

ELOPEMENT

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Well, the great kidnapping mystery came to a romantic ending this afternoon. There was sensation in the news as it flashed across the wires, one of the biggest manhunts was on in the middlewest. And why not? ~~with the disappearance of the~~ ~~seventeen year old daughter of one of the~~ ~~executives of the~~ ~~Ford Company.~~ The dread word was ~~kidnapping.~~ But it turns out ~~an elopement,~~ ~~love and wedding bells.~~

Harry Bennett is chief of personnel for Henry Ford, in charge of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ hundred and forty thousand <sup>Ford</sup> workers. He's in command of the Ford Company private police, a formidable organization. As such he has been in bitter conflict with the C.I.O. Union elements ~~that are~~ trying to organize ~~the~~ Ford employees. Also - he has lent a hand in the breaking of many a crime case. Harry Bennett is a mighty magnifico who lives in a mansion like a castle at Ypsilanti, Michigan. He has three daughters, one of whom is Gertrude, fondly called "Trudy."

Some while ago, Harry Bennett as chief of <sup>the</sup> Ford personnel gave a job to a young man named Russell Hughes. A lively chap is Russell Hughes, known for his skill as a tap dancer and as a

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drummer in a jazz band. Thanks to the job which the Ford executive gave him, he saved enough money to go to college. He became acquainted with Trudy Bennett, <sup>and</sup> romance began to blossom - though there is no indication that it had the parental approval.

The kidnapping sensation began early yesterday morning when Trudy Bennett and her sister Billy started off in their car - returning to college after the Christmas holidays. Their car was stalled, frozen brakes, so Trudy phoned Russell and he came hurrying in his car and drove the girls to school. Those frozen brakes ~~seemed to have~~ <sup>then</sup> brought romance to a climax.

Later in the day Trudy phoned Sister Billy asking Billy to call for Trudy that evening after dinner. Billy called - but no Trudy. Billy informed their father, and he at once suspected - foul play. As time went on and Trudy was still among the missing - he was certain she had been kidnapped.

"Trudy would call me I am sure," he said. "She has never failed me. If she's all right she <sup>would</sup> ~~let~~ let me know." <sup>So</sup>  
<sup>he said</sup>  
it must be kidnapping, and the manhunt was on - the local police far and wide, the mighty G-men, and the Ford Company police <sup>taking</sup>

part in the search. ~~The wires buzzed for the abducted Trudy.~~

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To be sure, there were signs of an elopement. Trudy was reported to have been seen driving off with Russell Hughes. It was revealed that Russell himself had left home taking an extra pair of shoes and a suit of clothes. And a bank reported that Trudy had withdrawn fifty dollars from her savings account that day.

But the anxious father refused to believe, he scouted any such idea as elop<sup>e</sup>ment. Indignantly he said: "Trudy always did what she wanted and told me to go to hell. But she never kept anything from me."

He had faith in his daughter, and that's like any fond father. It could only be - kidnapping.

So the manhunt was redoubled, the cops, the G-men, and the Ford police got busier than ever, combing the country for miles - searching for the criminals. There was one touching note when Harry Bennett received a telegram ~~from~~ from Richard Frankenstein, who is in charge of the Union campaign to organize the Ford workers. He has been at bitter odds with the chief of the Ford personnel and police. But in this moment of fatherly anguish,

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all was forgotten. "On my own behalf and for the other United Automobile Workers of America," the Union chief telegraphed, "I want to express the sincere hope that Miss Bennett is found soon and unharmed. The Union's relations with the Ford Company and with Harry Bennett himself have at times been less than cordial, but all of us unite in sympathy with him today."

Noble words, the generous, impulsive sympathy toward an enemy whose daughter has ~~been kidnapped~~ *vanished.*

It worked up to a climax in a big way, the climax being a dispatch from Auburn, Indiana. *There* Russell Hughes and Trudy Bennett took out a marriage license, and ~~then~~ immediately got married. They departed for Toledo - on their honeymoon. *Why didn't Trudy phone father? maybe she was scared.* ~~This~~ word was instantly flashed to the grieving

*It was* Bennett family in the castle at Ypsilanti, told at once to the anxious father. What relief, what joy! Trudy not kidnapped at all, just married. What words do we hear? What exclamation? Here are the words of the father: "Let ~~them~~ come home when their money runs out."

So all ends happily, and the latest we hear is that

echo which so often accompanies the peal of wedding bells.

Says Harry Bennett, the father: "I hope the guy has a job and can support her!" <sup>!</sup># That's what so many a father has said *down* throughout ~~out~~ the ages.

## ~~THE~~ Ocean-Canoe

There's a news story tonight which is nothing more than a dramatic illustration of an old, classic puzzle. ~~It's~~ bit of rhyme, the sort of ingenuity they call a transposition. It's based on two words that are spelled with the same letters:- ~~transpositions of the same letters.~~ The two words are - ocean and canoe. Scan those two words a minute and you'll see they're composed of the same letters. So the puzzle rhyme goes like this:

"If you would sail the ocean blue  
Do not try it in a canoe."

Now, here's the news story. A missing ~~man~~ Connecticut boy has been found. Last week he left his home at Darien on his way to Florida - taking the ocean route and in a canoe. The seventeen year old lad was out to paddle all the way. They had been searching for him since last Sunday, and today they found him. They picked him up off Rocky Point, Long Island, his canoe floundering in the rough water. He was almost a goner when the Coast Guard rescued him. So - ~~SIXTYONE UNTIL~~

"If you would sail the ocean blue  
Do not try it in a canoe."

And - ~~SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

ROOSEVELT

Today President Roosevelt followed up his message to Congress -- in which he called upon business to cooperate. He told the newspaper men that he was thinking of a series of conferences between business and ~~the~~ government to promote better conditions. He specified the ideas he thought business and ~~the~~ government should discuss -- ideas <sup>of</sup> how to prevent over-production and how to develop purchasing power in the United States. The scheme would be to devise ways of adjusting production and of guaranteeing fair play in industry. ~~Ex~~ Did that sound like a revival of the N.R.A. on a friendly basis? It did -- and the President knew it. He met the point by saying ~~he~~ that he did not mean the creation of another N.R.A. <sup>The</sup> ~~conference~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~method~~ would be something different. And he said he was against any kind of price fixing.

The President added that he thought any such conference system of regulating business might violate the Anti-Trust laws. So, he would be in favor of changing the laws. ~~to legalize the idea.~~

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In the midst of a good deal of ominous news about decreasing business and increasing unemployment, today brings a flash of rather startling contrast. The Hudson Motor Car Company announces that it is doubling its payroll, doubling the number of its workers. Right now the Company is employing six thousand men, and in the next couple of weeks is taking on six thousand more.

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It's adding a million ~~and~~ two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a month to its payroll. Why the burst of activity? They've got

an ambitious program for a new low priced car, <sup>for a total immediate</sup> ~~putting men to~~ investment of eleven million dollars. "Put men and money back to ~~work by the thousands to turn it out~~ work" - is their slogan.

Yes, that's vividly in contrast to the general trend of business news - today's news from Washington, for example. There the unemployment problem looms to the foreground, ~~where~~

Q special Senate Unemployment Committee began hearings - and was told that the increase in the number of the jobless for the past two months was the largest in years. During November and December employment dropped by a million and a half - that ~~many~~ added to the list of workers without work.



The difficulty of the problem is indicated by the great differences in the figures - they don't jibe. The unemployment census indicated that the number of unemployed may be as high as eleven million including those on government relief projects. Figures today from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show the probability of between seven and seven and a half million. <sup>TF</sup> It's mighty difficult to deal with a problem when it's so excessively difficult to tell how big that problem is.

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Here's a new explanation of the recession.- <sup>W</sup>We've heard a lot of them. The bonus, the soldiers' bonus - that was cited today by Marriner Eccles, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank. He told the Senate Unemployment Committee that the bonus - "threw recovery off balance," as he phrased it. All that money paid out to the ex-soldiers created inflation psychology, said he. Meaning - it caused a temporary splurge, followed by a reaction.

## AVIATION

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It looks as if we'll have a central government body in control of commercial aviation. Senator McCarran of Nevada talked the idea over with President Roosevelt today, and emerged from the conference saying -"the President approves." The Senator from Nevada has two aviation bills right now on the Senate schedule. One provides that air transport should be placed under the guidance of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The other proposes that a separate commission be created to supervise standards of flying safety and airline efficiency. Which one would get the White House okay? That was the question. And today it's answered. President Roosevelt is in favor of a separate and independent federal commission to govern aviation.

BARTON

In Washington today Representative Bruce Barton introduced two bills. No, he's not out to create more laws. The two bills are designed to kill two bills, repealers. This is the beginning of the campaign promised by the advertising-man-turned-legislator -- campaign to abolish useless laws. When he ran for Congress in New York Bruce Barton's platform was -- there are too many laws, a multitude of <sup>useless</sup> statutes-- so let's get rid of them. He pledged that he would enter motions to repeal them at the rate of one a week. The mogul of publicity was elected on that platform and then, he sat in ~~at~~ Congress during the Special Seccion -- and did nothing, no repealing. Was he going back on his campaign promise?

"Not at all," Bruce Barton announces today. His repealing activities were delayed for weeks, because he had to read the laws to be tossed out. That took time -- and what a bore. But now Bruce Barton has read a lot of them, and he is making up for lost time. He declares his program is -- two repealers a week for ten weeks, until he catches up with his schedule. And he proposed the first two today.

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What are they? The first one is the Emergency Bank<sup>ing</sup> Act of 1933. Bruce Barton in his best punch-publicity-vein describes it "as one of those four-alarm fire measures ~~passed~~<sup>hograyed</sup> through in the panicky days." It's a complicated statute giving the President a lot of assorted powers over banking.

The second bill he wants to repeal is a real antique. It's the war-time finance corporation. That was a big thing during the World War and has been defunct ever since. But it's still on the statute books -- with its useless provisions for World War finance activities.

Bruce Barton, who made fame and fortune out of advertising, knows a good publicity gag when he sees one. His campaign to ~~pass~~<sup>take</sup> out a lot of laws will draw plenty of limelight on his legislative head -- the Bruce Barton technique applied to politics.

## KID TIGER

It must feel great to be known by such a ferocious name as "Kid Tiger." Imagine walking up to a girl and saying, "Babe, I'm Kid Tiger!" Wouldn't that impress her? However, the formidable feline has been pushed around so much he must be a tame sort of Tom cat by now. ~~The latest is - he tried to become a citizen and public benefactor of one of the smallest nations on earth, the miniature republic of Andorra. But was turned down.~~ <sup>TF</sup> Kid Tiger, whose real name is Sikorski, is reputed to have been a lieutenant of Scarface Al Capone in the Chicago gang wars. He skipped the country to escape an income tax charge, the same sort of legal difficulty that sent Scarface Al to Alcatraz.

In Europe Kid Tiger couldn't be extradited, but many countries didn't want him. He sojourned in fifteen different nations - always asked to leave. Now he is being ejected from France and as a last resort he thought of that half pint nation - Andorra. He promised to build a magnificent modern hospital for the Andorrans if they'd let him take up residence within their tiny ~~hard~~ boundaries. (Kid Tiger must have plenty of money left.) But, Andorra says nothing doing.

So where is Kid Tiger going now? The latest is that Left Wing Spain has offered him sanctuary. They say - "Okay, you can live in our midst." Maybe his cash is welcome there.

So tonight Kid Tiger is on his way to Barcelona, where no doubt

he'll become an ardent Loyalist, *anarchist, syndicalist or something.*

MURDER

That's an ugly story about the two girls who killed a New Jersey bus driver ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> robbed him -- of two dollars and ten cents. One of the two is only seventeen, the other twenty. Newark

police say ~~they have~~ <sup>that today they</sup> confessed and told the story of how they

decided to hold up a bus, got aboard ~~him~~ with a sawed-off 22 rifle,

pointed it at the driver and announced: - "This is a stick up." ~~The~~ <sup>And they did 'it. And the</sup>

driver grabbed <sup>at</sup> the gun, ~~and~~ They shot, and killed him.

This happened two weeks ago, the crime was a mystery until now. The police were looking for two men as the murderers, but

these ~~men~~ turned out to be two girls. <sup>This afternoon</sup> they refused to pose for the newsreels -- "it might lead other girls to crime," they said.

CAGNEY

In Hollywood James Cagney is back on the Warner lot, and no doubt he'll start socking the girls again. The hard-boiled young man had a loud and angry row with Warner Brothers, and tried to break his contract with them. But yesterday the California Supreme Court decided against him and today Cagney and the Warner Brothers issued a statement saying - "all is forgiven, no hard feelings." The rambunctious young man is going right to work on a string of new pictures - all of which would seem to indicate that a few Hollywood beauties are scheduled to get smacked in the kisser.

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Cagney's suit against the producers was based on a claim that they over-worked him, over-worked his good right arm <sup>in</sup> ~~he~~ <sub>1</sub> landed <sup>ing</sup> ~~a~~ <sub>1</sub> punch <sup>ed on feminine</sup> ~~on a lovely lady's~~ <sub>1</sub> jaw <sup>s.</sup> ~~Fourteen~~ <sub>1</sub> Fourteen pictures a year, Cagney claimed they made him work in that many. That's a lot of pictures. And in each one a fair damsel was battered around a bit.

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Several years ago, Hollywood made a startling discovery, when in a Cagney picture a daring experiment was <sup>tried-</sup> ~~made~~ - the hero took a punch at the leading lady. Would the American movie



audiences stand for anything like that? The result was awaited with fear and trembling. The result was highly gratifying.

There was no audience resentment, <sup>only cheers -</sup> <sub>1</sub> proving that American manhood did not mind <sup>at all</sup> <sub>1</sub> seeing American womanhood get slapped around.

Thereafter, a beautiful girl getting socked was a regular feature in Cagney pictures.

Too much socking of beautiful girls. <sup>4</sup> ~~It~~ would appear ~~that~~ that at heart the tough young man is the soul of chivalry. He doesn't like to hit a lady, but he had to do it - for dear old Warner Brothers. And <sup>now</sup> <sub>1</sub> he has to keep on hitting <sup>em.</sup> <sub>1</sub> - ~~the~~ California Supreme Court says so.

It's a sad, sad story - how would you fellows like to be poor James Cagney, compelled to haul off and slam those gorgeous girls? <sup>And s-l-u-t-m.</sup>

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