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Once more in the Hines case, there was a drama of friend and friend today. Several days ago, testimony against James J. Hines of Tammany was given by the former leader of Tammany Hall, John J. Curry. Old friends, those two, [^]Hines and Curry - though they split politically. Today, the noted lawyer, Max Steuer, took the stand to testify against Jimmy Hines. In his testimony, Steuer said he was a long time close friend of Hines and added he still was a friend. Then he told how Hines had come to him and asked him to be of legal service to the policy-gang king, Dutch Schultz, help him in his income tax trouble with the Government. Steuer said he refused. Friend testifying against friend.

The other sensational happening today concerned wire - tapping, testimony. The authorities cut in on the telephone of Dixie Davis, and made a record of his phone conversations. The story was told how listeners-in heard ~~XXXXX~~ a call for Davis, in which a man identified as the "Boss", and as Jim, asked Davis for five hundred dollars. Dixie Davis, in his own testimony, told of this telephone call and said the man spoken of as the boss and Jim, was James J. Hines.

ROOSEVELT.

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At the White House Press Conference today a regulation was broken -- and that puts emphasis on what was said. It's a standing rule that the President, in talking to the newspaper men, is not to be quoted directly. They can give the gist of what he said, but not repeat the words. Today however, the President told the Washington correspondents -- they could go ahead and quote him directly, word for word. So that does put ~~xxx~~ stress on what he had to say.

Here are the Presidential words: - quote "If there's a good Liberal running on the Republican ticket, I would not have the slightest objection to his election. The good of the country rises above party." End quote.

I don't know how that will sound to old-line Democrats to whom the Republican party is just plainly and simply - the enemy. It certainly does cut across party lines -- with emphasis, the unusual emphasis of direct quotation.

There's another topic on which the President spoke with that same kind of stress, permission to repeat his words. This concerns affairs in Michigan. President Roosevelt has decided not

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to go to Port Huron to dedicate the International bridge. The Detroit newspapers have been saying that this is because of political conditions in the State. Just politics. And that provokes Presidential emphasis, the emphasis of denial in these words: - Quote It's a deliberate distortion of the facts and the Detroit papers might as well get that. End quote.

So today we have an emphatic and quotable President. Friendly spirit shown on both sides - employers and Unions taking an attitude of cooperation. He said he hoped that American labor conditions would be fostered in the same way. Government and Unions sitting down with the mutual desire to work out their problems instead of throwing bricks and calling each other names. Newspapers and other agencies of publicity could help too, the President said, by not piling up and overemphasizing violence in labor disputes.

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LABOR REPORT.

President Roosevelt has been going over the report handed to him by the committee he appointed to study British labor conditions. The committee, consisting of business men, labor representatives, and Government officials, has been investigating the ^{way laws} ~~way laws~~ pertaining to labor work in England.

Today, the President made the comment that English labor relations work out so well, because of the good-will and friendly spirit shown on both sides - employers and Unions taking an attitude of cooperation. He said he hoped that American labor conditions ^c could be ~~p~~ ⁿ ~~a~~ ttered in the same way, Companies and Unions sitting down with the mutual desire to work out their problems instead of throwing kicks and calling each other names. Newspapers and other Agencies of publicity could help too, the President said, by not ^l ~~a~~ paying up and overemphasizing violence in labor disputes.

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DEFICIT.

Now some figures, which it is well for the public to notice. The Government fiscal year begins on July first so today the Treasury tells about its bookkeeping for the first two months of the fiscal year - July and August. One Billion, four hundred and forty-five million dollars were spent during those two months. That's two hundred and ten million dollars more than was spent during July and August of last year. Yes, the Government handed out more.

The amount of money taken in this year was seven hundred and ninety-eight million, five hundred thousand dollars. Last year the income was eight hundred and sixty-two million, six hundred and eighteen thousand. So, the Government took in less.

Hence -
~~Naturally~~ - this year's figure in the red is larger than last year's. (The deficit on August thirty-first last year was three hundred and seventy-two million, four hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. This year it's six hundred and forty-six million, six hundred and forty-eight thousand. And of course the public debt has gone up. Right now it's thirty-seven billion, five hundred and ninety-three million, which is

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five hundred million dollars more than last year.

Dull figures, but they're worth repeating. The Federal Government makes public its bookkeeping calculations, and these deserve publicity.

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SHIRLEY TEMPLE COMMUNIST.

(One rip-roaring idea that came out of the anti-Communist drive of the Dies Committee was this - Shirley Temple a Communist. Naturally, the Reds, Pinks and Liberals couldn't miss an absurd tidbit like that - Communists in high places, a lot of Red radical movie stars, - including Shirley Temple, It's good for a laugh any time. *child film star*)

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Robert ~~Rayix~~ Taylor, James Cagney and even Shirley Temple."

And the witness added: "Their names have definite propaganda value, which the party is quick to exploit."

So Shirley Temple was not charged with being a Communist. I don't know how much that child film prodigy knows about economic ideologies, but it is highly probable that she doesn't read that French Communist newspaper with any regularity.

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EUROPE

The slowing down of the European crisis is emphasized today by the report - that London has authoritative word of Hitler's intention not to force the Czechoslovak issue right away. There'll be no swift and hasty stroke by Germany. Hitler will take it easy in the hope that some kind of satisfactory agreement can be worked out. This reassurance from Berlin, they say, was conveyed to London through the medium of the British Ambassador.

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Late word from Paris this afternoon states that France will urge Czechoslovakia to make concessions to the limit and thereby avert the danger of war. Paris will tell Prague that unless the Czechs do all they can to pacify the Sudeten Germans, Czechoslovakia cannot count on the certainty of French and British military help. This is the report, after a meeting of the French Cabinet today.

Meanwhile, France is keeping a military eye on those giant German war manoeuvres, which are still being continued - ~~making them~~ and that look like a mobilized ~~EX EX~~ condition, ready for war.

But, at the same time, France is having internal troubles, with a noisy labor demonstration in ~~EX~~ Paris today - groups parading in support of the forty-hour a week law. They're howling against Premier Daladier, who is out to change the forty hour law, and lengthen the hours of labor in the interests of national defense.

JEWS.

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(The continued anti-Jewish drive in Italy is puzzling the students of the situation. They can't understand the whys and wherefores of the anti-Semitic decrees - yesterday's news that all Jews who have come to Italy since nineteen-nineteen will be expelled, and today's word that native Italian Jews will be excluded from Universities, artistic and scientific societies and other cultural activities.) Thrust completely out of education and culture. One belief is gaining headway - that Mussolini's Government might have some notion of establishing Jewish colonies in Ethiopia. ^{Today} It is pointedly noted that the anti-Semitic decrees do not include East Africa in their scope. It's recalled that more than once Fascist opinion has been expressed to the effect that there should be a Jewish home land, though the Fascists are opposed to Palestine as the place for it. Hence, today's notion that Mussolini's Fascist regime, in putting pressure on Jews in Italy, may be planning some kind of Jewish settlement in ~~the~~ Ethiopia.

Somehow, it doesn't sound so plausible, suppressing and antagonizing people with the idea of settling them in a colony.

MOUNTAIN.

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King Albert, the war time soldier King of Belgium, lost his life - mountain climbing. Victim of enthusiasm for mountaineering. A daughter of King Albert is the Italian Crown Princess, Marie Jose. And today she climbed the second highest mountain in Europe, the towering Monte Rosa in the Alps. The weather was bad and visibility was poor. Yet, she was in the line of climbers, roped together, and fought her way to the ultimate dizzy summit. So, Crown Princess Marie Jose today proved herself a true daughter of her mountaineering father.

Mountain climbing is a tradition likewise in the Italian royal family, into which she married. The Duke of ^{the} ~~Italian~~ Abruzzi was a mountaineer of renown. And forty years ago Queen Margherita of Italy climbed that same towering peak of Monte Rosa, which the Crown Princess scaled today.

MEXICO.

Today in Mexico City a diplomatic note was handed to American Ambassador Josephus Daniels - Mexico's reply to the Washington protest against the seizure of American farmlands.

There's no statement ^{as yet} of what's in the reply - it won't be made public until Monday. But, we know pretty well what Mexico's answer is - last night's news told us that. The message that President Cardenas read yesterday to the Mexican Congress indicated - a rejection of the American demands.

FORGERY.

Hollywood is a place where dramatic plots are concocted. And in Hollywood dramatic plots are sometimes enacted in the reality of life. Moreover, there's one exceedingly familiar phenomenon in Hollywood - aspiring beginners trying to get in contact with the magnates of the movies, the big shots of the films.

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George Donald Smart went to ~~the metropolis of the~~ ^{Hollywood} cinema with great ambitions ^{for} of a movie career. And George Donald Smart was smart enough to know one thing - that you've got to know people, important people, to get anywhere. So he thought it would be a good idea to make the acquaintance of Louis B. Mayer, the impresario whose name is familiar in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. George Donald Smart haunted the Mayer office, but he wasn't smart enough to get in. He tried all sorts of devices. He asked prominent people to write to Mayer and try to get an interview ^{for} ~~with~~ him. Nothing doing - he never could get past those secretaries that guard the doors of the high and the mighty. "If I could only have met Mr. Mayer," Smart said today, "I'm sure I could have gone to the top. It's the people you know that

counts in Hollywood."

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Thus far the story is of the familiar movietown pattern. Thousands of cases like it. But George Donald Smart was smarter than the others - if ~~Ya~~ you'd call it smart. Since he couldn't get in to see movie magnate Mayer, he thought of something else. He drew up a promissory note and signed to it the name of Louis B. Mayer. The forged note was for a large juicy sum. That is indicated by the fact that Smart took it to a bank, palmed it off as genuine and borrowed ~~xxxxxx~~ ten thousand dollars on it. He told the banker a tale of how producer Mayer needed the money to finance some sort of business with the contracts of film stars. The Bank believed it, the signature looked genuine, and ~~x~~ so the ten thousand dollars was handed over.

Today, George Donald Smart faced the Judge. Found guilty, he was sentenced to from one to fourteen years in prison. And his comment to the Judge was this: "I was a small town boy suddenly transplanted into the center of the most glamorous business in the world." ^{TP} Too much glamor, [|] too much Hollywood, [|] too much of a movie plot enacted in the reality of life.

Every year the Friday before Labor Day is a time to talk safety. So today the American Automobile Association gives us a set of rules to follow in driving over the Holiday weekend.

Keep on the right side! Avoid passing on hills, curves and intersections. Start early and take plenty of time. Keep your place in traffic, and avoid weaving. Maintain a steady pace. Avoid fatigue. Grasp the wheel lightly. Keep a restful position without slumping in seat. Avoid eye strain caused by staring ahead.

Those are good rules, as every motorist will acknowledge. My sponsor, the Sun Oil Company, emphasizes these often, and urges you againtonight to take extra care. If automobile drivers will observe these rules over this weekend, they'll cut down last year's record of three hundred and forty Labor Day fatalities on the highway.

BROOKLYN.

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Baseball news about Brooklyn, and as usual there's something weird in it. Last night Brooklyn played a game under the lights at Dayton, Ohio, Major League versus Minor League, the Dodgers versus the Ducks. Now it appears that there was financial drama in addition to cockeyed baseball, A Sheriff showed up to seize the gate receipts, collecting for some debt or other the Dayton team owed. But how could one Sheriff seize the gate receipts, when there were four windows where fans were buying tickets? All the Sheriff could do was take care of one window, and he got only about a fourth of the money.

Who won the game? Yes -- the Dayton Ducks beat the Brooklyn Dodgers. And after that all I can say is s-l-u-Monday!

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