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Heavy fighting is going on again 1 in Manchuria. Large forces of Chinese 2 rebels have been battling with the 3 Japanese.) The Chinese made a savage 4 attack on Tungyuanpu, which is 96 5 miles East of the Japanese Military 6 Headquarters at Mukden. A small 7 Japanese garrison defended the town. 8 The Chinese came charging in and there 9 was bitter street fighting. According 10 to the last reports the Japanese garrison 11 was holding its own. 12

This new trouble in Manchuria 13 with Chinese rebels on the rampage is 14 said to be creating an exceedingly tense 15 situation between Japan and Soviet 16 Russia. Any disturbance involving 17 military movements along the Russo-13 Manchurian border is always a possible 19 source of friction. (There is a hint of 20 serious danger -- that Soviet Russia 21 may be involved in the present imbroglio 22 A United Press dispatch deta 23 declares that authentic reports have 24 reached Washington that feverish 25

military preparations are being made

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by the Red Army at Vladivostok. They
say that enormous quantities of wheat
are being accumulated at that port.

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Rumors are circulating that the Soviets are planning to feed Chinese irregulars along the border, and encourage them to keep up their fight against the Japanese.

A United Press dispatch in the 9 New York World Telegram quotes Chine se 10 newspapers as make declaring that the 11 Japanese withdrawal of troops from 12 Shanghai is only a sham, just a bit of 13 hocus pocus. The Japanese have withdrawn 14 15 the Ninth Division from the Shanghai 16 area. The Chine se admit that. But they 17 claim that secretly and without any fuss 18 and feathers the Tokio government has 19 replaced the Ninth Division with the 20 Fortieth Division which is twice as 21 strong. The Chinese claim that the 22 pretended withdrawal of Japanese troops 23 is just a bit of Oriental flim-flamming.

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Over in Paris there is word that 1 orders have come from Moscow -- that is, 2 the Soviets at Moscow have been passing 3 along a few regulations to be carried out by French communists. France is 5 going to have a Parliamentary election 6 soon, and Moscow is telling the French 7 communists what to do. 8

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THROW OUT THE INTELLECTUALS! --9 that's one of the commands. Moscow is 10 of the opinion that French communism 11 doesn't need any highbrows. The 12 candidates it puts up for election should 13 be strong and husky working-men, and 14 not any of those elegant, educated 15 Radicals. 16

The New York Sun explains this by 17 saying that the communists don't like 18 the way the intellectuals become 19 communists and make a whole lot of Red 20 uproar just for the sake of making 21 themselves notorious and getting a bit 22 of self-advertising. It has been 23 observed that these intellectual 24 communists, after they have leaped into 25

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radical fame, are inclined to cash in. get somewhere, and then they grow a pale pink, lose their revolutionary enthusiasm, and sometimes end by turning violent conservatives. It is pointed out that several of the most prominent French lawyers made their reputations by defending communists on trial. They jumped into prominence with their flaming revolutionary orations, and then proceeded to cash in on the fame to which they had attained.

GRAND_NATIONAL

One of the most dangerous races in the world was run today--the famous Grand National, over at Aintree, England. The Grand National is a steeple-chase affair, and in the jumping of the series of barriers, it is a common thing for half the riders to take a spill, and many are majored.

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The New York Sun tells us that 9 300,000 witnessed the Grand National 10 today. Forbra was the winner, Egremont 11 was the second and Shaun Goilin was came m 12 third.

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Ladies and Gentlement

A letter has come along from 0klahoma, a letter which gives us an interesting bit of confirmation of the fact that the rural sections of the country certainly do have their share of the votes in the Literary Digest Prohibition Poll.

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L. M. Walker is a mailman on Rural Carrier No. 2. His letter is postmarked Tishomingo, Oklahoma, and that's Alfalfa Bill Murray's home town. Mr. Walker writes as follows:

"Enclosed find three Kodak
pictures along Route No. 2, Tishomingo,
showing myself delivering Digest ballots
to rural patrons - and the types of
Country roads over which they were
delivered. The farmer is not skipped."

Well, these three snapshots are printed in this week's issue of the Literary Digest, and they form a vivid exhibit. Oklahoma has some mighty fine roads, but they also have some muddy roads. The snapshots show the Literary Digest ballots in the process of being POLL - 2

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1	delivered through some of the richest, blackest, and muddiest farm
2	ine fichese, blackest, and mundlest farm
3	land you ever saw.
4	Well, now let's see. There seems to be a good deal
5	of sentiment at Long Beach, California. The Long Beach vote is
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7	1,232 dry, and 1,681 wet. Still the wets lead.
8	A lawyer in Belleville, Illinois, writes in, asking
9 10	how the votes are going in his town. ^H is name is Percy Attwell.
11	We went to college together. Well, Brother Attwell, here they are -
12	and they are staggering.
13	91 dry, 1,894 wet, more than twenty to one.
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15	Leavenworth, Kansas, 248 for, 965 against.
16	Lynn, Massachusetts, 1,028 for, 2,756 against.
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19	Santa Fe, New Mexico, 42 dry, 318 wet.
20	Steubenville, Ohio, 649 for, 1,886 against.
21	Allentown, Pennsylvania, 849 for, 6,803 against.
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23	And then here's another comparatively strong showing
24	for prohibition at Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1,166 votes for
25	mobility a me that hand hand's Norfolk Va., with 961
	prohibition, 1,772 against. And here's Norfolk, Va., with 961
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SALES_TAX

The battle about the Sales tax developed some lively action in Washington today, and the opponents of the sales tax scored an unexpected victory.

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Representative La Guardia,
Republican, of New York, proposed an
amendment to the tax bill. In introducing
the amendment he said it was the first
test in the fight against the sales
tax.

Mr. La Guardia's proposal calls 12 for an increase of tax on the higher 13 incomes. He proposes that people making 14 above eight thousand dollars a year shall 15 pay an income tax of seven per cent 16 instead of the six per cent levy that is 17 embodied in the present tax bill. The 18 proposal went to a vote and was carried -19 20 121 to 84.

The United Press in the New Pork Sun relates that the next thing was the surtax measure. Congress voted to hit incomes of a hundred thousand dollars or more a year, with surtaxes that are

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1 equivalent to the old wartime rate.

Later in the day the House said 2 3 O.K. to those sections of the tax bill which called for a reduction of the 4 5 income tax exemptions, and there wasn't alany opposition. This means a final ratification of the proposal to lower 7 8 the exemption of an unmarried person 9 from \$1500 to \$1,000, and for the head of a family from \$3500 to \$2500. That 10 means that if you're single and you רר make a thousand dollars or more a year, 12 you to pay income tax, Also. 13 if you're the head of a family and make 14 \$2500 or more, yould be socked. 15

At the same time a bill was introduced to cut the salaries of government employees. According to this project anybody working for the government, who makes more than \$2,000 a year, will have his pay cut from five 22 to fifteen per cent.

It certainly looks as if there
would be a cut in government salaries.
David Lawrence, the well known political

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writer, declares that the biggest single demand that's come from all over the country at the present moment, is for a reduction in the pay of government officials all the way from senators to clerks. 3-1-32 5M

LINDBERGH

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The two missing servants that have 1 been sought in the Lindbergh case have 2 been located by the police at Bryn Mawr, 3 ⁴ Pennsylvania, today. The couple, a man and a woman, had worked in the house of 5 C. Leandro Lightfoot, of Franklin Park, 6 New Jersey. They disappeared shortly 7 after the kidnapping, and their 8 9 former employers became suspicious. 10 When the servants disappeared a chisel 11 also disappeared, together with a 12 quantity of wood that had been used for 13 crating. Later reports indicated that 14 the missing chisel had been found, and 15 therefore was not the one that the 16 kidnapper of the Lindbergh baby had 17 thrown away.

The New York Evening Post declares that when the couple was arrested today, the man told how he had made a ladder out of the missing crating. He declared that his employer, Mr. Lightfcot, helped him make the ladder, which they had thereupon used in preparing a light in a garage.

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Mrs. Lightfoot today denied this story. She said no ladder was made for mapama repairing the light in the garage.

The police have their doubts about the theory that the ladder used in the Lindbergh case was made of crating. It contains pieces of wood 6 or 7 feet long, and you don't build crating out of timber like that a rule.

Mrs. Lightfoot declared that her original suspicions were aroused by the fact that on the night of the kidnapping she sent the two servants on an errand, and that when they returned the car was spattered with mud. The errand called for a trip of less than 20 miles, while the speedometer showed an additional 60 miles.

The two servants protest that they know nothing about the Lindbergh kidnapping. They explain that they left their former employers', spent the night in Philadelphia, and then went on to a new job -- in the home at Bryn Mawr where they have just been located.

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Today a famous name is missing from the roll of famous living actors. Chauncey Olcott fred today at Monte Carlo. He was 71 years old and for the greater part of his long life had been a reigning success on the American stage. He was at the zenith of his fame during those days of twenty or more years ago when the sentimental ballad was in its greatest vogue.

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Chauncey Olcott was the ideal type of sentimental Irish comedian. He could make you laugh and he could make you cry and that seems to be about the highest success of popular art.

The New Mork Sun tells how he was a reigning hit in a series of plays most of them Irish and he introduced a whole series of songs that were sung by millions and still are sung. He was the first to sing "I Love the Name of Mary" and "A Little Bit of Heaven, Sure They Call It Ireland", "My Wild Irish Rose", and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling", and finally there is a song

OLCOIT - #2 Page_/ 1 with which Chauncey Olcott made his greatest hit. It's still a great popular favorite "Mother Machree". -1-32-5M

BEAUTY

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Well, here's somebody who 1 certainly is in Dutch - at least he's in Dutch in collegiate circles, especially among the co-eds.

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A wave of indignation has been 5 roaring and surging on the campus of 6 Syracuse University. The trouble all 7 arises out of the fact that they asked 8 James Montgomery Flagg, the famous 9 artist, to act as a judge in the beauty 10 contest held among the co-eds at 11 12 Syracuse.

Jim Flagg is quite a bit of a cynic, 13 but apparently the couple of professors 14 15 who have been running the contest, 16 didn't know that. They know it now, 17 however, because the United Press gives 18 Us a bit of comment that George James 19 Montgomery Flagg made. Here's what he said: "I know now why there are so 20 many pretty gals in New York - all the 21 ugly ones are in college beauty contests." 22 Well, if James Montgomery Flagg 23

happened to stroll across the campus at 24 Syracuse just now, I'll bet when the 25

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of all strange One of the strangest stories of 1 shooting comes in a United Press wire 2 3 from Chicago, which tells how & KKKKKK Daniel Conway, a man of 65, was driving 4 5 to a wake, you know, an Irish wake. He was driving along when he got into 6 the middle of a gunfight between two 7 motorcycle cops, and a carload of 8 gangsters. Suddenly Conway felt a 9 pain in his nose. He drove to a 10 hospital where the doctors told him 11 he had been shot. One of the bullets in 12 that gunfight had hit him in the nose. 13

The Doctors found the bullet in 15 Conway's stomach. It had gone through 16 his nose and into his throat, and in 17 his excitement **xxx** he had swallowed it.

¹⁸ That certainly sounds like a ¹⁹ queer antic of what must have been a ²⁰ spent bullet.

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Well, ---'Dullix ix ux". Yes, that's a magical phrase. It literally is magical, that is it's a favorite incantation used in the **with** witchcraft section of Pennsylvania.

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In those peculiar Pennsylvania Dutch communities where they believe in witches and where they have hex doctors and so on, many curious and magical rites are in vogue.

The New York Sun tells us that there is one charm that is supposed to protect you against harm at the hands of a wicked and malicious enemy, which consists of thirteen words, which starts with "Dullix, ix ux", and then goes on "YEA, YOU CAN'T COME OVER PONTIO; PONTIO IS ABOVE PILATO."

When you have repeated those inspiring words why nobody can do you harm even a working give can come to New York and the soft of she were to have "Dulling, ix ux." 1 don't know of any wicked and malicious enemy that I might have, but just the same, I'll play safe, and say "Dullix, ix ux" and So Long Until Monday.

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