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Good Evening Everybody:

They believe the baby is alive; but
5 That is about all we have tonight.
8 Nothing definite has developed.

The New York Evening Telegram 7 quotes the Captain of the New Jersey 8 State police as declaring that 9 Colonel Lindbergh and the state troopers 10 who are working on the case, believe 11 that the child has not been harmed. 12 But Governor Moore of New Jersey, in an 13 interview today, admitted that he 14 knew of no tangible evidence to support 15 the belief. 16

This sensational crime takes 17 an amazing turn with the official 18 entrance of the underworld into the 19 hunt for the Lindbergh baby. The flying 20 world renowned aviator gave out a brief 21 statement in which he nominated as his 22 agents two men known in racketeering 23 circles. He gives them the power to 24 act for him in negotiating for the 25

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safe return of the most famous child in the world. One of the men is named Salvatore Spitale. They call him Salvy. and say he is known as a square shooter. The other is Irving Blitz, a lieutenant of Spitale's.

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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/ clear 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 Salvy Spitale and his assistant, may 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 public excitement would be caused by the kidnapping of Lindbergh's son. Here's the way one

underworld leader put it today: 1

"If a racketeer wanted an 2 3 automobile, he wouldn't steal Mayor Walker's. That would be too dangerous." 4 Well, this entrance of the 5 ⁶ underworld into the case has provoked one powerfut bit of comment. The 7 Cleveland Press today prints an 8 editorial that is very much to the 9 point. "We regret Colonel Lindbergh", 10 11 says the editorial, "that this country 12 has failed you in your hour of need.

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"We are sorry it seemed necessary to look to gangsters to help find your first-born when the resources of government did not.

17 "But you had to do it. We know 18 that. You are not a nation's hero at 19 this moment. You are a father. Just now you owe no obligation to the country, to anyone, other than to get your baby back, safe and sound."

There are hints that the immense amount of publicity the case has received, and all the police

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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.

return the child. adds the N.Y. We Post, Meanwhile, rumors continue to 13 fly thick and fast. Hundreds of letters 14 15 mostly from cranks, have been put into 16 the mails. There are stories of 17 mysterious telephone calls. There are 18 reports that Colonel Lindbergh or his representatives have been in communication 19 with the kidnappers, but these reports 20 are denied. Nobody seems certain about 21 the note demanding the \$50,000 ransom which 22 23 is reported to have been left in the 24 baby's crib, although Police Commissioner Mulrooney of New York made an admission 25

today which indicated that some such
note had been left.

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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 davs 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.

BRIAND

The Apostle of Peace died today 1 I mean Aristide Briand. Recently he 2 retired from his post as Foreign 3 Minister of France, because his health 4 was failing. He was 69 years old. He was failing. 5 had the most brilliant and distinguished 6 career of any French statesman since 7 Clemenceau. He was Premier of France 8 nearly a dozen times, and held just 9 about every office that the government 10 at Paris has to offer. He was Foreign 11 Minister for so long, says the New York 12 World-Telegram, that the job seemed to 13 be a personal possession of his. He 14 increased constantly in the esteem of 15 his own country and the whole world, 16 until finally he crowned his splendid 17 career with magnificent labors in behalf 18 of international harmony and good feeling. 19 It was, a fitting climax that he became 20 known as the Apostle of Peace. 21

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And then, 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 #The Stars and Stripes BRIAND - 2

Forever." John Phillip Sousa, the March King, is dead.

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For people of our generation there 3 is a magic of memory in the name --4 Sousa's Band. And it will be a long time 5 before those gorgeous Sousa marches will 6 cease to make the blood tingle. The 7 learned technical musician will tell you 8 that the Sousa marches are bits of 9 classical perfection of their kind. 10

11 I was astonished to realize that I had never known from what nationality 12 13 Sousa was descended, until | read in 14 the New York Herald-Tribune this morning 15 that his father was a Spaniard, a musician in the Marine Band. His mother 16 17 was German. Sousa himself began as a 18 musician in the Marine Band, and then 19 kept rising in the world of music until 20 he became one of the best-known Americans. 21 Tonight, the spirit that composed 22 those simply incandescent marches is no in another sense that spirit is here for longer in this world, but, we still have 23 24 that series of glamorous tunes to lighten 25 the feet of marching men.

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LADTES AND GENTLEMENTS

Now here goes for another list of returns from the 20-Million-Ballot Raxk Prohibition Poll. Maybe you'd like to get your pencil and take them down. If so, go right ahead, and l'll 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 tonight.

Are you all set ? Ready for the figures? Here they are :--Joliet, Illinois, 322 dry, 1859 wet.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 209 for continuance, 870 for repeal.

We've heard from Minneapolis twice, but what do the folks across the river in the giant city of St.Paul have to say? about the 18th Amendment? 1,082 are satisfied. Xx 6,217 want a change.

And here are the latest returns from the great copper city, one of the

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world's most famous mining camps --Butte, Montana. 108 Butte miners and their wives are for the Amendment. But 967 are against. More than 9 to 1

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Let's jump clear across the continent to the of the most beautiful residential communities in the world, for 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 Pudget Sound? Well, just call that famous Mountain, Mount Ranier 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 heard from Seattle, but here are the first returns from

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Tacoma. 599 dry, 2,139 wet.

Here's a community that votes the other way. It's Chanute, Kansas, named, 1-suppose, for that famous old English monarch, King Chanutes. The Shanute, Kansas, vote is 315 dry, and only 262 wet.

But from Kansas let'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 repeal.

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 POLL -

ministers of all denominations, and ask^Ithat same question - Are you in favor of prohibition?

Those special supplementary ballots are going to provide some mighty important special information MERKXXM **x** to be used in interpreting the general return from the Twenty Million Ballot test vote.

We now return to our program.

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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 is 1,000 dollars.

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A wild riot was staged at the Ford 1 plant on the outskirts of Detroit. The 2 Communists organized a violent attack 3 upon the gigantic automobile factory. A 4 mob of 3,000 men stormed their way from 5 6 Detroit to the Ford plant. They forced street cars to carry them. When the 7 police interferred, there was savage 8 9 fighting.

The United Press describes how the 10 mob attacked the plant, crashing their 11 12 way through fences. They were met by 13 streams of cold water, and it was an icy 14 day. But that didn't stop them. The 15 police brought tear-gas bombs into play, 16 and the acrid fumes spread through the 17 crowd. But even that didn't stop the 18 riot. The police opened fire, but most 19 of the shots were aimed over the heads 20 21 22 than an an an an an an an an a late dispatch 23 reports three persons killed and a score 24 injured. 25

AUTOMOBILES

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Say, all you automobile drivers -- even if the traffic cop doesn'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 is never been hauled up before a Judge and had a fined stapped. no you, why it costs you money to step on the gas. and go tearing along.

If you're hitting it up at 55
 ¹⁵ miles an hour, you're using 7 times as
 ¹⁶ much oil as you would be if you were
 ¹⁷ driving at a moderate 35 miles an hour
 ¹⁸ At 50 miles an hour monthme

At 50 miles an hour ymondynu 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. And So it's not only dangerous to speed, but it's also expensive. PENANG

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They had some trouble in the lands of Malaya and Indo-China over the week-end.

Riots are reported in Penang, A malaya Peninsula, 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 10 New York Sun reports that / both Penang 11 and Bangkok, the large local population 12 of Chine^{se}got some wild rumors about 13 supposed Chinese victories over the 14 Japanese, and they started to celebrate 15 with firecrackers. There was a regular 16 pandemonium as the firecrackers were 17 going off all over the place. The 18 police interfered and ordered the 19 festivities to stop, and then the rioting 20 21 began.

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CHINA

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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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AVIATORS

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Along comes a new type of hobo, 1 the aviator hobo, the aerial tramp, the cloud vag Washington these days is being 3 visited by dozens of flying men who have 5 an idea that they can get jobs as war e birds in China. They come flying in 7 their planes, but money of them haven't 8 a nickel in their pockets. They land in a flying field and ask for permission to 10 park their planes outside of the hangars. 11 because they haven't the price of hangar 12 rent. One flier wanted to pawn his 13 parachute. The United Press tells how one

"I don't", one of the hobo
aviators told him. "I 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 I

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give him a hard luck story. Then I offer to take him for a hop if he'll 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 I get enough gas to keep going. Well, Sve just run out of verbal gas, so s-l-u-t-m. 11-23-31 - 5M