

GANGSTER

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A strange story comes to a close today -- like a drama with a delayed curtain. The story goes back to scenes as of a former era -- Chicago crime under prohibition. The days when the name of Capone was written in predominant scarlet. Since that epoch of gang wars and the one-way ride, repeal has come ~~xx~~ and with it the relentless hand of the "G" Men. Nevertheless, today witnessed the playing out of a singular incident of the times when Scarface Al was in his baleful glory.

The crime records tell of Two-Gun Alterie. He was a Bad Man from the West. He heard about the regime of gangster guns in Chicago. And as he was a two-gun man, that was just the place for him. Out of the West, he came into Chicago to show the city slickers that their big shots were tenderfeet, their gun-men sissies. Whether he fooled around with the Capone mob or the mobs that were gunning for Capone -- that's immaterial. The one thing that lifted Two-Gun ~~xxx~~ Alterie out of the gangster rut was the tale they told of how the Bad Man from the ~~xxx~~ West started doing his cowboy stuff one night with a couple of city rats. Before the Bad Man could draw either one of his two guns,

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they had an automatic poked in his stomach and told him to leave town. And he did. He took the next west-bound train. The record shows that the intensity of the gangster's heart sent him back to where he had come from, and he turned his talents to the running of a Dude Ranch.

But when the era of repeal and "G" Men came along and gangdom quieted down in Chicago, Two-Gun Alterie returned to Chicago. The police say he got into the Labor Union Racket. Today it all turned into one of those incidents which Chicago hasn't witnessed for a long time -- a typical gang killing. Two-Gun Alterie and his wife were on the street in front of their hotel when he was cut down by a hail of machine gun bullets and shot-gun slugs. They were fired from a ~~window~~ window across the way. A window that strategically ~~is~~ commanded that hotel entrance. The wife was unharmed. The Western Bad Man had gone to town twice - once too often.

The word from Germany today concerns religion. The anti-Jewish disturbance has quieted down a bit, but the quarrel between the government and the Catholic Church is flaring and on top of it comes news of the arrest of a prominent protestant churchman, an American. ~~He is~~ M. C. Harbeck, editor of a Magazine called the "Golden Age", published by the International Bible students Society. He has been thrust into a Nazi jail, on two charges.

His magazine is under the ban in Germany, forbidden. The Nazi<sup>s</sup> claim that he tried to circulate it secretly.

The second charge is that he tried to remove funds from Germany, funds belonging to his organization. This recalls the trial and conviction of Catholic priests and nuns, accused of smuggling money<sup>out</sup> of the Reich. <sup>And it</sup> ~~This~~ puts a Protestant note into news that's predominantly Catholic.

We heard the other night that the Papal note of protest to the Berlin Government was an act that put the Catholic Church in Germany officially in opposition to the Hitler Regime. And that was amply made evident today -- in



Goering's speech. The bulky General, Nazi Number Two man, started the attack. He ordered the authorities throughout Germany to take legal action against Catholic priests who, as Goering expressed it:- "Misuse their authority for political ends."

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He berated the Catholic clergy for what he called --"their shortcomings." One of these, which he mentioned emphatically, was the use of the Catholic greeting, "Hail Our Heavenly Father", <sup>and so on.</sup> ~~Jesus Christ.~~ I don't know why the Nazis should ~~be~~ object to that except perhaps that "Hail" in German is "Heil". And maybe "Heil" is reserved for "Heil Hitler". And Goering thundered against Catholic priests for criticising Nazi laws in their Sunday sermons. This would seem to point <sup>s</sup>pecially at the Nazi sterilization law to keep the unfit from multiplying. The Catholics are strongly opposed to it, and no doubt say so in their Sunday sermons.

The Catholic opposition which Goering denounces is especially strong in South Germany, where there's a growing agitation against the Storm Troopers. This has led to various disturbances. At the town of Borcken, a Catholic church was

desecrated, the alter burned, presumably by Storm Troopers. The Nazis retaliate by saying that the desecration was the work of a Catholic, who had left clues tending to implicate the Storm Troops.

The whole thing is summarized in an insistent rumor that the Hitler Government intends to call off the concordat, the treaty between the church and the government agreed upon sometime ago. The German Catholics are saying outright today that this is what the Hitler regime intends to do, cancel the concordat.

This carries on to another report -- that the Nazis are going to form a "ministry of religion," which will have control over all religious activities in the Reich, both Catholic and Protestant. The Minister of Religion would be in command, not the ecclesiastical leaders. If this idea were put through in a drastic way, it would mean a show-down war with the Catholic Church. And with the Protestant churches too.

Today Nazi newspapers came out with raging diatribes. They went so far as to demand the death penalty for Jews who have

various sorts of dealings with Aryans. One Nazi demands the passage of a ~~law~~ law forbidding Jews to rent apartments to Aryans, or employ Aryan domestic help in their houses, or serve Aryan clients, under pain of death, if necessary. Another violent anti-Semitic journal makes the outright demand on the death penalty for Jews ~~xx~~ who associate with Aryan women.



ENGLAND

In England a bill to promote peace has been introduced into the House of Commons with the most powerful sort of support. The sponsor is Jeffery Mander, a Liberal. Of course, the Liberals are a puny minority in the Commons, but the bill has a set of co-sponsors -- a member of each of the political parties. It's sweeping in its terms -- calls for arbitration of all disputes, permits the use of armed force only with the sanction of the League of Nations, and authorizes British citizens to enlist in an International Armed Police Force, if the League of Nations should establish such an army of its own.

But its most immediately important provision is the prohibition of trade with any nations at war. England would be forbidden to do business of any sort with a country engaged in hostilities. This is in line with Pacifist ideas of cutting off trade, especially armament trade, with belligerents. One weakness of the idea is ~~is~~ illustrated right now in the Italian-Abyssinian complication. Italy doesn't have to buy weapons and munitions, but that's the only way Ethiopia can get any. So its hitting one side and not the other -- so far as gun selling is concerned.

## ETHIOPIA

Everybody knows that the almost inevitable East African War promises to be a savage and vicious affair. The fighting tribes of Ethiopia are in various degrees of barbarism.

In fact, the atrocity stories have already begun. From Rome comes accusations of barbarities committed by the Abyssinians. But, all the Italian charges are flatly denied at Addis Ababa.

Just how vividly barbaric some of the Ethiopian tribes are rumored to be is illustrated by one of today's stories from East Africa. It tells of a terrific method of war the Abyssinians have prepared to turn loose against Italian invaders. The tale concerns the Gallas, one of the most powerful groups of Black Tribes that inhabit Ethiopia.

Anyhow, the Gallas announce that they are going to turn lions loose on the Italians. They are great hunters of the King of beasts. Truman Talley of Fox refers to the King of Kings and the Conquering Lion of Judah as - "The Chief Lion Chaser." Anyway, the Gallas are said to be busy right now



catching lions, a whole army of the big cats, to sic 'em on the invading Italians, who, like the Christians of old, will be devoured by the lions.

The other night I told how an Abyssinian Princess in New York had declared that her countrymen had a secret, terrifying method of war, about which the military men of Europe knew nothing. Maybe that's it - the lions. It would make an interesting battle scene - a thundering roar, a host of lions, charging the enemy with great leaping bounds. Of course an unromantic skeptic might wonder what would happen when a modern army cut loose on the charging lions with machine guns, tanks, heavy artillery, high explosive air bombs and tear gas. The King of Beasts mixed up with tear gas would make quite a spectacle.

As for the Conquering Lion of Judah, he make a speech - an address to the Ethiopian Parliament. The King, the Negus Negusti called

upon the Nation to follow him to battle. He'll lead them.

This raises visions of the Conquering Lion of Judah leading

the charge of lions. <sup>*Haile Selassie*</sup> The ~~N~~<sup>o</sup>gus Negusti defies the Duce and

declares that the men of Ethiopia will fight to the last

ditch, maybe <sup>to</sup> the last lion. And the women too, he calls upon

them to fight. Ladies and lions - an interesting addition to

the art of battle. *Funny, yes. But also, pathetic.*

From Geneva the news is not nearly so picturesque.

It concerns a meeting of the League Council - called for July

twenty-fifth, to take up the Italo-Ethiopian dispute. What

will the Italian Delegates say? Will Mussolini withdraw from

the League? Will the League take decisive action in checking

the Duce? I don't know, but I'll bet -- that the League

Council doesn't do anything in particular.

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LEVIATHAN

I don't know how to say "Leviathan" in Chinese, but we may soon have to learn the Far Eastern equivalent of the stately name of that big historic vessel. There's a rumor in shipping circles that the former Queen of the Atlantic may be sold to the Chinese Republic. They say the Nanking Government is thinking about buying the Leviathan to convert her into a Flagship for the small Chinese Navy.

She is not a war vessel of course, but I suppose they might convert her into some kind of an auxiliary cruiser.

The old ship that in ten crossings carried nearly a million doughboys ~~to~~ war-time France, is now lying idle at a dock in Hoboken. She has a skeleton crew aboard to keep her in condition. The contract of the owners with the government compels them to maintain her in some kind of sea-going shape.

"White ~~Elephant~~ Elephant" is the inevitable word to describe that former German Liner which made history for the U.S.A. and they may find an answer to the Leviathan dilemma <sup>by</sup> selling her down the ~~river~~ river, the Yangtze River, to China.

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## ROCKRIDGE

The summer theatre movement seems to be sweeping the country. Well, "sweeping" may not be the word. But, according to Nathaniel Reed, one of the leaders in the world of the summer theatre, there are three times as many barn theatres in the country this year, as there were last year, of which Mr. Reed's Rockridge Theatre at Carmel, New York, is one of the most elaborate. In addition to plays indoors during the week, for each week-end, all this summer the Rockridge is staging outdoor revivals of Gilbert and Sullivan -- the Mikado this week-end.

Mr. Reed believes that the summer theatre movement is opening up a new field for the new author, the new director, and the new player. He believes it is bringing the American theatre to the real American people, those who live in the country, and in town and villages. And thus the stage will discover just what is the attitude of the country toward it. He speaks of New York City -- Broadway -- as a foreign City. That is, a play may fail and Broadway's appraisal of it may not be the fair appraisal of the American people at all.

Nathaniel Reed of <sup>the</sup> Rockridge sees in the summer  
theatre movement a possible revival <sup>r</sup> for the American theatre as  
a whole. A clean American theatre for clean American people, *as puts it*  
At any rate, a summer evening, with Gilbert and Sullivan played  
under the trees -- <sup>ah,</sup> that sounds ideal.

SENATE

An aftermath of the New York State flood comes along in the form of action by the Senate Banking Committee today. In a session lasting only five minutes, the Committee said: "Here's three and a quarter million dollars." A loan they are handing out, money to be lent to companies whose factories were washed out by the flood. It's called the R. F. C. Catastrophe Fund. The factories will be rebuilt and employment restored in the flood sections.



ROMANCE

Last evening at this time I was closing the broadcast with a rosy glow of romance, but tonight it's so different.

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Twenty-four hours ago I was hitting a glowing Cinderella note, about the shop girl in an American five and ten engaged to be married to the adopted son of the President of China. But right now the flowers of sentiment have turned into ashes.

In the first place Miss Viola Brown, the five and ten sales girl, denies that she is engaged to James Linn the adopted son of the Chinese President. She says they are already married.

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Secondly -- James Linn says there must be some ~~mistake~~ mistake. He claims they are not married. He says they got no further along <sup>toward</sup> the matrimonial altar than a cable which he sent to his adopted father asking for permission to marry the young lady.

Thirdly -- he has <sup>an</sup> answer to that cable. And the answer is "no" -- permission refused. So if they are engaged, they are forbidden to marry - while if they are already married that's forbidden also.

Fourthly -- there's an excellent reason why the President of China cables a loud and emphatic "no". James Linn is already married. Back in China he has, not one wife, but two -- and four children. So if they are engaged how can they get married -- when he's already doubly married back in China. And if they are already married -- two wives plus one wife equals three wives.

All of which seems to indicate that James Linn is saying farewell to Viola Brown, while I am saying --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.