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There were amusing scenes at the session of the Dies Committee on Un-American activities today. Chairman Dies, by the way, picked a good season for resuming ^{the} ~~his~~ hearings. He waited until Congress had adjourned so ~~that~~ he could have the Washington stage ~~practically~~ to himself.

The man ^{in the limelight} ~~was~~ ~~took~~ ~~the~~ ~~center~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~stage~~ today was ~~not~~ ~~Dies~~ ~~himself~~. It was ~~an~~ a witness whom he had called to the ~~surprise~~ ~~of~~ ~~every~~ ~~at~~ ~~correspondent~~ ~~in~~ ~~Washington~~. He was ~~none~~ ~~other~~ ~~than~~ Fritz Kuhn, leader of the Deutsch America Bund. Kuhn gave a characteristic show. ~~He~~ Shouted, ~~and~~ roared and denied. He called one of the Congressmen on the committee a liar. Representative Starns of Alabama had asked whether Kuhn did not want to set up in America a government like that of Nazi Germany. Kuhn ^{sh} ~~sh~~rieked out "that's an absolute lie." Starns replied "You can't call me a liar," and made a rush for Kuhn. But a couple of burly policemen stood in the way, and Chairman Dies said, "Sit down, Joe."

The American Fuehrer was also furious when not only Joe Starns but Republican Representative Mason of Illinois

described the Deutsch America Bund as a racket.

Another of Kuhn's contributions ~~to the safety of his~~
~~nation~~ was his confession that he had destroyed the
membership list of the ~~Deutsch America~~ Bund a year ago. When
they asked him why, he replied that he had read rumors in the
papers that there was going to be an investigation. When he
was asked about the National Budget of his organization Kuhn
was forced to ^{answer} ~~reply~~ that he could not ^{say} ~~answer~~ because the documents
were all in the hands of the District Attorney of New York, where
Kuhn is under indictment. He also admitted that he is President
of a New York corporation to unite Christian storekeepers.

Every storekeeper who belongs kicks in with three dollars a year.

He said the Deutsch America Bund has twenty-thousand members, but
four or five times as many "fellow travelers" who also pay dues.

Then he was asked about the American cities where his Bund has
units. He named ^{them, and} ~~those in several states~~. Then they asked him
^{to which}
how about Arkansas. ~~And~~ he replied -- Kansas City. Then there was

a question as to wether he had any units in Mississippi.

And he replied: -- St. Louis.

BETHLEHEM

The Bethlehem Steel Company has started a battle with the National Labor Relations Board. The Board had ordered Bethlehem to break up their employee representation plan that had been in existence for twenty-one years. The Labor Board called it "Employer dominated." Also found Bethlehem guilty of violating the Wagner Act in ten of its plants in Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York.

But the Bethlehem Company declines to accept that order of the Labor Board without a struggle. Less than twenty-four hours after the order was handed down, the company filed a petition to the United States Court of Appeals.

ITU

Unions that belong to the American Federation of Labor have been assessed for a war chest to finance ^{the} fight against John L. Lewis and the ^{C.I.O.} ~~Congress of Industrial Organizations~~.

^{An} ~~The~~ assessment ~~amounts to the payment~~ of one cent a month ^{from} each member. But it appears that there are A.F. of L. members who don't care to cough up even ^{a penny} ~~one cent a month~~ for that fight.

The International Typographical Union, one of the most powerful and conservative of them all, is in convention at Fort Worth, Texas. And the President of that Union says it's going to remain entirely neutral in ^{the scrap} ~~that fight~~ between William Green and John L. Lewis. Said he, "There appears to be little likelihood that our membership will approve payment of that penny assessment." ² ~~"However," he added, "it is even less likely that they would approve of leaving the Federation."~~

MILK

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The strike of dairy farmers in upper New York State became violent today. For two days they've been striking for higher prices for their milk. Pickets were lined across the highways near Utica. One milk truck tried to break through the picket lines. It ran into one of the pickets and ^{killed} ~~injured~~ him, so ~~badly that he died in a hospital.~~ At another spot a truck was ~~ix~~ placed across the highway in an attempt to prevent the passage of the farmers who had not joined in the strike. Elsewhere milk was dumped along the roadside.

WATERBURY

For months a ~~trial~~ criminal trial has been dragging along in Waterbury, Connecticut. The defendant, ~~with the Mayor~~ ^{was the Mayor} of Waterbury and eighteen other ⁵ people. They were charged with ~~having~~ ^{ing} defrauded the city of ~~Waterbury~~ of three and a half million dollars. The case went to the jury today, a jury of nine men and three women. After six and a quarter hours they returned their verdict. Guilty. Mayor Hays ^e and eighteen others including attorneys, accountants, bankers, and city officials.

Found guilty.

CRATER

Here's ^{the} Justice Crater ^{mystery} ~~business~~ again, the

Supreme Court Justice who disappeared nine years ago.

You will recall that he was pronounced dead by the Courts, and his widow sued for the insurance money. Now we have the answer of the insurance company. The company ~~denies~~ denies that the circumstances surrounding his disappearance give rise to a presumption of his death. In short, the company believes that the Supreme Court Justice who ~~fa~~ vanished so spectacularly is still alive.

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JEWEL THIEF

During the last five years several jewel robberies in the East have been ^{troubling} ~~annoying~~ the police. And of course they brought no great joy to the ~~people~~ ^{people} who were robbed or to the insurance companies. Detectives compared these various thefts and came to the conclusion that most of them had been done by one man, or at any rate one gang.

Today the sleuths of New York traced a ~~certain~~ man to a hotel in Boston. ~~They'd been looking for him for quite a while.~~ Finally ~~They~~ got on his track through a letter he wrote to a friend. They arrested him and then delcared that ~~they'd~~ they had the ^{robber} ~~man~~ who has been mixed up in more than twenty ~~differe~~ different jewel ^{cases.} ~~robberies.~~ The total loot from those crimes ^{amounted to} ~~was~~ more than a million dollars. One of them alone, perpetrated on the estate of a rich man on Long Island, netted four hundred thousand dollars worth of gems.

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MOUNTAINEERING RECORD

I don't know whether governors have the right to strike medals ^{but} off ~~metals~~ if they do here's a recommendation for the Governor of Colorado: I suggest that Governor Ralph Carr strike off a ^{medal} ~~metal~~ ^{medals} ~~metals~~ and send one to Carl Melzer of Denver, and the other to his eleven-year-old son Bobby. For these two have pulled off just about the best father and son stunt that I have ever heard of. Newspapers throughout America carried a feature story today stating that Carl Melzer and his eleven-year-old ~~xxx~~ boy have just completed the conquest of all the mountains in the United States that are over fourteen thousand feet in elevation. The news dispatch goes on to say that there are exactly sixty of these. Fifty-one of them are in the State of Colorado, eight ~~of them~~ in California, and the remaining one, ~~to~~ Mount Rainer, in the State of Washington.

The sixtieth peak which they have just ^{climbed} ~~conquered~~ is one of the so-called Palisade Group in southern California.

This ^{series of} ~~is~~ mountaineering exploit ~~stunt~~ has never been equaled, or for that matter never approached. It is a tremendous feat for a man to have accomplished, and incredible for an eleven-year-old boy.

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I happen to be especially interested in this news story that has come over the wires because Carl Melzer was a classmate of mine in college, before the World War, in Colorado. He became a school teacher, and geology was his hobby. During his summer vacations he started taking long hikes into the mountains. I think it was four years ago that he took Bobby along, when the boy was only seven. So Bobby is now a veteran mountaineer. The feat of conquering all the ^{the mountains of} fourteen-thousand-foot or over ~~mountains in~~ ~~the country~~ has been spread over three summers. On one trip they started in Wyoming, walked right across the State of Colorado, making it the most difficult way up and down mountains, and along the Continental Divide, ending ~~at~~ New Mexico.

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There are two reasons why Governor Carr ought to give them each a medal, and declare a state holiday in their honor: first, because of the feat itself which far surpasses, as a ^{achievement} sporting ~~achievement~~, ~~xxxx~~ many of the long flights that have gained fame for aviators. Second, because by doing this thing Carl Melzer and his mountain goat son have called the attention of all the people who read newspapers and who hear the radio, called attention to the fact that fifty-one out of the sixty highest

mountains in the United States are in ^{Colorado.} ~~the glorious State of Colorado.~~

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DANZIG

~~Everybody~~ Everybody was looking forward to a peaceful settlement of the Danzig troubles when trouble broke loose. A Polish soldier was shot on the frontier between Poland and Danzig by a Danzig border guard. ~~Naturally that threw the fat into the fire again.~~

The first protest came, not from the Polish Government, but from the Nazi Senate of Danzig. The protest referred also to an attack upon ~~an~~ Danzig newspaper ~~and~~ men which was said to have been made by Polish soldiers.

Late this afternoon a dramatic report came ^{5 in} from London. ~~It was dramatic because of its timing.~~ It arrived just as the world was ~~discussing~~ discussing ~~these~~ these Danzig incidents. ~~The~~ report ~~is~~ that a new ~~is~~ treaty has been drawn up between Great Britain and Poland, a treaty that is ^{all ready} ~~already~~ for the ~~signature~~ signatures of British and Polish representatives. ~~It is~~ ^a strong offensive and defensive ~~military~~ alliance. The ~~publication~~ publication of the news which only just came over the cable ~~at this time~~ is interpreted as proof that the Chamberlain government realizes that there's not much chance of settling the differences between Poland Germany.

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WINDSOR

The feud of English high society against the Duke of Windsor has been carried into the domain of art. The late Sir Phillip Sassoon, one of the famous British milkionaires, in his will made a bequest to the Tate Galleries, the famous museum of modern art in London. In this bequest was a charcoal drawing by John Singer Sargent of His Royal Highness when he was Prince of Wales. The Tate Galleries refused this bequest. When the Director of the Tate was asked about it, he replied that "the decision was purely on the merits of the drawing." However, it accepted a portrait that ~~the same~~ ~~the American painter, John Singer~~ Sargent, ~~had~~ made of Sir Phillip Sassoon himself. ~~There was a~~ report that some British artists are indignant about ^{all this,} ~~this action~~ ^{and it's} ~~of the Tate Galleries. It is~~ rumored that the President of the Royal Academy is going to take the matter up.

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~~There was~~ a grave insult to the climate of New York,
~~Spoken~~
~~city delivered~~ today by a visiting potentate. His Highness

the Maharajah of Tirpura came to New York some days ago,

expecting to remain ~~some time~~ ^{for awhile,} But he sailed today aboard the

Normandie earlier than he intended, ~~and~~ His explanation was:

"I am going home to Central India to cool off."

CRUSOE

A warship of the Republic of Ecuador was passing the Island called Floreana in the Galapagos Archipelago. As it was steaming along the lookout on the bridge saw what seemed to be a human figure on the beach, waving frantically. A boat was lowered and ~~rowed~~ rowed ashore. There the crew found a ten-year-old boy, and from him they heard a strange story. A ten-year-old Robinson Crusoe. On that lonely volcanic isle six hundred miles from the mainland, the boy had kept himself going for forty-five days. The lad, an orphan, said he had run away from the family that had brought him to the Archipelago, three years ago. Ran away, he said, because he was tired of being mistreated. But those are tough islands for any Robinson Crusoe. They're volcanic, water is scarce and there's precious little to eat there. However, for all those weeks the ten-year-old Equadorian Crusoe lived on fruits and herbs. He was completely naked, and he was sick when he was found.

*Circumstances
found the Vanderbilt family
to become a Dixie Steam*

DIVINE

Report has it that
^ there ^{is} going to be another Father Divine Heaven
near the Hyde Park home of President, ~~Roosevelt's mother~~ ^{the}
The negro leader ^{wants} ~~is going to~~ buy the ~~nearby~~ estate of the
late William ~~Frederick~~ ^{Divine} Vanderbilt. ~~He~~ wrote to Mrs. Roosevelt
and wired the President, asking ~~him~~ ^{they} whether ~~he~~ had any objections.
Mr. Roosevelt replied through his Secretary that he would have
liked to have that estate bought by some public body for a
park or arboretum. But the President added that after all, any
citizen has a right to buy any property that he can, wherever
he chooses. Already there's one Heaven across the Hudson ~~River~~
from the Hyde Park Roosevelt estate. ~~But soon, Peace it is wonderful,~~
~~will be heard right next door.~~

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Late word is, from Terry
Keep of Previews, that
Mrs. Van Allen will under
no circumstances
permit the Vanderbilt palace
to become a Divine Heaven

"THE YANKEE"

Many of you no doubt are familiar with that lively and
and unusual ~~mag~~ magazine published up in Durham, New Hampshire.
The name of it is "The Yankee." And, its editor is a typical
Yankee if there ever was one, Robb Sagendorph by name. On its
front cover this ~~month~~ month it has a sentence that is worth
repeating. Here it is: "Definition of a Yankee: a man who
ain't leanin' on nothin'." ~~_____~~

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... drove off. Immediately the switchboard at Police Headquarters
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copper. The news spread out of town. Women from places thirty
miles away called up and said they wouldn't do their shopping
in Raleigh any more unless that policeman was severely
punished.
To affect that, there's a dispatch from London also

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~~There's great public indignation in and around the city of Raleigh, North Carolina. It's all over the killing of a~~

~~dog.~~ ^{North Carolina} The police of Raleigh have been making a campaign against

stray dogs. One of the Raleigh cops, ^{disposed of a} ~~seeing a stray pup on~~

~~stray dog in what is described the street, whistled to him. The dog came up to the officer,~~

~~as brutal fashion.~~

~~fawning and wagging his tail. Thereupon the policeman grabbed~~

~~the pup by the slack slack of the neck, drew his club, beat~~

~~it to death and threw it into the gutter.~~

^{A number of} ~~Unfortunately for him, several~~ people saw him do it.

A crowd formed and seemed about to do to the policeman what the

^{Whereupon he} policeman had done to the dog. ~~He~~ jumped into his car and

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To offset that, here's a dispatch from London also

about dogs. This was the feast day of St. Roche, famous in

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hagiography as the patron saint of dogs. In honor of this feast day huge crowds assembled in London outside a ~~Roman~~

~~Catholic~~ Church, where the Rector went through the ceremony

of blessing a hundred dogs in the street. There were ^{Bedlington} ~~spaniels~~

^{terriers} of lofty degree, prize-winning Sealyhams, and dignified

greyhounds standing side by side with ~~pp~~ pooches, ^{of uncertain} ~~whose~~

genealogy, ~~is best described by the name of a certain pickle~~

~~maker, the man who makes fifty-seven varieties.~~ Prize-winning

champ and lowly mut stood quietly as the priest sprinkled

them with holy water, then gave them a benediction, first

in Ecclesiastical Latin, then in English. ^{And the}

dogs barked amen.

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