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HINES.

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( At the Hines trial in New York, dramatics flared today as usual. Defense counsel Stryker was hot at it once again, cross examining the prosecution witness, gangster George Weinberg. Stryker firing questions at Weinberg, suddenly asked: "Did you kill Dutch Schultz?"

Weinberg answered: "No Sir."

Stryker demanded: "Where were you the night Dutch Schultz was killed?"

Weinberg replied: "At home."

Thus the Hines defense struck out with the blazing contention - that witness George Weinberg was the murderer of Dutch Schultz, gang boss of the twenty million dollar policy racket.

Stryker harked back to his charge of yesterday that Weinberg stole three hundred thousand dollars of the funds of the Schultz mob. Today he blasted forth in this fashion:

Question: "Had Schultz called for an accounting?"

Answer: "I don't recall that he did." The implication being, of course, that Weinberg, having stolen the

three hundred thousand dollars, killed Schultz to cover the doublecross and theft.

Then Stryker struck another sinister note, referring to the night when Dutch Schultz was shot to death in a Jersey beer place.

Question: "Where was your brother, Bo Weinberg. Home too?"

Answer: "No, I don't think so."

The intimation - that Bo Weinberg, brother of the witness, Bo the trigger man for Schultz, had a hand in killing the Dutchman. That mysteriously missing Bo Weinberg who dropped out of sight in a way never explained, though the underworld rumor is that, encased in a barrel of cement, he now lies at the bottom of the East River.

Later on, Stryker's questions insinuated that if witness Weinberg himself didn't shoot Dutch Schultz, maybe he told the killers where they could find him.

Question: "Did you put Dutch Schultz on the spot?"

Answer: "No."

The witness, white faced, hatchet faced, showed that he was disturbed by the fierce assault, charging him with murder.

Today's defense strategy, perhaps to have been expected, trying to involve the gangster witness in the series of mobster murders that hang around the sinister name of Dutch Schultz.

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PRESS CONFERENCE.

The President discussed one thing or another at his Press Conference today. The subject getting around to social security, he was asked about the California scheme to pay everybody over fifty <sup>years of age</sup> a pension of thirty dollars a week. He replied by pointing to his Social Security speech ten days ago in which he warned against -- "short cuts to Utopia or fantastical financial schemes." He said the California road to Utopia was something like the social credit business in Alberta, Canada, which didn't work out. He cited a memorandum figured out by the acting Comptroller of Currency, who calculated that there are a million and three hundred thousand persons over the age of fifty in California. And to pay each of them thirty dollars a week would take a billion dollars a year.

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WHEAT.

The Government is going to start buying wheat right away -- purchasing surplus grain to export abroad and to distribute for relief. Secretary Wallace announced this today. For the benefit of wheat farmers it may be noted that the Government will buy from the Southwest: - "number two dark hard winter," "number one hard winter," and "number one dark hard winter. From the Pacific Northwest: number one hard winter, number one soft white and number one western white wheat.

The meaning of all of it will be ~~xxxx~~ transparently clear -- *that is*

*it will* to wheat farmers. *To the rest of us it just sounds like some mournful weather news about a dark hard winter.*

## RELIEF

One frequent source of odd curiosities these days is in the realm of relief -- oddities of relief. And today we find a classic. In Los Angeles, a woman relief worker has been fired from the W.P.A. - after being on the relief payroll for three years. Officials say she was on the W.P.A. job to help her husband buy a yacht. They love the sea and adore yachting. The husband has a job that pays him only about twenty-two dollars and a half a day, and they needed a little extra money to buy a good boat. So wifie went on the relief job.

## CONVENTION

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The New York Constitutional Convention has been all  
~~xxxxx~~ tangled up in the problem of how to submit the new  
constitution to the people for ratification. The convention  
adopted fifty-seven changes in the fundamental law of the  
State - the people to vote "yes" or "no" to these changes.  
But how? They could hardly vote "yes" or "no" on each of the  
fifty-seven. That ~~was~~ would be too complicated. But how about  
voting on the whole fifty-seven with one big "yes" or "no", -  
take it all or leave it all? That was opposed on the ground  
that the voter should have some sort of selection ~~among~~ the  
fifty-seven changes. The compromise idea was to divide the  
fifty-seven changes into a number of sections, let the people  
vote "yes" or "no" on each section. But how many sections?

And which changes in what sections?

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All that was answered today. The constitutional  
convention voted to divide the items of the new constitution  
into nine different sections. The least exciting section will  
contain the proposals about which there is no dispute -  
presumably everybody will be for them. The most agitated section

concerns the debated subject of proportional representation.

The new ~~xxxxxxx~~ constitution carries a prohibition of the system of granting political parties representation in proportion to their voting strength. The voters will decide on that separately - as one of the nine separate sections.

*That completed the work of the convention which this afternoon ended its long continued sessions and adjourned.*

PALESTINE.

The British announce they have things under control in the ancient city of <sup>Jaffa</sup>~~Jaffa~~ in the Holy Land. All day they struggled against the Arab violence which flared after a frightful bomb explosion in the market place at Jaffa. The infernal machine blew up with horrible effect -- sixteen Arabs killed, thirty wounded. That caused the Arabs to run wild with savage attacks upon the Jews.)

*ancient seaport of King David and Solomon*  
With things under control in the ~~city of Jaffa~~ tonight,

there's widespread violence over the countryside. Arab insurrectors firing on busses and motor lorries, British authorities closing down highways. A passenger train derailed on the Telaviv line, passenger traffic suspended. A Jewish owned lorry seized by the Arabs, the chauffeur shot, the lorry burned. All around the Jewish City of Telaviv <sup>— just outside Jaffa — there.</sup> the sound of shooting, sniping from the hills.

FAR EAST.

(An American protest went to Japan today -- because of the shooting down of the big <sup>American-</sup> Chinese airliner. The protest declares that the attack was unwarranted, non combatant passengers were killed, the life of the American pilot endangered, and property destroyed, which was partly of American ownership -- Pan American Airways having <sup>a</sup> substantial interest. )  
~~in the China aviation program.~~

"This attack on the plane," declares the Washington protest, "has aroused public feeling in the United States."

MEXICO.

Unions taking over Railroads -- that's the word from Mexico. The dispatch from Chihuahua declares that section number five of the Mexican Railroad Union is about to take possession of the Northeastern Railway of Mexico, and the Kansas City, Mexico and Oriente. The Northeastern is controlled by a holding company in Montreal. The Kansas City, Mexico and Oriente is controlled by the Atchison, Topeka and Sante Fe. But this is quickly denied by representatives of the American ownership.

## SOUTH AMERICA AND RADIO

### HURRICANE.

A listener in South America writes me as follows:

The southern part of the Gulf of Mexico hit by a "host of the world's news comes to us by short wave radio. violent hurricane, which is sweeping over Yucatan. Blasting and, it is becoming difficult for us to get our U.S. stations winds, communications down, shipping threatened. The course due to the Germans and Italians edging in, interfering, blanketing of the hurricane is west of northwest -- blowing toward the air, spreading propaganda, trying their best to win over these northern Mexico and southern Texas.

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The other night I mentioned that a rumor had come out of the Arctic to the effect that Commander MacMillan's Schooner Bowdoin was in trouble, caught in the ice. A reassuring radio message has just come through from the Far North. MacMillan has fought his way out of the ice and is off the Labrador Coast. The radio message came through to Colburn Hardy of the East Orange Record. The Managing Editor of <sup>his</sup> ~~that~~ paper Don Hassell is aboard the Bowdoin.

BIRDS.

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Marietta, Georgia, has owls, but Marietta has not a single Martin - that familiar southern bird. All of which is rather a joke on Marietta.

Weeks ago the town was pestered by huge flocks of Martins, so many of those swarming birds that it was a great public nuisance. So the City Council did something about it. What destroys Martins? Why, Owls. There weren't enough Owls in the neighborhood of Marietta, Georgia, so the Council ordered several dozen from Florida. The Florida Owl shippers made a mistake and sent the predacious birds to Marietta, Ohio. After some astonishment there the owls were sent on their way to Georgia. But now, lo and behold, the Martins have gone. For some reason or other, the swarms of the birds decided to move from Marietta and away they flew. Maybe they heard the Owls were coming at last. Anyway, Marietta has the Martin exterminators on the way, but no Martins to exterminate. What they'll now have is several dozen hungry Owls to feed.

TENNIS.

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American girls will play foreign ladies on the Tennis Court tomorrow. Yesterday Alice Marble and ~~MrxxxSarahxPalfreyx~~ Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan won their way into the finals. And today's Tennis at Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, decided what doubles team they're to face. The two nation team of Jadwiga Jedrzejowska of Poland and Madame Rene Mathieu of France, matched shots today with two Australian young women, Nancye Wynne and Thelma Coyne. And the two nation team beat the Australians so they go into the finals and tomorrow will battle it out with the two American queens of Tennis.

## ADD TENNIS.

In the men's world of Tennis, the Australian team of Adrian Quist and Jack Bromwich today played their way into the Davis cup finals, beating their own fellow Australians,

Harry Hopman and Leonard Schwartz. The victors won but didn't

distinguish themselves. A good deal of the time it was bad

Tennis against bad Tennis. <sup>Apparently</sup> Quist and Bromwich had ~~been~~ better

like a clean sweep of players. Alva Bradley, President of the

~~pep~~ pep up their game when they meet the American team for the Davis cup.

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In just a minute I am starting for Long Island with the Nine Old Men to play Colonel Ted Roosevelt's Oysters of Oyster Bay at Bostwick Field on Sunday. But before I go here's a real baseball item. It's about slipping <sup>those</sup> Indians out in Cleveland.

$\frac{1}{2}$  That double header they lost to the Yanks ~~in~~ yesterday just about put them out of the pennant race. So it's to be something like a clean sweep of players. Alva Bradley, President of the Cleveland Club, announced today that shortstop Lyn Lary and outfielder Julius Solters will be offered for sale or trade; also utility infielder John Kroner and possibly second baseman Sammy Hale, and the big hitter, Earl, Averill.

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## BOSTON STRIKE.

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Strike news from Boston brings us a mention of brass knuckles, that old style weapon of thuggery. A big strike of garment workers is on, and violence came quickly to the front today with the slugging of one Albert Orlov - proprietor of a non-union garment factory. He was hit from behind, and in the Hospital the Doctor said he had scalp wounds - apparently the result of being slugged with brass knuckles.

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RAILROAD

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This evening we have a ~~xxx~~ revised version of that weird railroad episode in Ohio. The crack train, the St. Louisan, was ~~reading~~ roaring along at sixty miles an hour, when there was an explosion in the cab of the locomotive. ~~The~~ The examination today reveals that a plate, separating the boiler and the fire box, blew out. It was at first believed that the explosion blasted the engineer and firemen right out of the cab. But ~~in~~ today's investigation indicates that, as scalding live steam poured into the cab, the engineer and fireman jumped - and were killed by the fall.

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