



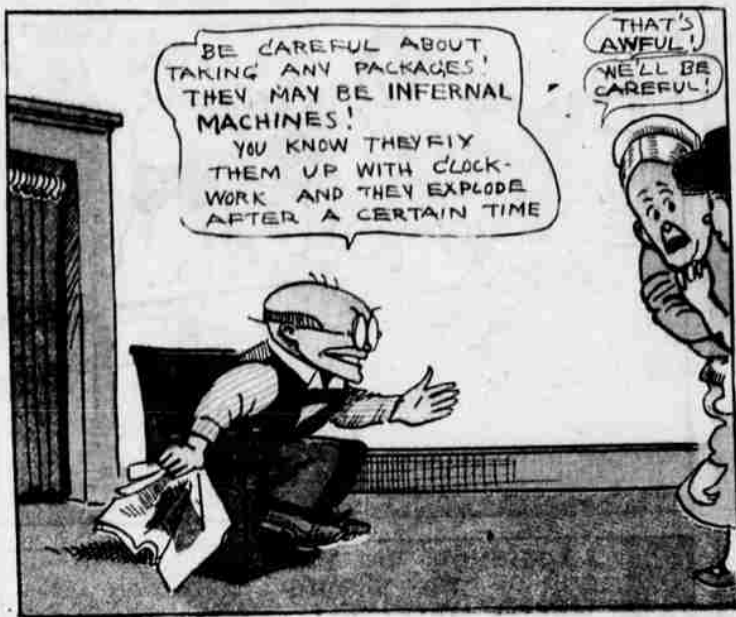
DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

• THE BLACK HAND REALLY IS CAUSING FATHER SOME DAMAGE •

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EVER SINCE I KICKED OUT THAT TRAMP, AND READING SO MUCH ABOUT THESE BLACK-HAND OUTRAGES I'M AFRAID THAT FELLOW MAY SEEK REVENGE SO I WANT TO CAUTION YOU TO BE CAREFUL!



BE CAREFUL ABOUT TAKING ANY PACKAGES! THEY MAY BE INFERNAL MACHINES! YOU KNOW THEY RY THEM UP WITH CLOCK-WORK AND THEY EXPLODE AFTER A CERTAIN TIME!

THAT'S AWFUL! WE'LL BE CAREFUL!



PA, IF YOU HAVE TO GO DOWN TOWN YOU MUST DRESS FIRST. YOU WON'T HAVE TIME AFTERWARDS, AND I WANT OUR SHOWER FOR MADELINE TO BE A SUCCESS!

OH WELL, I'LL DO THAT!



THIS CAKE I'M BAKING IS GOING TO BE THE HIT OF THE PARTY!

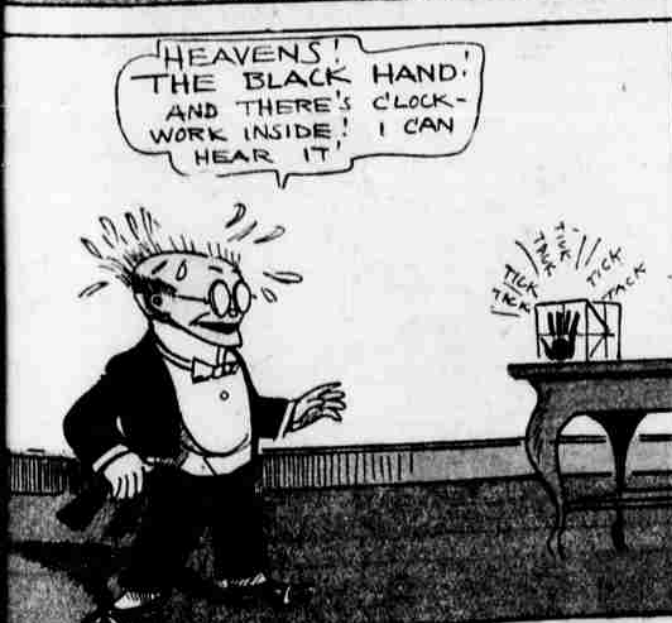


WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT THE STOVEPIPE'S COMING DOWN!



HERE'S A PACKAGE, COME MIT MESSENGER!

LET ME SEE. IT DON'T SAY WHO FROM. THAT'S SUSPICIOUS. TAKE IT IN AND TELL MR VAN LOON!



HEAVENS! THE BLACK HAND! AND THERE'S CLOCK-WORK INSIDE! I CAN HEAR IT!



DON'T PA! DON'T TOUCH IT! LET'S RUN AWAY!

NONSENSE! I'LL PUT IT IN WATER!



DON'T SON-IN-LAW! IT MAY EXPLODE, ANY MINUTE. RUN!

LEGGO! I'LL SHOW THOSE BLACK-HANDERS I AINT AFRAID OF 'EM!



WHAT'S ALL THIS FUSS ABOUT! IT'S A CUTE LITTLE CLOCK I BOUGHT TO GIVE TO MADELINE TO-NIGHT!

THEN IT ISN'T ANY BLACK-HAND OUTRAGE!



I STILL INSIST THAT THE BLACK HANDERS ARE GETTING IN THEIR DIRTY WORK!

OH YES! I MUST FINISH PUTTING UP THAT STOVE PIPE!



AND THE "WHITE HANDERS" ARE AFTER YOU TOO, PA. I MUST GO AND FINISH MY BAKING!