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Good Evening Everybody:
They believe the baby is alive; but that is about all we have tonight. Nothing definite has developed.

The New York World- Te legram quotes Captain of the New Jersey State police as declaring that Colonel Lindbergh and the state troopers who are working on the case, believe that the child has not been harmed. But Governor Moore of New Jersey, in an interview today, admitted that he knew of no tangible evidence to support the belief.

This sensational crime takes an amazing turn with the official entrance of the underworld into the hunt for the Lindbergh baby. The flying do for tat gave out a brief statement in which he nominated as his agents two men known in racketeering circles. He gives them the power to act for him in negotiating for the
safe return of the most famous child in the world．One of the men is named Salvatore spitale．They call him salve．And say he is known as a square shooter．The other is Irving Blitz，a lieutenant of Spital＇s．

The newspapers seem to be of the opinion that these two men represent big leaders of the underworld mob who are anxious to have the Lindbergh baby returned．They want／敖 clear tax their own organizations，and gangs like their own，of the suspicion of having committed this crime which has aroused such intense public indignation．

Underworld opinion seems to be
that if the crime was committed by regular racketeers，why sal wy spitale and $h i s$ assistant ${ }_{X}$ get the baby back．But they don＇t believe that professional crooks did the job．They point out that a wise racketeer would understand how much publ ic excitement would be caused by the kidnapping of Lindbergh＇s son．Here＇s the way one

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underworld leader put it today:
"If a racketeer wanted an automobile, he wouldn't steal Mayor Walker's. That would be too dangerous."

Well, this entrance of the underworld into the case has provoked one powerfut bit of comment. The Cleveland Press today prints an editorial that is very much to the point. "We regret Colonel Lindbergh", says the editorial, "that this country has failed you in your hour of need.
"We are sorry it seemed necessary to look to gangsters to help find your firstborn when the resources of government did not.
"But you had to do it. We know
immense amount of publicity the case has received, and all the police
activity that has gone on, haven't done any good. Governor Moore of New Jersey today suggested that it might be a good thing if the kidnapping had not been publicized so much, and he declared that he would call off the police if Colonel Lindbergh so desired.

One supposition is that the kidnappers are waiting for the sensation to die down before they dare to do anything about collecting a ransom and return the child.

Meanwhile rumors cont indue to fly thick and fast. Hundreds of letters mostly from cranks, have been put into the mails. There are stories of mysterious telephone calls. There are reports that colonel Lindbergh or his representatives have been in communication with the kidnappers, but these reports are denied. Nobody seems certain about the note demanding the $\$ 50,000$ ransom which is reported to have been left in the baby's crib, although Police Commissioner Mulroney of New York made an admission

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today which indicated that some such note had been left.

The sum and substance of it all tonight is that the mystery is darker and sadder than ever. And they say that Mrs. Lindbergh, after six days of pitiful anguish, is beginning to break under the strain. All she can do is hope, and that's all that we can do also. Hundreds of people are praying for the safe return of the Lindbergh baby.
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The Apostle of Peace died today -I mean Aristide Briand. Recently he retired from his post as Foreign Minister of France, because his health
 had the most brilliant and distinguished career of any French statesman since Clemenceau. He was Premier of France nearly a dozen times, and held just about every office that the government at Paris has to offer. He was Foreign Minister for so long, adde the New York World-Telegram, that the job seemed to be a personal possession of his. He increased constantly in the esteem of his own country and the whole world until finally he crowned his splendid career with magnificent labors in behalf of international harmony and good feeling. It wascala fitting climax that he became known as the Apostle of Peace.

And then $t_{0}^{t_{\infty}}$ we seem to hear the martial strains of a march. It sounds with a distant sadness, a tone of mourning. Yes, of course, it's \#rthe "Stars and Stripes
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Forever." For John Phillip Sousa, the March King, is dead.

For people of our generation there is a magic of memory in the name -Sousa's Band. And it will be a long time before those gorgeous Sousa marches will cease to make the blood tingle. The learned technical musician will tell you that the marches are bits of classical perfection of their kind.

I was astonished to realize that 1 had never known from what nationality Sousa was descended, until l read in the New York Herald-Tribune this morning that his father was a Spaniard, a musician in then Marine Band. His mother was German. Sousa himself began as a musician in the Marine Band, and then kept pising in tho world of musio untit ho became one of the bost-known Amorioans. Tonight, the spirit that composed those simply incandescent marches is no longer in this world, but we still have that series of glamorous tunes to lighten the feet of marching men.

Now here goes for another list of returns from the 20-Million-Ballot Rat* Prohibition Poll. Maybe you'd like to get your pencil and take them down. If so, go right ahead, and I'Il hold off with the figures for a moment.

The states of Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Washington and Wyoming are represented to $n i g h t$.

Are you all set? Ready for the figures? Here they are :--

Joliet, Illinois, 322 dry, 1859 wet.

Bat on Rouge, Louisiana, 209 for cont inuance, 870 for repeal.

We've he ard from Minneapolis twice, but what do the folks across the river in the giant ${ }_{\mathrm{A}}^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{ity}$ of St. Paul have to say? 1,082 are satisfied. $\bar{x} x \quad 6,217$ want a change.

And here are the latest returns from the great copper city, one of the
world's most famous mining camps -Butte, Montana. 108 Butte miners and their wives are for the Amendment. But 967 are against.

Let's jump clear across the continent to 茲h of if persian $\sigma$ ormmitios in the world * city of lovely homes, -Englewood, New Jersey. The Englewood vote is 98 dry and 981 wet.

Here's another city out in the farming belt, Fargo, North Dakota. 77 for the Amendment, 254 against.

The vote for Marion, Ohio, where that handsome Harding Memorial is located, is 992 dry, 1,742 wet.

Would you like to start a fight when you go out to Puget Sound? Well, just call that famous mountain, Mount Randier when you are in Tacoma, and call it Mount Tacoma when you are in Seattle, and you will get into hot water in a hurry.

Well, we've he ard from Seattle, but here are the first returns from

Tacoma. 599 dry, 2,139 wet. Here's a community that votes the other way. It's Chanute, Kansas, Ha, F sure for English monarch, king enate The ese is e 315 dry , and only 262 wet.

But from Kansas le t's jump on our pinto pony and gallop across the prairies to Wyoming, to old Cheyenne. The Cheyenne vote reads: 98 votes for the Amendment, 410 for $r$ epee al.

In addition to the big Twenty million test vote, the special ballots are getting under full swing. I have already mentioned three of them: a straw vote of Literary Digest subscribers, another of lawyers, and a third of barkers.

Well, in addition to these xx there are two more. The Literary Digest is also sounding out the physicians of the country, and asking them to vote and tell what they think on the subject of prohibition. And then there are the clergymen. Ballots are going out to

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ministers of all denominations, asking that same question - Are you in favor of prohibition?

Those special supplementary ballots are going to provide some mighty
 $\dot{*}$ to be used in interpreting the general return from the Twenty Million Ballot test vote.

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The new tax bill was introduced in the House of Representatives today. The New York Evening Post wires that the amount of money to be raised by extra taxes is one billion, 96 million dollars. The new bill increases taxes all along the line. It lowers the income tax exemptions. It proposes that heads of families have an exemption of 2,500 dollars, the exemption for single individuals

A wild riot was staged at the Ford

The United Press describes how the mob attacked the plant, orashing the ir way through fences. They were met by streams of cold water, and it was an icy day. But that didn't stop them. The police brought tear-gas bombs into play, and the acrid fumes spread through the crowd. But even that didn't stop the riot. The police opened fire, but most of the shots were aimed over the heads


 reports three persons killed and a score injured. Say, all you automobile drivers -- even if the traffic cop does n't get you, you're licked all the same.

A United Press dispatch in the New York Sun tells of a series of tests that have been made by the Chicago Motor Club, and these tests show that it doesn't pay to speed, even though there's no motorcycle policeman within miles. Even if you never been hauled up before a Judge and fined a you, it costs you money to step on the gas. and go toning a

If you're hitting it up at 55 miles an hour, you're using 7 times as much oil as you would be if you were driving at a 35 mile en te

At 50 miles an hour Madman your tires wear out twice as fast as they do at 40. And then when you're speeding you're using up a disproportionate amount of gas.

Those tests at Chicago indicate that driving between 40 and 45 miles an hour is the most economical. so it's not only dangerous to speed, it's ate expensive.
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They had some trouble in the lands of Malaya and IndoChina over the week-end.

Riots are reported in Penang, in Malaya, and also at Bangkok, the capital at Siam. In each case the disturbance was caused by Chinese who were excited by the situation on the China coast.

United Press dispatch in the New York Sun reports that/inoth Penang and Bangkok, the large local population of Chine ${ }^{\text {se }}$ got some wild rumors about supposed Chinese victories over the Japanese, and they started to celebrate with firecrackers. There was a regular pandemonium as the firecrackers were going off all over the place. The police interfered and ordered the festivities to stop, and then the rioting began.
 Chinaman was so indignant that hundreds of him stormed the police station. The trouble was so violent that all shops were closed and rickshaws didn't dare to go wax kex bouncing through the streets.
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In the Far East each side is saying that the other is making trouble. The Japanese accuse the Chinese of attacking the Japanese forces at the town of Liuho. The New York Evening Post reports that the Chinese are massing troops on that part of the line.

The Chinese, on their part, declare that the Japanese are launching an offensive at the town of Nanziang. The Japanese admit that they did make a short advance but explain that it was entirely for defensive purposes.

Meanwhile, there is a report that the Mikado's government may withdraw from the League of Nations. They say the Japanese don't like the stand the League has been taking in demanding that the Japanese evacuate their troops from the Shanghai area.

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Along comes a new type of hobo,
the aviator hobo, the aerial tramp, the cloudvag. Washington these days is being 4 visited by dozens of flying men who have an idea that they can get jobs as war birds in China. They come flying in their planes, but many of them haven't a nickel in their pockets. They land in a flying field and ask for permission to 10 park the ir planes outside of hangars, official spoke up and asked a question: "Say", he inquired, "how do you
 around dead broke, manage to buy gasoline?"
"I don't", one of the hobo aviators told him. "l fly along until I see a prosperous looking bunch of farm buildings, and spot a tractor in a field. I land alongside. The farmer is always interested in a plane, and 1

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give him a hard luck story. Then 1 offer to take him for a hop if hell give me some gas. Next thing you know, he's draining the gas out of his tractor into my plane. I take him for a five minute ride. And that's how 1 get enough gas to keep going.

Well, live just rum ont of verbal gas, so s-l-u-t-m.

