

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In New York judges were named today -- judges accused by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey. And he also implicated a former District Attorney. In the indictment of James J. Hines, the noted Tammany Leader, Dewey charged that Hines had used his political power to bribe, influence or co-erce judges on the bench. So, Supreme Court Justice Pecora decreed -- name the judges. And today Dewey did:- Magistrate Hulon Capshaw and Magistrate Francis Erwin and at the same time he declared that former District Attorney Willicam C. Dodge, his own predecessor in office, was directly involved in fixing cases for the Dutch Schultz lottery racket.

Of the two judges, accused, one replied today. "Surprised and shocked," said Judge Capshaw and he made this declaration: "I categorically deny that I have ever been bribed, intimidated or influenced by the defendant Hines or by anybody else."

The other judge, Magistrate Erwin, makes no reply, for the simple reason that he died some while ago.

~~that he personally helped in the selection of winning numbers.~~

~~The exact words are these: "contrived, proposed and assisted in the drawing of the lotteries."~~

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The drama of prosecution proceeded on to the uttering of one telling and significant word in court, the word - guilty. It was spoken by Dixie Davis, one-time lawyer for ~~the~~ Dutch Schultz - the kid "mouthpiece", as he was called in the gang. Dixie Davis, a snappy and chipper young lawyer, began his legal career by handling cheap crook cases, and so developed his underworld contacts as to become the Number One lawyer and a great power in the hundred million dollar lottery racket operated by Dutch Schultz.

With today's plea of guilty, Dixie Davis fulfilled the first part of his bargain with Tom Dewey. The second item of the compact will be to testify in court against James J. Hines, the great man of Tammany. The kid "mouthpiece" is scheduled to be the Number One predominating factor of the trial in which Tom Dewey expects to send Jimmy Hines to prison. *Dixie Davis* pleaded guilty today but won't be sentenced until after he has testified against Hines.

~~So now ~~the~~ Davis~~ *He* is out of jail, in the custody of the

District Attorney and by permission of Supreme Court Justice Pecora. Today, Pecora renewed the court's permission but uttered some strong words of rebuke.

He pointed out how the kid mouthpiece, while in prison, had been permitted to visit his physician, which included visits to his girl firend, the actress, Hope Dare. He was allowed to leave prison, under custody, for forty of these visits.

So there was acid in the words of Justice Pecora as he said today, speaking of Dixie Davis: "I have in mind," said the Justice, "that he was a fugitive from justice for six or seven months." His importance was stressed by the District Attorney, and I was asked to fix substantial bail. The court was impressed, and fixed bail at two hundred thousand dollars." So spoke Justice Pecora.

A two hundred thousand bail, and then allowed to make forty visits to an actress, to the redheaded charmer who knew the gang. No wonder His Honor, the Supreme Court Justice, lifted a judicial eyebrow! The assistant district attorney said today that all this would be explained to the judge in due time.

LABOR BOARD

The Governor of Iowa today issued a challenge for a trial of the principle of state rights. This follows his action in putting a stop to a hearing that was being held by the National Labor Relations Board in the Maytag strike.

Today the Governor said: "If the Labor Board officials want to test the principles of state rights, this is a good place for them to try it."

The Government's attorneys in Washington characterized the Iowa action as entirely illegal, and say the Governor hasn't got a leg to stand on.

To this Governor Kraschel retorted today: "I have one good leg to stand on -- the National Guard."

Yes, the Iowa National Guard does seem like a sturdy limb on which to take a stance. Although, of course -- the federal government might find quite a mastodonic leg on which to stand -- the United States Army! However, I don't think there'll be a war between the United States of America. and the sovereign state of Iowa. The latest from Washington:- The Labor Board declares it will start the hearing again despite Governor and National Guard.

## KANSAS

Reports of the vote in the Kansas primary are early and incomplete. But they're interesting because of the candidacy of the Reverend Gerald B. Winrod, whose platform and campaigning gave rise to charges of anti-Semitism and Ku Klux Klan bigotry. The early and fragmentary vote shows the Reverend Winrod running far behind former Governor Clyde M. Reed, getting only half as many votes as Reed.

KENTUCKY

About politics in Kentucky the word used tonight is -- deplorable. The ~~committee~~ Senate campaign investigating committee has been looking into the red-hot blue-grass battle between administration leader Senator Alven Barkley and Governor Chandler, and the committee says -- deplorable. And describes it -- as a threat to a quote free and unpolluted ballot end quote. Dreadful -- yes it would be a dreadful thing to have a polluted ballot.

FAR EAST

A dispatch from London today uses the term --  
"pocket war." Well, that word signifying <sup>a</sup> receptacle <sup>a</sup> in men's  
clothes is being used a good deal. There are German "pocket"  
battleships and Franco forces wage war in Spain with the  
strategy of pockets -- the creation of bulges in the enemy line,  
and then pinch off the bulges. So the word "pocket war" is <sup>now</sup> ~~ex~~  
used to express the armed struggle ~~in the~~ raging between  
Russia and Japan in a corner of the Far East -- the assumption  
being that it is isolated and will remain isolated, just a pocket  
all by itself. Such is the belief expressed today. It's thought  
that Japan will have to fight it out ~~from~~ there in the pocket to  
save face, that Tokio has no desire to get into a regular war with  
the Soviets -- not while the Japanese army is so badly tied up  
in China. This opinion is strengthened by word from Shanghai which  
declares that the Mikado's generals have hastily thrown thirty  
thousand fresh troops <sup>to</sup> in the battle ~~for~~ <sup>Hankow,</sup> ~~to~~ knock out  
Chinese resistance as quick <sup>ly</sup> as possible -- and thus be in a  
better position to face the peril in the north.

But what about Moscow? The idea seems to be that Red

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Dictator Stalin doesn't want any large-scale war either. Some say that the Soviet strategy is to fight the pocket war and keep it in pocket, for the purpose of forcing Japan to maintain large armed forces along the border -- just in case. The more troops and guns and planes kept there, the fewer will be available for a campaign in China and thus Japan will be handicapped in the China war and will get into more and more trouble. So keep it in the pocket is the word -- but can they do it?

( Today battle was raging in that strategic area <sup>where</sup> ~~area~~ joins the borders of Siberia, Manchukuo and Korea. Infantry charges, dashes by tanks, artillery fire and air raids by Soviet planes ~~k~~ into Japanese-controlled territory. Who is winning? That question makes the "pocket war" seem a good deal like the big campaigns in China and Spain -- both sides claim they are winning.) There's a conflict in victorious dispatches -- the same old story.



CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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The parley of Czechoslovakia met today and its purpose has importance to all the world. The government called the congress of the nations to consider and ratify its plan for the settlement of the Soudeten German problem. However, the plan was not presented today -- was held off. This was to allow time for the arrival of Lord Runciman, the titled Britisher who will try to mediate. And along with this we have word that the Soudeten solution is likely to be -- gradual autonomy. Czech and Soudeten leaders right now are considering the plan which would give the German minority in the country self government, a little bit at a time -- full autonomy in ten or twenty years.

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Here's a reportorial assignment that didn't pan out - no interview. Upton Close, who has been on this program at various times, is traveling in Mexico. So I made a suggestion to him - why not get an interview with Trotsky and wire it to me to tell to <sup>you?</sup> ~~the audience~~ What has the one-time Red warlord to say about the increasing clash and budding <sup>war</sup> ~~war~~ between the Japanese and that same Red army of which he was the creator? But the answer is - no interview.

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I have a telegram here from Upton Close from Mexico City, in which he explains that Trotsky is writing the life of Stalin. <sup>And</sup> That ought to be quite a biography, written with a pen of vitriol and a heart of hate. The two one-time comrades of Communism - now perhaps the most venomous enemies in all the world - if Comrade Stalin could get his hands on Comrade Trotsky, that would be the occasion of an Ogpu execution with the biggest of headlines. All that Comrade Trotsky can do to Comrade Stalin is to write his biography, and maybe that's a more <sup>lux</sup> ~~curious~~ curious revenge than even the Ogpu could provide. But what has all this to do with the interview? Upton Close adds that because Trotsky is writing the

life of Stalin, he's more in fear of his life than ever. They say that recently there was an attempt to kill Trotsky by a would-be assassin disguised as an old woman. So the one-time companion of Lenin and warlord of the Reds, is in deeper and more heavily guarded seclusion than ever - seeing nobody.

As a substitute, Upton ~~Sixpence~~ Close wires the word that the Mexican government has completed the draft of its reply to Secretary Hull's message of protest. The reply will be conciliatory, friendly words and sweet phrases - but it will not accept the American demand for arbitration. The word is that the Mexican answer will quote from speeches made by President Roosevelt, upholding the rights of the common people against big money interests - and that will be something like the devil quoting Scripture. The Mexicans will use the President's words to support their right to confiscate American property. ~~Upton Close tells~~

me that on Sunday the Mexican Labor Party will stage a giant demonstration in protest against the American demand that the question be arbitrated. They will shout slogans against what they call - arbitrating a fundamental principle of the revolution.

The latest from our State Department is that the Mexican reply is expected tomorrow.

## BASEBALL

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This evening the baseball story begins this way - the ball left the pitcher's hand and flashed across the plate, a streak of yellow. Yes, yellow - for today in Brooklyn the Major Leagues had their first test of the yellow baseball. That new saffron sphere was supposed to have a high visibility, and ~~it~~ did - so far as Terry Moore, ~~right fielder~~ of the St. Louis Cardinals, is concerned. He was the first man up in the game, and big beefy Freddy Fitzsimmons tossed him a knuckle ball of yellow. And Terry blazed the canary colored horsehide to center for a single. In the Brooklyn half of the inning, Johnny Hudson found the spherical yellow to be of even higher visibility. He slashed a double down the third base line.

The inventor of the yellow baseball ~~takes a high~~  
~~stand~~ ~~He~~ claims that it will decrease injuries to players. ~~They'll be able to get out of the way of a fast pitch~~  
~~all the better, because they'll be able to see the ball better.~~  
A streaking yellow sphere is more clearly visible than a streaking white sphere - so the inventor claims, ~~in his tender anxiety~~  
~~about possible injuries to baseball players.~~ To the ~~and~~ players ~~therefore~~, the main question is- can a hitter do any better in

The proff of this saffron pudding is in the eating of it on the diamond -- in other words, the box score. How many hits and runs do they get -- hitting yellow?

In the novelty game, Brooklyn won, which is something of a novelty. Score -- six to two, an average sort of score. Brookly got ten hits and St. Louis got eight, which also is fialry average. So there seems to be little indicated about the high visability of the yellow ball.

CORRIGAN

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It certainly is a triangle drama that is playing around Corrigan -- the triangle of a scheming, scratching, fighting, clawing fight for a man, wooing him, smiling upon him, caressing him, and socking each other. Well, they're a couple of old rivals, those two who are courting favor with Corrigan -- Miss Manhattan and Miss Brooklyn. Miss Manhattan is a ~~tall~~ tall gal, scrapes the skies, a bit skinny across the middle, but very well dressed, proud and haughty, snooty. Miss Brooklyn is not so tall and rather spreads out all over the place, lady of a large area, with such charms as Flatbush, Bay Ridge, ~~Red~~ Hook and the Navy Yard. Which will Corrigan choose -- Miss Manhattan or Miss Brooklyn? That was the question of the hour today.

The tall sky scraping lady had it all fixed to take Corrigan to her bosom. Mayor La Guardia is absent, which deprives the romance of the ultimate touch of Latin ~~courtship~~ courtship.

But the Mayor's secretary got on the 'phone with Corrigan, explained that ~~that~~ fond ~~that~~ Manhattan was awaiting him, and ~~that~~ it would be the usual ticker tape parade for the home-coming aviator. I don't know how broad

and spacious Miss Brooklyn horned in on the proceedings. Maybe  
it's because the epic of Corrigan, who started for Los Angeles  
and ended in ~~London~~ <sup>Dublin was</sup> a bit funny -- and Brooklyn is known to  
be somewhat that way. Maybe a fellow feeling of funniness.

Likewise Corrigan is Irish and Brooklyn is also somewhat that  
way. But then so is Manhattan. I don't know which is the more  
Irish of the two, and I wouldn't want to interfere -- any more  
than I would want to interfere between two ladies in the midst  
of a love rivalry. However that all may be, Miss Manhattan,  
having fallen in love with Corrigan, Miss Brooklyn also proceeded  
to fall in love with him, and the fat was in the fire! -- or can  
we find a better figure of speech?

So Brooklyn's County Clerk, Jamie Kelly, a fair-haired  
boy of those parts got Corrigan on the trans-Atlantic phone and  
asked him to come to the arm<sup>s</sup> of Miss Brooklyn instead of those  
of Miss Manhattan. And today Jamie Kelly announces that Corrigan  
said "yes" -- like a blushing young man being ardently wooed and  
won.

The Jamie Kelly declaration is in these ringing ~~words~~



terms: "Corrigan will set foot first in Brooklyn", says he, "of that you may be certain. Then Corrigan will be given a triumphant procession. What Manhattan does with him after that the big N.Y. Ad Club luncheon Friday -- is no concern of Brooklyn."

So it seems that Corrigan, who was such a bad navigator, that he lost his way and accidentally flew across the ocean, is to be married to Brooklyn, far famed for strange and incomprehensible happenings.

And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.