

Good Evening, Everybody:-

1           The world today spent a bit of  
2 time taking stock of the election in  
3 Germany yesterday. And for the most part  
4 this old globe of ours <sup>seems to</sup> feels pretty  
5 good because of the victory scored by  
6 President von Hindenburg. <sup>von</sup> Hindenburg  
7 just barely fell short of an absolute  
8 majority which was necessary for him  
9 to be elected. A run-off election will  
10 ~~be necessary and will~~ be held in April.  
11 And it seems almost an absolute certainty  
12 that Germany's great old warrior will  
13 be returned to the highest office <sup>that</sup> his  
14 country can bestow.

15           It's ~~x~~ curious to <sup>note</sup> ~~observe~~ that  
16 the greatest jubilation over Hindenburg's  
17 splendid showing <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ to be observed  
18 in the former Allied countries. During  
19 those ~~xxxxxxx~~ war time years when  
20 von Hindenburg led the iron armies of  
21 Germany, he was something of <sup>an arch</sup> a villain  
22 to the nations that were leagued against  
23 the Empire of the Kaiser. He seemed to  
24 symbolize the arrogant militarism of  
25 Prussia, against which the world was

<sup># Ah,</sup>  
1 struggling. But times have changed.  
2 Yes, they always change. And today amid  
3 ~~the~~ world-wide expressions of satisfaction  
4 the loudest cheers ~~for Von Hindenburg~~  
5 come from France. The French are tickled  
6 pink that it was the moderate reasonable  
7 Hindenburg and not the fiery, defiant  
8 Hitler who came out best.

9 Well, let's look at a few figures  
10 that the United Press gives us in the  
11 New York ~~Smix~~ Sun. In the first place  
12 <sup>German</sup> (the <sup>^</sup> election looks like a tremendous  
13 personal tribute ~~on the part of the~~ ~~&~~  
14 ~~Germans~~ to their former war leader.  
15 Von Hindenburg polled more than 18½ million  
16 votes. When he was elected President  
17 in 1925, his total was <sup>about</sup> ~~something more~~  
18 ~~than~~ 14½ million. That means that  
19 yesterday he bettered his former vote  
20 by four million ballots and that indicates  
21 how the old man has gained <sup>m</sup> <sup>^</sup> the esteem  
22 of the German nation.

23 The New York Evening Post points  
24 out that it's also quite a feather in  
25 the cap of the German chancellor-- Herr  
Bre<sup>ue</sup><sub>u</sub>ning who is more firmly established

1 as one of Europe's cleverest, ~~and~~ <sup>most</sup>  
2 far-seeing statesman.

3 But Handsome Adolf Hitler and  
4 his Fascist party didn't do so badly <sup>at that</sup>.  
5 Hitler polled more than 11,300,000 votes.  
6 Two years ago in <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ National election,  
7 Hitler polled a total of <sup>only</sup> 6,400,000---  
8 so that yesterday he made a gain of  
9 nearly five million ballots. And that  
10 would indicate that Handsome Adolf has  
11 been rising considerably in the esteem  
12 of a whole lot of Germans.

13 And so Next come the Communists with  
14 nearly five million votes) - then the  
15 Nationalist candidate, with a little more  
16 than two million and a half, and finally  
17 an independent candidate, with a skimpy  
18 vote of slightly over 100,000. The  
19 party that has the most reason to be  
20 downcast is the Communist. Their total  
21 doesn't look at all impressive beside  
22 the huge votes <sup>up</sup> ~~polled~~ <sup>by</sup> Hindenburg and  
23 Hitler.

24 The New York World-Telegram  
25 reminds us <sup>tonight</sup> that in the run-off election

1 in April yesterday's two highest  
2 candidates will fight it out between  
3 themselves. That means it will be  
4 a duel between Germany's iron man and the  
5 Fascist fire-eater.

6 ~~The~~ **And** It's likely that Hitler will  
7 get the most of the ~~x~~ two million and a  
8 half votes polled by the Nationalists  
9 candidate, but you can be sure that he ~~xx~~  
10 won't get many of the five million  
11 Communists <sup>because he's the particular Socialist voter of Germany.</sup> ballots. The Red Radicals are  
12 more likely to vote for Hindenburg.

13 And so you can just ~~x~~ mark it down on  
14 your slate that the ~~grand~~ old warrior, <sup>the</sup>  
15 victor of Tannenburg--and so forth and so  
16 on--is going to keep on being the  
17 President of Germany.

1        There was an exciting session in  
2 the House of Representatives today.  
3 The galleries were crammed. There was  
4 cheering, and there was hissing. The  
5 reason for the commotion was because of  
6 the fact that today for the first time  
7 in twelve years the House of Representa-  
8 tives had a clear-cut test on the  
9 subject of prohibition. (The Congressmen  
10 cast their votes definitely on a Yes-  
11 and-No proposition. It was a bill to  
12 grant to the states the right to decide  
13 for themselves in the matter of  
14 prohibition.

15        The Dryes won. The vote, as given  
16 by the New York Evening Post, was 227  
17 to 187. The advocates of prohibition  
18 had a majority of forty votes.) The  
19 United Press comments in the New York  
20 World-Telegram that the Wets showed  
21 unexpected strength. It had been  
22 anticipated that they might get all the  
23 way from 160 to 190 votes.

24        ~~A United Press dispatch in~~ The New  
25 York Sun declares that leaders in the

1 fight <sup>against</sup> ~~for~~ prohibition had expected to  
2 muster about 175 votes. They actually  
3 got 187.

4 Well, this clear-cut vote today  
5 had long been ~~expected~~ expected with a  
6 good deal of curiosity and speculation.  
7 The country has been wondering how  
8 Congress stood on ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> straight-<sup>a</sup>way vote  
9 of Yes or No.

10 ~~Well,~~ The question is answered  
11 tonight. The House of Representatives  
12 shows a strong majority for prohibition,  
13 but the Wet strength is a good deal  
14 greater than many people had believed.

~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

~~We'll~~, Let's round off all this voting with some red hot returns in the big straw vote, <sup>Lit. Dig.</sup> the 20-million ballot poll.

Here are figures for ten cities spread far and wide over the country.

~~They represent a huge stack of enthusiastic ballots in the Literary Biggest Prohibition poll:~~

Moline, Illinois, 280 for prohibition, 1,161 against.

Providence, Rhode Island, 727 for, 4,542 against.

Charleston, South Carolina, <sup>the 18th Amendment;</sup> 151 for, 1,562 against.

Aberdeen, South Dakota, 97 for, 427 against.

Knoxville, Tennessee, 1,095 <sup>prohibition,</sup> for, 1,466 against.

Fort Worth, Texas, 1,382 for, 2,736 against.

Burlington, Vermont, 212 for, 845 against.

Nashville, Tennessee, 1,383 for, 2,985 against.

1           Huntington, West Virginia,  
2 1,342 for--3,083 against.

3           Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Well, now  
4 just what do you think the vote is from  
5 Milwaukee? Yes, you're right; it's no  
6 Sahara Desert. The Milwaukee vote stands:  
7 1,551 for, -- 19,861 against.

1 Clues in the Lindbergh case are  
2 pointing to Denver, <sup>tonight,</sup> The director of the  
3 New Jersey state police today declared  
4 that a gang from Denver was being  
5 investigated. This gang is said to have  
6 been engaged in various kidnaping  
7 activities. Some of its members are  
8 known to have been in New York shortly  
9 before the <sup>disappearance of the baby,</sup> ~~kidnaping.~~ Just what  
10 business they were on ~~is~~ something  
11 of a mystery.

12 Meanwhile news comes of various  
13 babies that have been investigated. One  
14 of the hottest tips came from Tennessee.  
15 Two men, relates the <sup>n.y.</sup> Evening Post,  
16 and their wives were traveling with a  
17 young child that answered the description  
18 of the Lindbergh baby. Local officers  
19 thought it might be the long sought  
20 youngster. It turned out, however, that  
21 the child really belonged to the couple  
22 who claimed to be its parents.

23 The New York Sun adds some more  
24 information about that note which is  
25 supposed to have been left by the

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1 kidnappers. It has been asserted that  
2 there was such a note. It has also  
3 been denied.

4 Now the story is that the  
5 Lindberghs have been keeping the matter  
6 a secret. The Colonel is supposed to  
7 have shown the note to a couple of  
8 friends, and that's how the rumor got  
9 out. However, it is still officially  
10 denied that there was any such note,  
11 and so once more the matter stands  
12 tonight - no news.

1           The king of the photographic industry is gone.  
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3       George Eastman shot and killed himself today. He left a note  
4       saying, "My work is done." He seventy-seven years old, but  
5       had long been in ill health. Mr. Eastman was one of the great  
6       pioneers in the world of cameras and films. He made the name  
7       of Eastman synonymous with popular photography. He was interested  
8       in music, in big game hunting, an idealist, a dreamer, and of  
9       course one of the foremost industrialists of his time.  
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12           The United Press reminds us that he built up an enormous  
13       fortune, and was renowned for magnificent philanthropies. He  
14       had given away millions. His interests were world wide. The world  
15       in which he was such a benefactor will miss George Eastman.  
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1 ~~is~~<sup>and</sup> There was a busy stir in  
2 financial circles all over the world  
3 today.

4 ~~xxx~~ A United Press dispatch  
5 in the New York Sun declares that both  
6 financiers and the governments of  
7 nations made moves to prevent widespread  
8 disturbances, which might be caused by  
9 the suicide of Ivar Krueger, the  
10 Swedish match king.

11 The immense fortune built by  
12 that amazing Swedish financier out of  
13 matches, billions of tiny matches,  
14 plays a large part in the financial  
15 affairs of the great powers of the  
16 world. The self destruction of the  
17 match king is explained by the fact  
18 that he was in bad health, also that  
19 his immense enterprises<sup>S</sup> had been  
20 affected by the world economic crisis.

21 On the New York Stock Exchange  
22 the effect was felt in a sharp break  
23 of prices at the opening of the market  
24 today. Prices of the Krueger stocks  
25 fell quickly. Later on there was a

1 rally. Shares went up and held steady  
2 during most of the day. Toward closing  
3 time, however, ~~there was another drop.~~  
4 ~~and~~ the Krueger stocks took another  
5 dip.

6 In Sweden the Stockholm Stock  
7 Exchange was closed today to prevent  
8 a panic. Naturally, the financial  
9 structure built by the match king is  
10 most important in his native country.

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1 There was a big scene in a New  
2 York courtroom today - that is, it was  
3 big because so many people are involved.

4 It's that <sup>strange</sup> Wendel case in which there  
5 is a dispute over the ~~immense~~ <sup>giant</sup> fortune  
6 left by Miss Ella Wendel, an aged

7 recluse who died sometime ago, <sup>one of sisters</sup>  
8 <sup>who lived in that lonely house with windows boarded up on 5th ave.</sup>  
9 Miss Wendel left an estate of

10 a hundred million dollars, most of it  
11 to institutions of one sort or another.

12 ~~xxx~~ Her relatives are pressing the ir  
13 claim to the money, and there are a  
14 lot of relatives. — an army of relatives,

15 The New York World Telegram  
16 describes how three hundred lawyers  
17 crowded into the Surrogate's court  
18 of New York today. They represent

19 about three thousand relatives in all.

20 None of them are near kin. The nearest

21 is a first cousin - but anyway, there

22 are plenty of them. They have their eyes,  
23 their 6000 eyes, on that hundred million.

1 The world of baseball was rocked  
2 to its foundations today by the  
3 tremendous news that the mighty Babe  
4 Herman has been traded.

5 Babe Herman has never been such  
6 a towering gigantic figure as that  
7 other Babe. I mean the Bambino, the  
8 Sultan of Swat. But just the same,  
9 outfielder and fence-buster Herman  
10 has long been a bright and particular  
11 ornament of the city of Brooklyn. But *the*  
12 Babe has never been known as a perfect,  
13 polished ball player. He has sometimes  
14 been described as being somewhat  
15 slow-footed in chasing fly ball<sup>s</sup>. On  
16 the base paths he may seem to have  
17 lead in his shoes. He has been known  
18 to get his feet tangled up while running  
19 the bases.

20 But just the same, Babe Herman is  
21 a mighty slugger, and he has ~~oodles~~  
22 oodles of what the boys call color. So  
23 when the news was flashed to a  
24 palpitating public that the Brooklyn  
25 ~~team has~~ *Dodgers had* traded Babe Herman to the

1 Cincinnati Reds, <sup>well if</sup> ~~why I suppose~~ that doesn't  
 2 come under the heading of important  
 3 news, <sup>what does?</sup>

4 As for the other Babe, the  
 5 Bambino, <sup>His Royal High</sup> the Sultan of Swat, he is  
 6 reported tonight to be on his hind legs,  
 7 ~~and~~ <sup>his annual</sup> emitting a loud roar. The subject  
 8 of the Babe's argumentation is salary.  
 9 He had a half an hour's conference this  
 10 afternoon with <sup>his financial sponsor, Jake Ruppert,</sup> ~~the~~ owner of the Yankees,  
 11 but they failed to agree on the matter  
 12 of <sup>spondoolix.</sup> ~~salary.~~ The Babe demands \$80,000 <sup>beveries</sup>  
 13 ~~a year.~~ <sup>Jake</sup> His boss <sup>if not ample.</sup> thinks ~~that~~ \$70,000  
 14 is plenty. And so that leaves the <sup>solution of</sup>  
 15 ~~matter~~ <sup>financial problem</sup> in a state of deadlock. <sup>the Sultan's</sup>

1 The other evening I told of  
 2 negotiations that have <sup>just</sup> taken place  
 3 between the Turkish and Persian  
 4 governments on the subject of historic  
 5 Mount Ararat, and the neighboring peak  
 6 called Little Ararat. That has brought  
 7 me <sup>some important elucidation from Major</sup> ~~a letter from~~ Lester D. Gardner of  
 8 New York, an authority on aviation, a  
 9 publisher, and a great traveler. <sup>My friend Major</sup> ~~ME~~  
 10 Gardner tells me that not so long ago  
 11 he flew within sight of Mount Ararat,  
 12 while winging his way on an air patrol  
 13 over Mosul, Nineveh, Baghdad, ~~Ste-siphon,~~  
 14 and Babylon -- and what romance there is  
 15 in those names!

16 <sup>Major</sup> Gardner adds that ~~while~~ while out  
 17 in that magical region he heard what  
 18 purports to be the oldest tall story  
 19 ever told. It concerns <sup>this same</sup> Mount Ararat, and  
 20 Noah and the Ark.

21 An ancient legend relates that when  
 22 Noah was preparing to land on Mount  
 23 Ararat, the Ark grazed the tip of Little  
 24 Ararat, and a hole was knocked in the  
 25 bottom. The serpent instantly stuck

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1 his tail through the hole, tied it in a  
2 knot, and thereby plugged the leak. As  
3 a result the Ark landed safely on Mount  
4 Ararat.

5 *and his sons Ham, Shem and Japheth*  
6 But Noah didn't know the good deed  
7 the serpent had done, and he wanted to  
8 save Mankind from a repetition of the  
9 trouble that the snake and its  
10 temptations had caused in the Garden of  
11 Eden, so he built a fire and burnt up  
12 the serpent. As a result of Noah's  
13 ingratitude, small particles of the  
14 serpent's ashes turned into insects  
15 which ever since have been the plague  
16 of humanity.

17 Well, that oldest of tall stories  
18 has a modern descendant. A. A. Carver  
19 of Burlington, Wisconsin, gives to the  
20 Tall Story Club an account of a train  
21 that was going down a steep incline  
22 into Salt Lake City. The brakes went  
23 out of commission, and the train was  
24 running wild. In one car was a Hindu  
25 snakecharmer. He rushed to the rear  
platform and released a giant boa-

1 constrictor. The boa-constrictor  
2 swiftly <sup>reached out and wound</sup> ~~knotted~~ its tail around an ~~iron~~  
3 ~~post on the platform, reached out and~~  
4 ~~got hold of~~ a telegraph pole, and brought  
5 the train to a stop.

6 And that ~~not only brought the~~  
7 ~~train to a stop, but it~~ also brings me  
8 to a stop, and --

9 SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

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