

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1 An important political decision is
2 reported to have been made at Albany
3 today. The New York World-Telegram
4 tells of a gathering of Democratic
5 leaders who represent an overwhelming
6 majority of the New York State delegates
7 to the National Convention. The conference
8 decided that the New York State delegation
9 will go to the convention unpledged to
10 either Governor Roosevelt or former
11 Governor Smith. They decided that New
12 York State should stand neutral, and
13 support neither of the two candidates.

14 The plan, as described, is to allow
15 Western and Southern Democrats to carry
16 on the fight for Roosevelt or for Smith,
17 with the New York delegation taking no
18 part in the battle until the critical
19 point is reached.

20 They say the idea is to have harmony
21 with a capital "H." There will be no
22 fight of any sort, so far as the New York
23 delegation is concerned. There will be no
24 Smith-Roosevelt battle when the New York
25 delegates are elected. In other words,

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1 the powerful New York State delegation
2 will enter the ~~conference~~^{convention} ready to throw
3 its strength either to Roosevelt or to
4 Smith, according to the way the tide *flows.*
5 ~~turns.~~

6 Governor Roosevelt ^{himself} took part in the
7 conference today. The proceedings are
8 described as being entirely harmonious
9 -- just an old-fashioned political
10 get-together, with everybody laying their
11 cards on the table.

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2 4-hour truce had been agreed upon in
3 war-stricken Shanghai. Well, that
4 4-hour armistice, that brief return of
5 peace and quietude took place according
6 to schedule, and now the report is that
7 another similar temporary halt in the
8 fighting may be called.

9 The New York World-Telegram relates
10 that during the truce of last night
11 British officials at Shanghai tried to
12 persuade the Japanese and the Chinese
13 to continue it for the rest of the day.
14 The Japanese declined, however. They
15 said that if they continued the armistice
16 it would just give the Chinese a chance
17 to strengthen their positions. The
18 Japanese say the Chinese did not observe
19 the truce conscientiously, but did a bit
20 of shooting and went ahead and
21 strengthened their positions with barbed-
22 wire entanglements, in violation of their
23 agreement.

24 The Japanese commander ^{did} came back,
25 however, with a counter-proposal. He

1 suggested that another 4-hour truce be
2 arranted for the removal of non-
3 combatants, and it looks like this
4 proposal might go through.

5 When the brief period of
6 tranquility that I mentioned last night
7 was ended, ~~why~~ the fighting was renewed
8 with a fresh violence. There was a
9 terrific bombardment of heavy artillery
10 and a withering fire of machine-guns.
11 The New York Sun calls it the most
12 intensive bombardment of the week. But
13 the Chinese held their own, and even made
14 a desperate charge against the Japanese.

15 Things seem to be deadlocked in
16 Shanghai just now. Foreign observers
17 believe that the Japanese will not be
18 able to oust the Chinese from their
19 strong positions unless they undertake a
20 much bigger offensive on a wider front.

21 There also seems to be something of
22 a stalemate in the fighting at Woosung.
23 ~~An International News Service dispatch in~~
24 ~~the New York Evening Journal tells how~~
25 ~~the Japanese are still bombarding the~~

~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

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~~Chinese position, with the defenders hanging on like grim death.~~

An appeal for peace comes from the City on the Seven Hills. Pope Pius the Eleventh calls upon the peoples of the world to pray for peace. The appeal was made over the radio, and, as the New York Evening Post tells us, was given to the world in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the coronation of the present Roman pontiff.

~~Yesterday, with market barometers registering~~ public opinion concerning the dominant issue of the day — *prohibition*

~~Well,~~ Tomorrow the giant mechanism of the ~~prohibition~~ poll will swing into action again.

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~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

1 We have something of a breathing
2 spell tonight so far as the Literary
3 Digest 20-million-ballot ~~prohibition~~ poll
4 is concerned. Today being a holiday, the
5 machinery that grinds out the millions of
6 ballots and tabulates the immense flood
7 of votes that come in had a rest ~~today~~
8 in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

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10 Meanwhile, the streams of ballots
11 that were mailed yesterday are on their
12 way to ^{some} 15 states in New England, the
13 South, and the Middle West. The ~~hard~~
14 ~~working~~ ^{emergency} staff that is handling those
15 tons of out-going and in-coming ballots
16 ~~really~~ deserve a rest after that record-
17 breaking deluge of votes that came in
18 yesterday, all marked ballots registering
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Dale
Carnegie.

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1 But now let's get around to our guest speaker this even-
2 ing. He is Dale Carnegie, and he is the author of several books.
3 I'm going to ask him a question.
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5 DALE:- Hey, wait a minute Lowell. Let me ask you a question.
6 You've been telling us about this Literary Digest Prohibition Poll.
7 Now what I want to know is, when will we begin to get the figures?
8 When will we find out the results of the Poll? Is it for or
9 against prohibition. I've sent my ballot in, and I don't see
10 why we should have to wait.
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14 L.T.:- Now wait a minute, Dale. I suppose quite a few of
15 your friends have received ballots too. Are you sure they have
16 all sent theirs in?
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18 DALE:- Well, come to think about it, I have a neighbor who
19 has been intending to mark and send in his, but he's a forgetful
20 chap, and the ballot is still lying on his desk.
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23 L.T.:- I'll tell you what you do, Dale. You tell your
24 friend to mail that ballot right away. Explain to him that he's
25 holding up the show. He's probably just as eager to get the

1 figures as you, but he isn't doing his share to help us get
2 them out.

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4 Then you can do something further. Find out if there
5 are any other friends of yours who are delaying. Jog them up
6 a bit and tell them the more prompt they are, the more prompt
7 we can be in broadcasting the returns.
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10 DALE:- All right, Lowell, I'll do a bit of missionary work
11 and stir up some of those who haven't sent in their votes.
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1 L. T.: Well, ^{perhaps I've} ~~folks, I think~~ started
2 something. ~~here. Dale Carnegie is a~~
3 ~~persistent sort of chap and he'll get~~
4 ~~results.~~ Of course, the ballots are
5 coming in by the millions. People feel
6 strongly on the subject of prohibition,
7 and it's no wonder that legions and
8 legions of them mark their ballots ^{at} once
9 and mail them back. ~~promptly.~~ But just
10 the same, the organizers of the
11 prohibition poll want to give everybody
12 on the list a chance to have his or her
13 say. ~~Their plan in the beginning was~~
14 ~~to allow a few days so that people who~~
15 ~~might delay a bit in returning their~~
16 ~~ballots wouldn't lose their chance to~~
17 ~~vote.~~ But just the same, the voters
18 can speed things up. By shooting back ~~xx~~
19 their ballot right away, they can hasten
20 the day when we will all be reading and
21 listening to some of the most interesting
22 and significant information that has ever
23 come to us -- the returns and figures in
24 this decisive ^{20 million ballot non-partisan} poll of public opinion on
25 prohibition.

1 But let's see. I was going to
 2 ask ^{my friend here} Dale a question.

3 Dale Carnegie has written a ^{most unusual} book
 4 called Lincoln the Unknown, which quite
 5 appropriately ~~has just been published.~~
 6 ~~It~~ comes out just in time for Lincoln's
 7 Birthday, ~~and it's had splendid reviews.~~
 8 ~~I thought Dale might tell us an~~
 9 ~~interesting thing or two that he has~~
 10 ~~discovered in his researches into the~~
 11 ~~life of the Great Emancipator.~~

12 Now Dale, the question I wanted
 13 to ask is this:

14 What was the most curious
 15 thing you found concerning Lincoln?
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18 Dale: Well, let me tell you of a
 19 talk I had with a farmer living near
 20 Petersburg, ^{Illinois.} His name was Miles, but the
 21 neighbors called him "Uncle Jimmie."
 22 I went to see Uncle Jimmie because I
 23 thought I might get some brand new
 24 Lincoln material and fortunately, I did.
 25 Uncle Jimmie told me of a

1 dramatic incident that has never been
2 put into print before. He said that
3 Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln used to live at a
4 boarding house that his aunt, Mrs.
5 Katherine Early, ran in Springfield, *Illinois*,
6 about ninety years ago, and he said that
7 he had often heard his aunt say that one
8 morning while the Lincoln's were having
9 breakfast in the dining room, Lincoln
10 said something that aroused the fiery
11 temper of his wife and she dashed a cup
12 of hot coffee in his face, and she did
13 it right there at the table in front of
14 the other boarders. But Lincoln didn't
15 scold her or answer her back.

16 Uncle Jimmie said that he had
17 often heard his aunt tell about how she
18 came with a wet towel and wiped off
19 Lincoln's face and clothes while he sat
20 there in silence.

21 The Methodist preacher in
22 Springfield lived near the Lincoln home
23 and his wife declared that she had often
24 seen Mrs. Lincoln drive her husband
25 from the house with a broomstick.

1 Lincoln's home life was so woefully
2 unhappy that he used to go away on the
3 law circuit and never come near
4 Springfield for three months in the
5 spring and again for three months in the
6 autumn.

7 For years Mrs. Lincoln carried on
8 like a crazy woman and finally, after
9 her husband's death, she went completely
10 insane and had to be confined in an
11 asylum.

12 Years before, when they were
13 first engaged, Lincoln realized that
14 they could never be happy together, so
15 he told her that he didn't love her
16 and didn't want to marry her; but she
17 wept and wrung her hands and insisted
18 that he marry her. So he agreed, and the
19 wedding day was set for January 1, 1840.

20 The guests arrived, the dinner
21 was cooked and the preacher was there
22 ready to perform the ceremony, but
23 Lincoln went almost ^{frantic} ~~insane~~ with grief
24 and refused to appear. Almost two years
25 later, he did marry her, but he did it

1 emphatically against his own will; and,
2 while he was dressing for the ceremony,
3 a little boy asked him where he was
4 going, and he said: "To Hell, I suppose!"

5 The only comment that Lincoln
6 ever made in writing about his wedding
7 was a postscript to a business letter
8 that he wrote to Samuel Marshall about a
9 week after the event and this is what
10 he said: "No news here except my
11 marriage which to me is a matter of
12 profound wonder."

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Thanks Dale, that is indeed an astounding story about the Great Emancipator. Page 14
Now for some more news:-

Over in France it looks as if the ladies might be given the vote. The Chamber of Deputies today decided by an overwhelming majority to allow women to vote in electing members to the national legislative ~~bodies~~ ^{body} and also to hold office as members of the Chamber of Deputies.

The Suffrage bill, however, still has to pass the French Senate and it may have tough sledding in getting by that august ~~body~~ ^{assembly}. The French Senate is exceedingly conservative and it may ~~throw out~~ ^{chuck} that Women Suffrage Bill ^{right} into the Seine.

1 Tonight police are looking
2 for a man whose name is one of the best
3 known of all, on Broadway. He is Owen
4 Madden, who is mentioned in whispers
5 as the big ^{shot} ~~man~~ in dark and devious
6 corners of New York life.

7 He is rich and described as
8 an immensely powerful figure. The New
9 York Sun tells how the New York ^{parole board} ~~patrol~~
10 has decided that Owen Madden has
11 violated the terms on which he was
12 released from prison nine years ago.

13 Madden is reputed to have
14 been arrested 144 times. ~~But only once~~
15 ~~was~~ ^{was} he ^{only once.} convicted. He was sent to Sing
16 Sing for ten years. He served eight
17 years and was released on parole. Since
18 then he has become one of the mighty
19 men. But now authorities have ruled
20 that the potentates of night clubs
21 and Broadway resorts has violated his
22 parole, and must serve the other two years
23 of his sentence. So the police are ~~h~~
24 hunting for Owen Madden who has been
25 reported in various places recently,
especially in Florida.

1 Well, let's put on the dog for a minute. In other
2 words, let's talk about the Dog Show. The Westminster Kennel Club
3 has been holding its exhibition of fancy canines in New York --
4 an exhibition which attracts the attention of dog lovers all over
5 the country.
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7 Well, a visit to the big display of canine pulchritude
8 does give one a slant on the temperaments of the various branches
9 of the Fido family. Each type seems to have its own attitude
10 toward life and humanity. The police dogs are nervous and
11 irritable, and snarl at their admirers. The Pekinese and the pugs
12 are the snobs, lazy, bored, languid, snooty. The best natured
13 are the Boston Bulls. They seem to be the genial, happy-go-lucky
14 good mixers of the canine world, and their tails are always
15 wagging in a carefree way.
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1 ~~Well~~^{And} now let's ~~xxx~~ all be
 2 carefree and gay. It really doesn't
 3 matter much ~~to us~~^{to us} whether carefree is
 4 two words or a single word, or a
 5 hyphenated word. We'll let Doctor
 6 Vizetelly fight it out with the National
 7 Puzzler's League. The boys who solve
 8 puzzles, not merely crossword puzzles,
 9 but anagrams, cryptograms, transpositions
 10 and all those more difficult brain-twisters.
 11 are preparing to hold a grand convention
 12 in New York.

13 Well, the Puzzlers' Convention
 14 ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ without an argument, wouldn't
 15 be a convention at all, and so the ~~x~~
 16 deep-delving experts got busy and started
 17 a row with the learned Doctor Vizetelly,
 18 editor of the Funk & Wagnalls Standard
 19 Dictionary. The subject of all the
 20 unpleasantness is the really pleasant
 21 word Carefree.

22 If carefree is a single word
 23 you can put it in puzzles. If it is two
 24 words, why you can't use it ~~except~~ in
 25 sections, say the moguls of Puzzledom.

Well, ^a~~the~~ mighty puzzler whose nondeplume
^{is} ~~of~~ SEE SAW bearded the Doctor and forced
 from him the admission that he is
 introducing into ~~Funk & Wagnalls~~ ^{the} Standard
 Dictionary the word Carefree. Yes, it's
 a word, but to the disgust of the
 puzzlers, the learned Lexicographer
 explained that it ^{is} ~~is~~ a hyphenated word.

Now, can you, or can you not--
 use a hyphenated word in a cross-word
 puzzle, or a word-square, or a ~~word~~
 word-pyramid? That is a question that
 is agitating the world of puzzlers.

And they are trying to bring
 pressure to bear on the editor of the
~~Funk & Wagnalls~~ Standard Dictionary to
 put his OK on Carefree, as a single
 word, but Doctor Vizetelly will not be
 forced or hurried or ~~otherwise~~ ^{roughly} pushed
 around. He stands like Gibraltar,

Well, ~~so far as that~~
 lexicographical question is ^{beyond me. It leaves} ~~concerned,~~
^{me as carefree as ever,} ~~can be entirely carefree,~~ as I say

So Long Until Monday.