

HOLD-UP

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Things kept getting hotter through the day in the record breaking hold-up case - last summer's half a million dollar stick-up job in Brooklyn. The New York police say the case is virtually broken. They know who did the job, how it was planned, the details from one end to the other. All that remains is to arrest the crooks, and the cops are on a round-up campaign right now. They declare the arrests will be made swiftly.

One arrest already has been made - a former small time bootlegger named Quinn, who admits he owned the speed boats in which the robbers got away. He had been missing ever since the crime was committed. And now the police have got him, and they claim he is a key figure.

Eight men took part in the actual stick-up. The cops say twelve were involed in the scheme, a former bootlegging mob. It will long be remembered as one of the most methodical and efficient of all ^{major} crimes. There was the most cunning strategy and military precision, as the crooks held up a money truck in front of the big ice plant, snatched bundles and bales of cash, half a million ^{dollars} and escaped in swift cars to a pair of waiting motor boats and dis-

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appeared across New York Bay. This much of the story we knew with the immediate reports of the crime last summer. What is revealed now, concerns what happened to the crooks after they went whizzing away in their speed boats. Police later found the boats sunk, at the bottom of the bay, just off the foot of a New York street. So the robbers, after their dash across the water, scuttled the boats and fled by land once more - in waiting automobiles no doubt. Having found the boats, the police proceeded to trace them, and ^{discovered that the sunken boats} ~~found that they~~ belonged to the former bootlegger Quinn. They have been questioning him hot and heavy, but he admits nothing more than that the getaway speed boats were his.

The sunken boats were the beginning of the trail, which the police claim they have followed right along to the full solution of the crime - with swift arrests in the offing.

BANDIT

Over in Poland a bandit has been sentenced to prison. From prison he may go into a handsome government job.

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He's a famous bandit, Ladislas Maczuga, ^{Mashuga} the Robin Hood of Poland. He robbed the rich and gave it to the poor. That made him immensely popular among the Polish peasantry. The authorities staged a determined manhunt for a year, but he lived in an isolated mountain cave, guarded by a ferocious dog. The peasants of the region guarded him too, kept his secret, sheltered him, threw the police off the track.

But at last they've got him. They ^{caught} ~~got~~ the Polish Robin Hood in his cave, watch dog and all. And swiftly the authorities at Warsaw sentenced him to prison. But the peasants of his old stamping grounds have made a vow that when the prison term is up, they are going to elect the Polish Robin Hood to parliament or something like that.

PLOT

The great American Fascist plot produced some new bits of miner sensations today. Representative Dickstein of the Congressional Investigating Committee, states that Gerald P. MacQuire, a bond salesman with a Wall Street brokerage house, has admitted that he is the treasurer of the Fascist organization. MacQuire was named by General Smedley D. Butler as one of those who approached him in the three million dollar conspiracy to overthrow the government in Washington and make the General Fascist dictator of the U.S.A. ^{And they say the} ~~He said that~~ bond salesman MacQuire recently made a trip to the Fascist countries of Italy and Germany.

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Other reports drifting out of the committee meeting tell that the Civil Conservation Committee at Elk Ridge, Maryland, was to be the mobilization point for the five hundred thousand veterans who were to be gathered for the ^{Butlerian} Fascist march on Washington.

In spite of these particulars, it is likely that the great conspiracy will die away into nothingness. It has been ^{received} ~~credited~~ with a chorus of ridicule and laughter. The chances are that it was nothing more than a ~~ix~~ lot of loose chatter around the table, just pipe dreams and big talk on the part of ^{little} ~~big~~ fellows who have big imaginations. ^{And Smedley Butler refused to have anything to do with it.}

WASHINGTON

We have had unemployment relief, farm relief and home relief. And now it's machinery relief. The President, pushing on all sides against unemployment, trying to find new angles of industry ^{ial}reemployment, is ~~sending signals~~ ^{planning} a slogan of new machinery for old.

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He has been told by experts who have made surveys, that in thousands of idle or semi-idle plants machinery and equipment has depreciated greatly during the past three or four years. Much of this will have to be renovated and repaired. So why not do it now? The President is planning a drive to persuade American industry to go ahead and put their factories back into pre-depression shape. That will put thousands of jobless to work.

At the same time, the automobile industry is laying plans to get ~~gr~~ together with President Roosevelt to study ways and means to push things in the auto trade. Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, is suggesting a plan that the motor makers, instead of running their own big automobile shows, should let the dealers run the shows in the various key cities. The idea is that, instead of every manufacturer rushing his models at one certain

period, dealer shows at various times would spread out production, stagger it ~~xxx~~ over the season. And instead of factories working day and night for several months on a rush job, they'd take it easy for a longer period, and thereby provide more continuous employment.

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benefit of the Arabs. He had made promises on behalf of the British government to Feisal, the Arab monarch and leader. He was hotly in sympathy with the Arab claim that Syria and Damascus should be given to them; and he led the Arabs swiftly into Damascus as a way of strengthening their claim. It has been said again and again that Lawrence's retirement from all official honor after the Peace Conference was out of resentment and as a protest -- because Syria and Damascus were not made a part of King Feisal's Arab realm.

But then attacks are nothing new to Lawrence of Arabia.

THUNDER

Some people collect stamps, some books, some paintings of the old masters. *Here's one for the Magazine "Hobbies!" At the Waldorf today.* ~~There's one for the Magazine "Hobbies!" At the Waldorf today.~~ ~~There's one for the Magazine "Hobbies!" At the Waldorf today.~~ who collects thunder storms.

He started ~~out~~^{it} as a hobby. He was interested in thunder and lightning. He began writing to people in various places, asking them to send him a postal card the next time they had a thunder storm, telling him about the brightness of the lightning, the length of the flashes, the loudness of the thunder, the duration of the peal. As he got more and more information, he started figuring out facts about thunder storms, their habits and their distribution.

Now, S. Morris Bower, of Haddersfield, England, has become Britain's specialist on thunder storms. He sends out thousands of postal cards all over the British Isles to farmers, shepherds, ~~vicars~~ light house keep^ers, vicars and army and navy officers. *He makes a* ~~He has charge~~ ~~of the~~ thunder storm map of England, locating the places where the noisy tempests originate. And he issues an annual book giving the year's history of thunder in England.

Now - a dramatic stroke, a telling gesture. Remember that controversy about the Jewish angle in the Olympic Games? The American Olympic Committee wouldn't accept the invitation to the Nineteen thirty-six Olympics in Berlin, unless the Nazis made a definite guarantee that there would be no anti-Semitic discrimination against Jewish athletes. The Nazis gave the guarantee - and then proceeded to make that telling gesture. Word comes that the German Olympic Committee has sent an invitation to Zionist Palestine, asking them to send a team of ~~Zionist~~ Zionist athletes. But Palestine has rejected the invitation. The reason the Zionists give is that they have not yet organized athletics in Palestine sufficiently to put up an Olympic battle.

But, The old land of Greece is going to send not only athletes, but the traditional Olympic fire. In accordance with the ways of the ancient Greek games, a torch borne by an athlete will give the signal. The Olympic torch will be lighted in Athens and then relays of runners of different nationalities will carry it to Berlin. The last runner will be a German. And at noon, on August 1st, 1936, the games will officially open, when the runner bearing the Olympic fire comes dashing into the Berlin Stadium, *shouting Heil Hitler!*

BASEBALL

The Babe hit a home run. That's always exciting, but it hardly seems appropriate at this time of year when the sporting pages are crammed with football. However, the Babe did hit a home run in a late November game. And it was the climax of sensational baseball doings over in Japan.

The American Nine, led by the Babe and the veteran Connie Mack has raised a storm of ovation in the land of the Samarai. Immense crowds have been turning out to cheer the Sultan of Swat, with wild, tumultous greeting - Banzai Bambino! This week in preparing the Fox Movietone reel we had plenty of evidence of that. Japan going wild over the Babe. And American Ambassador Grew has issued a statement that Babe Ruth has done more to create good feeling toward the United States and to make relations more friendly - than a whole crops of diplomats. How about the Sultan of Swat for Secretary of State?

But now about that crucial home-run. It was really an amazing game at the city of Shizuoka. The Americans were playing against the Nippon All Stars in Shizuoka. The pitchers were Whitehill and Sawamura. Yes, old Earl Whitehill, a veteran of many a campaign, and Eiji Sawamura, a Japanese school-

GORILLA

One of the famous sayings in American journalism was created years ago when Arthur Brisbane saw a prize fight and remarked - "A gorilla could whip 'em both." And ever since it has been a cardinal doctrine of ~~prize~~ Brisbane's philosophy that, as for fist fighting, a gorilla could whip a man, or several men.

That's what made it interesting when a ~~Chimpanzee~~ chimpanzee and a gorilla got out of their cage at the Bronx Zoo. The keepers went after them and Keeper Buehler got into a mixup with the gorilla. It ^{is} described as a real nip and tuck battle - and the man licked the gorilla. As this was as astonishing ^a reversal ^{as} the classic of a man biting a dog, the reporters lost no time ^{ing} to call up Arthur Brisbane, who expressed the greatest scepticism. He claimed it could not be. "The gorilla wasn't really fighting," he insisted, "he must have felt sorry for the keeper, must have yielded to persuasion."

But the keeper repeats it was a real fight and insists that he tackled the gorilla like a football player and they rolled battling over the ground. And then he dragged the gorilla back to the cage, *like a cave man and his wife.*

But Arthur Brisbane sticks to his guns. In his column in the New York American today he tells how the chimpanzee and gorilla escaped from their cage. Then he continues the story this way: "They looked around, ~~he says,~~ did some primate thinking, hurried to the first human being they saw, their keeper, and were led back." So the great gorilla controversy is still in dispute - and the question is: "Can a gorilla whip a man?"

SNORE

There are many sounds that are sentimental - the sighing of lovers, the cooing of the dove, and the laughter of little children. But you wouldn't think that snoring could be sentimental, romance in the old buzz saw, ~~messages~~ messages of love in that sibilant drone of noisy sleep. ^{IT} There's a domestic battle on at Spokane, Washington, a wife suing her husband for divorce, not because he snores, but because of what he said about her snoring. She admits she does emit a buzz or two when she sleeps, but denies the sentimental and romantic side of her snoring.

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The husband is a telegraph operator. That's the key to the whole situation, ~~explained~~ ^{The} wife explained to the judge:—

"Your Honor", said she, "I know I snore. But my husband accuses me of snoring in Morse code."

Yes, the telegraphic husband claims it is a telegraphic snore - also, that he ^{could} ~~can~~ read ^{wife's} ~~the~~ buzz saw signals.

~~And~~ "Your Honor", the wife continues, "he accuses me of snoring out messages to other men when I am asleep!"

Well, that does put snoring in the ^{lyrical} ~~miraculo~~ category of things of the ~~heart~~ heart, the nocturnal buzzsaw in the Garden of love.

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Anyway, the notion of telegraphic snoring gives me a good idea, only it won't work. It would be a real novelty if I were to snore my final sign-off. Let's see ---snore. Not so good! Guess I'd ~~snore~~ just better say,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.

diplomatic move that's been talked about for weeks. Ever since the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia statesmen in their chancelleries have had the jitters every time they thought of what action the Yugoslav Kinzoo might take. The situation was ticklish indeed, with the Jugoslavs blaming Italy for encouraging the Croatian revolutionists who plotted the deed. There is no love lost between Yugoslavia and Italy anyway. The article was hardly improved when French police investigations indicated that the assassins of the King had been refugees of Hungary. There is even less love lost between Yugoslavia and Hungary. For the Jugoslavs took quantities of Hungarian territory at the end of the World War, and Hungary wants to get it back.

There were reports that the South Slav government was going to issue a harshly worded ultimatum to Budapest, accusing the