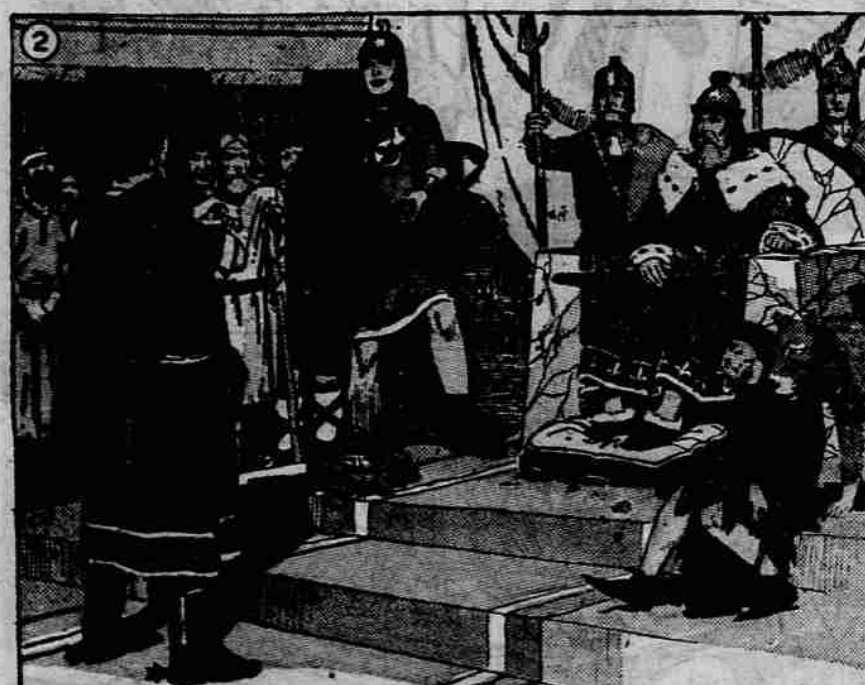


LIL ABNER

The Parrots of Wimpole Street — by **AL CAPP**



Our Story: WITH ARROGANT STRIDE THE EARL OF LITHWAY ENTERS THE AUDIENCE HALL. IT HAS BEEN A LONG RIDE TO CAMELOT, AND WITH EACH PASSING HOUR THE EARL BECAME MORE CONFIDENT THAT HIS CAUSE WAS JUST, THAT HE SHOULD BE REWARDED AND THE OUTLAWS HANGED FORTH WITH.



PRINCE VALIANT EXPLAINS THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND POINTS TO THE MAIMED AND MUTILATED VICTIMS OF HIS 'JUSTICE'. 'THESE MEN HAVE BEEN OUTLAWED BY THE EARL AND HAVE COME WILLINGLY TO CAMELOT TO TRY THEIR CASE.'



"THEY ARE LOW CRIMINALS!" ROARS THE EARL, "BANDITS AND OUTLAWS! I HAVE DONE MY DUTY NOBLY BY CONFISCATING THEIR LANDS AND PUNISHING THEM AS YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE. THEY EVEN STOLE THE MONIES DUE THE CROWN...." HIS VOICE TRAILS OFF AND A LOOK OF HORROR WHITENS HIS FACE AS VAL TAKES THE TREASURE CASKET FROM BENEATH HIS CLOAK. "THIS WAS FOUND BEFORE WITNESSES IN THE STRONG ROOM OF LITHWAY," HE SAYS.

NEXT WEEK—"You may go...."