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The fate of Tammany leader James J. Hines is likely to rest in great part upon testimony given today. The evidence was characteristic of the case that Prosecutor Dewey has built ~~against~~ against the man who for a generation symbolized the power of Tammany. The witness was George Weinberg, a gangster of long and notorious career. He is giving states evidence in the sensational case of the Dutch Schultz policy racket. And the fate of Hines ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> rest on how much the jury is likely to believe of what this witness said and <sup>what</sup> others like him will say.

Weinberg's testimony today first of all concerned money, sums of cash. He swore that ~~he~~ he personally ~~had~~ delivered to Jimmy Hines five hundred dollars a week, ~~but~~ which was later raised to a thousand. He told how on one occasion Hines demanded from him and got two thousand dollars instead of the one thousand to which he was entitled under the racketeering arrangement.

Schultz himself got a regular four thousand dollars a week and sometimes he drew expenses as high as twenty thousand dollars a month. Weinberg declared that in the heyday of the racket,

1932, the Schultz policy-combination was taking in sixty-four thousand dollars a day, with a net profit of from thirty-two thousand to forty-five thousand a day. On one occasion there was an accumulated profit of two hundred thousand dollars. (Of this Racket Chief Schultz borrowed one hundred and fifty thousand.)

~~There was a big hit, meaning the policy bank was hit by a lot of winnings. They needed money quickly, and Dutch Schultz promptly shelled out one hundred and ten thousand dollars in cash.~~

Weinberg in his testimony came to a high spot of the drama of crime and law when he told of how he dealt personally with Hines in the fixing of cases against the <sup>lottery</sup> mob, ~~how Hines procured the release of policy-sellers under arrest.~~ He told the story in great detail, with intimate personal touches.

On Thanksgiving eve in 1932 there was a raid on <sup>the</sup> policy headquarters -- ~~the~~ <sup>where</sup> the mob <sup>was</sup> sorting out slips of the day's sales, which totaled from forty to fifty thousand dollars. The cops broke in and ~~ex~~ grabbed them and a sergeant hit Weinberg on the ear so hard that Weinberg has been deaf in that ear ever

since. He was locked up and bailed out and he hurried to Hines.

Today his testimony went like this:-

Question:- "What did Hines say?"

Answer:- "He said 'I see you got hit pretty hard.'"

And then Weinberg told Hines that the case would have to be thrown out <sup>of court;</sup> ~~in~~ to which Hines agreed. The question and answer went this way:-

Question:- "What did Hines say?"

Answer:- "He said we would have to get <sup>the case</sup> ~~it~~ postponed until it came before Magistrate Capshaw."

<sup>Judge</sup> ~~Judge~~ Capshaw is one of the judges accused in the Dewey charge, and Weinberg went on to tell how he was with Hines when Hines talked to ~~Judge~~ Capshaw. ~~Exp~~ They met at a bar <sup>7</sup>.

Weinberg claims that Hines said to the Judge:- "I have a policy case, a very important one and would you be able to take care of it?" To which the Judge replied: "I haven't failed you yet, I'll take care of this."

When the case came before Judge Capshaw in court, the case against Weinberg and the other defendants was dismissed.

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Such was the story told in court today, and it is perfectly obvious that the fate of Jimmy Hines will rest on whether or not the jury believes <sup>this gangster witness who is</sup> ~~giving~~ giving states evidence -- this witness and similar other ones.

PRISON

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The horror of Philadelphia's prison mystery deepens today, with an autopsy report. Three convicts in a prison strike, confined in one disciplinarian cell, and ~~they're~~ there they died. The bodies frightfully beaten, with signs of scalding either by hot water or live steam. The prison explanation is that they perished in the cell fighting among themselves, but this version is ridiculed by the investigating authorities. Today's autopsy indicates the three died of asphyxiation, which might have been caused by water or by steam or by tear gas. The coroner announces there will be an investigation of the prison to determine what happened.

UNAMERICAN

In Washington today they painted a college red, dyed a Youth Conference crimson, and applied a pinkcoating to a movie star and several congressmen.

The Institution of learning is Brooklyn College, and the witness was Professor Edward L. Fenlon who teaches philosophy at that sem center of academic learning. the professor declared before the Committee investigating Un-American activities that there are four Red organizations in the Student Body. These have turned the Brooklyn campus into a center of Bolshhevik propaganda.

The Teachers Union at Brooklyn College has Communistic leanings, said the Professor pointing significantly to a magazine called -- "The Staff." This periodical is circulated among the college teachers and prints this statement -- "Issued montly by the Brooklyn College Unit of the Communist Pary of America." This was followed by a rather astonishing angle -- the Communist peridocial "The Staff", published by a government agency. The professor said he had reason to believe that it was.

Altogether, the testimony was a vivid job of painting a college red. No redder, however, than the Foruth Conference of

the American Youth Congress held at Milwaukee. Nine organizations represented at that conference. Seven of them communist or Socialist.

The movie actor who was given a pink complexion was James Cagney. Testimony about the hard guy of the films was spoken by Miss Margaret Kerr of Los Angeles, a representative of the Better American Federation. She declared that the hero who slaps the girls was one of the sponsors of a society to help the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, in Spain. And, as other sponsors of that Left Wing outfit of the Spanish Civil War she named Congressman Magnuson and Coffee of Washington. The point being -- that the American organization which supports the Left Wing cause of Spain was affiliated with -- the United Front.

The testimony before the Committee constantly points to the United Front. This is the radical and liberal line-up which accords with the present Communist Party Line.

ROOSEVELT

When President Roosevelt was at our ~~Soft~~ Ball Game on Sunday he had with him Senator Pope of Idaho, that staunch New Deal senator who in the recent primaries was defeated for renomination. Obviously, the President and the Senator were talking over that defeat which was a decided blow to the New Deal. And, the surmise was that there might be some sort of presidential action.

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Today we have the result of it all - a declaration by the President at Hyde Park. He spoke of the phenomenon not unknown in politics, of Republicans going to a Democratic primary to beat a certain Democratic candidate out of the nomination. Or, Democrats going into a Republican primary for the same purpose. And he denounced this practice. He said that voters of one party should stay out of the primaries of the other - and applied this principle to the case of Senator Pope.

The President recited some Idaho figures. He said that in Nineteen Thirty-Six, <sup>forty-two thousand</sup> ~~100~~ voters cast their ballot in the Republican primary, fifty-five thousand in the Democratic primary. This year, he said, only thirty thousand voters went to the Republican primary, while eighty-three <sup>thousand</sup> cast ballots in the Democratic primary.



That would make it seem as though twelve thousand Republicans of  
Nineteen Thirty-Six switched over and voted in the Democratic  
primary in Nineteen Thirty-<sup>eight.</sup>~~four~~ The President said he thought that  
from fifteen to twenty thousand Republicans cast Democratic primary  
ballots just to beat New Deal Senator Pope out of <sup>the</sup> renomination.  
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McADOO

A loud denial tonight from Senator McAdoo of California.

"Utterly and wantonly false," says he. The denial is on the familiar subject of the Ku Klux Klan, that old ghost pursuing so many a politician. Last night at a Los Angeles meeting of political opposition to McAdoo, it was charged that he was a member of the Klan in Nineteen Twenty-Four, ~~and for this he was roundly denounced.~~ To this McAdoo replies today: "Any such charge that I was a member of the Klan is utterly and wantonly false. ~~I never was a member of the Klan," he insists, "and I never had any connection in any manner whatsoever with it."~~

Well, at last night's Los Angeles meeting they displayed an enlarged reproduction of a Ku Klux membership card - made out to William G. McAdoo. It bore the signature of H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard and Imperial Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan. The card, however, was not signed by McAdoo.

Today the Senator says: "I never heard of any card issued to me by the Klan. As far as I am concerned, it is just plain forgery."

At last night's meeting it was charged that the Klan tried to make William Gibbs McAdoo president of the United States - to which you can add today's McAdoo denials.

## EARTHQUAKE

Whenever there's an earthquake disturbance in the vicinity of New York it strikes the imagination with a sudden wonderment -- the mighty city of skyscrapers, where streets are architectural canyons. <sup>Just</sup> suppose it were hit by an earthquake. Today I talked to Father Lynch, seismologist of Fordham University and asked him about those series of tremblors last night <sup>and this morning --</sup> ~~near~~ New York, in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. The Fordham scientist told me that his seismograph recorded the first shake at a little after eleven-thirty last night. Four in all -- the last one shortly past seven a.m. <sup>He gave reassurance --</sup> ~~and he said~~ -- they were nothing to be ~~alarmed~~ alarmed about. They were not shocks -- deep seated in the underlying rocks, nothing based upon a geological fault such as causes disastrous earthquakes. He said they were ~~mere~~ mere ~~sh~~ surface shocks caused by the superficial settling of upper strata. Mere minor quakes felt lightly over a comparatively small area.

BARBARA

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Today's story about the marital affairs of the Haugwitz-Reventlows, the Danish Count and the Princess of Five and Ten - reminds me of a proverb I once heard on the sacred subject of friendship. It goes like this - "With such friends, I have<sup>n</sup> no need of enemies." The Count and Countess are disturbed about their friends, perplexed, nonplussed. It all concerns the stories that when the Count went to Venice to see the Woolworth heiress, from whom he had separated, it was for the purpose of seeking a reconciliation with her. And the report said further that they were likely to patch up their differences. All of this was published on the authority of - friends. Who were these friends? And why were they doing all the talking?

Today at Vienna, Haugwitz-Reventlow received a telegram from the Countess. "I don't blame you for being annoyed," she wires, "but the story of our friends is pure invention. I think it best that you make a statement and use this wire as my confirmation."

This advice the Count proceeded to follow and gave out a statement. In it he denies that he saw Barbara in Venice to plead

for a reconciliation. It was merely friendly courtesy, because they intend to remain friends. He declares that they haven't any idea of reconciliation. "There is no intention on either side," he says, "of making any alteration in the legal separation. It has not and will not be affected by the Venice meeting or any other meetings in the future. It was not even discussed."

In other words, the friends were all wrong. And the Count and Countess are wondering about the reason for all the friendly gossip. It shouldn't be hard to explain. A headline notability can merely meet somebody and then that somebody may come jabbering around, saying, "I'm a friend of so-and-so and things are like this and that." And then some mere gossip~~ers~~ guessing is reported as inside information - from a friend.

MOODY

The duel of the two Helens will not be resumed at the National Championships in September, and that takes a big thrill out of tennis this autumn. The world of nets and racquets was left in a state of suspense, after the meeting of Helen Wills Moody and Helen Jacobs at Wimbledon, in which those two far-famed rivals staged a much disputed drama. Helen Wills Moody won with ease, because Helen Jacobs hurt her ankle, and went limping to defeat. The tennis world was left wondering - what would happen when the two Helens met again, as they were scheduled to do in the national singles championship at Forest Hills. And the answer is - nothing will happen, they won't meet.

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Today the Lawn Tennis Association received a letter from Helen Wills Moody, in which she says she is not physically fit to play. "I've played very little since my return from abroad," she writes, "because of a severe attack of neuritis. I've been taking treatments but so far have not improved to any measureable extent."

With this she encloses a check for thirteen hundred dollars. That was expense money ~~that she~~ got for the trip to England to play at Wimbledon. She explains that she intended to

play in both the English matches and in our own American championships at Forest Hills. And, since she can't do the latter, she is returning expenses for the former.

GIRDER

At the Queens-Bronx Bridge <sup>that</sup> they're building in New York, a ponderous girder was being hoisted today - a steel girder a hundred and thirty feet long, and thirty-five tons heavy. They had it up to ninety feet, and directly beneath it were thirty workmen. A cable broke, and the girder fell with a terrific crash.

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The first thing the thirty workmen knew about it was a loud crack as the cable snapped. And they knew plenty, knew what it meant. They jumped, leaped, darted and dashed, in a wild scramble - as speedy a scramble as was ever seen. They moved so fast that by the time the girder had fallen the ninety feet, they were out of its way. The thirty-five ton steel beam banged and bounced and crashed, but the men were to safety and nobody was hurt.



THEFT

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It's a thrill when a clever detective trick works perfectly, and springs a trap. At Raleigh, North Carolina, Captain Bruce Poole of the Raleigh Detective Force, rigged up a neat stunt to catch a <sup>stamp</sup> postage thief. At the State Department building, several times a large <sup>batch</sup> of stamps was found to be missing -- a sneak thief getting in at night and taking them. So Captain Poole laid a trap, a camera trap, a photographic snare. He placed a camera and flashlight and rigged it in such fashion that a thief, going at night to the place where the stamps were, would touch off the flashlight and the camera shutter - and thereby photograph himself for identification. And last night it worked. A crook sneaked in for the stamps and touched off the camera and the flash. It was a thrilling detective success - except for one minor detail. After the flare of the flash, the thief went right ahead and <sup>stole</sup> not only ~~over~~ the stamps, but also the camera, with <sup>the</sup> picture of himself inside it. The camera is worth a hundred and eighty dollars. So now the captain of detectives is trying to figure out ~~the problem~~ - if the camera protects <sup>the stamps</sup> how can he find a way to protect the camera? *And s-l-u-t.*

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