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**MOONEY**

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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

1 Well, the verdict in the Mooney  
2 case is in. And that verdict is  
3 "No". Governor Rolph of California  
4 announced this afternoon that he has  
5 refused to set free the man who ~~is~~  
6 accused of the <sup>at</sup> Preparedness Day bomb  
7 outrage in San Francisco years ago.

8 The Governor issued a long  
9 statement bristling with legal  
10 technicalities in which he told why his  
11 decision in the Mooney case was No  
12 and why ~~he~~ he believes it is his duty  
13 to refuse the pardon.  
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1 At Washington today the Senate  
2 Banking Committee made public a list  
3 given to it by the New York Stock  
4 Exchange. It's a list of short sellers,  
5 of traders in the stock market who  
6 have been selling short.

7 As the story is told in the Chicago  
8 Evening Post, it would seem as though all  
9 sorts of important financial figures had  
10 gone short in the market. A number seem  
11 to have done so under assumed names. For  
12 example, some are listed in the books not  
13 under their own personal names, but under  
14 the names of companies.

15 Meanwhile, the Lower House of  
16 Congress was treated to some blazing  
17 conversation on the part of General  
18 Dawes, ~~xxx~~ the former Vice-President, who  
19 is now the head of the giant reconstruc-  
20 tion corporation who came out with a fiery  
21 denunciation of the Soldiers' Bonus  
22 measure. He told Congress to quit  
23 playing politics with the economic  
24 situation and also warned against the  
25 dangers of inflation. General Dawes  
had his usual underslung pipe and also



1 his usual pointed and pungent  
2 utterance. He talked to the law  
3 makers with words of flame.

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5 to sign agreements to make the payments  
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1 Over in France tonight statesmen  
2 seem to have made up their minds about  
3 one thing, which is that the United  
4 States is not going to take part in any  
5 scheme concerned with -- SECURITY.

6 That word "security" cuts a big  
7 figure in French statecraft. The French  
8 want to be guaranteed against attack by  
9 other nations -- especially Germany.  
10 The government at Paris is trying to cook  
11 up a scheme for a general security  
12 treaty in Europe, which would pledge the  
13 nations not to make aggressions against  
14 each other.

15 The subject was broached to  
16 Secretary of State Stimson, who is now  
17 holding a series of conferences in Paris.  
18 But they say that Mr. Stimson has made  
19 it clear that Uncle Sam will not put his  
20 signature on any such security treaty  
21 as ~~is being~~ <sup>that</sup> proposed by France.

22 A United Press dispatch to the  
23 New Orleans Item declares that Secretary  
24 Stimson informed the French authorities  
25 ~~that~~ he would not agree even to a scheme

1 according to which Uncle Sam would  
2 pledge himself not to trade or do  
3 business with any nation which the  
4 League of Nations might accuse of the  
5 crime of aggression. It is made clear  
6 that the United States will not obstruct  
7 any such security scheme, but <sup>you</sup> Uncle ~~Sam~~  
8 is going to keep his hands out of it.

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Edith Perron.  
Cross-word  
puzzle editor,  
Chicago Daily  
Times.

April 21,  
1932 - p. 7.

Intro to Miss Perron

# INTRO TO MISS PERRON

1           There's a young lady in the studio  
2 here who tells me that she has something  
3 to say to the radio audience, and I'll  
4 bet she's going to say something  
5 puzzling, because she is Edith Perron,  
6 the cross-word puzzle editor of the  
7 Chicago Daily Times.

8           All right, Edith, tell us what it's  
9 all about, but don't say it in those  
10 brain-twisting cross-words which are  
11 always driving a fellow to <sup>to the</sup> ~~the~~ Funk and  
12 ~~Wagnalls Standard~~ dictionary.



1 Well, it's about dictionaries,  
2 and I want to make a complaint. It's  
3 about something that was said in the  
4 Literary Digest broadcast, but Lowell  
5 Thomas didn't say it. About a week  
6 or two ago he had Margaret Petherbridge,  
7 one of the editors of the cross-word  
8 puzzle book, as a guest speaker. She  
9 told about the use of the dictionary in  
10 connection with cross-word puzzles. She  
11 told how satisfactory that middle-sized  
12 Funk and Wagnall's dictionary could be in  
13 digging up words to fill out those  
14 checkered forms.

15 Well, Margaret Petherbridge knows  
16 a lot about all those things, and we  
17 puzzle editors should stick together.  
18 I don't want to pick any quarrels, but  
19 just the same I want to have my own say  
20 on that subject.

21 The middle-sized dictionary is  
22 fine. I'll admit that. But after all,  
23 there is nothing like the great big  
24 bulky, ponderous volume -- or, as we  
25 puzzlers would say, that obese tome.

1 Take the big and mastodonic Funk and  
2 Wagnalls Standard, with its half a  
3 million words.

4 Well, in handling those puzzles  
5 we use in the Times we are always  
6 running across words that take us to the  
7 big book. It's amazing the words that  
8 some of those puzzle constructors will  
9 think up -- like oneirocritic,  
10 ametropia and criosphinx. That's when  
11 you'll make a headlong dive for the  
12 Funk and Wagnalls Standard dictionary to  
13 find out if there is such a word, and  
14 if so -- what it means. And the next  
15 thing you know you're in love with the  
16 big boy -- the big dictionary. And it's  
17 thrilling too, although in a different  
18 way.

19 So if you see Margaret Petherbridge  
20 you just tell her that the cross-word  
21 puzzle editor of the Chicago Daily Times  
22 declares and announces that for the real  
23 dyed-in-the-wool cross-word puzzler, the  
24 big dictionary is the only thing that  
25 will satisfy the longings of the



1 5-letter word beginning with "h" and  
 2 meaning "the motive power of the  
 3 circulatory system."

*Portrait Bob*  
HONOLULU

1 At the trial in Honolulu, the  
2 prosecution is demanding a verdict of  
3 manslaughter against Lieutenant Massie.  
4 This follows right after the intensely  
5 dramatic testimony given by Mrs. Massie.

6 In a wildly emotional scene she  
7 told how she had been attacked by the  
8 gang of hoodlums.

9 But the sharpest piece of  
10 melodrama came when Mrs. Massie was  
11 cross-examined by the prosecuting  
12 attorney. He was trying to introduce  
13 testimony that Mrs. Massie's marriage  
14 had not been altogether happy and  
15 that she did not love her husband.  
16 He handed the young wife a sheet of  
17 paper and asked her whether she had  
18 written what was on it. This was a  
19 questionnaire which a psychiatrist had  
20 prepared in a study of the lives of  
21 married women. Mrs. Massie had filled  
22 it out and now it was thrust before  
23 her while she was on the stand defending  
24 her husband, her mother and the two  
25 sailors. She broke into violent anger.



1 "This is a private matter. How did  
 2 you get it?" she cried; and tore the  
 3 paper into shreds. Then she rushed to  
 4 her husband's side and whispered to  
 5 him -- "You know I love you."

6 There's a good deal of uneasiness  
 7 in Hawaii about the fact that the  
 8 prosecution got hold of the questionnaire  
 9 concerning married life. ~~and~~ <sup>They</sup> say that a  
 10 number of prominent ladies filled in  
 11 the same forms and they are worried.  
 12 They are afraid that since Mrs. Massie's  
 13 questionnaire became public property  
 14 their own may become public too. <sup>It</sup> But  
 15 in any case, the defense has rested its  
 16 case in that spectacular trial in  
 17 Honolulu. And Clarence Darrow seems to  
 18 be satisfied.

19 The Chicago Daily News had <sup>S</sup> a ~~xxx~~  
 20 special radio dispatch that the prosecution  
 21 will now try to break down the theory  
 22 that Lieutenant Massie was insane when  
 23 the Hawaiian was killed.  
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1           The verdict seems to be one of  
 2 suicide in the case of that tragedy  
 3 in Florida. Haden Clarke, an aviator,  
 4 was found mortally wounded in a house  
 5 where he was living with Captain  
 6 Lancaster, a British flyer, and Mrs.  
 7 Keith-Miller, the Australian aviatrix  
 8 who has made a series of notable flights.

9           The authorities and also the mother  
 10 of the dead man are agreed that he took  
 11 his own life. His act appears to have  
 12 been caused by financial troubles and  
 13 there is also mention of a tangled romance  
 14 between the two aviators and the famous  
 15 woman flyer.

*Mountain Bob*  
POLL - Thursday, 4/21/32

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1 Today's the big day for the special  
2 Literary Digest Prohibition Poll.  
3 That is, the straw votes taken among  
4 bankers, clergymen, lawyers, doctors  
5 and Literary Digest subscribers.

6 In the new Digest which came out  
7 today there's an elaborate tabulation  
8 and analysis of the figures. There's  
9 a fascinating mass of material from  
10 which we can do a bit of figuring and  
11 clever prognosticating. ~~Because~~ These  
12 returns on the special prohibition  
13 polls tell us what the most influential  
14 classes in the country are thinking on  
15 the subject of the dry law.

16 How do the bankers in Alabama  
17 feel about prohibition, or the clergymen  
18 in Massachusetts, the lawyers in  
19 California, or the doctors in Wyoming?  
20 And then, what do the subscribers to  
21 the Literary Digest think? ~~As~~ They  
22 represent a cross-section of important  
23 and influential people? Well, you can  
24 go on and do your figuring state by  
25 state and find out a lot of fascinating  
things.



( The bankers for the whole country vote against prohibition by nearly two to one -- 26,608 bankers vote dry and 51,252 bankers vote wet.

The clergymen as you might expect give us a dry majority. 23,924 for continuance, 19,684 for repeal.

Curiously enough the lawyers <sup>seem to think</sup> and <sup>about the</sup> ~~the doctors: divide in about the same proportions.~~ from coast to coast lawyers and doctors average three to one wet.)

Now here's a significant fact about the Literary Digest subscribers. They show up a shade drier than the folks who have voted in the big nation-wide poll for all people. The general poll so far gives a wet majority of a ~~bit~~ trifle less than 3 to 1. The figures for the special poll of Digest subscribers stands 2½ to 1 against prohibition.

Next week we'll have the final figures, the complete summing up of the returns in this gigantic nation-wide test on the subject of prohibition.

But the new Digest, out today, has exceptionally interesting information on the poll and the whole prohibition matter.

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AVIATORS

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1 An interesting conference has  
2 been announced to gather at Rome in  
3 May. It will be a conference of  
4 oceanic flyers, and will be attended  
5 only by pilots who have crossed an ocean  
6 by the sky route. The idea is sponsored  
7 by Mussolini, and the object of the  
8 meeting is to get together facts, figures,  
9 and observations concerning sky voyages  
10 across the sea.

11 It is pointed out that many  
12 practical problems connected with oceanic  
13 flyers are in a hazy state, and the ones  
14 to give the answers and to provide the  
15 needed information are those same daring  
16 chaps who have actually turned the trick  
17 and steered their planes through the  
18 trackless sky across the equally trackless  
19 ocean.

20 A special cable to the Chicago  
21 Daily News relates that the visiting <sup>firemen,</sup>  
22 <sup>the visiting</sup> aviators will be entertained by the <sup>I mean</sup> the  
23 Italian Aero Club. The head of the  
24 organizing committee is Marcelo Diaz, son  
25 of the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian

Captain Bob

AVIATORS - 2

1 Armies during the World War.

2 There <sup>are</sup> about 100 aviators who have  
 3 made trans-oceanic flights since the year  
 4 ~~time~~ <sup>when the American N.C. 4 and</sup> when Alcock and Brown <sup>of England</sup> spanned the  
 5 Atlantic, <sup>within a few days of each other</sup> in 1919. All of these who are  
 6 alive have been invited, and they are  
 7 sending their acceptances in a steady  
 8 stream, <sup>including the American Army World Flyers who were the first to</sup> The most famous of them all,  
 9 however, will be missing. Colonel  
 10 Lindbergh has already replied that he  
 11 will be unable to attend that conference  
 12 at Rome.

13 And, by the way, there seems to  
 14 be nothing really in the Lindbergh case  
 15 tonight.

span the Atlantic from East to West by plane.

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Captain Bob

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From California come tales of heroism, of giant storms at sea, and men saved from the fury of the waves. For 24 hours a howling gale has lashed the coast of southern California, and ships at sea had a hard time. Six fishing barges went down beneath the tempestuous rage of the ocean. A dozen other small craft have sunk, and a liner is reported damaged. And ashore a train was wrecked, and word comes through of much damage to houses and other buildings in various parts.

But the important part doesn't concern damage. It's about human life -- not lives lost, but lives saved.

A United Press dispatch to the Louisville Times relates how all along the shore the coast guardsmen were swamped with calls for help from ships in distress, but thus far not a life has been reported lost.

We are told of four men out in small boats who were caught by the storm, and the boats were swamped by the

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1 anger of the sea. But the men were  
2 saved.

3 A barge was pounded to pieces off  
4 Point Vicente. Six men were rescued.  
5 The coast guards shot a line aboard, and  
6 four men made their way hand over hand  
7 along the rope through the boiling sea.  
8 Then a breeches-buoy was rigged up, and  
9 the other two men were taken ashore.

10 The barge Melrose was swept on the  
11 rocks near Fort McArthur. Five men  
12 were aboard. Thus far the tempest has  
13 prevented the coast guards from shooting  
14 life lines, but it is believed that the  
15 barge will remain intact until the  
16 storm has calmed.

17 It's the old story of the power  
18 and peril of the sea, but this time the  
19 tale is not tragic.

20 Well, that's good news. And let's  
21 hope we have good news tomorrow. Until  
22 then, solong.  
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