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TOLEDO TRAGEDY

<sup>More</sup>  
~~another~~ strike tragedy, ~~this time~~ in Toledo. ~~The~~ <sup>Ohio,</sup>  
story from Toledo <sup>is</sup> even graver than the <sup>yesterday</sup> one <sup>from</sup> Minnea-  
polis. Two strikers were killed instantly when the Ohio  
National Guardsmen fired a volley of ball cartridge point  
blank at the mob of rioters, and twelve ~~other~~ fell, ~~wounded~~  
wounded.

All this happened just as people were congratulating ~~the~~  
Governor ~~Handerson~~ of Ohio for his promptness in sending  
the troops before any serious damage had been done. In  
<sup>story yesterday</sup>  
Minneapolis <sup>the</sup> authorities had waited until one man was  
killed and more than sixty wounded before they called out  
the soldiers. And everybody said the State of Minnesota  
had locked the stable door after the horse was stolen.

The difficulty in Toledo arose from the fact that the  
workers themselves were not unanimous. Fifteen thousand  
of them refused to join in <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ walk-out. And they found

*baulked*  
themselves ~~deceived~~ in the plan by three thousand of  
their infuriated mates.

At the first ~~symptom~~<sup>p</sup> symptom of serious trouble the  
Toledo Chief of Police telephoned the Adjacent General  
of Ohio and ~~he~~ asked for troops from other parts of the  
State so that local guardsmen would not be forced to fight  
their own *kin folk*, ~~fold and kin~~. So at dawn this morning two thousand  
soldiers ~~marke~~ marched in a heavy downpour to the scene  
of the riot.)

(With bayonets fixed and gas masks ready for action.

This morning it looked as though that quick action  
on the part of the Ohio authorities had put a sharp end  
to the tumult and without bloodshed. Instead of that,  
the rioting broke out again this afternoon. The volley  
was fired by the troops after an entire afternoon of fighting  
with teargas. Six of the rioters were injured by that.

This is the most serious tragedy of the kind that has  
occurred in the United States since President Roosevelt

took office and the National Labor Board was established.

The end of the depression has brought labor troubles aplenty and there have been casualties all over the country but

~~here-~~ hitherto the fighting has been by the strikers and

local police. So the Toledo tragedy is the first time in

the Roosevelt administration that strikers have been killed

by soldiers.



CHACO.

The big victory claimed by Bolivia over Paraguay has an angle that should interest military men the world over. Professional soldiers are pointing to it as a victory for German strategy and tactics as opposed to French. It is known that the Bolivian army is German drilled. One of its first Generals in the early phases of the war was an ex-German officer who had been one of the principal lieutenants of Field Marshall von Hindenburg on the Western Front during the Great War. The Paraguayans on the other hand have been drilled and trained by French officers.

If this victory turns out to be as overwhelming as the Bolivians claim, it will take the edge off that unanimous resolution by the House of Representatives, the resolution authorizing the President to slap down an embargo on arms to both of the fighting republics.

The League of Nations is not getting very far in its appeal to thirty-one governments to join in this embargo. All the favorable replies that have come to Geneva have been from small nations who do not manufacture arms on a large scale and consequently haven't much to sell.

Incidentally ~~Rep~~ Representative McReynolds, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, made public some interesting figures. According to these figures the notion that American firms have been selling huge quantities of munitions of war to Bolivia and Paraguay is, to put it mildly, exaggerated.

JOHNSON FOLLOW N.R.A.

There's a nice bit of comedy in the latest phase of the squabble over the N.R.A. The news these days flames with the furious warfare between General Johnson and Clarence Darrow. Meanwhile, the General himself and Mr. Darrow were taking a friendly motor ride through Washington. Naturally, people wondered whether the General was taking the aged lawyer for a ride or vice verse.

It reminds one of the old limerick.

There was a young lady of Niger.

Who smiled as she rode on a tiger.

They came back from the ride with the lady inside,

And the smile on the face of the tiger.

But it was different in this case. Says the General,

"We talked about the Piltdown man, the Neanderthal and the Little Man," also the Forgotten Man.



Said Darrow, "We talked about religion - and many other things."

This Darrow report has precipitated perhaps the most amusing of all the controversies that have taken place over the New Deal. First the defenders of the Administration say: "The Darrow report is atrociously unfair. The Board should be fired." But almost in the next second we hear other supporters of the Administration admitting: "The N.R.A. is sorely in need of mending and the President is going to have some big changes made." In other words, the Darrow Report was all wrong but a lot of the advice it offers will be follows.

Then there's food for thought in two minor pieces of news about the N.R.A. From Washington we learn that eight firms were stripped of their Blue Eagles. But from Buffalo, New York, we hear that three thousand bakers sent their Blue Eagles back without thanks, decided to do without them. They say that many bakers have been forced into bankruptcy since adopting the N.R.A. Code.

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The dope now is that President Roosevelt's message on war debts will be the last of these special communications he will make to this Congress. If this is true, it will make a monkey of those authorities sounding reports that the President would present to Congress a grandiose program of social reform, including such things as unemployment insurance and old age pensions. They say Mr. Roosevelt is anxious for the legislators to call it a day and go home. They, themselves, are homesick. Lots of them have to attend to that ticklish job known as mending fences, in preparation for the Fall elections.



## MOUNT CLEMENS

Maybe the President would like to be out at Mt. Clemens, Michigan. At any rate it was on the schedule this afternoon for President Roosevelt to push a button in Washington and set a lot of high jinx going in Michigan, healthy high jinx -- a Fiesta devoted to vim, vigor and vitality. And it all began with an old White horse.

Historians of Health relate that some years ago at Mount Clemens, near Detroit, there was an aged white horse, limping and lame, with glanders and perhaps blind staggers and maybe also the "pip". Then suddenly this venerable animal took on a new lease of life and went kicking up his heels like a two year old. The astonished natives of Mount Clemens wondered why, and then observed that the old white horse made it a daily practice to stand under a leaky water tank and let the dripping drops of water splash over him. The water tank was the sad relic of a bankrupt enterprize for making salt out of the local water, which is impregnated with minerals. So it was presently surmised that the rejuvenation of the horse was because of the mineral properties in the water. That is why

it was in the cards for President Roosevelt to press the button in Washington today, and open the Mount Clemens Health Fiesta.

This brings attention to an interesting angle of human life. The medical profession reports that when hard times are on, people don't think so much about their health. They have something else to worry about -- money. And anyway if you haven't any money, how can you take care of your health -- or maybe what's the use. When the depression disappears though, people return to the important philosophy that health after all is the main thing in all of the world. They take themselves to the great health resorts -- such as Carlsbad in Europe or Mount Clemens here in the United States.

All kinds of blythsome ceremonies are under way at the picturesque small Michigan city. Today they have a replica of that original tank, and a white horse stands under it with the water dripping down on him. A bathrobe parade with dignitaries marching in bathrobes and the Mayor in a bathrobe riding on the white horse. And a royal reception in honor of

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the Queen of health -- sixteen year old Farley Fane Ullrich, hailed as the "pink and perfection" of girlish healthfulness, Mount Clemens the city of magic water, known round the world for its curative powers. The Mount Clemens people today are saying:- "here's to your health!" would start chiseling.

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GLAVIS.

There is a fascinating bit of human drama behind the big scandal in Washington, the scandal of the Public Works funds.

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Collier's Magazine took up the fight and there was a congressional investigation. In those proceedings Glavis' counsel was Louis D. Brandeis, now a Supreme Court Justice.

Well, the investigation was a flop and Ballinger was given a clean bill of health. Nevertheless, he resigned six months later and his successor declared that Glavis had saved Uncle Sam two hundred million dollars.

At the same time, Gifford Pinchot was also discharged as Chief Forester by President Taft. When Theodore Roosevelt returned from his hunting trip in Africa, Pinchot told him the whole story. And this was one of the prime causes of the subsequent quarrel between Taft and Roosevelt.

And today Louis R. Glavis is again on the job. And Federal Grand Juries have already returned indictments in thirteen out of the eighty-eight cases that he has dug up.

## JUDGES

Here's another scandal to keep us scandalized. It concerns the Federal bench. A sub-committee of the House has been investigating the conduct of three Federal judges in Chicago, particularly their handling of bankruptcy cases.

The sub-committee's report has been turned in. And already the Judiciary Committee of the House has recommended that one of these jurists, Judge Charles E. Woodward of Chicago, should be impeached. Before the end of the week the same Committee will have to decide whether or not to bring impeachment proceedings against two other Chicago judges.

Cases like these are already particularly disturbing. Most people cherish the idea that the Federal bench at least is occupied by jurists of learning and integrity. The last time the Federal bench was attacked was in the case of Judge Lauderback of California.

A considerable majority of the Senate voted to convict the California judge. But it requires a two-thirds majority:- and the vote was short of that.



## DAVID FOLLOW JUDGES

But let's not be too harsh with the Federal bench,  
for here's a Federal judge in New York City who has handed  
down a memorable decision. It concerns Spinach.-- not the  
spinach that grows in the garden but the spinach that blooms  
on the face tra la.

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The wise decision might have been given by Solomon, because  
it concerns the House of David. The House of David brought  
suit not against the House of Goliath, but against the House  
of ~~Goliath~~ <sup>Goliath</sup> Murphy, who runs a baseball team all covered with  
whiskers like the ball players of the House of David, and  
dolloed in uniforms <sup>also</sup> inscribed "House of David." To make  
matters worse Mr. Murphy's team had played dumb baseball,  
thereby bringing the original and authentic House-of-David-  
nine into disrepute.

Manager Murphy in his reply took exception to the  
criticism of his team's playing. Said he, " What do you  
mean, dumb baseball?" We grew whiskers on the classical  
features of Grover Cleveland Alexander and put him in as  
a pitcher. Do you call that dumb baseball?"

The decision rendered by Judge Woolsey is, as I said, Solomonian. "Beards," he declares, "are in the public domain. A man may wear anything on his face that he pleases. He may even purposely imitate the facial shrubbery of his neighbor--even to the extent of following such topiary modification thereof as may have caught his fancy."

I don't know what topiary means, Judge. But it sounds good. Any way, it establishes the freedom of the face.

That part of the decision is against the House of David, but the rest of it is against the House of Murphy. By dressing in uniforms marked House of David they have infringed upon the rights of the original Davidites.

In other words, beards cannot be trademarked, but trade marks can, then which Solomon could have judged no more wisely.

N.R.A.

The latest N.R.A. idea is a code for traveling salesmen. We had thought that everybody was thoroughly coded by this time, including the United Association of Hoboes. But the drummer now says that he has been neglected. He is tired of signing nothing but expense accounts. So he wants to sign a code. And I suppose one clause will read like this: "We want a new deal in jokes about traveling salesmen." Which reminds me -- did you hear the story about two drummers. One said "I went fishing and all I caught was a Code in the head." And the other said: "That's a terrible joke, "I went fishing, and I caught a nude eel". A bit ancient? Well, maybe I'd better duck and say SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.