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Good Evening Everybody:—

(Talk about a bombshell! <sup>Alfred E.</sup> ~~Al~~ Smith

certainly threw one when he made that  
speech at the Jefferson Dinner last night  
with its thinly veiled attack on Governor  
Roosevelt. Not only the city but the  
whole country is excited about it, <sup>and talking</sup>  
<sup>about it today.</sup>

It's been no secret for a long time  
that the Happy Warrior in the Brown Derby  
did not exactly <sup>see eye to eye with the distinguished</sup> ~~love the~~ man who  
succeeded him as Governor ~~of~~ at Albany.)

But Al kept his counsel and never  
until yesterday said anything for  
publication that you could pick on as  
definite. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ It has been a sort of  
Alfonse and Gaston relation between the  
two of them, with the growls concealed  
well down in the throat.

Well, here's something from Governor  
Roosevelt. A United Press reporter, quoted  
in the Albany Evening News, went to him at  
the Executive Mansion, <sup>this afternoon and asked:—</sup> ~~and said:~~ "Have you  
anything to say about the former  
Governor's speech?"

"No, replied Mr. Roosevelt, with  
a chuckle. "But I'll tell you a funny one.

1 A friend of mine called from New York City  
2 today and said 'Wasn't that a terrible  
3 attack Al made on Alfalfa Bill Murray?'"

4 It's a little bit new for Franklin  
5 Roosevelt to be among the public men to  
6 come forward with a sense of humor. That  
7 seems to have been all he <sup>had to say.</sup> ~~was prepared to~~  
8 ~~be quoted in.~~ But he indicated that he  
9 wasn't looking for any fight and would not  
10 become embroiled in any battle over the  
11 Presidential nomination.

12 One of Al Smith's proposals had a  
13 <sup>favorable</sup> ~~total~~ echo in France. An important plank  
14 he wants to put into the Democratic  
15 platform is "Let's forget the war debts  
16 or rather let's reduce them 25¢ for each  
17 dollar's worth of goods purchased <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~ ~~by~~  
18 Uncle Sam <sup>by</sup> ~~from~~ foreign countries."

19 Which ~~that~~ <sup>^</sup> sounds like an idea at that;  
20 and so said a prominent Frenchman,  
21 Monsieur Claude <sup>Zeeena</sup> Gignoux until recently  
22 Minister of National Economy.

23 According to a special dispatch to  
24 the New York Evening Sun from William Bird  
25 in Paris, Monsieur Gignoux says:

1 "There is no question Mr. Smith's  
2 scheme would greatly stimulate American  
3 exports. France would study sympathetically  
4 any such proposal that came from the  
5 United States Government.!"

6 As for Al Smith, after throwing his  
7 bomb, he stole away to a secret hideout  
8 near the Willard Hotel in Washington  
9 with Mr. Ras~~ob~~ and Chairman <sup>Shouse</sup>~~Schaus~~ of  
10 the Democratic Party. There they locked  
11 the doors and apparently nobody could get  
12 to them, ~~according to a United Press~~  
13 ~~dispatch from Washington.~~

14 Maybe you think Tammany wasn't  
15 excited. All the bigwigs of the Wigwam  
16 were sitting directly below Mr. Smith  
17 while Al was calling Governor Roosevelt  
18 a demagogue, although he didn't mention  
19 him by name. ~~says xxxxx~~ Ray Tucker in the  
20 New York World-Telegram <sup>adds that</sup> ~~and~~ you can  
21 imagine how unhappily the bosses shivered  
22 when they realized what a scrap the  
23 Happy Warrior's speech would start among  
24 the Democrats. <sup>As for</sup> The Tammany lads weren't  
25 saying anything for publication today. ~~but~~

1 ~~Like the lady's parrot, they thought the~~  
2 ~~more.~~

3 George Van Slyke, head of the N.Y.  
4 Evening Sun's Bureau in Washington,  
5 reports that Al Smith's throwing of the  
6 hat may have come too late to prevent the  
7 nomination of the New York Governor.  
8 Some Democratic leaders think it may ~~xxxx~~  
9 even help Roosevelt by solidifying the  
10 Anti-Smith sentiment.

11 ~~Popular as he is with millions of~~  
12 ~~people it is no secret that the man in~~  
13 ~~the Brown Berby is by no means the~~  
14 ~~white-haired boy of Tammany Hall, many of~~  
15 ~~whose leaders would sigh a happy sigh if~~  
16 ~~he went into permanent retirement.~~

1 At Washington today Eugene Meyer,  
2 Federal Reserve Board Governor told a  
3 group of lawmakers that the Reconstruction  
4 Finance Corporation has advanced loans  
5 to 1319 banks. Most of these banks were  
6 in small towns. 92% of the cash was lent  
7 to banks in towns of less than 100,000  
8 population. And 76% of the amount went  
9 to towns of less than 10,000 population.

10 A United Press dispatch in the New  
11 York Sun quotes Mr. Meyer <sup>to the effect</sup> that ~~xx~~ a whole  
12 lot hoarded money has been put back into  
13 circulation. <sup>he declares</sup> ~~He says~~ that as near as the  
14 financial experts can figure it 250  
15 million in cash that was ~~xxxxxxx~~  
16 hidden away has been dug up and ~~xxxxxx~~  
17 turned into useful active money.

1 There was something of a rumpus  
2 at a meeting of the Ways and Means  
3 Committee of the House of Representatives  
4 today. The Committee was considering  
5 the Soldier's Bonus question when two  
6 representatives of an organization  
7 called the Workers and Soldiers League  
8 became so noisy that the chairman  
9 called a cop. The policeman appeared  
10 and ejected the two men. One is a negro  
11 of New York City who is a candidate  
12 for the Vice President<sup>or</sup> on the Communist  
13 ticket.  
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1 ~~Ladies and Gentlemen:~~

2 Well, I found an interesting bit  
3 of news in the current issue of the  
4 Literary Digest which is out today.  
5 As the editor of the Digest remarks, in  
6 spite of what the Governor of North  
7 Carolina said to the governor of South  
8 Carolina on a historic occasion, North  
9 Carolina has gone dry, *I mean in the Digest Poll.*

10 The returns for that state ~~in the~~  
11 ~~Digest Prohibition Poll~~ ~~are all in now,~~  
12 ~~and the Digest figures~~ show that 30,772  
13 North Carolinians are in favor of the  
14 18th Amendment, 30,691 want it repealed.  
15 *Dry by a majority of 83.*

16 Kansas also is ~~conclusively~~  
17 shown to be ~~even~~ drier than North  
18 Carolina. In the sunflower state we  
19 have 39,075 in favor of prohibition,  
20 38,803 against it. *A majority of 272.*

21 Last week it seemed as though  
22 Arkansas was trembling in the balance,  
23 but the figures now show 13,389 dry  
24 votes from that state, and 14,772 ~~who~~ wet.  
25 ~~are wet.~~

There's ~~another very illuminating~~

1 point made in the article by Dr.  
 2 William Siegel Woods, editor of the  
 3 Digest. It seems the Des Moines Register,  
 4 one of the oldest newspapers in Iowa,  
 5 conducted a check-up poll ~~on~~ of its  
 6 own to see how accurate the Digest Poll  
 7 would be. The Digest figures are  
 8 29,931 for continuance, and 53,588  
 9 for repeal. The Register's poll by  
 10 comparison shows 31,009 for prohibition,  
 11 43,348 against it. It will be  
 12 observed that ~~xxx~~ a total of 83,519  
 13 voted in the Digest Poll, and only  
 14 74,357 in that conducted by the Des  
 15 Moines Register.

16 The total figures to date show  
 17 1,137,287 <sup>for the 18th Amend.</sup> ~~drys in America~~, 3,192,129 <sup>against.</sup>  
 18 ~~wet.~~

19 In our ~~xx~~ list of city returns  
 20 for the day we have Corvallis, Oregon,  
 21 with a vote of 281 for continuance of  
 22 the amendment, 243 for repeal.

23 A second report from <sup>the historic old city of</sup> Richmond,  
 24 Virginia, the home town of Senator  
 25 Glass and Bishop Cannon, shows there



1 are 1,472 dry~~x~~ votes, ~~8,478~~ 6,478 wet.

2 Dashing north we find a second  
3 report from Buffalo, New York, with  
4 2,481 favoring prohibition, 18,238  
5 against. ~~is~~.

6 In Middletown, Connecticut, 216  
7 want things to go on as they are,  
8 879 would like <sup>a</sup> ~~them~~ changed.

9 Taunton, Massachusetts, reports  
10 202 still believing in prohibition,  
11 762 on the other side.

12 Bloomfield, New Jersey, has  
13 340 dry, 1,751 wet.

14 Portsmouth, Ohio, 798 in favor  
15 of the amendment, 2,979 who don't like  
16 it.

17 In Lancaster, Pennsylvania,  
18 there are 834 who like prohibition,  
19 3,092 who don't. *paradise of the apple knockers,*

20 Yakima, Washington, ~~has~~ 493  
21 who ~~like~~ <sup>for</sup> the present system, 1,366 who ~~are~~ *against*  
22 ~~want it changed.~~

23 Superior, Wisconsin, ~~has~~ 417  
24 dries, 1,859 wets.

25 ~~We now return to our program.~~

Frank  
Schoonmaker.  
Traveler, Spain.

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# INTRODUCTION TO SCHOONMAKER

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1 Over in Spain they are celebrating  
2 an anniversary ~~xxxxxx~~ and the newspapers  
3 tell of gala celebrations all over the  
4 ancient peninsula of Iberia, ~~but~~ I have  
5 a chap here with me who <sup>knows more about Spain</sup> ~~can tell more~~  
6 <sup>than any man alive.</sup> ~~about it than I can.~~

7 He is Frank Schoonmaker, ~~xxx~~ an  
8 <sup>In fact he and I are at work on a book on Spain.</sup> authority on travel. <sup>^</sup> Come along, Frank,  
9 and tell us something about ~~the~~ castles  
10 in Spain.

having  
They're celebrating a national birthday party in Spain

1 tonight ~~Tonight is a great night in Spain.~~

2 The Spanish Republic is just one year old  
3 today. On the 14th of April last year I  
4 watched the boys and girls of Madrid ~~dance~~  
5 dancing in the streets which lead down  
6 to that great gray palace in which so many  
7 generations of Spanish kings have lived.

8 I saw the ex-king leave and watched the  
9 new republic come into the world. I  
10 suppose, in Madrid tonight, those same  
11 boys and girls are dancing in the streets <sup>once more.</sup>

12 Just a year has gone by since  
13 Alfonso decided he had urgent business  
14 elsewhere--and in that year Spain has gone  
15 a long way. They've got a brand new  
16 constitution now, although they haven't  
17 started passing amendments yet; they've  
18 got a legislature, a new purple stripe in  
19 the flag, lots of cars, radios, and woman  
20 suffrage. So Spain has turned into what  
21 you might call a modern country. But not  
22 entirely modern. There are still castles  
23 in Spain, and crumbling old sunlit towns,  
24 and forgotten little ports such as Palos,  
25 from which Columbus sailed out to forge

1 the first of the many links which unite  
2 Spain with America. There are still  
3 gypsies who will dance for you or tell  
4 your fortune in Granada, and from the hill  
5 across the way you can see the Alhambra,  
6 piled up ~~on its hill~~ against a background  
7 of snowcapped mountains, like a fairy  
8 palace. If the citizens of Toledo, Ohio,  
9 wanted to get around in Toledo, Spain,  
10 they would have to trade in their cars  
11 for 1932 model donkeys.

12 The Revolution has done one thing.  
13 It's brought prices down, and today you  
14 can stretch a dollar farther in Spain than  
15 in any other country of the civilized  
16 world. The new government is doing a lot  
17 for those of us who want to go over and  
18 see Spain--the old Spain as well as the  
19 new. They're regulating hotel rates,  
20 building perfectly splendid roads; they  
21 even send interpreters to meet you when you  
22 get off the train. For the Spaniards are  
23 a hospitable crowd, hospitable by instinct  
24 and by tradition too.

25 And, revolution or no revolution,  
there are still castles in Spain.

1 A lot of bank depositors are going  
2 to be investigated in New York. Police  
3 are going to try to check up on  
4 depositors who may have passed along some  
5 of those bills in the Lindbergh case.

6 The New York Sun today tells  
7 us that ~~EXX~~ <sup>the mysterious</sup> \$20. bill in the Lindbergh  
8 case has been traced to a bank in which  
9 it was deposited, and it is believed  
10 that more of the money that Colonel  
11 Lindbergh paid to the kidnapers may  
12 have been placed in this same bank.  
13 The bank has 3,000 depositors, and the  
14 police plan to investigate every one of *them*.

15 ~~these~~  
16 ( Handwriting experts have gone  
17 over the notes delivered to Dr. Condon,  
18 and compared them with the notes left  
19 in the baby's cradle, at the time of the  
20 kidnapping, and these experts declare  
21 that the handwriting is the same. They  
22 are sure that the man who wrote to Dr.  
23 Condon and later got the \$50,000 ransom  
24 from Col. Lindbergh, is the same as the  
25 one who wrote the notes left by the

1 kidnapper)

2 The <sup>n.y.</sup> Evening Sun quotes an  
 3 important police official, without  
 4 naming him, to the effect that he <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~  
 5 convinced the child would be returned  
 6 eventually. ~~He is one of those who~~  
 7 ~~believes Col. Lindbergh and his~~  
 8 ~~advisers were completely swindled out~~  
 9 ~~of the \$50,000 ransom money.~~

10 ~~XXXXXX~~ A United Press dispatch  
 11 from Vienna quotes Major Charles  
 12 Schoeffel of the New Jersey State Police,  
 13 as believing the leader of the kidnappers  
 14 to be what he calls a <sup>Cent. European</sup> ~~German American~~.  
 15 It seems Major Schoeffel arrived in  
 16 Vienna without any blowing of trumpets.  
 17 He said he had the complete cooperation  
 18 of the <sup>Viennese</sup> ~~Viennese~~ police, but he found no  
 19 indications that the baby had been brought  
 20 to Europe. ~~According to another United~~  
 21 ~~Press dispatch police all over Europe~~  
 22 ~~are watching for bank notes, or any~~  
 23 ~~other leads XXXXXX to the whereabouts of~~  
 24 ~~the missing child.~~

1 Here's a letter that sure makes a  
2 hit with me. It's from a lad named  
3 Jimmy Jobes. He lives out in Greenville,  
4 Ohio. And I can tell from Jimmy's  
5 letterhead that he's a comm~~er~~ -- with  
6 both feet planted squarely on the earth.  
7 His letterhead reads "James Jobes,  
8 District Agent, The Literary Digest,  
9 Greenville, Ohio."

10 Well, here's what Jimmy says:  
11 "I feel that I know you because my mother  
12 says she used to play with you, when  
13 you lived in the other side of her  
14 grandmother's house. Her name is Juliet."

15 That's okay, <sup>Jimmy</sup> ~~but it makes me~~  
16 ~~feel like an old man.~~ Then Jimmy goes  
17 on to say: "I'm ten years old and  
18 have been selling the Literary Digest  
19 for a year. I put half of my earnings  
20 in the Building and Loan every week for  
21 my college fund, and with the rest I  
22 pay personal expenses, boy scout dues,  
23 etc. I hope when I get to be a man that  
24 I can travel around and see as many  
25 places as you have. Your friend, James  
Jobes."



1           What I like about these Junior  
2 salesmen is that they show such fine  
3 American grit. ~~and independence and they are~~  
4 ~~so keen to ~~help~~ help.~~ Lots of them aren't  
5 doing the work for themselves. They are  
6 doing it to help ~~out on~~ the <sup>old</sup> family budget.  
7 And we don't have to take their word  
8 for it. Usually it comes from their  
9 parents.

10           Here's a gallant lad in Dorchester,  
11 Massachusetts. His father, Mr. ~~Thomas~~  
12 C. Corliss, of that town, writes in that  
13 his son, ~~Joseph~~ needed a new ~~tweed~~ cap  
14 for Easter. "He knows I belong to the  
15 great army of the unemployed", says  
16 Mr. Corliss, "~~so therefore he must do his~~  
17 ~~bit~~". So young Joe bought his cap out  
18 of his own ~~x~~ earnings, selling the Literary  
19 Digest.

20           And Mrs. Jacobsen writes in from  
21 Hartford, Connecticut, that her son  
22 Ronald, only nine years old, "gets a real  
23 thrill out of selling his copies of the  
24 Digest".

25           "I let him undertake this work just

1 to see if he would improve with new  
2 contracts". "His father is out of town  
3 a great deal and last week Ronald wrote  
4 to him telling him of his work for the  
5 Digest, concluding 'Here's ten cents  
6 for you <sup>Dad</sup> from your son and loving pal,  
7 Ronald'".

8 That's the kind of son who ought  
9 to make everybody's heart glad.

1 Well, our old friend, H. R.  
 2 Knickerbocker, sent in a piece to  
 3 the New York Evening Post from Berlin,  
 4 today, that seemed to me not unamusing.  
 5 Yes you guessed it. It's about ~~the~~ der  
 6 <sup>Schöner</sup> ~~Handsome~~ Adolf.

7 ~~Man~~ <sup>Mein Herr</sup> Hitler, says Knickerbocker,  
 8 is not altogether displeas ~~xxx~~ that  
 9 the government has put the kybosh  
 10 on his army. It has two advantages  
 11 for the leader of the Nazis, as  
 12 Hitler's party call themselves. In the  
 13 first place he thinks it makes them  
 14 entirely legal, and hence ~~xx~~ capable  
 15 of coalition with any other party.

16 Second, and this ought to appeal  
 17 to all of us, it saves him \$25,000.  
 18 a day. That's quite a price to pay  
 19 for your own private army. <sup>Ja Ja.</sup> ~~Any of us~~  
 20 ~~might have thought he'd like to have~~  
 21 ~~his own army too.~~ But In case you're  
 22 contemplating <sup>one</sup> ~~it~~, just remember ---  
 23 \$25,000. a day.

24 The final advantage Handsome  
 25 Adolf sees for himself in President

1 M von Hindenburg's ~~XXXXXXXXXX/XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>suppression</sup>  
 2 of his storm troops is that it may  
 3 increase the Nazi vote at the <sup>Prussian</sup> ~~present~~  
 4 election on April 24. He thinks this  
 5 iron-handed step will arouse indignation  
 6 and get him lots more followers on  
 7 election day. At any rate, he's  
 8 saying, April 24 is revenge day for us. He's  
 9 calling it *Der Tag*. *And this is der tag for me.*  
 10 ~~So auf weidersehn, and~~ ~~And this will be revenge day~~  
 11 ~~for me if I don't cut it short and~~  
 12 ~~say~~ <sup>^</sup> so long until tomorrow.