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DIAMOND

Good Evening, Everybody:

(The latest reports this evening seem to indicate that Jack "Legs" Diamond was killed as the result of a well laid plot. The killers trailed the notorious underworld leader patiently. They followed him in a big sedan.)

The United Press wires that the police at Albany are looking for Mation Roberts, the show girl who has been Legs Diamond's sweetheart. And one report is that she was with the murdered gangster until a short while before his death.

(This crime is one of the most sensational in the history of gangdom. The killers of the underworld have tried again and again to do away with Diamond. Well, this time they have succeeded, and under the most dramatic circumstances.)

The Associated Press tells the story of how yesterday Diamond triumphed

1 in one of the biggest successes of
2 his criminal career. He was tried in
3 Albany for kidnapping and torturing
4 a truckman, and the jury came back ~~and~~ with:
5 ~~said:~~ Not Guilty.

6 The gangster ~~last~~ was in a wild state
7 of jubilation. Even more wildly
8 jubilant was his wife, who ~~has~~ stuck
9 to him through thick and thin. There
10 was an exciting scene in the courtroom,
11 as Diamond was cleared. ~~He was~~
12 ~~congratulated on all sides, and~~ as he
13 left the courtroom pretty girls rushed
14 up to him and congratulated ^{him}. One ^{even} wanted
15 to throw her arms around ~~x~~ him.

16 Well, after a victory like that
17 the gang leader ^{felt he had to} ~~must, of course,~~ have
18 a celebration. An uproarious party was
19 staged in an Albany night club ^{last night}. Mrs.
20 Diamond was there, and a number of the
21 gangster's friends. They laughed and
22 shouted and cheered. The acquittal
23 party was a great success.

24 Late at night Diamond left the
25 gathering. His wife remained at the

1 party. Police believe that he went to
2 meet ~~his sweetheart~~, Marion Roberts,
3 and that he remained with her for a while.
4 Then he made his way to a cheap lodging
5 house, where he lived. It was his ~~xxxx~~
6 hideaway. He'd been staying in the
7 obscure lodging house as a means of
8 keeping out of sight.

9 (Apparently he was asleep in bed
10 when the killers entered the house,
11 pushed their way into Diamond's room,
12 and shot him three times as he lay in
13 bed.)

14 The landlady of the boarding
15 house testifies that she was awakened
16 by the sound of three shots, and ~~she~~ saw
17 several men hurrying down the hall out
18 of the house. Apparently one of them
19 wanted to go back and finish the job,
20 and the others said - No, he's had
21 enough. Then these men ran out to a
22 parked car and roared away.

23 There is a possibility that
24 the killing might have resulted from a
25 quarrel at the party, but the police

1 believe that the underworld, which
2 has been dogging Diamond for so long,
3 has finally had its way. Cops always
4 did believe that sooner or later the
5 mob that was gunning for Diamond would
6 get him.

7 All the New York papers today are
8 printing columns on Diamond's career.

9 He was the best advertised of New
10 York gangsters. He was not the most
11 important. People who know say he was
12 a small time crook, a sneak, and a
13 braggard. But his almost incredible
14 career brought him immense notoriety.

15 He first came into prominence as a
16 bodyguard of Little Augie Organ, a
17 famous gang leader. Diamond was doing
18 his bodyguard act when Little Augie
19 was ~~was~~ ^{bumped off.} Assassins opened fire
20 from an automobile. Little Augie dropped,
21 ~~dead,~~ and Diamond was badly wounded.
22 He recovered, just as he was to recover
23 after various other shooting affrays.

24 The next time that Diamond
25 broke into print was a wildly sensational

1 affair. He was wanted by the police.
2 He went to Europe. The nations abroad
3 wouldn't have him, and amid a great
4 blaring of trumpets he was sent back.
5 He had scarcely returned to New York
6 when gunmen walked in on him at his
7 hotel and blazed away. But once more
8 Diamond's luck was with him. He fell
9 badly wounded, but he came through
10 all right.

11 After that he went to a ^{an upstate N.Y.} resort.
12 ~~in the Catskills.~~ He started a racket
13 and got into difficulties. He was
14 accused of kidnapping and beating various
15 people.

16 And ~~now~~ ^{then} another spectacular
17 attempt was made to kill him. A charge
18 of shotgun slugs were fired through a
19 window, and peppered Diamond up pretty
20 badly. But once more he survived.
21 Then he was tried for kidnapping, and
22 was acquitted, and yesterday he was
23 tried for a second kidnapping, and once
24 more he was acquitted. It looked as
25 if nothing could stop Diamond, neither

1 the processes of the law nor the
2 bullets of the underworld.

3 But then, right in the highest
4 moment of his triumph, doom stalked
5 in on him in the form of a fusillade
6 from the pistols of ~~gunmen~~ the mob.

7 Everybody said they'd get him at last —
8 and they did.

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ABDUCTION

1 Today at Kansas City a woman
2 walked up to an automobile and asked:
3 Are you looking for me? And that
4 ended a ~~pretty big~~ ^{strange} kidnapping case
5 which has had the Middlewest excited
6 for nearly two days.

7 Mrs. Nellie Donnelly, a wealthy
8 woman of Kansas City, was kidnapped,
9 along with a negro chauffeur. The
10 kidnapers demanded a seventy-five
11 thousand dollar ransom, and that started
12 a huge lot of police activity.

13 Former Senator James A. Reed,
14 a neighbor of Mrs. Donnelly, took an
15 active interest in the case. He vowed
16 he'd see that the kidnapers were run
17 down.

18 Well, as Mrs. Donnelly now tells
19 the story, the kidnapers blindfolded
20 her and kept her and the chauffeur
21 prisoners in a dirty old house. She
22 remained there for thirty-six hours,
23 while the kidnapers tried to collect
24 the ransom they demanded.

25 It is stated that no ransom

1 was paid. The Associated Press quotes
2 Mrs. Donnolly as saying that the
3 kidnappers finally told her they had
4 made a mistake in capturing a woman.
5 Apparently they were frightened by the
6 hullabaloo the case had made.

7 They took Mrs. Donnolly in a
8 car and then left her ~~at~~ at a roadside,
9 saying that an automobile would come
10 and pick her up.

11 About the same time the police
12 received a mysterious telephone call,
13 and was told to go to a certain place
14 and they would find Mrs. Donnolly.
15 The cops in their automobile followed
16 the directions, and after scouting
17 around a bit they saw Mrs. Donnolly
18 who came up and asked whether that
19 was the car which had been sent for her.

20 Mrs. Donnolly is at home tonight,
21 tired and nervous, but otherwise O. K.
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1 They say that today President
2 Hoover painted a black picture of the
3 state of affairs in Central Europe.

4 This is given by the New York
5 Sun as a late report concerning the
6 White House breakfast this morning at
7 which the President entertained a number
8 of leaders in the House of Representatives.

9 Among the President's guests,
10 ~~says~~ ^{adds} the Associated Press, were ^{Democrate} Speaker
11 Garner, and Representative Snell, the
12 Republican leader.

13 ~~Nothing official is being said~~
14 ~~about what transpired at the presidential~~
15 ~~breakfast, but the report is that the~~
16 ~~President told the congressional leaders~~
17 ~~that things were in bad shape in Central~~
18 ~~Europe.~~

19 Later events of the day in
20 Washington included the action by the
21 House of Representatives in taking up
22 the President's moratorium. Everything
23 is set for Congress to ratify the debt
24 suspension plan which the President put
25 into effect last summer.

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1 ^{Congressman} Rainey, the Democratic leader,
 2 declares that the moratorium ~~would~~ ^{will} be
 3 ratified, if Congress has to remain
 4 in session all night.

5 The United Press reports that
 6 the debate has been limited to eight
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1 There were encouraging signs in Wall
2 Street today. There was a rise in
3 prices, especially in the bond market.
4 Bonds went up all along the line. This,
5 in a way, was to be expected, because
6 during the last couple of weeks there has
7 been a reckless selling of bonds without
8 much regard for real value.

9 Stocks went up also, and this may be
10 the turn of the tide. Day after day the
11 Bears have been beating down the prices
12 of stocks, and a turn had to come
13 sometime.

14 Mr. Cousins, the financial expert
15 of the International News Service, points
16 out that, of course, one rise of the
17 stock market does not mean necessarily a
18 Bull movement, but it is encouraging,
19 nevertheless, after a long period of
20 doldrums for Wall Street.

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1 Way down in the Southern Hemisphere,
2 in Australia, the people are getting
3 ready to go to the polls tomorrow.
4 Australia is having ^{a mighty important} ~~an~~ election, and it
5 comes as a climax to one of the bitterest
6 political struggles in the history of the
7 Commonwealth.

8 The fight reminds one a good deal
9 of the recent election in England. It is
10 a battle between Conservatism and
11 Socialism. The United Australian party
12 represents the Conservative side, while
13 the Australian Labor party has always
14 been known for its radicalism. The Labor
15 party is split, and that doesn't help
16 its election prospects any.

17 The International News Service makes
18 the comment that Australia, like the
19 rest of the world, is having her
20 troubles. They are financial troubles,
21 mostly. Australia has been floundering
22 in a flood of economic difficulties.
23 The Labor government, which until
24 recently was in power, spent huge
25 quantities of money on all sorts of

1 advanced projects of social betterment.

2 The Labor government was put out of
3 power on account of the financial tangle
4 it got into, and now the Australian
5 voters will decide the whole matter for
6 themselves by going to the polls tomorrow
7 and casting their votes.

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1 ~~I guess~~ We've all seen railroad maps.
2 They're useful at times, although you'd
3 scarcely call them artistically
4 beautiful or interesting in any
5 picturesque way.

6 There is, however, a new kind of
7 railroad map in the current issue of the
8 Literary Digest. ^{In fact} There is a whole series,
9 and those maps are [^]picturesque in the
10 literal sense of the term. They show in
11 lively sketches where the railroads will
12 take you for a bit of winter travel.

13 The section of this week's Literary
14 Digest devoted to winter playgrounds has
15 a number of striking features, and one
16 of the most striking is that idea of
17 giving us railroad maps -- and at the
18 same time sketches and diagrams of the
19 amusements that we can find when we get
20 off the train. I won't anticipate
21 anybody's fun by telling what those
22 railroad maps show. All you have to do
23 is to turn to pages 32 and 33 of the
24 current Literary Digest, and you'll find
25 a few minutes of pleasant entertainment

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SUBMARINES

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2 -- an underwater collision between two
3 submarines.

4 The United Press cables that down off
5 Panama the American submarines S-14 and
6 S-16 were both running below the surface
7 of the ocean. They were returning from
8 maneuvers near the Pearl Islands. And
9 then the crash came. The S-16 ran into
10 the S-14.

11 No official report of the accident
12 has been made, but it is understood that
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1 From the Black Mountain in New
2 Mexico comes word that the Navajos
3 have humbled their pride, those
4 Navajo Indians who for years have
5 lived proud and isolated lives in the
6 Black Mountain section. They have
7 kept themselves apart from the white
8 man. They have spurned the white
9 man's ways, and all his doings, but
10 now they've been forced to unbend
11 their haughty attitude. ~~XXXXXX~~

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13 Winter is bitterly severe in
14 those mountains of New Mexico. There
15 have been blizzards and heavy snow
16 falls, and finally the Navajos have
17 appealed to the white man for help.

18 A Navajo runner came down to
19 the Salina Springs Trading Post and
20 told a story of how the food supplies
21 of the Navajos have run low, and they
22 need help from the white man.

23 The Associated Press digs back
24 into history and relates how sixty
25 years ago the Navajo nation was on the

1 warpath. They were subdued by
2 government forces, which were directed
3 by Kit Carson, the famous scout. The
4 Navajo tribe was herded into a
5 government reservation, but not all of
6 them. A group of Navajos broke away
7 and fled to ~~the~~ Black Mountain, and
8 from then on they lived in that
9 ~~mountainous~~ ^{wild} region, preserving their
10 ancient customs and performing their
11 wildest dances.

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12 They kept up their proud
13 independence until now. Three blizzards
14 this December were too much for the
15 Navajos. They have called for help, and
16 ~~xxxx~~ officials down in New Mexico are
17 sending supplies and provisions to
18 tide them over their distress.

1 We are all familiar with the way
2 two dogs will become jealous of each
3 other. But I never before heard of a
4 jealous mule. However, the Associated
5 Press wires that George Hebler, a wagon-
6 driver at New Orleans, has a pair of
7 mules that seem to be fond of George.
8 He fed one an apple, and while he was
9 doing it the other mule bit him in the
10 back, and sent him to the hospital.

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1 At Chattanooga, Tennessee, a burglar
2 broke into a house, and when he got
3 inside he heard a loud, jolly voice
4 squawk, "Merry Christmas -- here comes
5 the Doctor."

6 I suppose the burglar thought that
7 anybody who could start joking like that
8 in the presence of a robber was too
9 dangerous to fool around with. So the
10 burglar fled.

11 The answer is that the house was the
12 home of Doctor W. Hillis. The Doctor
13 has a parrot, and somebody ~~must have~~ *has*
14 taught that parrot to repeat the comic
15 line, "Merry Christmas -- here comes
16 the Doctor."

17 Anyway, wires the Associated Press,
18 the burglar ran away as fast as he could.
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SANTA CLAUS

Now we have the sad case of a gang of bad little boys who needn't expect much from Santa Claus. At Cleveland good old Santa, in red fur-trimmed coat and long flowing whiskers, was riding along the streets in a truck for the purpose of delighting all the good little boys and girls.

Everything was O.K., the Associated Press tells us, until the gang of bad little boys spied Santa. They rushed the truck, jumped aboard, and with jeers and cat-calls, tore off the good Saint's beard, and put him to flight. Of course, children this wasn't the real Santa Claus, it was just one of Santa Claus representatives.

And that puts me to flight, with a quick,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.