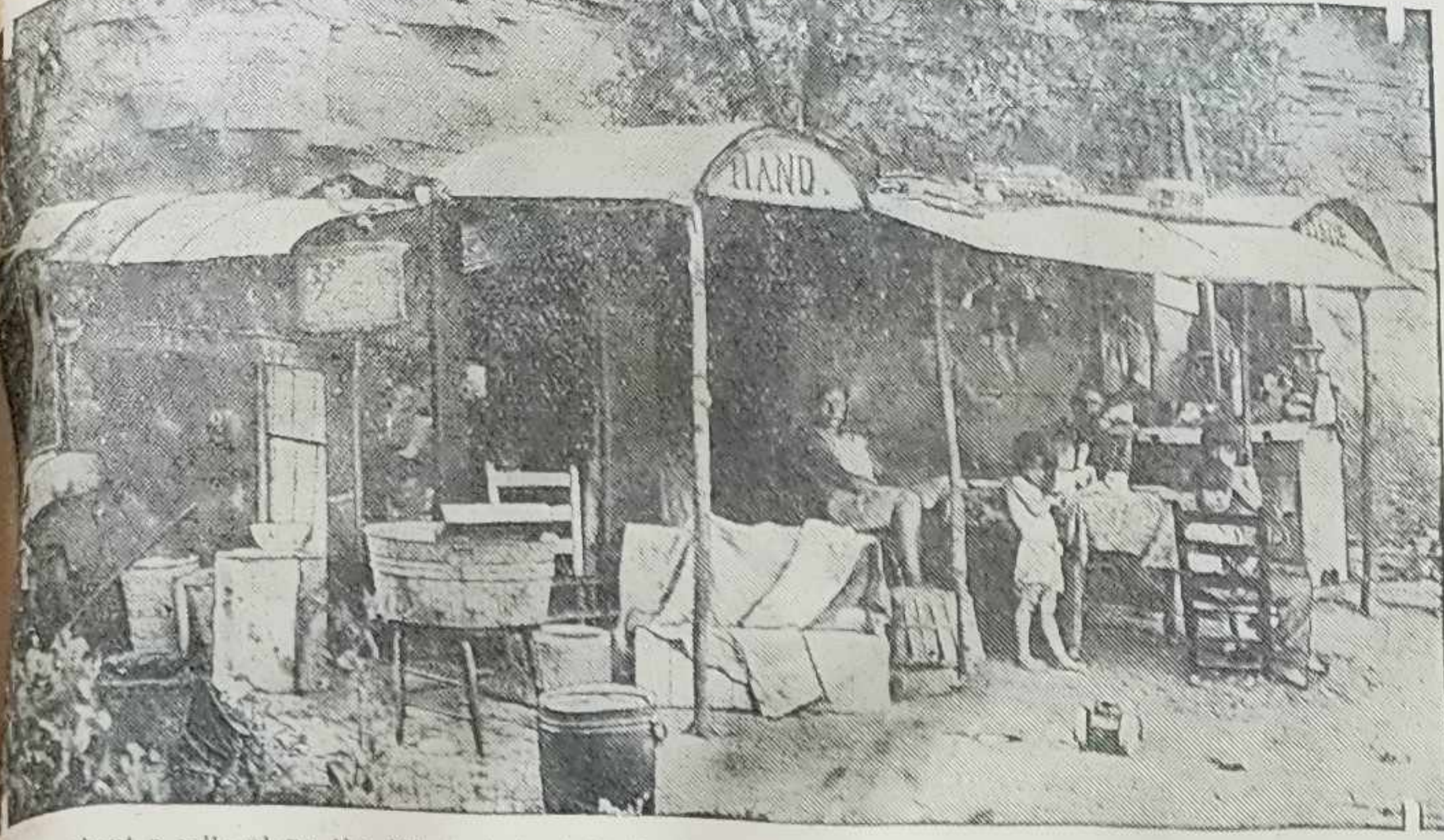


"Depression Flats," New St. Louis Subdivision



For about a mile along the Mississippi at St. Louis may be seen many small make-shift shacks built of old boards and tar paper. This is the new subdivision built and occupied by those families and individuals who are unable to get jobs and funds and named "Depression Flats." These people have taken the liberty, under their circumstances, to squat on the edge of the Mississippi where living is cheaper and children can romp and play. The photo shows one of the shacks where a family of six, including three children, make their home.

Plan to Take Gold From Sea Fails

The fantastic scheme of German scientists to pay Germany's war debt with gold from the ocean has been abandoned.

For more than eight years Professor Wilhelm Schlenk of the chemical department of the Berlin university conducted extensive research in all the oceans of the world in an attempt to extract gold from seawater.

Hope is Abandoned. After last hope of winning gold from the ocean was definitely abandoned. Professor Schlenk declared to Universal Service.

The idea of extracting gold from the ocean sprang up during the inflation period when the gold question was so burning. A number of ships equipped with the latest scientific instruments and modern laboratories sailed to all corners of the world.

According to Arrhenius, the percentage of gold in the ocean would be sufficient to warrant extracting it. But our expeditions found that Arrhenius was wrong and that only a small fraction of the amount of gold he estimated to have been in ocean water actually existed.

Hard to Extract. Not even if Arrhenius had been right it would be practically impossible to isolate the precious metal because of its extremely irregular distribution.

Immigration Tide to United States at Ebb

Washington.—Fewer immigrants are being admitted than at any time during the last 100 years, and immigration has ceased to be "an economic boom," William N. Doak, secretary of labor, has announced.

The one immigrant is entering the United States where five were admitted a year ago and thirty in 1914. Mr. Doak declared. Swelling the outward flow of migration, there were more than 18,000 aliens deported in the fiscal year just ended on June 30, he said.

Doak recommended that Congress raise the educational requirements for admission to citizenship. "Many persons are gaining citizenship who do not comprehend its responsibilities," he said, "and significant part of them are those who are now being deported."

Owl "Hypnotizes" Man; Claws Out One of Eyes

Montreal, Ala.—"Hypnotized" by a vicious mother owl, which clamped its talons on his face and body, Albert Hughes of Washington, Ala., was at a hospital here after an operation for removal of his right eye.

"I was walking underneath a tree," said Hughes, "when the owl suddenly appeared from her nest. I didn't fight back or run. I couldn't. All I could do was those two big eyes. I was hypnotized."

Asked If He Wants to Go to Jail, Mute Says "No"

Baltimore.—William Leonard, twenty-three, was taken to Police court, charged with begging. He professed to be deaf and dumb. Court attaches attached various trusses, attempting to make him talk, but all failed until Judge John B. Gordon suddenly caught his eye and asked, "Do you want to go to jail?" Leonard quickly replied "No." He was escorted to a cell.

Gigantic Swindle Plot Is Broken Up

Boston.—A huge lottery swindle in which residents of the United States, Canada and Mexico would have been duped, it is said, of \$2,500,000, was believed to have been smashed recently by a police raid on a luxurious suite of offices.

Boston, because of its large Irish-American population, had been chosen as headquarters by the swindlers who reported to represent the Irish Free State government in a hospital charity sweepstakes on the Cambridge street to be run at Newmarket on October 28.

Lipstick Once Classed With Witchcraft Art

London.—Use of lipstick was once a punishable offense in England, according to Dr. Margaret Fishenden, scientific investigator in the department of scientific and industrial research.

Cosmetics were introduced into England by the knight crusaders, she declared in a radio broadcast on "Chemistry and the Housewife."

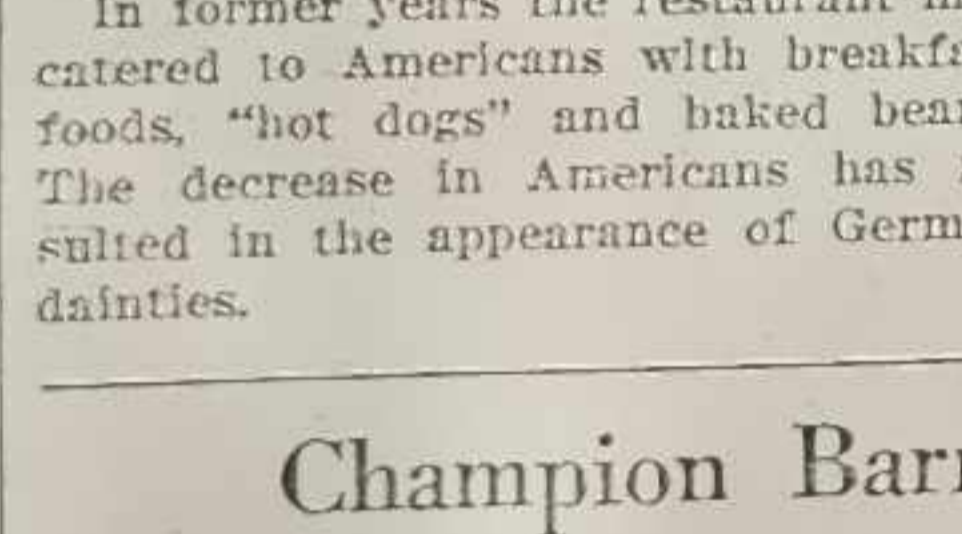
In 1780, she said, it was decreed that any woman who should "seduce, or betray into matrimony any of his majesty's subjects by scents, paints or cosmetic washes should incur the penalty of the law in force against witchcraft and that the marriage, upon conviction, should stand null and void."

More German Food Served in Paris Cafes

Paris.—The ever increasing number of Germans frequenting Montmartre and Montparnasse, the two gayest night haunts of Paris, has caused restaurateurs and cafe proprietors to substitute German dishes for American ones served as specialties.

In former years the restaurant men catered to Americans with breakfast foods, "hot dogs" and baked beans. The decrease in Americans has resulted in the appearance of German dainties.

Champion Barrel-Birlers of Paris



Jean Farges, No. 2 winner of the one-mile annual rolling championship race in Paris is accepting the congratulations of Paul Eustache, No. 1, the champion of last year, who finished second in this race, only 20 yards behind the winner.

Petrified Rattlesnake Found on Mountain

Westfield, Mass.—Evidence of what may have been a prehistoric rattlesnake has been found on Mount Teko.

The apparently petrified reptile appears on the face of a cliff a score of feet from the nearest foothold. Scientists who have viewed it estimate that it was about seven feet long and four inches in diameter.

Gen. Washington Knew Pinch of "Hard Times"

Washington.—George Washington arrived at his home from the Revolutionary war practically "broke," recent letters reveal.

He sent his mother 15 guineas with the explanation that these were all he had and that they were due some one else.

"I now have demands upon me for more than £500, 340-odd of which is due for the tax of 1780, and I know not where or when I shall receive one shilling with which to pay it."

Motorist Arrested When He Offers Chief a "Hip"

Quincy, Mass.—Frank Farrell was motoring through Cohasset when he stopped his car to ask a pedestrian for a match. A girl companion of Farrell offered the stranger a drink.

The stranger, who proved to be Police Chief H. J. Pelletier, arrested Farrell. In court Farrell was fined \$100 for drunken driving.

Eagle Believed to Have Attacked Child Killed

Tazewell, Va.—John Murray, a farmer, killed an eagle at Horseshoe that had a spread of 78 inches from tip to tip. It is believed that it was the same eagle that attacked a child recently. The bird was found drinking from a creek when shot.

Bandits' Heads Warning to Chinese Comrades

Peking, China.—Bandits captured in Tatungfu, northern Shansi, have served as a gory object lesson for their comrades still at large.

Six were captured by Tatungfu police in a robbery. They were taken to the center of the city and while thousands watched old-fashioned executioners chopped off their heads. The executioners have had little practice recently and took some time for the excruciating.

Montana Opens War on Pelican to Save Fish

Minnsdale, Mont.—The pelican is to be banished from Montana. His voracious attacks upon fish have led to an order from the state fish and game department encouraging hunters to kill them off.

Measuring some seven feet of wingspread, on an average, the birds not only eat fish for food and store others for short times in their beaks, but kill fish for the pure love of killing.

Pastor Offers Prize for Sleeping During Sermon

Fond du Lac, Wis.—Confidence in his ability to interest his congregation prompted Rev. William A. Frazier of the Plymouth Congregational church to announce that a reward of \$5 here to announce that any person who could sleep in the church during any of a series of summer sermons.



LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS

KNOWN THE TRICKS
 "You know, mum," said little Hector, "dad must have been up to all sorts of mischief when he was a boy like me."
 "What makes you think so, my son?" asked his mother.
 Hector looked very thoughtful.
 "Well," he went on, "he always knows exactly what questions to ask me when he wants to know where I'm going and what I've been doing."

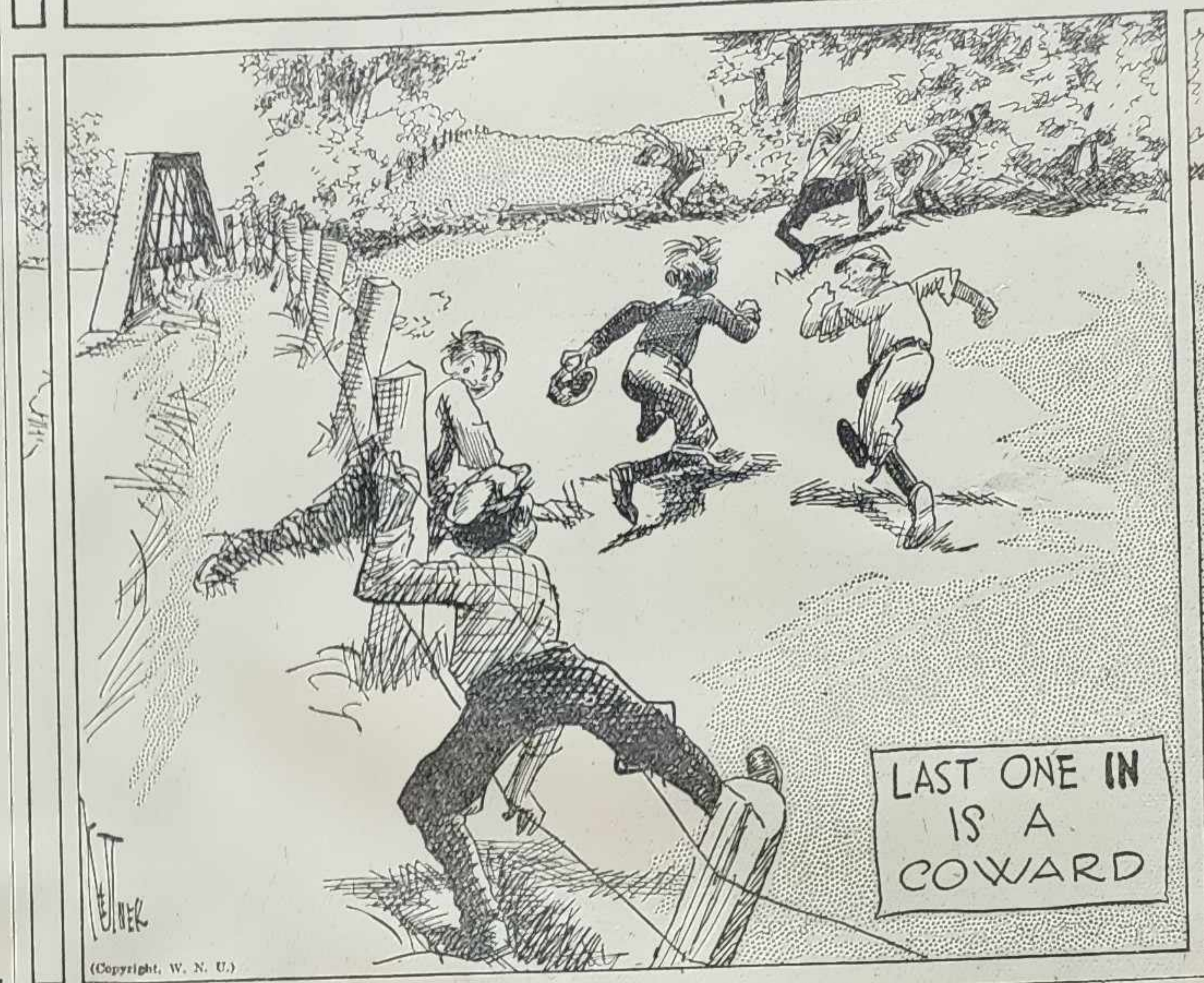
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"I asked your father and he said you were old enough to know your own mind."
 "He didn't tell you how old I was, did he?"

OUR COMIC SECTION

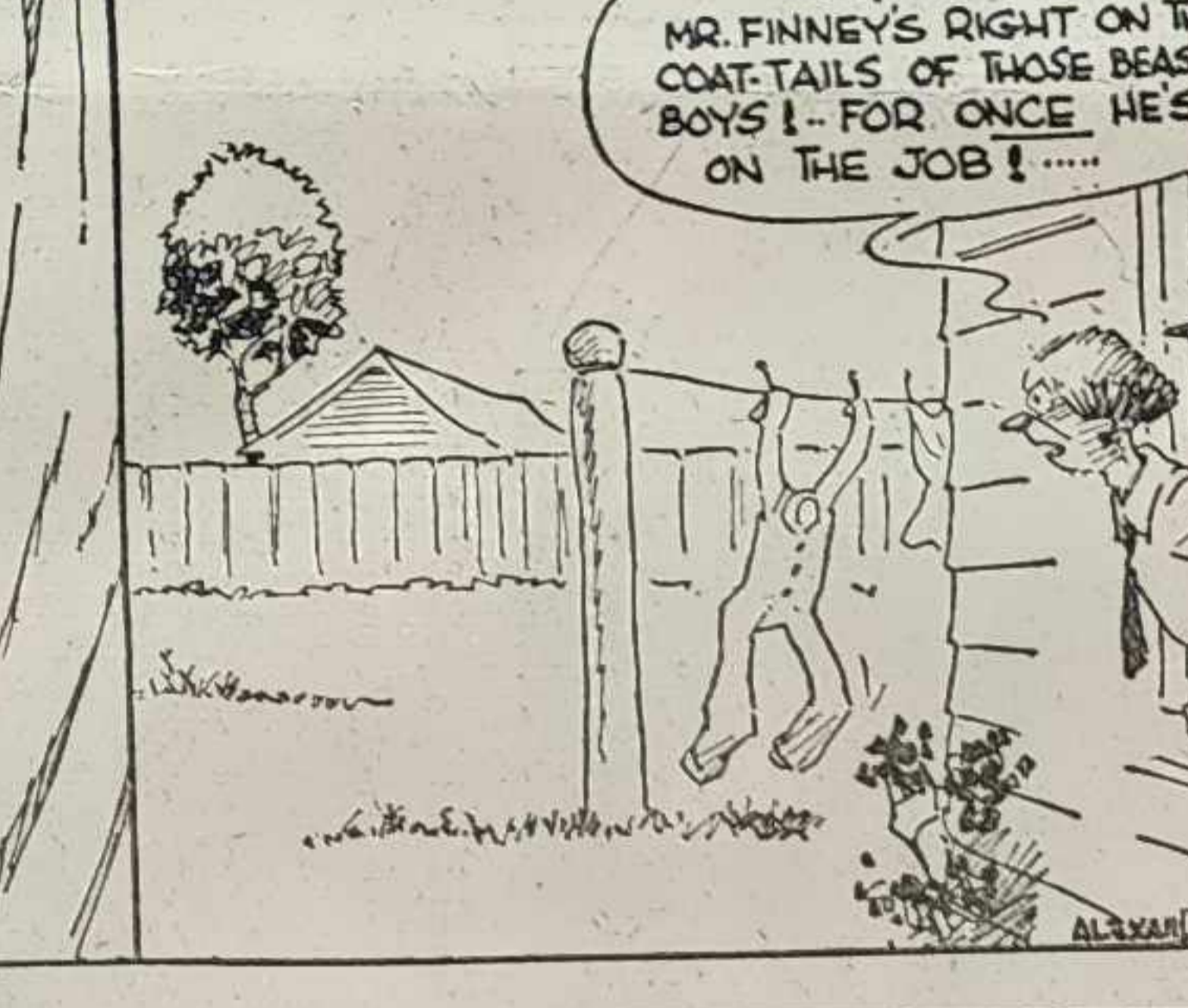
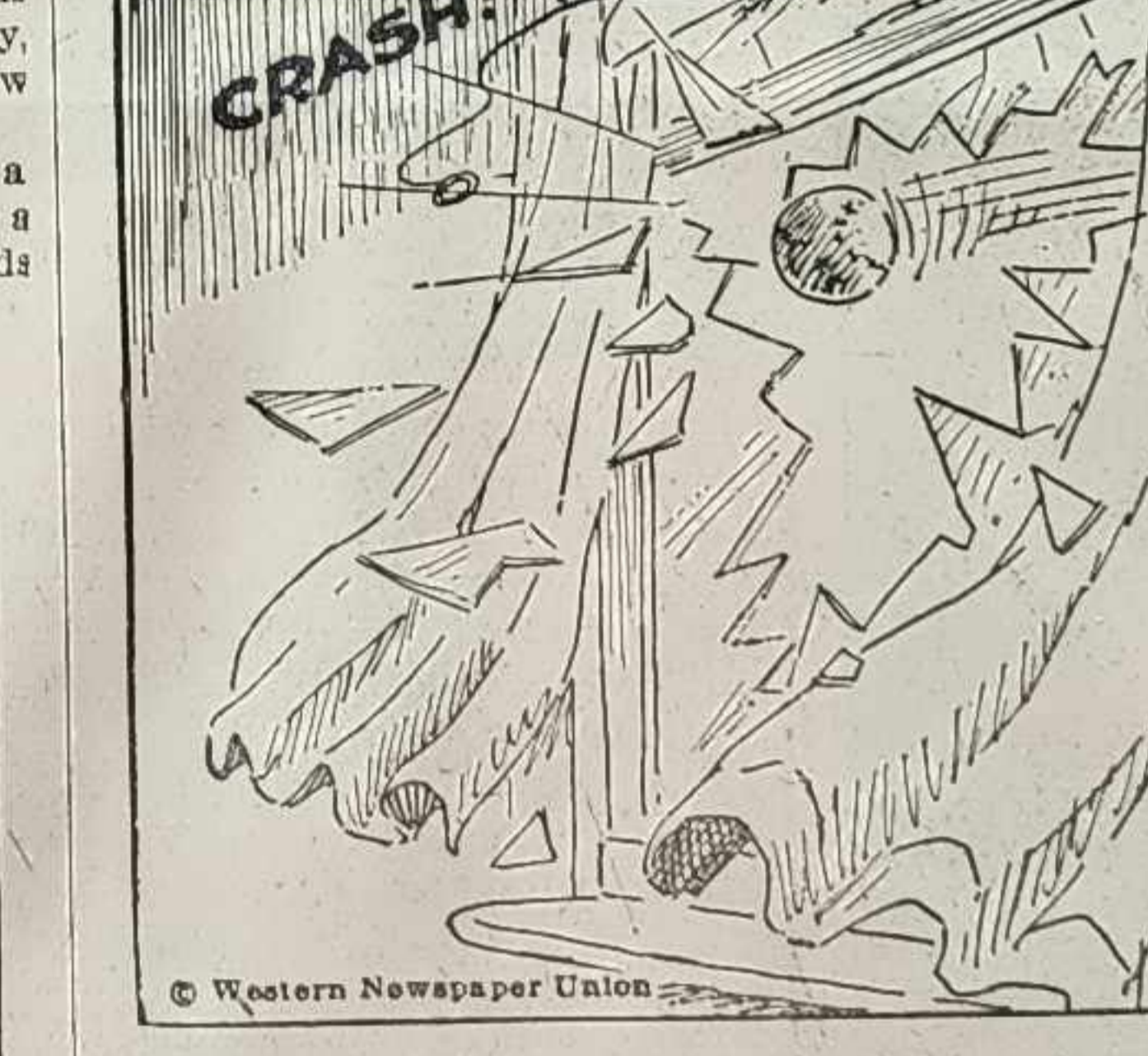
Events in the Lives of Little Men



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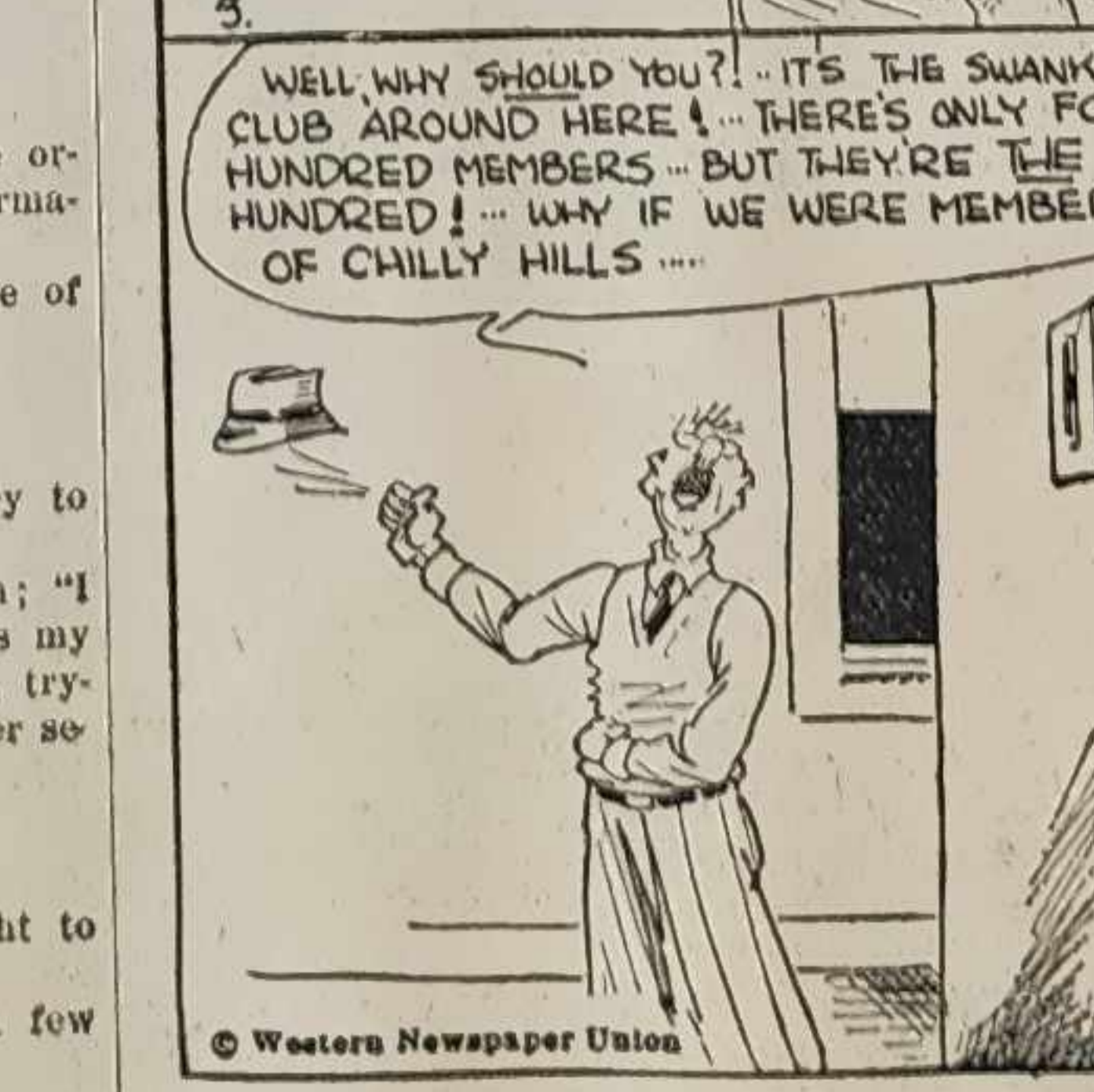
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—And Running Yet



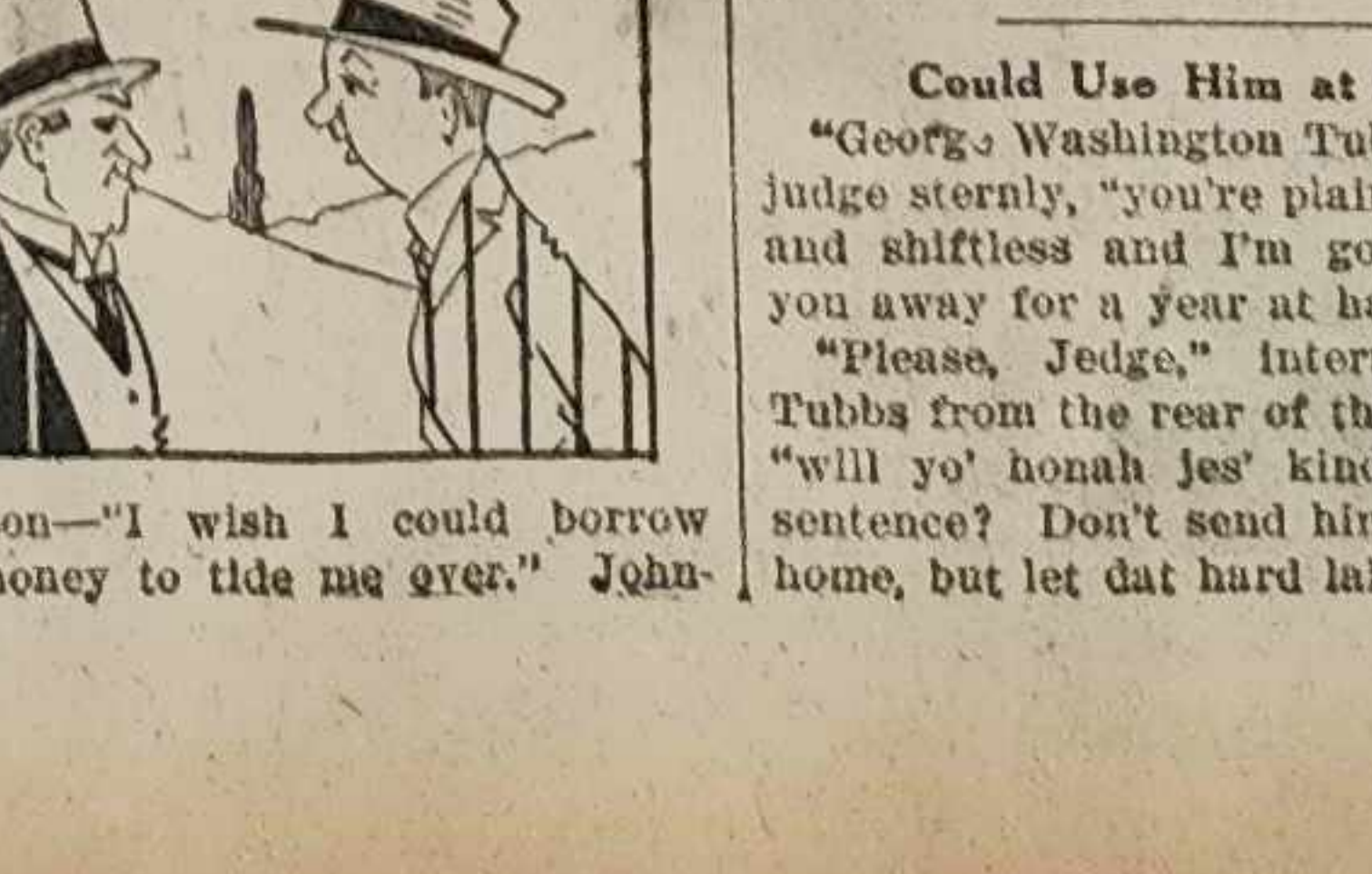
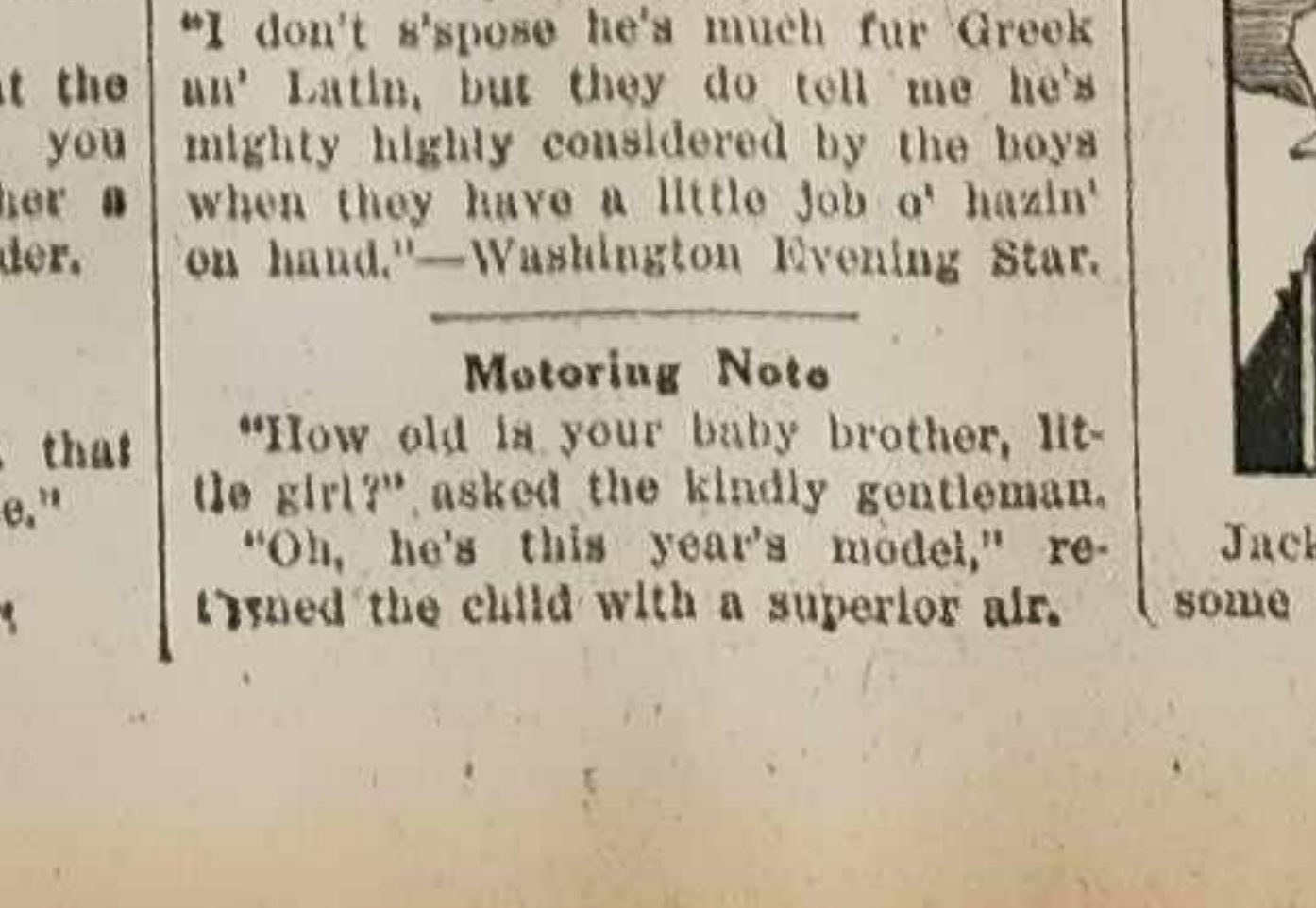
THE FEATHERHEADS

Too Good a Chance to Pass



A Husky Favorite

FRIENDS NOT WISE



son—"Haven't you got lots of friends?" Jackson—"Yes. But they don't know yet that I need money."

