

ELECTION

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1 There was an exceedingly
2 emotional scene in ~~the~~² New York Court
3 Room today. It was at a meeting of the
4 Hofstadter Committee. One of the
5 witnesses who testified to political
6 corruption in New York City was Louis
7 H. Willard, described by the New York
8 Evening Post, as a slight, sandy man,
9 who seemed dazed by misfortune.

10 He told a tragic story. He
11 declared that he had been a business
12 rival of William J. Flynn, Public Works
13 Commissioner of the Bronx, and he
14 accused Flynn of using his political
15 power to ruin him.

16 He complained that he had lost
17 his entire fortune and even his home
18 because of political persecution. He
19 said that his wife, driven to ~~xxx~~
20 desperation, had committed suicide and
21 that he himself had tried to take his
22 own life, but had failed. They say the
23 spectators in the Court were in tears,
24 as the witness told his story.

25 After that Commissioner Flynn
took the stand and denied the accusation.

1 It's looks ^{certain that} ~~as if~~ the sales tax
2 is going to be passed by Congress.
3 There has been some loud opposition to
4 the idea of putting a tax on manufactured
5 products.

6 But the word is tonight that, the
7 New York delegation in Congress,--at any
8 rate, the Tammany delegation, will vote
9 for the sales tax as a unit.

10 The New York Evening Post comments
11 that most of the New York Democrats
12 seemed to be undecided about whether to
13 vote for the sales tax or against it
14 but they got together for a talk today,
15 and during the palaver decided to support
16 the measure which has been causing all
17 the discussion. *And the prophecy is*
18 *that their support will put it accross.*
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1 Figures issued by the Department
2 of Commerce today tell a bit of good
3 news concerning our foreign trade. Uncle
4 Sam in February enjoyed a favorable trade
5 balance of twenty four million dollars.
6 That is, the goods he exported were
7 worth twenty four million dollars more
8 than the goods he imported. And this
9 favorable trade balance for February is
10 ten million dollars larger than the
11 trade balance for January.

12 A United Press dispatch in the
13 New York World Telegram declares that
14 this sort of thing is quite unusual
15 because as a general rule exports drop
16 in February and imports increase. This
17 time it was the other way round. The
18 amount of goods that Uncle Sam sold
19 abroad went up, while the amount he
20 bought went down.

Samuel
Cronther.

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You may have been fed up, as I have been fed up, with several classes of depression talk. There is the joke school. I have not been able to see the funny side of a condition in which families are without work and hungry. Then there is the grin-and-bear-it school. I have not been able to see how grinning and bearing will help. And finally there is the extravagance school, which says that we bought too much in the past and that we shall be all right, once we learn to do with less. With this I have no patience at all. I want people to have more and not less.

There is a way to have more, but that is not the road we are following. Prices, and with them incomes, are falling to new lows. We are trying to pay dollar debts and dollar taxes with sixty-cent incomes, and the amazing thing is that there is scarcely a glimmer of the thought, except among a few, that, since prices are in terms of money, a change in the value of money may have something to do with prices. Money is not something that is always here. We do not use hand currency for our everyday affairs. We use bank checks - that is, we shift bank deposits - and it is the amount of bank credit in use that determines prices.

The reduction in the total of bank loans, which are the more vital part of bank credit, amounts, since 1929 to around nine billion dollars, or 25% of the total. In other words, we are trying to do business on a quarter less money than we used before.

The words "inflation" and "deflation" seem to have acquired mysterious meanings. For some reason, deflation is supposed to be more healthful than inflation. In point of fact, one is as abnormal as the other. We are today in almost as abnormally a deflated position as was Germany at the height of inflation. The plain remedy is to restore a normal volume of credit, and that can be done by business and the banks working together. Everyone has been passing the buck to the Government. It is time now for business and the banks to get together and bring order out of chaos.

Now maybe you'd like to hear a
~~ladies and gentlemen~~
 few statistics.

Here's one of the most interesting towns we have had thus far in the Literary Digest Prohibition poll. It's Palo Alto, California, one of the most beautiful residential cities in this country.

It's the site of Leland Stanford University and it's the home of President Hoover.

Well, let's see how President Hoover's fellow townsmen are voting on the subject of Prohibition. Well, the vote is not so lopsided as some that we have had. It gives us 275 ballots cast in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment and 445 against.

(And then comes a town ^{that's} ~~with a~~ definitely dry ~~majority~~. The voters of Conway, Arkansas, cast a ~~definite~~ clear cut majority of votes for Prohibition. The vote is ²⁷³ ~~275~~ For the Dry Law, and ¹³² ~~445~~ against.)

The other cities ^{tonight} are:
 Waterbury, Connecticut, 358 for, 2608 against.

Miami, Florida, --603 in favor of Prohibition--3,436 against.)

1 Quincy, Illinois, - 324 Dry,
2 2,669 Wet.

3 And here are several more cities
4 in the Middle West:

5 Evansville, ^{Indiana,} 392 Dry--2,803 Wet.

6 Dubuque, Iowa--179 Dry, 1,455 WET.

7 Dearborn, Michigan, ^{Henry Ford's home town} 155 For the
8 Eighteenth Amendment --812 Against.

9 And now lets round the list off
10 with a couple of cities in the Northeast.

11 Here's Auburn, Maine, with 225
12 For Prohibition and 719 Against.

13 And Lowell, Massachusetts, 653 For
14 3,331 Against.

15 ~~We'll~~ Tomorrow we'll have another
16 ~~big and~~ imposing batch of State by State
17 returns. They will be printed and
18 analyzed in the new Literary Digest, which
19 comes out tomorrow, and will show the
20 latest trends and tendencies in the huge
21 vote for the whole country.

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23 ~~We now return to our program.~~
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1 Today, at Warren, Ohio, a man
2 stood before the Judge, and listened
3 silently while a sentence of life ~~im~~
4 imprisonment was imposed upon him. He is
5 Dowell Hargraves, convicted of kidnapping
6 the De Jute boy, at Niles, Ohio. This
7 case occurred right along with the
8 kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

9 James De Jute, twelve years old,
10 was stolen and a ransom demanded for his
11 return. The result was a good deal
12 happier than in the case of the Lindbergh
13 child. The police recovered the De Jute
14 boy, and arrested two men in whose
15 custody he was, and it is one of these
16 who was sentenced to life imprisonment
17 today.

18 It is believed, adds the United
19 Press, that a regularly organized
20 kidnapping gang engineered the crime, but
21 Hargraves has consistently refused to
22 name any accomplices. The man who was
23 arrested with him will be put to trial
24 soon. It is only natural after all the
25 excitement and indignation over the
tragic disappearance of the Lindbergh
baby that heavy sentences should be meted
out in this Ohio case.

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1 ~~from Hopewell, New Jersey~~ There are more conflicting rumors
2 ~~in the Lindbergh case~~ tonight. The
3 confusion about what really happened
4 is growing more and more involved.

5 (There are more reports about the
6 note which the kidnapper is said to have
7 left in the baby's crib. It has been
8 asserted that there was ~~no~~ such ~~note~~ a note
9 and it has just as positively been denied.)

10 *Tonight* The New York Sun declares ~~that~~
11 it has information that the kidnapper
12 left not one note, but three notes. They
13 were identical--they were written in
14 the same handwriting, and said the same
15 thing. Here's the way these three
16 identical notes are said to have read:

17 "RANSOM \$50,000. YOU WILL BE
18 COMMUNICATED WITH WITHIN A FEW DAYS,
19 BUT DO NOT NOTIFY THE POLICE."

20 Another report concerns the
21 much-discussed watchdog. It is said now
22 that the Lindbergh dog which usually
23 slept in the baby's bedroom was not in the
24 house at all on the night of the
25 kidnapping. It had been left at the home

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1 of Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, at Englewood.
2 They say that the dog that was in the
3 Lindbergh home belonged to the servants.
4 It was seldom, if ever, near the baby
5 and was ~~xxx~~ in the kitchen on the night
6 of the kidnapping.

7 Another clue concerning the
8 ~~ladder~~ tells of a family at Franklin Park
9 New Jersey, who declare that their German
10 butler and German maid disappeared on
11 the day after the kidnapping. After they
12 had gone the family noticed that some
13 furniture crating was missing, and also
14 a chisel. This crating may have been used
15 in building the ladder that the kidnappers
16 used. The chisel may be the same as the
17 one found on the ground below the baby's
18 window.

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1 It looks as if there will be a
2 new search in the South American jungle
3 for the missing explorer Colonel H. P.
4 Fawcett, who twelve years ago, entered
5 the wild tropical forests of Brazil, ^{with a party,} and
6 has not been seen since.

7 An English jungle trapper has
8 ~~XXXXXX~~ returned out of the wild region
9 where Fawcett was lost, and reports that
10 he talked to a white man living among
11 the Indians and that white man claimed
12 to be the missing explorer.

13 As the United Press tells the
14 story in the New York Sun today, the
15 British Consul General at Sao Paulo,
16 Brazil, declares that the tale of the
17 jungle trapper is the nearest thing to
18 definite word that has been heard from
19 Colonel Fawcett, and his party, since
20 they disappeared twelve years ago.

21 The trapper in question is named
22 Stephen Rattin, and he claims that six
23 weeks ago, he visited an Indian village
24 far in the jungle. A white man, dressed
25 in the skins of animals and wearing a

1 long beard, came up to him and declared
2 that he was Colonel Fawcett, and asked
3 the trapper to take the word to British
4 authorities on the Coast.

5 Well, if this is true, it may
6 lead to the clearing up of one of the
7 mysteries of exploration of our time.
8 Year after year, there has been an
9 extensive search for the Fawcett party.
10 No trace could be found of the missing
11 man, and it was believed that he was
12 killed by the hostile Indians of the
13 jungle.

14 *Commander Dyott who led one*
15 *of the expeditions to find Fawcett told*
16 *me that he believed the missing Colonel dead.*

1 Over in Jugo-Slavia people are
2 talking about a funny marriage
3 complication that has come to light. It
4 seems that a man and woman were married
5 twice. Two separate weddings were held,
6 but now the question is -- are they
7 married at all?

8 As the New York Sun tells the
9 story, Erwin Wamascher already had a
10 wife, but he ran across a young lady he
11 wanted to marry. A divorce was a hard
12 thing to get, but ~~he~~^{Wamascher} had an inspiration.
13 There are a number of Mohammedans in
14 Jugo-Slavia, and they live according to
15 the ancient law of the Prophet. A man
16 is allowed to have four wives. So
17 Wamascher and the young woman were
18 converted to Mohammedanism. Then he
19 married her, according to Mohammedan
20 rites, and she went on record as the
21 second of two wives.

22 Later on she became a little
23 uneasy about the Mohammedan ceremony and
24 persuaded her husband to have a civil
25 ceremony also. And that's when the

1 complications began. The authorities
2 claim that the civil wedding was
3 illegal, because polygamist Mohammedan
4 marriages are supposed to take place with
5 only religious, and not with civil
6 ceremony.

7 And meanwhile, the Mohammedan
8 authorities declare that because
9 Wamascher and his bride had a civil
10 wedding, it proves that they're not
11 really Mohammedans at all, and that
12 therefore the Mohammedan ceremony was
13 illegal.

14 So that leaves the perplexed
15 couple twice married, but perhaps not
16 married at all.

17 And that's a grand Jugo-Slavian
18 tangle.
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1 An amusing advertisement appears
2 today in the News-Review of Lawton,
3 Oklahoma. The ad reads this way:-
4 "FOUND -- Ladies purse in my car. Owner
5 may have same by calling at my office,
6 identifying the property, and paying for
7 this ad. But if she will explain to my
8 wife that I had nothing to do with the
9 purse being in my car, I will pay for
10 this ad."

11 ~~Well, that sounds like a fair~~
12 ~~proposition.~~ Let's hope that the lady
13 whose purse was found in the automobile
14 will make the satisfactory explanation.
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1 ring out, (^{well,} Well, ^ the Babe has signed up. ^{Let the}
 2 Down in Florida today Babe Ruth put his ^{balls}
 3 signature on a contract for one year.
 4 The Bambino had quite an argument with
 5 Colonel Jake Rupert, owner of the New
 6 York Yankees, before they finally came
 7 to terms. The New York Evening Post
 8 says it's a compromise. The Babe was
 9 holding out for 80,000 dollars a year.
 10 Colonel Jake's figure was 70,000. But
 11 now they have split the difference and
 12 compromised for 75,000 berries.)

13 ~~And that is~~

14 And the clinking of that many
 15 iron men is a tuneful note to end
 16 on any time. And s-l-u-t-o-m.