

SCHULTZ

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N.Y.C.

The limelight was turned today on ^{the} ~~a~~ little town ^{of Malone} in northern New York, just before you get to the Canadian border. One of the last big shots of the prohibition era was put on trial there.

Several months ago, Dutch Schultz was tried at Syracuse for income tax evasions, the same sort of charge that sent Scarface Al Capone to Alcatraz. At Syracuse, the jury disagreed. Now the second trial is on. Amid a setting of rural hills, guards and a cordon of burly state troopers, the government continues its determined attempt to put the former Baron of New York Beer behind bars.

And once more we are reminded of ^{the} ~~a~~ fantastic story of the boy who went to the Bronx school, of which the principal was - Dr. Condon, the fabulous "Jafsie" of the Lindbergh case. The lad got his first job as a telephone boy at the headquarters of a big New York beer runner. That baron-of-~~the~~ brew sank into a sudden grave, sent there by gangster guns. He was succeeded by the smart young office boy, who rose swiftly to big-shot-eminence as Dutch Schultz - ~~who is~~ reported to have offered a hundred thousand dollars to the federal agents if they wouldn't prosecute him on the income tax charge, and another hundred thousand dollars to campaign funds. ^{political} Which ^{party,} he didn't care.

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That's the story which takes us to the court room of the
New York border town of Malone, where the first dramatic scene
occurred, when the judge ^{today} said: "Put him in jail". Dutch Schultz,
out ~~on~~ bail, was ordered to a prison cell for the duration of the
trial, and the former beer baron didn't like it. He was angry and
scowling, as they led him to the dungeon.

STRIKE

Soldiers with helmets, bayonets and machine guns are tonight in command of Terre Haute, Indiana. Governor Paul McNutt, war veteran and one time National Commander of the American Legion, gave a prompt and overwhelming answer to the Mayor's call for military help. Two thousand soldiers of the National Guard marched into the city. So the day at Terre Haute was one of paralyzing general strike and military control.

The first incident of rioting and tear gas came this morning, when several thousand assembled strikers refused to obey the order to disperse. The soldiers charged with a barrage of the weeping vapor, and dispersed the meeting.

The National Guard officers notified business establishments, tied up by the strike, that they could get military protection if they wanted it. So today there was some activity, with trolley cars, milk wagons, delivery trucks, rolling through the streets under guard of soldiers. The Merchants Association decided to defy the strike leaders' order to close up, and determined to open a hundred and fifty odd stores, under the protection of bayonets. So the day witnessed

a slow return to business activity.

A second incident of rioting and tear gas occurred, with an angry crowd assembled before the factory where the original small strike began some time ago -- the minor walk-out that grew into the present general strike. A cordon of soldiers was on guard around the plant. Several hundred strikers pressed forward with a wild rush. So once more tear gas bombs were tossed.

TROPHY

Several months ago in Washington I provoked a smile by asking a question -- what kind of beam is the radio beam? The man I was talking to was Captain Albert F. Hegenberger of the United States Army. He told me the radio beam was not a beam at all. It merely acted like a beam. It was no more than the effect of radio signals coming from opposite direction and heard through a radio telephone.

And no wonder he smiled when he stated this elementary fact, for Captain Hegenberger is the Army's expert on blind flying. It was he who supervised the development of the system that enables pilots to land in dense fogs or black darkness -- blind.

I found in him a technician-aviator, with that straight-ahead single purpose of mind, interested in nothing else, willing to talk about nothing else, save the ultra-modern technic of blind flying. And mighty important that is -- as is emphasized by this year's award of the Collier Trophy - founded by the founder of Colliers. So says Ed. Anthony speaking from his Connecticut country estate: Headache in the Hills. This time the big prize

goes to Captain Hegenberger as the man who has made the year's most significant contribution to aviation. The trophy was presented with due ceremony by President Roosevelt in Washington.

Another aviation news flash from Washington today tells that globe girdler Clyde Pangborn will lead a sky fleet northward on Sunday. It will be a massed flight of American planes to Nova Scotia, at the invitation of the Canadian Flying Clubs Association. Flyers from New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia will attend the Hundred and Fiftieth Birthday celebration of the Nova Scotian town of Sidney. And the Yankee cloud land armada will be led by Clyde Pangborn in the new Upperco-Burnelli all-wing transport, the ship in which he plans to circle the world non-stop.

ETHIOPIA

A birthday party is a pleasant affair of cake cutting and blowing out ^{of} candles -- though I don't know how far they go in for birthday cakes and candles at Addis Ababa. Scenes of gaiety can have portentous meanings. History records the celebrated ball before Waterloo - British officers dancing in ^a glittering social scene, and then vanishing away to battle, galloping ^{fell well} to the field of Waterloo. Perhaps the birthday party at Addis Ababa may go on record in somewhat the same way - a significant revelry preceding war. Because the Italian minister did not go to the party.

It might seem that an invited guest failing to show up ^{wouldn't} ~~might~~ be so darkly ominous, but diplomatic observers today are saying with pointed emphasis, ^{that} the first move for a diplomatic break between Rome and Addis Ababa has been made. Hitherto, ~~xxx~~ with all the openly admitted expectations of war, the diplomatic formalities have been observed - but not now any longer.

The Emperor Haile Selassie is forty-four, and he threw a spectacular birthday party, with ^{members of} the foreign diplomatic corps as the leading guests. The ministers from many lands were there. From Tokyo the Emperor Hirohito sent birthday congratulations to the

Emperor Haile Selassie. Significant, because of the solicitude Japan is showing toward Ethiopia, because of ^{that} ~~Japan's~~ [^]championship of equal rights for the colored races of the world.

Everybody noticed the conspicuous absence - neither the Italian minister nor any member of the Italian Legation at the party. Why this affront? It was because of that oration the King of Kings delivered several days ago, denouncing Mussolini. The Italians considered that a diplomatic ^{slap in the face.} ~~affront~~ [^] So one good affront deserves another. High personalities in the Ethiopian government quickly declared that the Italian action in cutting Haile Selassie's birthday party was a provocative act of unfriendliness.

A small bit of social by-play, but in the circles of statecraft they look upon it as the first formal break of the diplomatic amenities.

Another social aspect of that huge disturbance growing in ^{East} ~~Central~~ [^] Africa is witnessed here in New York. Several evenings ago we heard about the Abyssinian royal Princess Rossari Heshla Tamanya, first cousin of the Emperor ~~Haile Selassie~~ - at least that's what she says. ^{— but not much of it — from a Harlem hot spot} ~~she is~~ Clad in gorgeous raiment, [^] she delivered impressive

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messages to America on behalf of Ethiopia. It seems that the Princess ~~Rassari~~ Heshla Tamanya has been a social leading light of ~~New York's~~ Harlem for some time, - singing songs at parties, native songs - but ⁸⁷ what country she is a native ~~of~~ is in doubt. Because the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Addis Ababa has taken the trouble to send a cablegram to this country, informing the newspapers that the Princess is an imposter and unknown in Ethiopia. although well known in Harlem.

Italy's departure from gold does seem like a definite step this approaching war. toward ~~war~~. It is the sort of thing that's most common ~~in~~ war-time action. Italian currency and bonds have hitherto been guaranteed by a gold base amounting to forty per cent of their value. Now that forty per cent figure is off. There's no assurance ~~on~~ what percentage of gold base will remain, if any. The ~~more~~ immediate effect is to release a great quantity of gold in Italy, gold to be used as payment for purchases in foreign countries - war purchases.

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If that looks like a decided war step, something is reported from Paris that looks like a peace step. Hitherto, France has been keeping silent, England doing the talking. So when ~~so now~~ France it seems to mean a lot. steps up with a plan to prevent war, Paris, it is said, is coolly

and decidedly backing Rome. France will not oppose Italy at the forthcoming League of Nations Ethiopian session. But the report is that France will present a sort of compromise plan, whereby Haile Selassie would give Italy a series of economic, political and colonizing ^{concessions.} ~~possessions~~. The French idea would seem to be - give Mussolini what amounts to the protectorate he demands. But don't make it look exactly like a protectorate, don't call it that, and thereby save the face of the King of Kings. Free Ethiopia, with Mussolini the boss, and Haile Selassie, the puppet! Maybe that's what's in the cards anyhow.

A paragraph from Germany -- the organization of Catholic War Veterans has been ordered ~~to be~~ disbanded. And so Goering's threat to put an end to all Catholic societies begins

to materialize. The War Veteran part of it suggests a danger to the Steel Helmets, German equivalent of the American Legion.

This general league of German War Veterans has not been altogether in harmony with the Nazi leaders, and now the ^(Steel Helmets) Stahlhelm is afraid that it too is likely to be abolished.

Another paragraph from Berlin -- the revelation of a secret billion dollar item of public debt. This entry on the red side of the ledger was never made public -- until now. The Minister of Economics in telling about it adds that the German people will have to make sacrifices to pay the secret billion. Observers ^{today} are connecting this bit of financial mystery to the pressure on Jews and Catholics. They say that Germans will have to take pay cuts and tighten their belts. So the Hitler regime is anticipating the discontent that is going to come, anticipating it by clamping down in advance on the elements that are the least Nazi; strengthening ^{the} ~~its~~ iron control, forstalling an

approaching crisis.

Paragraph from Washington. Congressman Dickstein, renowned anti-anti-Semite, ^(if you know what I mean) arises and tells of a Nazi newspaper

called "Der Stürmer". He says it's printed in Germany but is

circulated in this country. He explains he's hitting particularly at "Der Stürmer" in the bill he introduced into Congress today.

This Dickstein Bill says:- "Don't you dare send through the mails any publication stirring up religious and racial hatred." Penalty- five thousand dollars fine or five years in jail or both.

Dickstein would like to put the ante on the anti-Semite.

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A.A.A.

It was "A"-one for the triple A today. The Senate passed the bill to bolster up that threefold repetition of the first letter of the alphabet. And that ends one of the most stubbornly fought congressional battles that Washington has seen in a long time.

It was as simple as "a-b-c" that the A.A.A. was ~~in danger~~ endangered by the Supreme Court decision against its alphabet brother, the N.R.A. Doubt ~~was~~ centered around the right of Congress to hand over so much power and prerogative to the President. So the Administration's way of bucking up the Agricultural Adjustment Act was to ask Congress to pass ~~specific~~ specific laws of its own, laws that will make the triple-A operations work legally by act of Congress rather than by act of the President:- Congress ^{to go} ~~specifically~~ specifically on record as authorizing the payments of money to farmers who agree to limit their crops. Also a precise congressional okay on the collection of ^{the} ~~proposed~~ processing tax. One point though was abandoned, the principle of price-fixing - ^{over which} ~~of which~~ such a bitter tooth and claw scrap was fought.

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VIRGIN ISLES

Political peace falls on the Virgin Islands, as the

President appoints a new Governor.. He is Lawrence Cramer of New York,
until now lieutenant-governor.

^ The Virgin Island controversy closes with what looks like a bit of

compromising and smoothing down. The new Governor succeeds Paul

Pearson, who has been under the most flaming kind of fire, a target

for all sorts of charges, ^{of} denunciatory high explosive. Paul Pearson

is out, but only out of the Virgin Islands, not out of everywhere.

The President appoints Pearson ~~himself~~ to another job. He becomes

Assistant Director of Public Housing.

*Maybe that's getting
kicked upstairs - or maybe not.*

It's not only in South Dakota that the relief payments have caused a shortage of harvest workers in the field. In Iowa able bodied men have been taken off the relief rolls and told they could get jobs at threshing the wheat. The same thing in Kansas, where men on the dole were told that their names would be taken off the rolls if they turned down temporary farm employment. Illinois stopped relief work in rural areas as a means of combating a shortage of farm labor. Nebraska and North Dakota ^{have} cut down on their relief projects. And so has Redwood County in Minⁿesota.

The South Dakota case in the news today gives us a picture of workers preferring ~~to make~~ forty cents an hour on federal relief ~~work rather than take~~ ^{to} farm jobs. And their reasoning is simple. They are afraid they won't be able to return to the relief rolls after the harvesting is done. They prefer ^{something} permanent ^{to something} ~~jobs to~~ temporary. ~~jobs~~ This has created such a scarcity of farm labor that the Assistant Relief Administrator has promulgated an order that any man who refuses a job will have his name scratched off the relief roll immediately.

SPORTS

The glory of the last stand certainly did flare high at Wimbledon today -- the blazing courage of men with their backs against the wall. The announcer on the short wave broadcast told us in the early part of the match that the job was up for Allison and Van Ryn. The Germans were racketing them all over the court from the net to the baselines faster than they'd ever gone before -- especially the brilliant Baron Gottfried von Cramm who was smashing the ball with a blazing abandon and precision.

But what did the later reports from England tell us? The Americans won! Came up from behind, battling against the longest of tennis odds -- to smack out a breathless victory.

On this side of the ocean the sporting fireworks blazed up in an excitement of first inning home runs. Yes that crucial game in the American League in the series that may decide the pennant crashed into action with a home-run-first-inning for Detroit and also for New York. Hank Greenberg, the burly Tiger smacked one so far that he ran all the way around the bases. Then Mickey Cochran, the catcher-manager did the same. Not to be daunted, the Yanks came up and Lou Gehrig took a mighty swing for

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a four bagger. So the first inning home run score was Detroit 2, New York 1, -- 3 homers in the first. But when the last inning came around the score for tallies was something different. And that's what counts -- Yanks 7, Tigers 5.

But anyway the crucial game began with home runs while I'll end with a run home, and --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.