

1 Good Evening, Everybody:

2 I fell as if we ought to have a
3 big bass drum giving a few booming notes.
4 Here's one of the most important bits of
5 news I've had to relay along the ether
6 waves for a long time. And it is being
7 featured in newspapers all over the
8 country. Yes, the final votes are all
9 in. The millions of ballots in the
10 Literary Digest prohibition poll have
11 been counted, down to the last one, and
12 they are printed in the new Literary
13 Digest that came out today.

14 As the returns have been coming
15 in day after day, I suppose we've all
16 guessed that only a mighty few
17 states were going to appear in the dry
18 column. And that's just what we find
19 in today's finals for all the states.
20 There are only two that show a
21 clear dry majority: - Kansas and
22 North Carolina. Kansas gives prohibition
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1 a majority of ^{just} 397 votes. North
2 Carolina gives an even ~~smaller and even~~
3 slenderer dry majority: ~~than that. It is~~
4 ~~a majority of~~ only 68 votes. All the
5 other states vote wet. Some, such as
6 Arkansas, give mighty slim wet majorities.
7 Others, like the great industrial states
8 of the North and East polled huge
9 pluralities against prohibition.

10 (And now here is something that we
11 have all been waiting for -- the final
12 totals that show the way the country has
13 divided on prohibition in this immense
14 poll. The final dry vote is 1,236,660.
15 The complete total for the wet side of
16 the question is 3,431,877. That
17 represents a majority of a trifle less
18 than three to one against the 18th
19 Amendment.)

20 Let's make a few comparisons with
21 the former Literary Digest poll in 1930.
22 After all, one of the most interesting
23 things is the trend that is revealed. In
24 the 1930 poll there were three
25 alternatives -- enforcement, modification,

1 and repeal. In the present 1932 poll
2 things have been boiled down to a clear-
3 cut issue, with only two choices --
4 continuance and repeal.

5 ~~There was an argument about the~~
6 ~~1930 poll. The Wets said the modification~~
7 ~~vote should be classed as wet, and the~~
8 ~~Dries said the modification vote should~~
9 ~~be classed as dry.~~ ¶ Let's confine
10 ourselves to the out and out,
11 ~~unquestionable~~ dry votes in 1930. At
12 that time 30.46 per cent of all the
13 ballots were cast in favor of
14 enforcement. Now let's compare them
15 with the dry votes in the present poll.
16 We find a percentage of 26.49 for
17 continuance of the 18th Amendment. That
18 shows a wet drift since 1930 of ^{about} 4 per
19 cent.

20 Many of the opponents of the 18th
21 Amendment believed that the trend against
22 prohibition would show up heavier.

23 In 1930 there were five states that
24 gave a majority for prohibition -- Kansas,
25 Arkansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and

1 Tennessee. This year, as we have seen,
2 there are only two dry states, and
3 neither one shows as large a dry
4 majority as it did in 1930.

5 ~~Well~~^{Now} what section of the country
6 shows the heaviest sentiment for
7 prohibition? And in what section is the
8 Wet cause the strongest? How do the
9 various parts of this broad land show
10 up in this show-down on the greatest
11 question of our day? How does your
12 state vote? Well, these questions are
13 answered in the new issue of the Digest,
14 which gives us vital bits of analysis.

15 Now come a batch of all-final city
16 returns from ten large municipalities.

17 Kansas City, Kansas, gives us 1136
18 votes for continuance -- 2332 for repeal.

19 The last word on Louisville,
20 Kentucky is 2638 in favor of prohibition
21 -- 14,710 against.

22 Detroit, Michigan, the home of the
23 automobile, shows 5188 dry, and 47,010
24 wet.

25 Baltimore, Maryland, the home of

1 H. L. Mencken and once the home of Joe
2 ^{and Edgar Allan Poe,} Gans, shows 4155 for continuance, and
3 25,247 for repeal of the 18th Amendment.

4 Kansas City, Missouri, has
5 approximately the same story to tell as
6 Kansas City, Kansas, although in larger
7 figures. There we have 6536 dry, and
8 13,184 wet votes.

9 Butte, Montana, the home of copper
10 and once the scene of many fights,
11 reports 178 in favor of prohibition, and
12 1,943 who do not care for it.

13 In Minneapolis, ~~Minnesota~~, there are
14 6028 who are satisfied with things as
15 they are, and 23,440 who feel differently.

16 Fargo, North Dakota, has 338 who
17 like prohibition -- 1084 who don't.

18 Coming East, ^{here's} ~~we have the city of~~
19 Boston. ~~The report from there is~~ ~~88~~
20 8917 ^{dry} ~~votes~~, and 37,514 wet.

21 And in Manchester, New Hampshire,
22 there are 523 in favor of continuance of
23 the 18th Amendment, and 2444 in favor of
24 repeal.
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1 Politicians are still wondering
2 about the size of the chock that Al
3 Smith put under the Roosevelt bandwagon
4 in the Democratic primaries.

5 A United Press story in the
6 Pittsburgh Press declares that (the
7 Roosevelt managers concede 12 Pennsylvania
8 delegates to Mr. Smith, and that the
9 Governor will have at least 50.)

10 George Van Slyke, in the New York
11 Sun says the unexpected strength of Al
12 Smith indicates a bitter struggle ahead.
13 Smith leaders are charging that the
14 Roosevelt forces spent \$150,000 in the
15 Massachusetts primaries. The Roosevelt
16 men say they only spent 5,000.

17 (On the Republican side of the fence
18 Mr. Hoover's nomination is generally
19 conceded as certain ~~now~~ that Kentucky's
20 25 delegates have been added to his
21 previous total of 575. The President
22 now has 600 votes.)
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1 It looks ^{as if} ~~like a fair chance~~
2 ~~that~~ the banks ^{were} ~~are~~ going to join the
3 Stock Exchange as a target for the
4 Senate's investigation. Senator Norbeck,
5 Chairman of the Banking Committee which
6 is giving the party, came out today
7 with a sweeping, ~~and~~ indignant
8 pronouncement on the subject.

9 The United Press dispatch from
10 Washington to the New York World
11 Telegram quotes Senator Norbeck as
12 saying to the banks:

13 "You are no better than bears
14 yourself ^{yes} when you refuse to grant new
15 loans and extend old ones that are ~~s~~
16 well secured."

17 ~~"You are adding to the force of~~
18 ~~the deflation and destroying the value~~
19 ~~of all property", the Senator declared~~
20 ~~further.~~

21 He accused the banks of
22 failing to pass along to the public
23 the benefits of the relief legislation
24 which they have had from the administration.
25 ~~They~~ ^{He} charged them ^{with} ~~of a~~ complete failure

1 to cooperate in the credit extension
2 program of the Federal Reserve.

3 "If this condition continues", *the*
4 *Senator* added, "I'm going to recommend to
5 the committee that this be gone into
6 fully and searchingly."

7 ~~So the possibility is that~~
8 ~~several prominent bankers will be~~
9 ~~brought to Washington and given an~~
10 ~~uncomfortable quarter of an hour.~~

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Meanwhile a rebellious House of Representatives has wrecked the Democratic economy bill, and refused to reduce the salaries of the thousands of government employees ^{whose pay checks amount to} ~~making~~ less than \$2500. a year.

According to a United Press dispatch in the New York Sun ~~from~~ ~~Washington,~~ this revolt in the House has raised havoc with the plans of the leaders and caused the administration grave dismay.

1 The latest news from Honolulu
2 is that the jury in the Massie case
3 is still locked up. It must be a tough
4 session that jury of mixed races is
5 having, ~~and a difficult thing for them~~
6 ~~to decide.~~

7 Of course, while I'm talking to
8 you it's barely ~~one~~^{noon} ~~o'clock in the~~
9 ~~afternoon~~ in Hawaii. So there's
10 probably very little chance of our
11 getting the jury's verdict tonight.

12 Meanwhile Clarence Darrow
13 announced positively today that this
14 would be ~~positively~~ the last case in
15 which he would ever appear.

16 ~~The echoes of the famous speech~~
17 ~~that he made for the defendants are~~
18 ~~still being heard, and those who were~~
19 ~~present declared that there was hardly~~
20 ~~a dry eye in the courtroom.~~

Bob Davis.

Traveling
author / photo-
grapher.

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1 I sometimes think I'm a bit of a world traveler,
2 but when I get in the presence of one man I know, I've the
3 feeling that I haven't been anywhere. And tha man is a world-
4 famous New York editor who now has the grandest roving com-
5 mission of any writer on earth. His name is Bob Davis. Bob
6 dropped in to say hello a moment ago. He's just passing through,
7 on his way to the South Seas.
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10 He has come home just long enough to see his latest
11 book off the press, a magnificent de luxe volume that sells for
12 a hundred dollars a copy. I wonder who has a hundred dollars? It
13 is called MAN MAKES HIS OWN MASK. It contains a collection of
14 120 huge portrait photographs of famous men all over the world,
15 made with Bob's own camera. And I guess it is just about the
16 handsomest book every published on this continent.
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20 By the way, Bob, there's one think I'd like to
21 ask you. You were given the most wonderful newspaper assignment
22 in the world some years ago, one that has taken you on 400,000
23 miles of travel, around and around the globe. How under the sun
24 did you get that assignment? I vaguely recall a dramatic
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1 interview that you had with Mussolini that was printed in almost
2 every newspaper on earth. I remember that as a result you were
3 made an honorary life member of the staff of the Associated
4 Press. And I understood it was that story that got you your
5 unusual roving assignment from Mr. Dewart, President of the New
6 York Sun. How about it, Bob, and by the way, what do you search
7 for when you go on your jaunts?
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1 Well, Lowell, I search for stories
2 of love, laughter and tears; for drama,
3 for romance, for the epics ~~that are~~
4 ~~born~~ in the hearts of men and women,
5 the lowly, the high born, the prince and
6 the pauper. I seek the unwritten tales
7 that lie sleeping upon the tongues of
8 all peoples. Every mortal has a story
9 to tell, a new chapter, a revelation of
10 life beautified by truth. It is these
11 voices that I record; simply that and
12 nothing more. *When I find a man who wants*
13 *to talk, I let him.*
14 ~~Yes, it~~ was ~~that~~ Mussolini story
15 that got me my roving commission as a
16 reporter. Following that fourth attempt
17 upon Mussolini's life, in September of
18 1926, I interviewed him at the Chigi
19 Palace in Rome.

19 "Why," I asked the Black Shirt
20 Dictator, "do you not protect yourself?"

21 "God is my protector," he replied,
22 fixing me with his blazing eyes. "I will
23 die a natural death. I am not to be
24 destroyed by the hands of assassins."

25 "You are a shining mark," I

1 answered, "and an invitation to those
2 who oppose you."

3 "Nothing shall impede my right to
4 move with freedom among the people. #

5 ~~said Mussolini~~, "I shall come and go at
6 will. God will guard Italy and me."

7 Like Vesuvius in eruption the Premier
8 poured out the lava of his defiance and
9 bade me to notify the enemies of his
10 country that he would proceed
11 unfaltering along the highway of his
12 destiny. It was his first utterance
13 for publication following the attempt
14 upon his life and by far the most
15 dramatic in all my professional
16 experience.

Bob,

Well, our friends the Irish seem to be ^{in a} dramatic mood, ~~they seem to be~~ rushing on to a climax [^] fully bent on ~~rushing into another~~ argument with John Bull. A United Press dispatch from Dublin to the New York World Telegram brings the information that the passage of the bill to abolish the oath of allegiance to the British King is practically assured in the Irish Parliament. The bill passed its second reading today.

A spokesman for the Labor Party, ~~xxxxxx~~ which now holds the balance of power in the Dublin Legislature, virtually agreed to support the measure today when he announced that ~~his~~ his party has no use for the oath. #

~~"It will provide neither work nor homes for working people", declared the Labor leader. He added "on the contrary it will continue to create discontent among the people."~~

The final vote is expected tomorrow.

1 Now wait a minute, folks, -
2 I mean you grown-ups. I want to ask
3 you to stand by while I utter a few
4 words of good cheer to the youngsters.
5 I have some ~~mighty good~~ news for the
6 junior salesmen. ~~of the Literary Digest.~~

7 ~~This is the time of the year~~
8 ~~when a fellow wants some good news,~~
9 ~~especially the kind that I'm going to~~
10 ~~pass along. You know how it is. Spring~~
11 ~~is here, summer is coming. School is~~
12 ~~going to be over pretty soon, and then~~
13 ~~vacation. And here's the news:-~~

14 ~~Well, that brings me to the~~
15 ~~subject of~~ *I saw* two big trucks ~~that I saw~~
16 backed up at the Literary Digest
17 warehouse, and those trucks were chuck
18 full of - guess what? Well, baseball
19 outfits, cameras, tool kits, boy scout
20 equipment, roller skates, wrist watches,
21 fishing tackle, pocket knives, swimming
22 suits, and just about everything else
23 that a boy could want.

24 Well, ~~I don't have to do much~~
25 ~~explaining to~~ you junior salesmen. ~~You~~

1 know what it's all about. You must
2 have received your catalogs a few days
3 ago. But some of the other chaps
4 might not understand, so I'm going to
5 tell how I looked through that catalog
6 today, and how it took me back to the
7 days when I was a boy. ~~In fact, I~~
8 ~~could have used some of those good things~~
9 ~~myself.~~

10 There's that boyscout bugle.
11 I bet I could play a mighty loud tune
12 on it. And then there's the micro-~~xxx~~
13 telescope. You stretch it ^{away} out and it's
14 a telescope; You push it together and
15 it's a microscope. Can you beat that?
16 But I think I get the biggest thrill
17 of all out of that squirt gun. I think
18 I'll go out and ~~sell the~~ ^{deliver a few} Literary Digests
19 myself and get one ^{of those squirt guns} and sneak up behind my
20 own boy and give him a shot of cold
21 water on the back of the neck. ~~Won't O'U~~
22 ~~he holler.~~ Or he might beat me to it.

23 But wait a minute. I'm rambling
24 on here when the Literary Digest editors
25 gave me a message ^{for you.} ~~to pass along.~~ All

1 those things from the micro-telescope
2 to the squirt gun are prizes which
3 the Literary Digest is giving to the
4 junior salesmen. Of course, you get
5 your regular commission for selling
6 the Digest, and you get your bonus checks
7 ~~xxxxxxx~~ every three months.

8 But they ^{ve} ~~heads of the Literary~~
9 ~~Digest have~~ asked me to tell you ~~junior~~
10 ~~salesmen~~ that you can get anyone of
11 those prize gifts, or a dozen of them
12 in addition to your cash and bonus
13 awards. That's the big news. It's big
14 news to you junior salesmen, and to the
15 ~~old~~ ^{other} fellows who are going to take a
16 tip from me and start out ~~selling~~ ^{delivering} the
17 ~~Literary~~ Digest.

18 All right, Howard, I'll leave
19 something for you to say. That was
20 Announcer Howard Petrie jogging me
21 with his elbow. He's got something to
22 tell ~~xx~~ you young fellows, and he
23 didn't want me to grab the whole show for
24 myself. But anyway, I can't help
25 mentioning a letter I have from George

1 Felknor, of Meridian, Mississippi.
2 He writes me that he disposes of his
3 weekly copies of the Digest usually
4 in one day and sometimes two. The
5 other five days of the week he devotes
6 to his boyscout activities.

7 And by the way, George recently
8 received an eagle badge from the
9 National Council of Boy Scouts of
10 America.

11 Well, I'll bet that some day
12 George is going to climb as high in the
13 world as his father. ~~had~~ George's
14 dad is an official of ~~the~~ ^{the} Law
15 Department of one of the biggest
16 railroads in this country. ~~He~~ ^{George has} started
17 himself on his business career with
18 the Literary Digest. He's saving the
19 money he makes for his education, and
20 I'll bet he'll end ~~up~~ by being a
21 railroad president or something like
22 that.

23 Alright Howard, here's the
24 squirtgun. I mean the microphone.
25 But wait a minute, I've forgotten to bid
~~say~~ the folks goodnight.