PRESS FREEDOM DER FIRE OF SNIPERS



". . . a boastful totem . . . '

IN APPEARANCE eft) and the eagle of he NRA (right). The erman bird, besides aiming familiar associaion with the All Highest. s the picture reveals, tands as a boastful totem of dictatorship. It symolizes the regimentation of the German people, as portrayed in the uniforms and insignia of the storm

troopers and the Hitler podyguard pictured on the first page of this section. It also symbolizes the egimentation of thought in that land, the organization of all ideas after the pattern of those of the dictator, Adolf Hitler; the suppression of individualism of every sort, and the clamping down upon the freedom of the press-if ever at any time the public Zeitungen of that country can have been given latitude worthy of the name of freedom. The NRA eagle symbolizes governmental

egulation of trade and industry under a system designed and set up by the administration to provide jobs for the jobless and to produce profits for the profitless-simultaneously. That the disciples of Rooseveltian recovery in the United States and the Brown Shirts of Germany should have hit upon the same symbol—the eagle—is explained in the fact that the bird is well known in both countries-in America as the representative of liberty, in Germany as the war bird of the kaisers



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REEDOM OF THE PRESS exists not under dictatorships. The ALLED INDUSTRIAL DICTATOR OF audacious Signor Mussolini of Italy (above), who, like Hitler of AMERICA because he is the boss of the Germany and Stalin of Russia, is a dictator of the first water, sees to it NRA, Hugh S. Johnson (above) declares that that the press of his country performs only as the exponent of the Fascist the guarantee of the freedom of the press, idea-and Mussolini once was a journalist himself. Professional journal- written into the NRA newspaper code by pubists of Italy are under government control through a decree put into effect lishers, is an affront to the President in view in 1924, which wiped out the royal edict of 1848 that gave newspapers a of the guarantee existing in the first amendlimited measure of liberty. In Italy a newspaper editor must be approved ment to the constitution. Publishers, speakby the prefect of his province. If the rules and regulations governing the ing for the people, point out that the press is Italian press are violated by a paper, that paper is confiscated. Mussolini public thought itself and the principal medium squelches all criticism of his government.



assailed the boodlers . . ." (From Harper's Weekly.)



. . . 575 lives were lost .

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TROTECTING THE PUBLIC IN ANOTHER MANNER, newspapers thirty years prison on a charge of extortion, Tago gave wide publicity to the flaws in construction and design of the Iroquois but the conviction was reversed. theater in Chicago (above, interior view), in which 575 lives were lost in one of His political boss, Abe Ruef, howthe worst holocausts of history. Since that time theaters throughout the country ever, served a sentence in San have been equipped with every manner of device to protect lives in the case of fire. Quentin penitentiary for perjury.



". . . boss of the NRA . . . "

TOW THE PRESS DE-

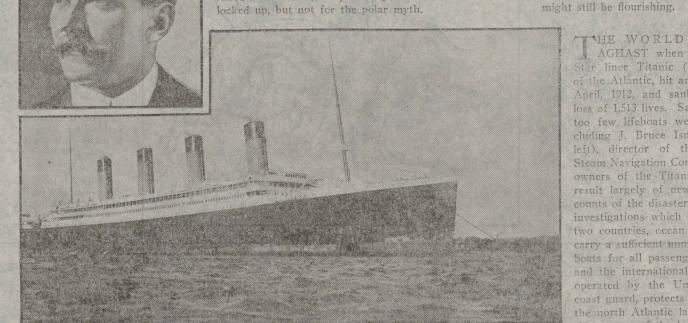
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equally fearless artist.

TT IS A DUTY OF THE PRESS to protect the people in May, 1913, wiped out election of senagainst cheaters. When Dr. Frederick A. Cook, an ators by legislators and made it exnternational humbugger, returned to Europe (above) tremely difficult for a candidate to rom the Arctic regions and announced that he had dis- purchase his way into the senate. covered the north pole, he was proclaimed a hero. When Without the revelations of the press, he University of Copenhagen rejected his claim, and he which pointed out the need of the ailed to defend it, the press exposed him. Later he was amendment, that old political abuse locked up, but not for the polar myth, . . governmental regulation . .



". . . an international humbugger . . ."

. sank with the loss of 1,513 lives."



". . . caught up with him . . .

cal grafting gang which had stolen GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS, Len millions from the city. While Small (above), a farmer politician, the newspaper bombarded Boss served eight years before the newspaper reading public finally caught up with him. producing figures to show the Then in 1928 he was defeated for a thirdamounts of their thefts. Thomas term renomination, and in 1932 he was Nast, cartoonist, assailed the defeated for re-election, the two setbacks poodlers in a series of remarkable definitely removing him from politics. He that strange collection of "friends" caricatures (example at left). experienced two protracted trials institut- from the Buckeye state and elsewhere Tweed would have escaped just ed by the state on charges that he with- who surrounded the ill-fated President punishment had it not been for a held funds while serving as state treas- Warren G. Harding. Head man in fearless newspaper editor and an urer. Though acquitted on a criminal administrative circles in Harding's charge, he was beaten in a civil suit, and day was Attorney General Harry he paid the state more than \$600,000-an Micajah Daugherty, who was reamount he said he did not owe. A new moved from the cabinet of Harding's action for settlement was dismissed re- successor, President Calvin Coolidge,

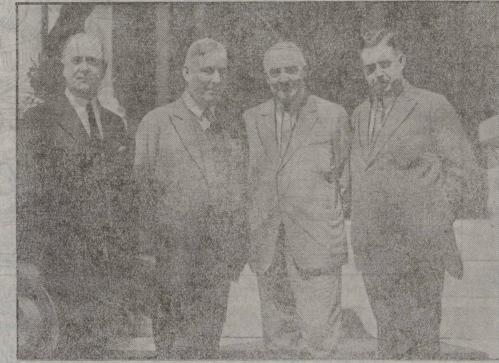


"little green house in K street"

TLEANING UP CORRUP-

". . . the musical mayor . .

TION IN GOVERNMENT long has been the job of the honest newspaper. In San Francisco ottenness in the municipal rule of Eugene E. (Handsome Gene) schmitz (above), the musical mayor, was laid bare in public print. Schmitz was sentenced to



". . . surrounded the ill-fated President . . ."

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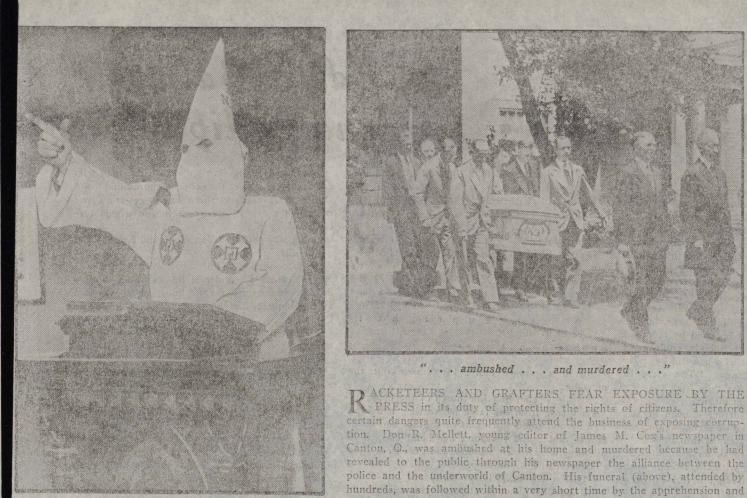
gave the people of the country a

complete picture of the "Ohio gang,"

sult of senatorial investigations concerning orruption in the veterans' bureau and in the leasing of government (above, at left), Jake L. Hamon (above, second rom left), who was shot to death: Harding (above, second from right), who died, and Jess W. Smith (above, right), who committed suicide, were close comanions in the inner circle of the group that lominated Washington onian Democracy. Sec-

with Daugherty) went ". . . Fall . . . went to prison . . .

to prison for his part in the oil lease scandals. Shady transactions of grafters said to have been in is said to have had printed and distributed name of law, sponsored tlose association with some of the higher-ups of the Harding administration | fifty tons of propaganda since it took over the invasion of the home were carried on within the mysterious "little green house in K street" (left), regulation of trade and industry-more (above), and broke down he modest abode given great and dire importance by the informer Gaston B. than four million separate pieces of litera-regard for law among a Means, but never recognized publicly as a familiar site by Daugherty. The ture sent through the mails under govern- sizable proportion of the house had been leased by Daugherty's friend, Howard Mannington.



". . . bought his way . . . "

TNITED STATES SENATOR TODAY ARE ELECTED BY

POPULAR VOTE largely because o

the sentiment aroused for the seven-

sion from the senate of William Lori

mer (above), who bought his way int

that so-called august body by purchas

of votes in the Illinois legislature. Th

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THE WORLD STOOD

AGHAST when the White

liner Titanic (left), pride

he Atlantic, hit an iceberg in

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oo few lifeboats were 711, in-

iding J. Bruce Ismay (upper t), director of the Oceanic eam Navigation Company, Ltd., esult largely of newspaper ac

arry a sufficient number of life-

oats for all passengers aboard, nd the international ice patrol,

perated by the United States

oast guard, protects shipping in

ne north Atlantic lanes against

e menace of the iceberg.

". . . invading the pulpit . . ."

N INVISIBLE EMPIRE CANNOT THRIVE FOR LONG in a land where the press is free to publish s. That is why the invisible empire of the Knights of e Ku Klux Klan, once said to boast nine million members rely an object of ridicule. Parading the streets of the ital, dominating courts, invading the pulpit (above), the an, as an institution of intolerance, once was almost as erful as is Hitlerism in Germany today. Had the exers been able to control their own publicity nationally they did in a few remote places in the land, they might I today be a menace rather than a joke.



careened skyward with its doomed . . . A NEW DANGER OF THE SEA was exposed by the

inking of the Vestris off the Virginia capes on Nov. 12 928, and of the inquiries that followed. The ship, which foundered with a loss of 112 lives after it had careened skyward (above) with its doomed passengers, was heavily overladen, according to witnesses who testified at investigations in America and England. Strict attention has been paid since then to prevent ships from putting to sea with-



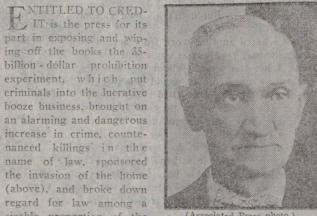
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THOSE FREEDOM OF THE RITTLED TO CRED.

PRESS? The people's or the gov.

IT is the press for its ernment's? Hard questions to answer in part in exposing and wipcountry in which the people constitution- ing off the books the 35ally are the government. The public, in billion - dollar prohibition he narrow sense, however, accepts the experiment, which put term government as meaning those in criminals into the lucrative power. An old press in Washington booze business, brought on (above) finally shook itself to ruin after an alarming and dangerous 40 years of printing 34,000 copies of the increase in crime, counteongressional Record nightly. The NRA nanced killings in the mental franking privileges. nation's population.





paper, George R. Dale (left), Muncie, Ind., Klan foe, was sentenced for contempt. The state Supreme court upheld the sentence, saying "truth is no defense." Dale later was elected mayor of Muncie

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"sentenced for contempt" chiefs of Muncie. "muzzling the press."

ill not soon forget th astounding exposure of colo trict of Chicago, revelations that resulted in the so-called \$6,500,000 sanitary district graft conspiracy trial, in which it was brought out that from right), and John T. Mil-

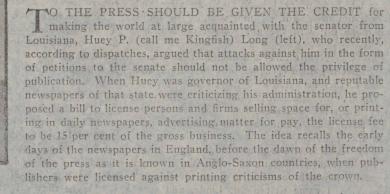


". . . colossal graft in . . . Chicago . . ."

HALL—the same Tammany Hall over which the grafting boy mayor of New York. But Jimmy found New York too hot for him when the newspapers of that city published detailed accounts if the Seabury investigation, which revealed him as the recipient -just personal friends. Walker, as his record was unrolled before the public gaze, did not wait to be removed from office by the governor. He resigned and went to Europe on a long vacation Another instance of a free press protecting the public pocketboo



". . . bound for Joliet prison . . ." HAT PUBLICATION OF CRIME NEWS SERVES TO FOSTER CRIME, as contended by a minority group of newspaper readers, is disproved by court records in the present onslaught against criminals in Chicago, a campaign instigated and backed by wide publicity in the press. The view taken by editors and publishers is that the drive on crime is mainly a result of public indignation against former intolerable conditions." Gangsters, gunmen, and petty crooks, bound for Joliet prison, (above), present a striking answer to the argument of the squeamish ones who would bar from public print all accounts of criminal depredations, all references to indelicate subjects, and all news of violent happenings. TO THE PRESS SHOULD BE GIVEN THE CREDIT for making the world at large acquainted with the senator from Louisiana, Huey P. (call me Kingfish) Long (left), who recently,





"... ambushed . . . and murdered . . ."

ACKETEERS AND GRAFTERS FEAR EXPOSURE BY THE

PRESS in its duty of protecting the rights of citizens. Therefore

ion. Don R. Mellett, young editor of James M. Cox's newspaper is

police and the underworld of Canton. His funeral (above), attended by

nundreds, was followed within a very short time by the apprehension and

served the public as defender of its rights. Limited space on this page

Also countless are the cases in which efforts have been made to "crack-

Minnesota press "gag" law, declared unconstitutional by the federal

rates and sub-officials everywhere in the land. Judge Frederick P. Walther

". . . barred a reporter . . ."

conviction of his assassins.

proposed a bill to license

"... undergoing indignities . .

D EVERTING TO GERMANY,

where 600,000 men march in



defender . .

rown uniforms and shout "Heil Hitler," where even the children are regimented, and where the dietator tells the women what to wear and whom to marry, there is, as pointed out before, no freedom of the press. Were the newspapers of that land at liberty to print all the news, the world would be better posted on race persecution under Hitlerism. Travelers from Germany and dispatches leaking out from that country have given but of the so-called non-Anyans under Nazi rule. Suffering confiscation of A DEFENDER OF PEOPLE'S property in some instances, undergo-RIGHTS in congress is Hamil- ing indignities and humiliation in othand still later sentenced to ton Fish Jr. (above), who on recent ers (above), the Jew in Germany federal prison on a liquor occasion has called attention to act today is in position to do little but "... barred ..." conspiracy charge, which tions involving freedom of the press. bear his burden in silence. Whereas TOR UNFAVORABLE REFERhe contended was William T. Schulte, another congress- in America the freedom of the press ENCES to the NRA, James True "framed" by his enemies man, only two weeks ago predicted the is the freedom of the people, in Ger- (above), an unimportant author of a



among the underworld next congress would pass legislation many the reverse rule prevails—suppression of truth suppresses liberty. Johnson's press conferences.

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