

P.T. - Sunoco. Thursday, August 3, 1929.

(Taft for the Republican nomination. The first Republican
 hat is in the ring) That headpiece figure of speech was popularized
 by the mighty Teddy Roosevelt, when he was seeking ^{another} ~~a third~~ term, and
~~was~~ battling against President Taft. ~~Third term is much in the news~~
~~right now, and today's announcement was made by~~ ^{And now} Senator Robert Taft
 of Ohio, a son of President Taft, ^{sails his hat into} ~~his hat is in~~ the ring.

(The Taft candidacy takes the form of a letter written to
 Ohio Republicans, a letter authorizing them to enter the Senator's
 name for consideration in the Ohio primaries.) It is part of the
 Ohio election law that delegates to national conventions must be
 pledged to some one candidate as their first choice. And they must
 have the written consent of ~~the~~ that candidate to use his name. So
 today Senator Taft gives the written consent, opening the way for
 his supporters to campaign for him well in advance.

There are plenty of booms and boomlets in the
 Republican party, lots of argument in favor of this possible
 candidate or that one. But today's Taft letter is the first formal
 and public announcement, ~~hat in the ring.~~

^{Taft}
 The ^{hat} was followed by a volley of hot shot fired by the
 Senator. He took a fling at the third term idea, saying President

Roosevelt would be a weak candidate in nineteen forty - and he cited straw votes and reasoning. ("Polls and logic," declared Senator Taft, "would indicate that President Roosevelt would be the weakest candidate the Democrats could nominate." But he added that he didn't believe there would be any third term. "I've gained the impression in Washington," said he, "that the President's reversals in Congress have knocked the third term out of the window.

~~Altogether, an early blow in the battle of nineteen forty.~~

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CONGRESS

Today's story of the eight hundred million dollar housing bill is about the same as Tuesday's defeat of the giant lending bill. Just change the names and the Tuesday story might almost be used over again.

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The House of Representatives today refused even to consider the housing bill, didn't turn it down, wouldn't even let it come up. When the motion was made to consider the eight hundred million dollar measure, the Congressmen voted "No." It was the same ^{kind} ~~king~~ of majority that killed the lending bill on Tuesday - a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats. The size of the majority was pretty much the same, a hundred and ninety to a hundred and seventy.

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will have to wait until the next session.

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STRIKE

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The Blue River Canyon insurrection at Green Mountain, Colorado, is over. That's announced this evening by the Commander of the Colorado National Guard. Soldiers moved in today, and the fighting and shooting stopped. No more reign of terror in that colorful section which bears the names of Green Mountain and Blue River Canyon.

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The Government has a forty-four million dollar project there, dam and tunnels. Work is ~~let~~ ^{out} ~~to private firms, and one concern has a contract to drive a tunnel. A labor dispute, a strike - and it turned to open warfare. On one side several hundred strikers - both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. The two rival labor factions got together on this Green Mountain-Blue River Canyon issue. On the other side several hundred non-striking workers, deputies, and farmer vigilantes.~~ Last night there was violent fighting at the site of the dam - shooting, bridges dynamited. This morning a stretch of canyon between the two factions was No Man's Land. The crackle of rifles echoed, an intermittent fusillade, and bullets whined across No Man's Land.

It was so serious, the Governor proclaimed a state of insurrection in that rugged land of mountain and canyon. So the

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National Guard moved in with machine guns and a military tank - soldiers stalking warily through the valley, where rifle fire was still crackling. And now we have this evening's report, military force has suppressed the green and blue insurrection.

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GANGSTERS

In New York the Federal authorities announced today that they've got a squeal, a large and most important squeal. A prominent underworld character has talked, and ~~talked plenty~~ about Lepke.

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conducting a relentless campaign of murder against former pals and racketeering associates ~~of his~~ ^{--- those who} ~~such as~~ might be able to give information against him, possible witnesses who might be tempted to save themselves. Five Lepke victims are said to have been murdered recently - one a mild and harmless employee of a music publishing firm who was killed by ~~mixk~~ mistake. Another former Lepke associate in the underworld was shot, but recovered. Two others have disappeared mysteriously and are believed to be dead. All that puts melodrama in today's news - a large and loud squeal on Lepke.

The Federal authorities name the squealer as Katzenberg, ~~the~~ king of drug smugglers, ~~He was~~ a racketeering associate of Lepke, ~~a big shot close to Lepke's underworld affairs.~~ A year ago Cocaine King Katzenberg was convicted on a narcotics charge and given ten years in prison. Since then King ^{Coke} Katzenberg has been thinking about those ten long years. How could he get them reduced. There was only one ^{probable} ~~practical~~ way - by squealing on Lepke. And that's what the King of Coke has been doing, ^{he} and a drug smuggling pal of his who is likewise under sentence. Today's story relates that they have told plenty about the underworld system which has enabled Lepke to defy a manhunt for two years, remain in expensive and sumptuous

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hiding, continue to rule his underworld rackets ~~xx~~ and conduct his campaign of murder. The testimony given is so important that today a special grand jury was summoned to consider it; ~~a special grand jury that will~~ ^{to} convene on Monday. The testimony given by King Katzenberg alone fills several volumes - ~~that's how~~ ² copious ~~the~~ squeal. ~~it is~~.

Scores of persons are said to be involved, individuals of the underworld and not of the underworld. ~~accused of helping Lepke.~~ And the report is that among the first witnesses to be called will be the owners of several sanitariums just outside ~~of~~ New York City. Lepke, it is understood, is ill with a kidney ailment and has been treated at private hospitals - as a wealthy patient who ~~paid~~ paid well.

Meanwhile, King Katzenberg and his fellow squealer are not maintaining any permanent residence, are not staying in any one jail. The authorities keep moving them from one prison to another. Deepest of secrecy, so that the long arm of Lepke may not reach in and kill them.

FORTS

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(One of the most interesting military questions of the day concerns the actual strength of the mighty fortifications that line the frontier of Germany and France - the Maginot line on one side, the Siegfried line on the other.) How impregnable to attack are they really, the German Siegfried line in ~~xx~~ particular? Well, today the Siegfried line was attacked - and fell to the enemy, a large section of it. The enemy was German, something sacred to Germans, famous in Teutonic song and saga - the River Rhine. The Germans sing "Die wacht am Rhine." Right now the ~~Tax~~ Rhine is in flood. And today it rose so high that its waters attacked a section of the nearby Siegfried line. The Rhine conquered the Siegfried line, completely flooded a three mile stretch of the much vaunted fortifications. That's the report from the French frontier city of Metz, a report which adds melodramatic ~~detail~~ detail.

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The Metz dispatch declares that when the Rhine flood swept upon the mighty Siegfried line, the pressure of water on the sunken concrete walls caused them to collapse - because the concrete was defective. The concrete walls gave way and the flood rushed through the subterranean stronghold. Faulty construction - sabotage.

And today contractors and engineers who built the fortifications were arrested by the Gestapo, the Nazi Secret Police. They are charged with sabotage. A report adds that the accusation is not - treasonable sabotage, but just plain graft.

The contractors are said to have stolen a part of the cement supplied them by the Hitler Government. They used an insufficient amount in building the forts - and carted away the rest of the concrete to use for their own private construction jobs.

On the German side there's no confirmation of this story, which has really a startling sound. The Nazi Regime prides itself on being sternly free from political corruption and graft. And now we hear that plain sordid graft sabotaged the Siegfried line.

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JAPAN

(Japan is entering a military alliance with Germany and Italy, - that's a dispatch from Italy. Japan is at last joining the Nazi-Fascist axis in a formal military way.) The Mikado's ambassadors to Berlin and Rome are having a conference at Lake Como. They're both militarists, and in favor of the alliance. They are said to be arranging it.

Meanwhile in ~~Tokyo~~ Tokyo the three number one men of the Japanese Army gathered in conference, - the militaristic big three, they're called. And in Tokyo this is taken as a sign of a decisive turn of Japanese policy, - presumably the formation of a Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis, a military alliance.

In all this the element of timing is stressed - it happens just as British and French military missions go to Moscow to have military conversations with the chiefs of the Red Army. Check and counter-check.

SPAIN

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Spain reports the assassination of an important police official of the Franco Civil Guard. This is another vivid sign of the under-cover disturbance that still goes on in Spain. Major Gabaldon of the Civil Guard was investigating anti-Franco conspiracies -- terrorism by adherents of the fallen republic. There is said to be an extensive organization of what Franco people call "espionage", secret republican groups - and Major Gabaldon was in ~~command~~ command of the investigation to hunt them out, their nemesis.

Today he was driving along in a car, when three men asked for a ride, men dressed ~~as~~ as Falangists, members of the Spanish Fascist party. The Major took them into his car and drove on. Suddenly they pulled pistols and shot him. They were Republican secret society members, disguised as Fascists.

As a result of today's assassination, the Franco government announces that it is going to form a military counter-espionage service under control of the Army.

VOYAGE

Here's some
I ~~was interested in a recent bit of~~ adventure that
certainly takes the fancy of anybody who loves voyaging on the sea.
Three hardy Vikings from Sweden crossed the Atlantic in a ~~thirty~~
thirty-three foot motorboat. And only one of them was a sailor, -
the other ^{were} two landlubbers, if a descendant of the Vikings ^{could ever be} ~~is ever~~
^{called} truly a landlubber. *to keep tabs with other girls*

In their tiny craft they navigated from Stockholm to the
New York World's Fair, and on the ocean captured three large sea
turtles, one of which they towed all the way to port, to present to
the New York Aquarium. One thing those Vikings are talking about
is - lubricating oil. One might be inclined to remark, ^{that} their
Swedish ~~lubricating~~ lubricating oil must have been first class indeed
for so long and hazardous a voyage. Swedish oil? say they. Nothing
of the sort ~~is~~ - it was American lubrication. At Stockholm they
loaded up with the Sun Oil Company's lubricating oil Solnus - which
is for Deisel engines. So right away on landing in America, the
three Vikings communicated with the Sun Oil Company at Philadelphia.
What they had to say was that
~~and said,~~ the lubrication was okay.

GIRL

In a Chicago court today, the biography of a young woman was read, and an eventful biography it was. When the damsel was fifteen, ^{she} ~~she~~ turned in a series of false fire alarms. Did she love to see the fire engines go clattering along? No, what she loved was a fireman. She wanted to keep him so busy answering fire alarms that he wouldn't have time to keep dates with other girls.

When she was sixteen she set fire to a vacant house. This time it wasn't for love of a fireman, it was because of the thrill she got watching the fire.

At seventeen she celebrated Halloween rather more than was necessary. She snipped a lot of telephone wires and sawed down a telephone pole. Later, she robbed the locked boxes at a post office, and afterwards she tried a hotel robbery. ^{Then} ~~She~~ followed that with an extortion plot.

Rather a varied career, but her latest exploit ^{lacks the} ~~has not so~~

^{spice of} ~~much~~ variety. She's up for extortion again.

BASEBALL

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The courts of ~~law~~ law are called upon to decide another vital question - has or has not a baseball fan the right to razz the pitcher? Has the critic in the grandstand, the privilege of yelling, "Take him out!" Of hollering:- ~~"Oh you dead-arms"~~ "Send him to the showers!"

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That's the way Frank Catterton of Baltimore was razzing the home town pitcher, when into the grandstand charged the manager of the Baltimore Orioles. He's Rogers ~~Marx~~ Hornsby, famed in song and story as a mighty hitter, ^{and also famed as a} belligerent ball player. Baseball Fan Catterton declares that Baseball Manager Hornsby socked him in the face. So now the fan is suing the manager for a thousand dollars. In his suit filed today he maintains the legal doctrine that it's the constitutional right of a fan to razz the pitcher, and it's unconstitutional to deprive him of that right and smack him in the nose.

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