is interpreted as a diplomatic move to shift the blame for the withdrawal of Japan squarely on to the shoulders of the League.

Simultaneously with this announcement comes the news that terrific explosions have been heard ~~in~~ the northwest of the Province of Reyho. People living in the neighborhood are starting to move, ~~out~~, believing that even heavier hostilities than before have broken out between Chinese and Japanese troops.

<sup>^</sup>The noise of these blasts could be heard at regular intervals. Rumor has it that they sounded like heavy cannon fire.

It also ~~became known~~ <sup>was confirmed</sup> that a large Japanese army has been moving on the frontier of the Province of Reyho. The

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railway running out of Mukden is literally jammed with the movement of troops. It has been believed for sometime that tomorrow, the day when the League of Nations begins to debate the report of its committee, will also mark the beginning of this fresh invasion of Reyho.

Further news came today from Tokio confirming the report that <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ Japanese delegation will <sup>go</sup> ~~leave~~ home from Geneva by way of the U. S. A. <sup>— just to cheer us up, I suppose.</sup> Cabinet meetings are frequent in Tokio.

The Prime Minister and ~~the~~ Foreign Minister called on the Mikado to obtain his consent to the long planned rupture with the League of Nations. Furthermore, the Japanese Navy ~~has taken preparations~~

<sup>ting</sup> ~~to~~ get into fighting trim: ~~These were announced as preparations~~

"to defend the nation" as the Naval Minister expressed it, ~~"from any~~

~~emergency."~~ He said further: "It is necessary for the entire

Japanese ~~people~~ to stand united, ~~as one man."~~

The League of Nations received communications

from several organizations in Reyho, protesting against the Japanese invasion. These organizations informed the League that the residents of Reyho want to remain Chinese and do not want to become citizens of Manchukuo.



FOLLOW JAPAN

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A curious and interesting interpretation of the news was cabled from London today by Raymond Gram Swing <sup>of the New York Eve. Post.</sup> It sets forth that the mildness of the British attitude towards the aggressive conduct of Tokio is attributed to fear of a naval war. In other words, John Bull believes that if he took vigorous action over this matter it would ~~xix~~ go hard with him. He believes that even the combined naval forces of John Bull and Uncle Sam would have the short end of it in the first stages at least of any encounter with Japan, <sup>although</sup> ~~at the same time~~ Englishmen are confident that Japan would be bound to lose in the long run. <sup>#</sup> But there would be no such thing as a quick decisive war. Swing declares that British naval authorities have come to the conclusion that Japan would be able to seize the Philippines at once, and that furthermore, John Bull would have a tough time holding Hongkong against the naval forces of the Mikado. In order to defeat Japan it would take even the two powerful English speaking nations two or three years, and it would involve the entire Western world in terrific expense.

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Therefore, adds Swing, John Bull is walking softly today and making no gestures with the big stick.

ITALY

Several ~~other~~ things <sup>are</sup> ~~that is~~ worrying the diplomats. ~~one is,~~  
the state of relations between Italy and France. In fact  
it is a worry with <sup>several</sup> ~~more~~ angles <sup>to it,</sup> ~~than one.~~ The unexpected  
<sup>to power</sup>  
rise of the German fascists ~~to power~~ brings with it a threat  
of throwing the Treaty of Versailles into the discard.

The German Chancellor, der Schoener Adolph had made open  
advances to Mussolini. When the new French ambassador  
took up his job in Rome he got a very cool reception. *All these*  
*are ~~now~~ troublesome symptoms.*

Then, there is that business of the shipment  
of sixty-thousand rifles and machine guns from Italy to  
Hungary through Austria.

All this on top of the troubles in the Far East  
~~are~~ bring<sup>s</sup> <sup>gloom</sup> heavy clouds over the League of Nations, ~~as~~  
~~well as the Treaty of Versailles.~~

GERMANY

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The German Republic went through another week-end to the obligato of barking rifles and whanging bullets in many parts of the land. Week-end political meetings ended with four deaths and <sup>e</sup>the wounding of thirty-six.

Chancellor Hitler is pushing to the utmost his resources for suppressing his political opponents. The election campaign is going on with the Nazis having practically everything to say, and their adversaries practically nothing. The Nazis control the radio and censor the press. So it's pretty hard for an anti-Hitlerite to get a word in edgewise.

PARIS

And that ~~They had~~ <sup>came off</sup> strike in Paris today. The subways were tied up, the mails and the trolley lines throughout the French capital were stopped abruptly in the middle of the day. Furthermore, employees of the City of Paris sat in their places with their arms folded for a whole hour.

All of this ~~is a~~ protest against a proposed reduction in wages. The mail carriers choose the hour <sup>at</sup> which mail deliveries ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> heaviest. Schools were late in opening. For upwards of an hour it was impossible to send or receive either a telegram or a telephone message throughout ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~boundary~~ of Paris. Putting through a telephone call in Paris is an ordeal under the best ~~circumstances~~ <sup>circumstances</sup>. No ho,

The heads of the government, they say are considerably worried.

RABELAIS

Who would have thought that in this century people would be squabbling over Rabelais, the greatest of all ironic writers? In Paris they are holding an exhibition in celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the publication of Rabelais's great works Pantagruel and Gargantua, and there's a heated quarrel going on over this among the learned men of France. The directors of the National Library, the second largest library in the world, where the exhibition is going on, are ~~very~~ indignant with the so-called immortals of the French Academy. They say the immortals are unpatriotic, <sup>This</sup> because they ~~have~~ come out with a statement that Rabelais, ~~did not only~~ who <sup>is</sup> not only all France but most ~~of~~ all the world hitherto considered a Frenchman, was not a Frenchman at all, <sup>Oh lah lah! Rabelais</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>he</sup> was, says the French Academy, an Italian. He was born at Lanzo in the Italian Alps, in 1483. The Academicians declare that this four hundred year old error has survived because in the sixteenth century some practical joker tore up Rabelais's tombstone <sup>and took it</sup> from Lanzo ~~and~~

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~~transported it~~ two hundred miles to Chinon in France.

Well, it sounds like an amusing fight and I think we'd better let the French fight it out. You can imagine how Italians are chuckling over the controversy, *and maybe telling Rabelaisian jokes about it.*

WEATHER

Europe seems to be getting a touch of the storms that we had last week. A blizzard is sweeping the British Isles, ~~and~~ producing conditions that are not so rare over here, but are exceedingly uncommon in King George's Land. For instance, trains are marooned, busses and motor cars are cut off by snow drifts; whole villages are isolated. And in the northern *Countries* cattle and sheep are buried.

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~~THE~~ Canadian Pacific liner went ~~to~~ aground in the mouth

of the Mersey, ~~at~~ Liverpool. *Your favorite newspaper, no matter where you are, is full of rare weather stories these days.* In Venice, Italy, an Italian tanker was completely

2 overturned by the gale. A coastwise steamer loaded with lumber sank off the Spanish coast, and twelve lives were lost. Violent storms in the Black Sea are forcing almost all shipping to seek

shelter in the harbors, and <sup>spring</sup> flowers are blooming in the U. S. A. It's a cockeyed world.

SPANKING

Should children be spanked? Last week we heard a strong dissenting opinion from one of the children, ~~themselves~~. Now here's a letter from a lady in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. She writes as follows: "Having only one, a boy of four, I am hardly justified in making any statement. ~~Stop~~. However, I discovered that a slap, and it need not be hard, seems to impress itself much more firmly than any amount of talking and pleading. I have found this to be so time and time again." Then the lady asks me a question. "Whose place is it to do the chastising?" she wants to know. And she adds: "My husband will have nothing to do with the matter, <sup>and</sup> this is hardly fair. What do you think, Mr. L.T.?"

Well, I should say the lady's husband is passing the buck <sup>but I'm on his side anyhow. What do you folks think? To spank or not to spank, that is the question.</sup> ~~what do my listeners think~~

Incidentally, I ran across an interesting cable in a recent newspaper, ~~the other day~~. <sup>in the English House of Commons</sup> There was a debate on unemployment, and the leader of His Majesty's opposition had the floor. He was



constantly interrupted by the Viscountess Astor who, although  
~~a lady~~ American born, as most people know, is a British M. P.

<sup>Nancy</sup>  
Lady Astor's interruptions irritated the leader of the opposition  
to such an extent that he exclaimed: "Your mother should have  
flogged you!"

At that Lady Astor~~x~~ jumped to her feet ~~xxx~~ to heckle  
her opponent still further. She raised a point of order asking  
whether the leader of His Majesty's opposition really believed in  
parents flogging children.

The Speaker promptly squelched Lady Astor~~x~~, telling  
her she was out of order and that she'd been a member of the House  
quite long enough to know better.

And I've been on the air long  
enough to know better than to keep on talking  
when my time is up. So — s-l-u-t-m.