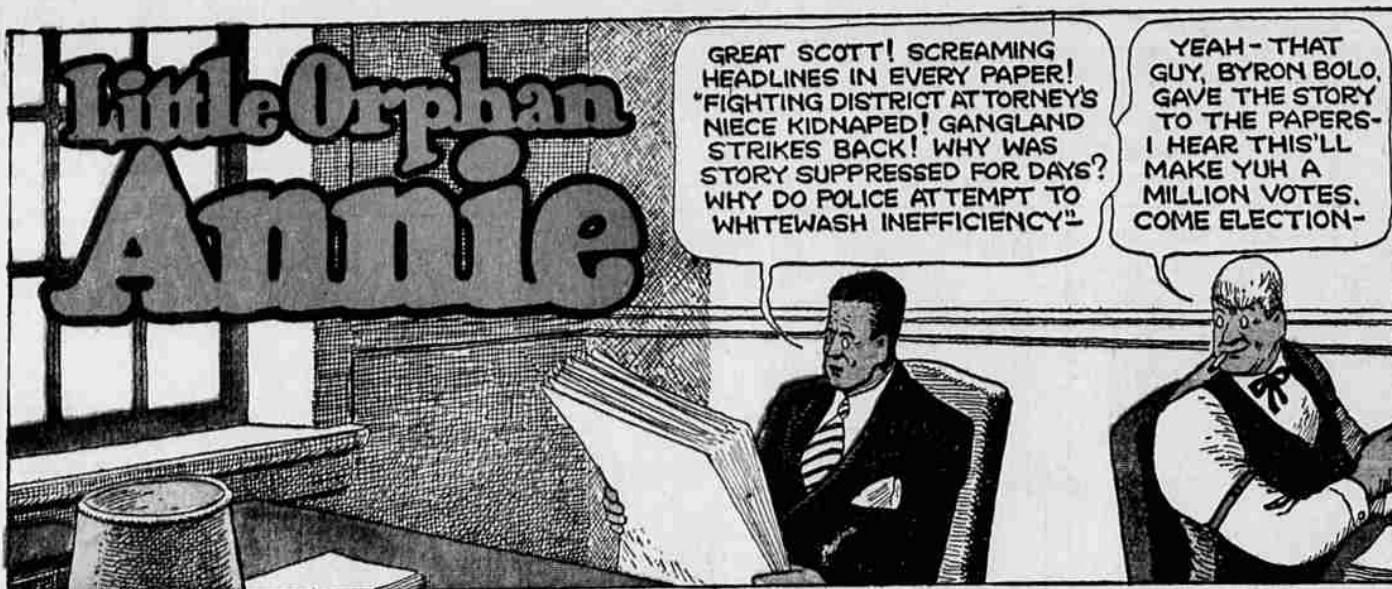


Little Orphan Annie



GREAT SCOTT! SCREAMING HEADLINES IN EVERY PAPER! "FIGHTING DISTRICT AT TORNEY'S NIECE KIDNAPED! GANGLAND STRIKES BACK! WHY WAS STORY SUPPRESSED FOR DAYS? WHY DO POLICE ATTEMPT TO WHITEWASH INEFFICIENCY?"

YEAH - THAT GUY, BYRON BOLO, GAVE THE STORY TO THE PAPERS - I HEAR THIS'LL MAKE YUH A MILLION VOTES. COME ELECTION -



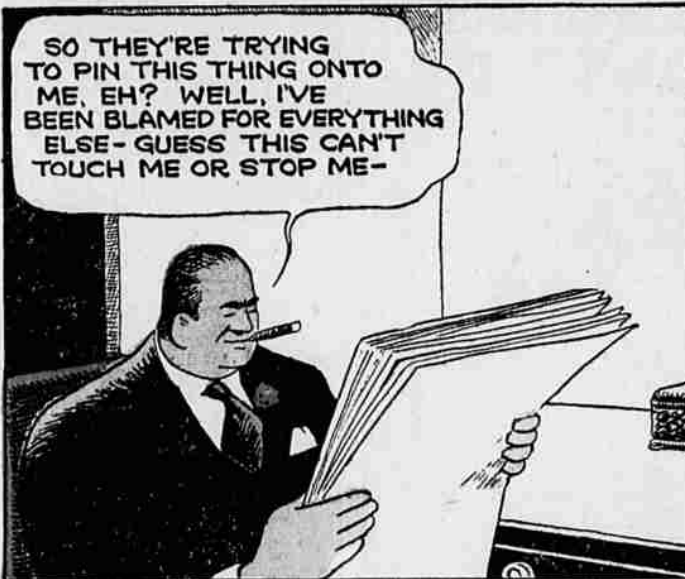
BOLO? BYRON BOLO? OH, HE'S THAT CHAP WHO INSISTED NICK GATT IS TO MOVE IN AND KIDNAPED ANNIE - IS BOLO ANOTHER REFORMER?

HA! HA! ONLY IN A WAY, BOSS - AS I GET IT, HIS GAME IS TO MOVE IN AND GRAB NICK GATT'S RACKETS -

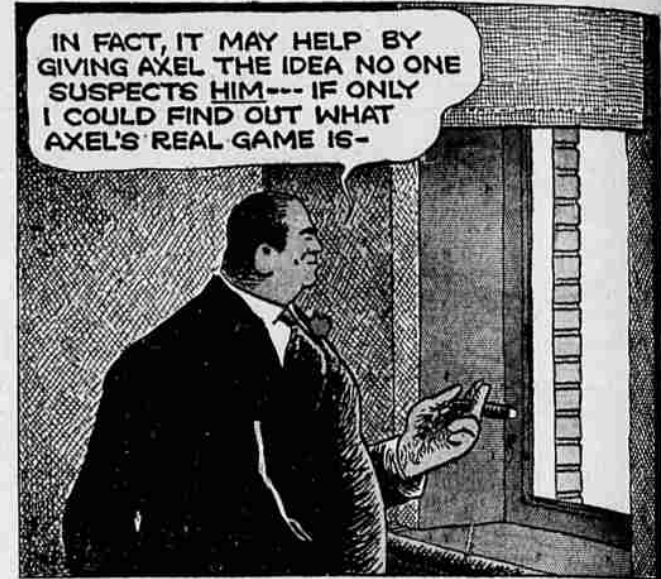


SO--- IF HE CAN PIN A HORRIBLE THING LIKE THIS ON NICK, HE FIGURES NICK WILL BE CRUSHED BY THE AVALANCHE OF PUBLIC HATE, EH?

SURE - SIMPLE, ISN'T IT? THEN BOLO AND HIS MOB MOVE IN QUIET AND EASY--



SO THEY'RE TRYING TO PIN THIS THING ONTO ME, EH? WELL, I'VE BEEN BLAMED FOR EVERYTHING ELSE - GUESS THIS CAN'T TOUCH ME OR STOP ME -



IN FACT, IT MAY HELP BY GIVING AXEL THE IDEA NO ONE SUSPECTS HIM--- IF ONLY I COULD FIND OUT WHAT AXEL'S REAL GAME IS -



HO! HO! HO! THIS IS RICH! THIS NICK GATT MUST KNOW I HAVE THE BRAT, BUT HE STICKS TO GANGSTER ETHICS AND WILL NOT TELL -

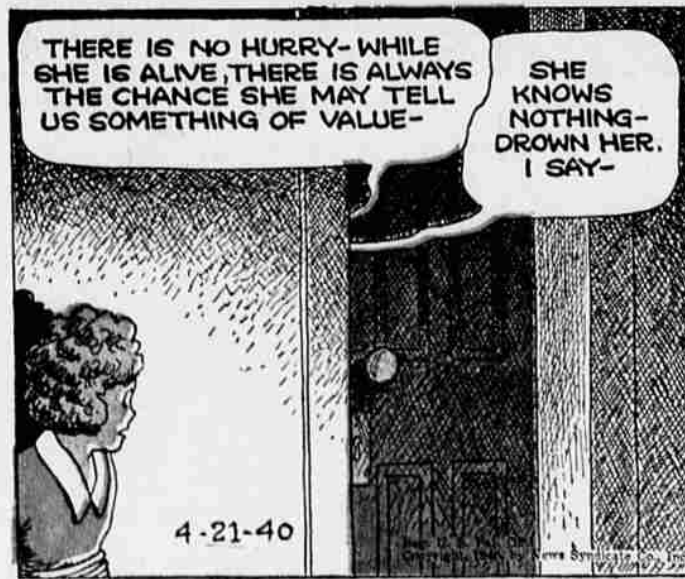


AND NOW HE IS ACCUSED - THE PAPERS, THE PUBLIC, THE POLICE, ALL WILL BLAME HIM, QUESTION AND BADGER HIM--- HA! HA! HA!



IT WILL TAKE THAT SMALL TIME HOODLUM'S MIND OFF OF ME FOR A TIME--- AH--- AND I HAVE MUCH TO DO---

SHE WILL NOT TALK--- BUT WHAT MATTER? WHY NOT LIQUIDATE HER NOW?



THERE IS NO HURRY - WHILE SHE IS ALIVE, THERE IS ALWAYS THE CHANCE SHE MAY TELL US SOMETHING OF VALUE -

SHE KNOWS NOTHING - DROWN HER, I SAY -

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HA! HA! ONE DOES NOT DROWN THE SMALL MERMAID -- NO -- WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE MUST LEAVE NO TRACE -

HA! ASHES LEAVE NO IDENTIFYING MARKS - EH, AXEL?



LEAPIN' LIZARDS! BUT WAIT - THEY'RE TALKIN' AGAIN!

BUT TO OUR MISSION - THE ARSENALS - DOCKS - RADIO STATIONS - FLYING FIELDS -- HARBORS - NAVAL BASES -- POWER PLANTS - OUR PLANS MUST BE CHECKED TO THE MINUTEST DETAIL - TO THE DAY -- HOUR -- SECOND --

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Maw Green



I SAY, LADY - DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

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YES---

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