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(The indictment of Tammany leader, Jimmy Hines, as presented today, paints a graphic picture of the numbers racket - with which Tammany Jimmy ^{is} ~~was~~ accused of being connected. He is being held on bail of twenty thousand dollars. The indictment as drawn up by Prosecutor Thomas Dewey, tells a story ^{of} how the late but hardly lamented gang leader, Dutch Schultz, formed a lottery syndicate - a kingdom of numbers.)

Betting on the numbers was quite a fad in upper New York ^{city,} with a whole string of minor gambling rackets in operation. Dutch Schultz called a conference of the leaders of the policy mobs, and informed them that from then on he was the boss. They'd combine their various rackets into one big racket, and he'd take charge as the big shot. — and take the swag.

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The lesser shots didn't agree with that a hundred per cent, and there were beatings and killings and kidnappings. It was one of those gang wars, with death playing in the lottery and picking the winning numbers. Today's indictment names Dutch Schultz, who was ~~killed~~ killed in a mob vendetta; Abe Landau, who was killed, And - Otto Berman, whose ^{erooled} ~~doughty~~ job it was to see that the right

number won the lottery each day. He too was killed.

In the heyday of the numbers, Dutch Schultz ~~had~~ ruled the racket with an iron hand; maybe you'd call it a pistol ^{hand}. The racket was strictly organized, rigid rules - with the odds against the suckers about a thousand to one. Arrangements were made to deal ~~it~~ with the law and take care of such policy gangsters as were arrested. This, alleged ^S the indictment, is where James J. Hines came in. Prosecutor Dewey claims that the Tammany chieftain was paid from five hundred to five thousand dollars a week to use his great political influence ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ getting members of ~~a~~ ^{the} lottery ring out of trouble. This Hines utterly denies, laughs at it - and is called upon to stand trial for it.

This story should be of especial interest to people who fancy the numbers and play in ^{the} a lottery - should be highly encouraging to them. — suckers, at a thousand to one.

HAGUE

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Another battle of New Jersey is scheduled for tomorrow night, a good deal like the epic at Journal Square three weeks ago. On that momentous occasion, two western congressmen, O'Connor and Bernard, were scheduled to deliver orations against Jersey dictator, Frank Hague. This time it seems to be a case of only one Congressman, Jerry O'Connor. That time there was such a tumultuous crowd of Hague's supporters in Journal Square, fifty thousand of them - that the Congressmen discreetly failed to show up. It remains to be seen whether Legislator Jerry O'Connor will brave the multitudes tomorrow night. Because today Hugh Kelly, Secretary to Governor Harry Moore, announced a mass demonstration in Journal Square tomorrow night - patriots and other anti-Communist groups, he said. And added that the rally will be just the same as the one three weeks ago.

"It will be a vigorous protest demonstration," said he, "against any attempt on the part of the radical controlled groups or Red controlled forces to hold their meetings here."

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In other words, they're fixing up a nice audience for Congressman Jerry, if he rises to denounce Mayor Hague - ~~he~~ if he denounces, if he rises, if he's there.
Late flash -- Jerry says he'll ~~come~~ be there!

Riot ~~Strike~~ ~~men~~ ~~picketing~~ ~~a~~ ~~brass~~ ~~company~~
Union men picketing a brass company
clashed with the police in a wild melee.
20 injured.

T.V.A. It was Morgan versus Morgan in Washington today, that now familiar T.V.A. feud between the two men of the same surname.

Yesterday former T.V.A. Chairman Dr. Arthur Morgan testified against his one-time fellow directors on the T.V.A. three-man board - Harcourt Morgan and David Lilienthal. He charged them with conspiracy to mismanage the Tennessee Valley Authority. Today, Harcourt Morgan had his say on the witness stand, and he accused Arthur Morgan of personal enmity, obstructive tactics and visionary schemes.

~~Under the heading of personal enmity, Harcourt Morgan~~

He declared that Arthur Morgan had it in for David Lilienthal, and tried to keep him from being reappointed to the three-man board.

When Lilienthal was reappointed, ~~appointed~~ Arthur Morgan resorted to obstructive tactics.

He seldom appeared at T.V.A. meetings, and left the other two to carry on. Then ~~he'd~~ he'd attack what they had done. When he did appear, ~~he'd~~ he'd refuse to let any decision be made, saying he was unfamiliar with the subject - unfamiliar because he hadn't been at the previous meetings. ~~Under the heading of~~

The witness declared the Chairman propounded visionary projects, such as the establishment of T.V.A. industries, the dispossession of farmers who didn't cultivate their fields the right way; and the issuing of Tennessee Valley coinage, T.V.A. money. Harcourt Morgan called these schemes dangerous, alarming, impracticable, and highly visionary.

ROOSEVELT

The radio certainly is assuming ^a bigger and bigger ~~place~~ ^{place} ~~rights~~ ^{rights} in the affairs of Government. Take the White House announcement today. The President has before him the Tax Reform Bill, which modifies such hotly debated taxes as on capital gains and undistributed profits. Will he sign, or veto? That's to be answered -- on the air.

Tomorrow President Roosevelt will make a radio address at the Arthurdale Resettlement Project, in West Virginia. And he will use that occasion to make public his action on the Tax Reform Bill. He will say whether it's -- sign or veto. He will explain his action -- in the course of a general presidential exposition of tax ideas and New Deal policies.

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What time will the presidential words be spoken on the air? That's important. It will be after the closing of the Stock Exchange, so that ^{radio} the tax announcement will not cause any sudden market repercussions.

Yes, ~~it's~~ ^{the} something new in ^{the} wireless ways of Government! --

Radio, ~~that~~ thy name is Roosevelt!

Times do change! Imagine the chief of the Communists called for a coalition, an alliance of the Communists - and the Catholics! Shades of Lenin and Trotsky and the league of the godless!

Yet this mirable came to pass today at the Tenth Annual Convention of the Communist Party of the United States, in New York. And the exponent of the Communist-Catholic alliance was nobody ~~ex~~ less than Earl Browder, who was Communist candidate for the presidency.

"I make a special appeal," he declaimed, "to the Catholics to join a common front with us to protect civil liberties and to defeat the anti-Catholic campaign of the Ku Klux Klan and other Fascist groupings."

The ~~cert~~ertainly ~~does~~ seem like the Christian charity, this sudden Communist tenderness for the Catholics, the charitable desire to help them, the fraternal fellow feeling. It's even more astonishing than the Kipling phenomenon - of Judy O'Grady and the Colonel's Lady being sisters under the skin. I believe it was Napoleon who said:- ~~Scratch~~ a Russian, and you'll find a Tartar. So maybe- scratch a Communist -- and you'll find a pious Christian.

UNAMERICAN

This afternoon Congress voted an investigation of unAmerican activities. A committee of seven is to look into the mysterious doings of Nazis, like the German-American Bund, Fascists, and Communists.

FLEET

Here's a bit of news to inspire interpretations and a hunt for hidden meanings. The Navy Department announced today that ~~N~~ the Nineteen Thirty-Nine manoeuvres of the fleet of the United States will be held in the Atlantic. These will be the first war games off our eastern coast since Nineteen Thirty-Four. In fact, since the World War, the Navy has staged a sham battle in the Atlantic only twice, NineteenThirty and Thirty-Four. The admirals vouchsafe the information that the manoeuvres next spring will be based on the harbor of Guantanamo, Cuba. With the fleet evolutions ranging away to the north and as far south as the Equator - off South America.

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The surmise is inevitable - that this unusual choice of the Atlantic has something to do with the present state of affairs in Europe. This the Navy Department denies, saying the decision was made a year ago, before the European crisis grew so bad, and they point, moreover, to New York's World Fair. The fleet is to visit the ~~World's~~ Fair, which is one reason for staging the war games in the Atlantic.

However
~~Moreover~~ the surmise is insistent - the choice of the

Atlantic was dictated by the possibility of a general European war, the Navy to be ready for any moves the warring powers might make in the direction of Latin America. Moreover - it's in line with the President's idea of naval defense for both coasts, a two-ocean fleet.

MEXICO

The desultory revolt in Mexico was punctuated by a train wreck today. The Sunshine Special from Laredo, Texas to Mexico City, ran off the tracks, the rails having been loosened by insurrecto^s.

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(Meanwhile, the Cedillo rebels were fighting guerilla warfare in the hills.)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Czecks and Germans are accusing each other of
aerial frontier violations. The Nazis ^{charged} ~~accused~~ Prague airplanes
^{with} ~~of~~ flying over the German frontier. ^{Today} ~~Then~~ the Czechs, countered
by accusing German planes of doing the same thing over the Czech
frontier. The latest - two German bombers flew across the Czech
border today and over the home of Henlein, the Sudeten German
leader. (When Czech pursuit planes showed up, the bombers went
winging back to Germany.)

JAPAN

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You can't miss the significance of the shake-up in the Japanese Cabinet. Premier Konoye has moved half a dozen ministers out and put new ones in -- and all six of the new ones are military men -- appointed to departments of education, finance, home affairs, foreign affairs, navy and war. It looks like a Cabinet of Generals, and for Minister of War, General Itagaki, ~~who is~~ coming from the China war, ^{to} ~~will~~ take the post. General Itagaki, the Japanese Commander who lost the battle when the Chinese captured the city of Taierchwang. His appointment as War Minister is taken to indicate that the Japanese high command did not consider that defeat serious. At any rate, it was soon offset by the successful drive that captured Suchow.

The meaning of the Cabinet of Generals seems ^{clear} ~~fair~~ enough, the army in the saddle, ~~and~~ a still more aggressive ~~military~~ policy in China, and an unyielding attitude toward the American-British-French protest about the Open Door.

FIGHT

The big fight in New York is postponed - rain. Henry Armstrong, slashing negro welterweight, will have to wait until tomorrow for his chance at the welterweight title - which Barney Ross holds. Dusky Armstrong is out to achieve the remarkable exploit of winning three titles. Featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight. But he'll have to wait until tomorrow to get a whack at welterweight Champ Barney Ross.

STUDENT

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No sir, no Phi Beta Kappa key for Robert Pearson of the University of Kansas. Not because he is lacking in scholastic attainments, he has them. ~~He~~ But because he sold them. A professional! Phi Beta Kappa is lofty and noble, as well as learned. Not that Robert Pearson is lacking in spiritual qualities. Quite to the contrary - he's a ghost. He ~~has~~ made a profession ^{of} ~~it~~ ghost ^{ing} for students. And, moreover, he wrote an article about it.

In an article in Scribners, he put it this way:- "The ~~moral and ethical standing of my occupation has not yet been~~ carefully worked out. ~~Mainly because my occupation is not~~ supposed to exist. [✓] "I am," he confessed, "one of a widespread and rapidly growing body of campus ghost writers, students making money for themselves by pounding out papers for those who are willing to pay for them." And he summarizes:- "We have made an industry ~~of~~ out of studying for other people."

It appears that young Pearson began his spectral academic career by writing school papers and thesis for other pupils while he was a student at Kansas City Junior College - and got paid for it. He found his ectoplasmic scholasticism so profitable, that he extended, branched out, and wrote

scholarly exercises for students of Northwestern, Wisconsin,
Wyoming and ^{of all things -} Wellesley. Dear, dear,

To be the educational ghost of a co-ed is surely
^{spooky,}
the height of ^{spooky} art. As in many lines of business, he
gave a guarantee - his clients of learning would get marks no
lower than "B", or no money paid.

Business reached a boom-time peak when young Pearson
hired agents who called on collegiate prospects. Finally, a
professor found it out, and the college ghost wound up by telling
about it all in a magazine article. ^{got paid for that,}

Now, the ghost is graduating at the University of
Kansas. Did he pass the exams? Don't ask - having guaranteed
marks as good as "B" to his materialization ^{isn't}, he could hardly
get ~~thxxxxx~~ ^A less than ~~eighty~~ ^{eighty} for himself - which he did all along
the line. He's among the top ten in the graduating class, but he
won't get a Phi Beta Kappa key. That was decreed by the University
faculty today - after the professors had read the article of the
psychic confession.

It's a ^{sad} story - no doubt he ghosted others into
Phi Beta Kappa, but he can't get a key for himself. It's all so
spooky. An intellectual pro.

DRINK

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Manteno, Illinois; ^{a Scotchman no doubt} a farmer ^{today} went into a saloon to buy

a drink. Just then the bartender announced:- "This next drink

is on the house." The ^{Scotchman} ~~farmer~~ dropped dead.

BANDIT

We all find something to be proud about, with or without reason. For example, I with much reason am proud of my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company and Blue Sunoco, ~~but~~ I'm also proud of my prowess as a soft ball player, ^{but with} ~~with~~ mighty little reason. (LaRocheffoucauld, the great French maker of epigrams, said: "We are most vain of the accomplishments we do not possess.") ^{on pride} ~~With~~ these humble remarks ~~let's~~ let's go on with the case of the proud bandit.

The news today tells how Milton Keegan and Rita Delaney were standing in the hallway of ^{Rita's} ~~her~~ Brooklyn home, when a man walked up ~~to them~~ and said - "This is a stick-up!"

The girl, prudently and promptly, tossed her purse to him. But her escort was more critical.

"You're a phoney," he said to the robber, whereupon the robber hit him over the head with a piece of lead pipe and knocked him flat.

"Nobody," quoth the proud bandit, "can call me a phoney and get away with it." And, he stalked off in haughty anger, ignoring the girl's purse, leaving it lie there. ~~Yes~~ Yes, bandit pride, to which I'll make the humble comment -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.