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GARNER

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Good Evening, Everybody:

1           There was a stirring scene in the  
 2 House of Representatives today when  
 3 Speaker Garner ~~got up and~~ made his  
 4 plea to the assembled law makers. The  
 5 galleries were crowded, and an air of  
 6 suppressed excitement prevailed. The  
 7 Speaker's appeal promised to be the  
 8 critical point of a long and confused  
 9 controversy about taxation.

10           It was realized that the time  
 11 had come for decisive action, if the  
 12 budget of the United States Government  
 13 was to be balanced. With the defeat of  
 14 the sales tax, Congress seemed to have  
 15 turned into chaos. The leaders ~~xxxx~~ had  
 16 lost their control, and the time had  
 17 come when the men whose business it is  
 18 to guide parties in the legislative  
 19 body ~~es~~, were called upon to assert their  
 20 influence and authority.

21           Yesterday we heard how ~~the various~~  
 22 ~~second string~~ leaders <sup>had</sup> put it up to  
 23 Garner, the Speaker of the House, and  
 24 how he had promised to take the floor  
 25 and make a fight today.

1 The New York Evening Post tells  
 2 how Speaker Garner was applauded <sup>today</sup> by  
 3 both Republicans and Democrats, ~~when he arose~~  
 4 ~~then to speak.~~ <sup>to speak.</sup> He didn't turn loose  
 5 with his usual fiery oratory. He  
 6 spoke in a slow measured husky voice.

7 "You have arrived", he told the  
 8 Congressmen, "at the conclusion that  
 9 you will have no sales tax. But I  
 10 appeal to you for the sake of your  
 11 party and your country to do your duty  
 12 and restore some taxes to the bill, by  
 13 which this country's financial  
 14 integrity may be maintained."

15 That was the gist of the  
 16 Speaker's plea. He called upon Congress  
 17 to get together and put through enough  
 18 taxation to balance the budget.

19 And he seems to have won out.  
 20 Here's the way the New York Evening  
 21 Post begins its story of the events in  
 22 Congress today:

23 "The balancing of the Federal  
 24 budget", declares the Post, was made  
 25 certain today when the Ways and Means

1 Committee brought forth ~~xxx~~ a new  
2 tax proposal and Speaker Garner made  
3 personal appeals to the House."

4 ~~will~~, The new program offered  
5 by the Ways and Means Committee  
6 rounds out the tax bill in such fashion  
7 that it will produce over one billion  
8 two hundred million dollars.

9 The new features which are  
10 before Congress now consist of a tax  
11 on stock transfers, which means that  
12 whenever stock is bought or sold,  
13 why tax will be collected by the  
14 government. The same thing goes  
15 for bond transfers, and various other  
16 types of trading in securities.  
17 There's also a tax on soft drinks, on  
18 cosmetics, furs, jewelry, sporting  
19 goods, radios, chewing gum, automobiles,  
20 boats, and other kinds of goods  
21 designated as luxury products.

22 It had been supposed that there  
23 might be ~~xx~~ a tax <sup>suggested</sup> ~~proposed~~ on gasoline,  
24 gas, electricity, and tobacco, but  
25 none of these commodities are mentioned



1 in the new bill.

2 Very well, now, we have it:—

3 The new tax program proposed by the  
4 Ways and Means Committee, and Speaker  
5 Garner's appeal to Congress. The  
6 results were immediate. A procession  
7 started, a procession of congressional  
8 leaders of various factions, each of  
9 whom pledged his support in the work  
10 of balancing the budget. Among those  
11 leaders were Representative<sup>s</sup> Snell,  
12 La Guardia, Rayney, Doughton, and  
13 Rankin, some of whom were prominent  
14 in the fight against the sales tax.

15 The day's proceedings in  
16 Congress make it seem as if there will  
17 now be orderly action on the subject  
18 of new taxation.

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1 (President Hoover today came  
2 out with a definite statement that he <sup>is</sup>  
3 ~~was unalterably~~ opposed to any <sup>immediate</sup> ~~further~~  
4 soldiers' bonus payments.)

5 Mr. Hoover made this statement  
6 to the newspaper men at a pressman's  
7 conference. He declared that it looks  
8 as if a strong movement might get under  
9 way in Congress for <sup>another</sup> soldiers' bonus.  
10 He explained that there was a good  
11 deal of apprehension through the  
12 country because of the belief that  
13 a majority in the House of Representatives  
14 would support the bonus payments, which  
15 would cost the country something like  
16 two billion dollars.

17 The New York Sun quotes the  
18 President as declaring that he made his  
19 position clear at the last convention  
20 of the American Legion at Detroit, and  
21 that he was supported by a vote of the  
22 Legionnaires. He added that if any such  
23 bonus proposal comes to the front, he  
24 will do everything he can to defeat it.  
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# PROHIBITION

1       The battle of prohibition in  
2 Washington entered a new phase today  
3 when a judiciary sub-committee of the  
4 United States Senate started proceedings  
5 for a consideration of three resolutions  
6 put forth by Senator Hiram Bingham of  
7 Connecticut. Senator Bingham is a  
8 leader of the anti-prohibition forces,  
9 and he wants to put through several  
10 proposals which would change the present  
11 method of amending the Constitution of  
12 the United States.

13       One of these changes would fix  
14 things so that any constitutional  
15 amendment which gives the government  
16 an increase of power over the people  
17 must be ratified by special state  
18 conventions. At present amendments are  
19 ratified by state legislatures, but  
20 Senator Bingham and a group of his  
21 supporters believe that special  
22 conventions should be elected by the  
23 people on the direct question of  
24 adopting new constitutional amendments.

25       The second proposal is that any



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such amendment must be ratified by popular elections, with three-quarters of the states voting YES.

The third proposal calls for Congress to call a National Constitutional convention whenever two-thirds of its members are in favor, and also when two-thirds of the states' legislatures put on their O.K.

The advocates of these changes declare that the idea is to put questions of amending the Constitution right square in the hands of the people.



~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

1 ~~Well, let's go on with that~~  
2 ~~most important subject of the day - yes,~~  
3 ~~that same old topic of prohibition.~~

4 I have an interesting list of  
5 cities ~~here~~ tonight, ~~and~~ They begin  
6 with communities in those two rival *sunshine*  
7 states, ~~that dispute the primacy of~~  
8 ~~sunshine.~~

9 Santa Barbara, California,  
10 votes 432 for continuance of the 18th  
11 Amendment, and 1,429 for repeal; while

12 Daytona Beach, Florida, votes  
13 218 dry, and 792 wet. *The proportions are*  
14 *about the same.*

15 Rock Island, Illinois,  
16 245 for, 1,066 against.

17 Elwood, Indiana, 403 dry,  
18 658 wet.

19 Westfield, Massachusetts,  
20 217 for, 1,083 against.

21 Muskegon, Michigan, 357 dry,  
22 1,797 wet.

23 *boys die for dear old Rutgers,* New Brunswick, New Jersey, *where*  
24 *the* 358 for continuance, 2,394 for repeal.

25 New Rochelle, New York,  
26 259 ~~xxx~~ dry, 2,479 wet.

1                    *another place where I used to live,*  
 2                    Denver, Colorado, <sup>^</sup> comes through  
 3 with a second set of returns --  
 4 4,611 in favor of prohibition --  
 5 9,031 against.

6                    And we also have a second report  
 7 on Bridgeport, Connecticut, 797  
 8 for continuance, 5,520 for repeal.

9                    ~~We now return to our program.~~



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LINDBERGH

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1 This afternoon ~~in Newark~~ <sup>at</sup> Mrs.  
 2 Charles H. Consolvo, wife of ~~the~~ a prominent  
 3 ~~president of the~~ Baltimore Hotel ~~man~~  
 4 ~~Corporation,~~ told reports <sup>ere</sup> of a  
 5 Baltimore newspaper<sup>s</sup> that she had a  
 6 telephone call from her husband concerning  
 7 the Lindbergh case. She declares that  
 8 her husband told her that he was going  
 9 to take aboard his yacht the three  
 10 ~~men~~ Norfolk citizens who are said to be  
 11 negotiating with the kidnapers of the  
 12 Lindbergh baby, and that it was his job  
 13 to pilot them to a point outside the  
 14 12-mile limit, where they would meet  
 15 the kidnapers.

16 This is the most important bit of  
 17 news this evening in the hunt for the  
 18 missing child.

19 The New York Sun relates that Dean  
 20 Dobson-Peacock, one of the three Norfolk  
 21 men who have become so prominent in the  
 22 case, flew back to Norfolk this morning,  
 23 after his conference with the Lindberghs  
 24 last night. The clergyman denied that  
 25 he had brought to the stricken parents



1 any positive proof that the baby is  
2 aboard a boat, but he asserts that he  
3 is mighty confident that he is on the  
4 right trail, together with his two  
5 colleagues, Rear Admiral Burrage and  
6 Charles Hughes Curtis, the Norfolk  
7 shipbuilder. He declares that he hopes  
8 to call upon the Lindberghs again within  
9 a few days, and if he does he will have  
10 something mighty definite to offer.

11 Meanwhile, Colonel Lindbergh  
12 declares ~~na~~ that he does not believe  
13 the Norfolk clue is very significant.

14 He seems rather to belittle it. The  
15 head of the New Jersey state police  
16 declares likewise that he doesn't think <sup>to</sup>  
17 there's anything much to it. The police  
18 in general don't seem to be taking much  
19 stock in that story that the Lindbergh  
20 baby is aboard a boat, and that the  
21 kidnapers have asked the three  
22 prominent Norfolk citizens to negotiate  
23 with the bereaved parents. A suspicion  
24 is felt that there may be a cruel hoax  
25 somewhere.

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1 Meanwhile, the police are centering  
 2 their attention upon the hunt for  
 3 members of the kidnaping gang, those  
 4 same underworld characters that have  
 5 been sought for some time.

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1 A statement was issued in Stockholm  
2 today which has a sensational bearing on  
3 the suicide of Ivar Kreuger, the Swedish  
4 match king. This statement is made by  
5 the directors of the corporation  
6 controlling the gigantic Kreuger  
7 interests. It declares that a financial  
8 report issued by the match king late in  
9 January was false. It gave a rosy  
10 picture of the financial condition of  
11 the company, which did not correspond  
12 with the facts.

13 The directors declare that although  
14 the report was given out by the match  
15 king in their name, they didn't know  
16 anything about it.

17 A special wireless dispatch to the  
18 New York Sun continues the story by  
19 saying that the match king was involved  
20 in a maze of financial complications  
21 which ~~have~~<sup>had</sup> not been suspected until now.  
22 He lost immense sums of money in various  
23 speculations.

24 They say the stage is all set for a  
25 huge financial battle, with Swedish



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interests trying to hold control of the  
Kreuger enterprises, and with powerful  
foreign interests fighting to take over  
these enterprises for themselves.

... are told.  
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Japanese association which supports itself  
for the advancement of Japanese interests  
in China. Its main purpose is  
to stir up trouble in the great republic  
of the Far East, and to urge the  
Chinese to react to the increasing  
aggression.

Philip Sims, the foreign  
editor of the Scripps-Herald newspaper,  
declares that the Black Dragon Society  
has passed out the word that it is "now  
or never" for Japan -- that the  
confusion and disunion in China is such  
that Japan now has her golden opportunity  
to get control of the country.

The dramatic factor of the war  
in the East is the Japanese come in a  
strong form which tells how seven  
years ago high school girls made a flag

1 Now comes mention of the Black  
2 Dragon Society, and that sounds like  
3 some mysterious organization of lodge  
4 brothers, or something like that. It's  
5 a good deal more serious, we are told.  
6 The Black Dragon Society is a secret  
7 Japanese association which devotes itself  
8 to the advancement of Japanese interests  
9 in China. They say its main purpose is  
10 to stir up trouble in the great republic  
11 of the Far East, and to urge the  
12 Japanese to constantly increasing  
13 aggressions.

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15 editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers,  
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17 has passed out the word that it is "now  
18 or never" for Japan -- that the  
19 confusion and disunion in China is such  
20 that Japan now has her supreme opportunity  
21 to get control of the country.

22 A melodramatic instance of the war  
23 enthusiasm among the Japanese comes in a  
24 story from Tokio which tells how seven  
25 Japanese high school girls made a flag,



1 which they sent to the Japanese troops  
2 at Shanghai. The flag is 18 inches  
3 square -- the usual ensign of Nippon,  
4 white with a red ball in the center to  
5 symbolize the rising sun. It is the way  
6 the girls procured red coloring matter  
7 for that emblem of the rising sun that's  
8 interesting. The red they used was  
9 their own blood, which they got by  
10 ~~cutting~~ <sup>slashing</sup> their fingers.

11 At Shanghai the peace negotiations  
12 which are going on between the Chinese  
13 and ~~the~~ Japanese adjourned today, and  
14 won't be recontinued until Thursday.  
15 The St. Louis Star comments that it  
16 doesn't seem ~~to~~ as if any too much  
17 ~~is~~ progress is being made by way of  
18 settling the trouble in the Far East.  
19 They say the Commander of the Chinese  
20 Nineteenth Army is conferring with the  
21 War Office at Nanking. The General is  
22 talking about plans for defense. He  
23 says they'll need plans for defense,  
24 because the Japanese are preparing to  
25 get under way again with further



1 aggressions against China.

2 In Manchuria large forces of  
3 Japanese infantry, supported by  
4 airplanes, were reported on their way to  
5 the town of Nungan. The town is *said*  
6 ~~reported~~ to be surrounded by Chinese who  
7 are conducting a regular siege. Large  
8 sections of Manchuria, ~~says~~ the Rochester  
9 (New York) Times-Union, <sup>points out today</sup> are swarming  
10 with Chinese irregular troops. The  
11 Japanese say they are bandits. The  
12 Chinese declare they are patriots. And  
13 I guess the truth lies somewhere between  
14 the two opposing claims.

Hose

1 ~~And~~ here's how a man drank a gallon  
2 of water to save his life, while he was  
3 buried eight feet under ground.

4 A United Press dispatch in the New  
5 York World-Telegram relates how Walter  
6 Koester was inspecting an excavation  
7 with his father when there was a cave-in.  
8 A landslide engulfed young Koester and  
9 buried him to the waist. And the older  
10 man saw that more earth was coming  
11 down <sup>upon his son</sup> -- another landslide. He tossed  
12 to his son one end of a long garden  
13 hose. And just as young Koester grabbed  
14 it, down came the second landslide and  
15 buried him beneath eight feet of earth.

16 He had the hose in his mouth to  
17 provide him with air, but when he tried  
18 to breathe he found the hose was full of  
19 water, and he had to start drinking the  
20 water out of the hose. He says it must  
21 have been a gallon at least.

22 When finally the hose was drained  
23 dry he had a bit of air to breathe, and  
24 then rescuers attached an oxygen tank  
25 to the other end of the hose. It was 2  
hours before they could dig him out.

But he came thru O.K.



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Well, they are the snake's hips. Yes, in fact they are--and they are on exhibition at the Field Museum in Chicago.

A United Press wire in the New York World Telegram explains that just to prove that the familiar slang expression has some reality, the Museum authorities have placed on exhibition the hips of an African rock python. That snake is taken because he has a pair of hind legs. He also has hips.

And so it's no joke when I say they're ~~the~~ the snakes hips, and So Long Until Tomorrow.