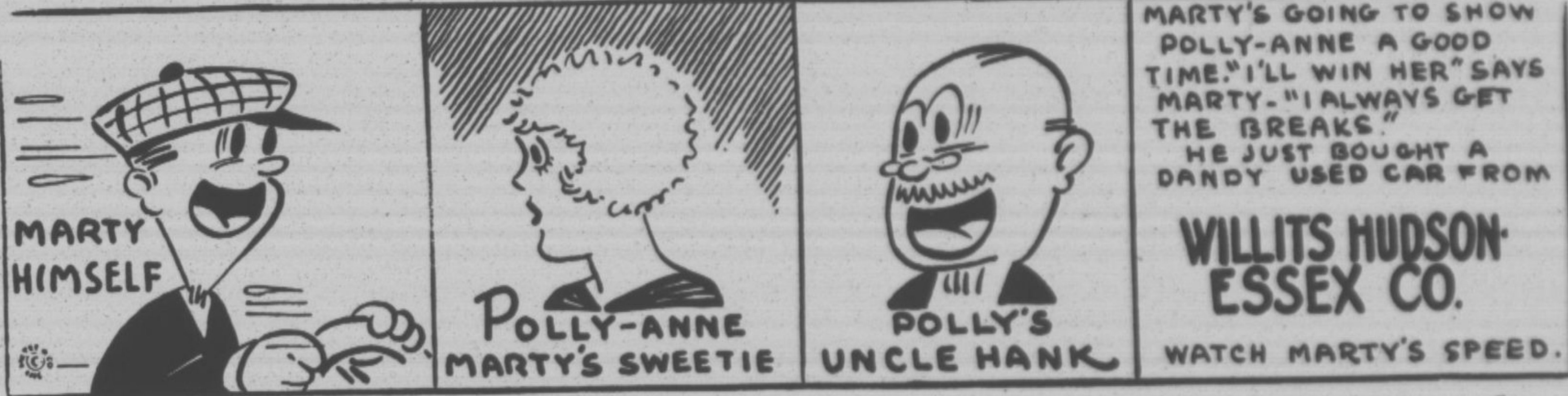


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It is appropriate to ask what becomes of all the various "petitions for the repeal of prohibition" initiated with brass band publicity. They appear to be fakes and many of them are simply the background of attempts to get money under false pretenses.

Not long ago there appeared in some of the Indiana newspapers a statement that a woman's organization opposed to prohibition had organized a petition with thousands of names in opposition to prohibition.

The following from Congressman Louis Ludlow of Indiana is a sample of scores of letters relative to these so-called wet "petitions."

"I have made diligent inquiries," says Congressman Ludlow, "to ascertain whether petitions are coming to congress from women urging the repeal of the 18th amendment and I have not found the slightest trace that such activity is going on."

A wet organization opened impressive offices in Chicago and sent out a thousand solicitors to collect names for a wet petition in opposition to prohibition. The solicitors were instructed to get a dollar with every name, and inform signers of the petition that the money was for "expenses."

Investigation showed that the money was divided between the originators of the wet organization and the house to house solicitors, the organization getting and keeping about 90c on every dollar.

Nearly \$50,000 was taken away from Chicago on this one petition fraud. Not one name was ever sent to Washington, it was reported.

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THREE MURDER CASES BEFORE GRAND JURY

Possible Indictments in Three Violent Deaths; to Divide Jury Sessions

The grand jury which goes into session October 6 will have its work split up by a four day delay as the work will open on Monday and be concluded Saturday, it became evident late last week when Circuit Judge Edward Shurtleff set the dates.

The arraignment will be held October 13.

The split session will be necessary because Judge Shurtleff is a member

of the appellate court and will have to serve the four days court is not in session.

Three murder indictments will be asked by State's Attorney A. V. Smith who expects close to 40 true bills to accrue from the investigation.

To Indict Higgins

Harry Higgins, ex-convict and gangster, will face the possibility of an indictment for the murder of the unidentified woman found in the Deep lake cottage March 9 by Antioch firemen. He is a fugitive now and a warrant charging murder is being held against him.

William Butler, Jr., charged with murdering his father, will face the electric chair if he is indicted as Col. Smith intends to ask for the extreme penalty in this case.

An indictment is to be asked against Mrs. Gertrude Terlap who is charged with being responsible for the death of Anna Rice, 20, through an illegal operation.

Have Two Bandit Gangs

Two bandit gangs, one rounded up by Deputy Sheriffs Harry Quandt and Henry Anderson and the other by Deputy Sheriffs William Kelly and Frank Suhadolnik, will be drawn into the investigation.

Other cases that have attracted considerable public attention in which indictments will be asked include: Earl Steffan, alleged cattle rustler; Ralph Heffron, charged with burning down his pool hall; and Francis Zimmerman, accused of embezzling from a pop corn company.

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