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The Hines trial in New York came to life today with some lively fireworks, Governor Lehman making some blistering remarks about District Attorney Dewey. The Governor, writing a letter to the District Attorney, charges him with - "inexcuseable arrogance and impertinence." Those, Governor, are strong words.

It all comes about in the course of crime melodrama that connects with the Hines trial. Three years ago, in a Rensselaer County snowbank, they found the body of a murdered man. He was one Jules Martin, a henchman of Dutch Schultz, the beer baron and policy racketeer. Nothing much was heard about the murder until some months ago at the time of the first trial of Tammany Leader James J. Hines. - Then an account of the crime was given by Dixie Davis. Davis - one time lawyer for Dutch Schultz and a principal witness against Hines, accusing him of having been political fixer for the Dutch Schultz mob, Dixie Davis stated that he was present at the murder of Jules Martin, and said Dutch Schultz did it.

Now, the second trial of Hines is on, and Dixie Davis was testifying against ^{the} Tammany leader once again. Right along with

that came word that two convicts at Atlanta had made affidavits stating that Jules Martin had been murdered by George Weinberg - that same ~~George~~ Weinberg who was a star witness against Hines in the first trial and who since has committed suicide. The convict affidavits obviously intimated that Star Witness Davis spoke falsely when he said Dutch Schultz killed Martin. Also - that Davis was covering Star Witness Weinberg as the killer.

To all of this District Attorney Dewey made sharp comment. He said there had been a leak in Albany and spoke caustically of what he called the extraordinary coincidence - the convict affidavits becoming public just at the time when Dixie Davis was testifying. The inference was that the ^{murder} story attacking both Davis and Weinberg was designed to help Jimmy Hines.

And that provoked Governor Lehman's sharp reply today. He writes to the District Attorney that there was no leak in his office. He states that the convict affidavits were handled in a perfectly regular way. And he speaks of - "inexcuseable arrogance and impertinence."

~~Meanwhile, at the trial itself, the testimony today~~

concerned the question of payments made by the policy racket to Hines. A defense angle is being developed - that Schultz money went to charities operated by ~~Hines~~ Hines. Hines Charities have been famous in New York for years, Thanksgiving Day turkeys, Christmas ~~b~~askets and other alms to the poor - the kind of neighborhood charity long in practice by Tammany Hall. The prosecution ^{today} was trying to show that Hines used ~~the~~ checks given him by Dutch Schultz for other purposes than charity - such as betting on the races.

APPOINTMENT

~~There were~~ Flickerings of another appointment battle today, when President Roosevelt sent a list of names to the Senate -- ~~various appointments for various jobs.~~ Naturally these were scrutinized with sharp interest for the smoke has not yet cleared from the last battle, when the Senate rejected the President's nomination of Floyd H. Roberts to a Federal judgeship. ~~The Senate rejected Roberts when he was opposed by the two Virginia senators the old principle of senatorial courtesy.~~

On today's list one name is immediately spotted -- Francis Biddle, named to the United States Circuit Court. That's a Pennsylvania job, and Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania had already made a recommendation for it -- had suggested somebody else. ~~The~~

Dealer -

at, the -- though the senator has been a staunch New President ignored the Guffey recommendation, and so the question

was -- would ~~the Pennsylvania Senator~~ ^{Guffey} fight the Biddle nomination -

the way the Virginia Senators fought the nomination of Roberts? *Stand*

~~Some~~ more senatorial courtesy.

However, there won't be any fight apparently, because later in the day Pennsylvania Senator Guffey spoke up and said --

"Yes," he had opposed the appointment of Biddle, but he added the new nomination would make -- "an excellent jurist." *Speculation* is -- can there be a rift between Roosevelt & Guffey?

RELIEF

A permanent relief department of the government - that's the import of a bill introduced into Congress today by Senator Byrnes of South Carolina. The Byrnes bill would create a Department of Public Works, which would coordinate and control the W.P.A. and other relief agencies, together with Social Security. The plan was drafted by the Special Senate Committee on Relief, with Senator Byrnes as Chairman.

~~There's no indication that the new relief department idea is sponsored by the White House, but it was observed that the Senator had a conference with President Roosevelt yesterday.~~

The creation of the proposed Public Works Department would formally establish relief as a permanent branch of the United States government.

DIES

The Dies Committee got a hundred thousand dollars today - as we heard it would when Congress voted to continue that committee which is investigating Un-American activities. There was no opposition when the resolution was presented by ~~the~~ Chairman Warren of the House Accounts Committee. The resolution ~~was made~~ ^{was made} presented with these words to the Dies group: "Hew to the line, march straight ahead, turn neither to the right nor the left, and don't listen to the blandishments of any group - or yield to the itch of publicity."

COLLEGE

Here's something that sounds startling - American students hired by Soviet Russia to agitate for Communism in American colleges. The charge today was made by Dr. William F. Russell, who is Dean of the Columbia Teachers College. He put it in these words: "Students at Columbia are being paid three dollars a day by Moscow to attend school and agitate." The Dean characterized this as an attempt by the Reds to break down democratic administration at the University.

The method of the collegiate hirelings of Red Moscow is to work their way into student councils. Then, says the Dean, the next thing you know they ^{'re} ~~are~~ _{^ ^} arranging meetings to consider labor problems, world peace, and ways of helping the Left government in Spain. All this, under democratic pretenses but really in the interest of Communism.

SPAIN

The Franco conquest of Catalonia was completed today under dramatic circumstances. At the French border, the frontier town of Perthus, ^{the} last of the Republican rear guard passed into France, and at their heels appeared advance parties of the insurgent army. Franco's men came up fast, apparently hoping they might by chance make an important capture. Right on the border was Republican Premier Negrin and members of his cabinet. They've actually been in and out of France - in peculiar fashion. The remains of the one-time Barcelona government made its headquarters on a property that is split by the frontier line. The border there runs right through the town of Perthus. So, the insurgent parties might have had some hope of trapping Negrin and his cabinet members on the Spanish side. No chance of that, though. The group that still ranks as the government of Spain, had only a few yards to go and be safely in France. And they went - just in advance of the Franco patrols.

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~~At one part of the border there was a final flare of Catalonian war. An Anarchist division made a stand just at the frontier, with heavy firing - Franco warplanes flying overhead and bombing them.~~

The whereabouts of the Republican government ^{is} ~~are~~ unknown tonight. There are reports that some of the cabinet ministers have gone to the Madrid-Valencia area, still under Republican control. And it is said that Premier Negrin will go there tomorrow - to continue the war in central Spain.

Events at the island of Minorca were ~~qualific~~ clarified today. Franco has captured ^{it.} ~~Minorca~~. His troops occupied the island, apparently in some sort of virtual surrender arranged by the British. London, as we ^{heard} ~~have been hearing,~~ ^{was} exceedingly anxious to have Minorca occupied by Franco's Spanish troops and not Italians - and that's what happened.

The news explains the presence of the British cruiser DEVONSHIRE at the island. The DEVONSHIRE brought to Minorca the Franco commandant of the other island of Majorca, and he parleyed with the Republican chiefs. Today the DEVONSHIRE left Minorca, and had aboard those same Republican chiefs, taking them to safety at Marseilles. So one purpose of the cruiser visit was to carry away the leaders, whose names ^{would} ~~will~~ be on Franco's blackbook. They'd hardly give up the island, unless they could assure their

own safety. And today a whole fleet of boats left Minorca with all sorts of people who might be afraid of Franco vengeance.

So there was no resistance at all, when the insurgents landed, and in brief hours they were in possession of the island.

A late dispatch from Paris says that the British and French governments are on the point of recognizing Franco. They'll give him full recognition right away, provided they get assurance that the Italians and Germans will not get any sort of foothold in Spain, anything to prevent that.

POPE

At nine o'clock Roman time, the chief Papal physician went to the bedside of Pius the Eleventh. Professor Boname -- paid his last visit of the day to the stricken Pontiff of the Church of Rome -- made his final examination for the night.

Pope Pius is so ill that pessimistic reports came from the Vatican all day, ^{influenza,} ~~a heavy cold,~~ a recurrence of ~~px~~ bronchial asthma and a report of -- pneumonia. Several times during the past year the eighty-one year old Pontiff was believed to be in his last illness, but recovered.

I have ~~heard~~ here a report of the Papal physician issued after his last call at the Vatican tonight. It says that the Pope is resting -- relatively easy. Those are the quoted words -- "relatively easy."

SHIP

The news is tragic tonight about

~~Last night we heard that~~ British freighter in distress

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out on the Atlantic, ~~with~~ several vessels steaming to the rescue.

Tonight we hear that three big passenger liners ~~have~~ reached the

scene where the stricken vessel was. The ~~longitudo~~ latitude

and longitude where the British freighter MARIA DE LARRINAGA

with a crew of thirty-seven aboard, was last heard from. All

they found ~~is~~ was floating wreckage, a couple of wooden ladders,

the top of a table, some hatch covers, assorted debris, ~~remain~~

~~of the ship that has sunk,~~ - telltale signs that ^{the ship} ~~is~~ MARIA DE

LARRINAGA had sunk. ~~at last word~~ The three passenger liners

proceeded to search for possible survivors in boats. It was

not a hopeful search - storm out there on the Atlantic, a

northwest gale, blinding snowfall and the rage of heavy seas.

And the last word relates that the ships have given up the

search, ^{Gone} ~~in what seems to be an unmitigated tragedy of the sea.~~

FLIGHT

Today at Gravesend, England, an airplane landed, and they had to help out a young flyer. - ~~He~~ He was so exhausted he could hardly talk, couldn't smile, and his nose was bleeding -- all done-in with sheer fatigue. He got that way by breaking the record in the favorite British Empire classic of the sky - England ⁻ South Africa.

Twenty-four year old Alex Henshaw did the London-Capetown round trip in the fastest time ever. There and back for a total of twelve thousand miles, in four days, ten hours and twenty-one minutes. That cuts the previous record by more than one whole day.

It's a hard grueling flight, ~~xxx~~ that British Empire classic. And Alex Henshaw was half dead when he landed in England today.

Thoms.

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INTRO TO DR. WELLS THOMS

A traveller from far-off Arabia has dropped in to pay me a call this evening, and to give us the news from that fabulous land. This traveler's name is Dr. Wells Thoms.

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(~~At one time the medical and surgical learning of the world was concentrated in Arabia. Now, ~~oddly enough~~ it is being taken back to Arabia by Americans. Dr. Wells Thoms has spent his life there. His mother and father were ⁵doctors in Arabia before him.~~)

Many of us, Dr. Thoms, are intrigued by the stories we hear concerning the most powerful ruler in Arabia, King Ibn Saud. You were telling me that in ^{there}the evening, out/in the Central Desert, he gets the radio news of the world, in different languages, has it boiled down by his translators, and then makes his own comments upon it to the members of his court. Tell us, how does King Ibn Saud look upon the other nations? ^{so}~~at this time when the air is full of war and threat of war?~~

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DR. THOMS:- Here's what the King said to me about the Russians. He said, "We don't even bother to hate the Russians."

They are atheists, they deny God. Therefore God, before long, will utterly crush hem."

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LT:- Did he say anything about the Italians who have been trying to make friends with the Arabs, and thus embarrassed the British?

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DR. THOMS:- Yes, his comment on the Italians was, "Look what they have done to my neighbor, the King of the Ethiopians. They have robbed him of everything, so can you blame us if we don't love the Italians?"

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L.T.:- How about the Germans? Berlin has been broadcasting to Arabia, sending propaganda through the air. What effect has that had?

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DR. THOMS:- King Ibn Saud said, "Yes, the Germans tell us they are the friends of small nations, and especially the friends of the Arabs. Yet we see them grasping for the nations to the south of them, so how can we believe anything they say?"

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L.T.:- He seems to be skeptical of them all, Dr. Thoms.

What about the British? *Does he think the Germans + Italians are right in saying the British Empire is decaying?*

~~DR. THOMS:- Ibn Saud spoke of the broadcasts that had been coming from Rome and Berlin, speakers addressing the Arab peoples and telling them that the British Empire is decaying.~~

Dr. Thoms:-

~~He~~ said the King, "we judge a nation by the individuals whom we have met, and all the Englishmen I have met during my thirty years of rule have been real men!" Than that no higher praise can any Arab give! But he added, "We appreciate having the British nearby, but not too nearby -- close, but not too close!"

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L.T.:- I suppose America is too far away to interest Ibn Saud very much?

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DR. THOMS:- Not at all. His remark on America was, "Your country is the one country we really love, because ~~we feel we have the most in common with you, and~~ you have no political interest in us. (~~Also, our young men have been educated in your universities in Beirut and Cairo. You have generously built~~

~~hospitals around our borders. Your geologists have found oil and gold for us and helped us develop our resources.~~)

When you return to your home country and meet your President,

~~please~~ tell him that I, Ibn Saud, King of the Arabs, send my

salaams" ~~and that I~~ express the hope that the bonds between

the Arabs and the Americans will grow stronger, ~~and stronger."~~

This foremost of all the rulers of Arabia, Ibn Saud, thought

that when I came home, ~~to this country, before doing anything~~

~~else,~~ I would go directly to the President and pay my respects

just as one ~~always~~ goes to the King ^{upon arrival} ~~upon arrival~~ in Arabia.

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L.T.:- And have you taken the King's message to the President?

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DR. THOMS:- Oh no, in this country we don't all go and present

ourselves at the White House, do we?

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~~L.T.:- (no, but Dr. Thomas, you are a traveler from a far off~~

~~far off, almost legendary country. The King of the Arabs is~~

~~one of the few remaining important monarchs in the world. He has~~

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~~given you a message to the President, and I suspect that the~~

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President would be glad to welcome you, and send back,
through you, a message to His Majesty Ibn Saud, Lord of Arabia,
Monarch of the Sands, Defender of Islam, Custodian of the Holy
Places, and the Sword of Allah -- through you who have done
so much to cause the Arabs to be grateful to America.

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