



## LOOKING FORWARD

➤ To MOST DECENT Americans, brought up in the tradition of "Sh, the servants will hear you, George!" there is something at once disreputable and fascinating about families who quarrel in public. It is tenement manners. It smacks of the queasy quagmire in which the tabloids mess about. And yet so fascinating is any display of pure, unvarnished human nature that as a rule we stand and listen, no matter how late the hour or threatening the weather. The most amazing character I ever heard speak—for I never saw her, since her voice came floating down an apartment house well—was a lady who spoke in a high, acidulous tone to some invisible opponent, "I may be a bum, but I never look up with no traveling salesman!"

➤ IF THE UNEXPECTED VIEW of human nature so arrests our attention in even the sordid quarrels of the tenements, what must be said for a family now so magnificent as to claim for its scene the drawing rooms of royalty and as its servants' hall the newspaper readers of the world? How can we here fail to be interested in a royal family which, far from smothering its quarrels when the servants enter, gives the intimate details of all its disagreements to the public in the form of thousands and thousands of mimeographed sheets to the newspapers?

➤ APPARENTLY it is through no accident that the name and affairs of King Carol of Roumania have been trumpeted to the world. Nor is the general impression of the present Roumanian monarch and his mother, Queen Marie, a result of any melodramatic hounding of the family by European yellow journalists of the five star final type. Instead, newspaper publicity has apparently been thrown by the family itself—in the place of rockery. Reputations instead of lamps have been lit and destroyed. And there has been very little accident about it all.

➤ KONRAD BERCOVICI'S STORY, "Royal Intrigue in Roumania," which starts in this issue, is like a searchlight turned on the Roumanian court. It makes clear many things which have puzzled newspaper readers ever since the World War brought Marie and her country into view. And, amazing and ridiculous as much of it is, it will prove well worth reading just for the facts it so clearly reveals.

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### Royal Intrigue in Roumania. By Konrad Bercovici.

The second installment of the serial, entitled "The Black Spider Spins a Web," tells of the intrigues of Prince Shtirbey in opposition to the heir apparent and in favor of Queen Marie.

### The Suicide of Radio. By Marshall Kernochan.

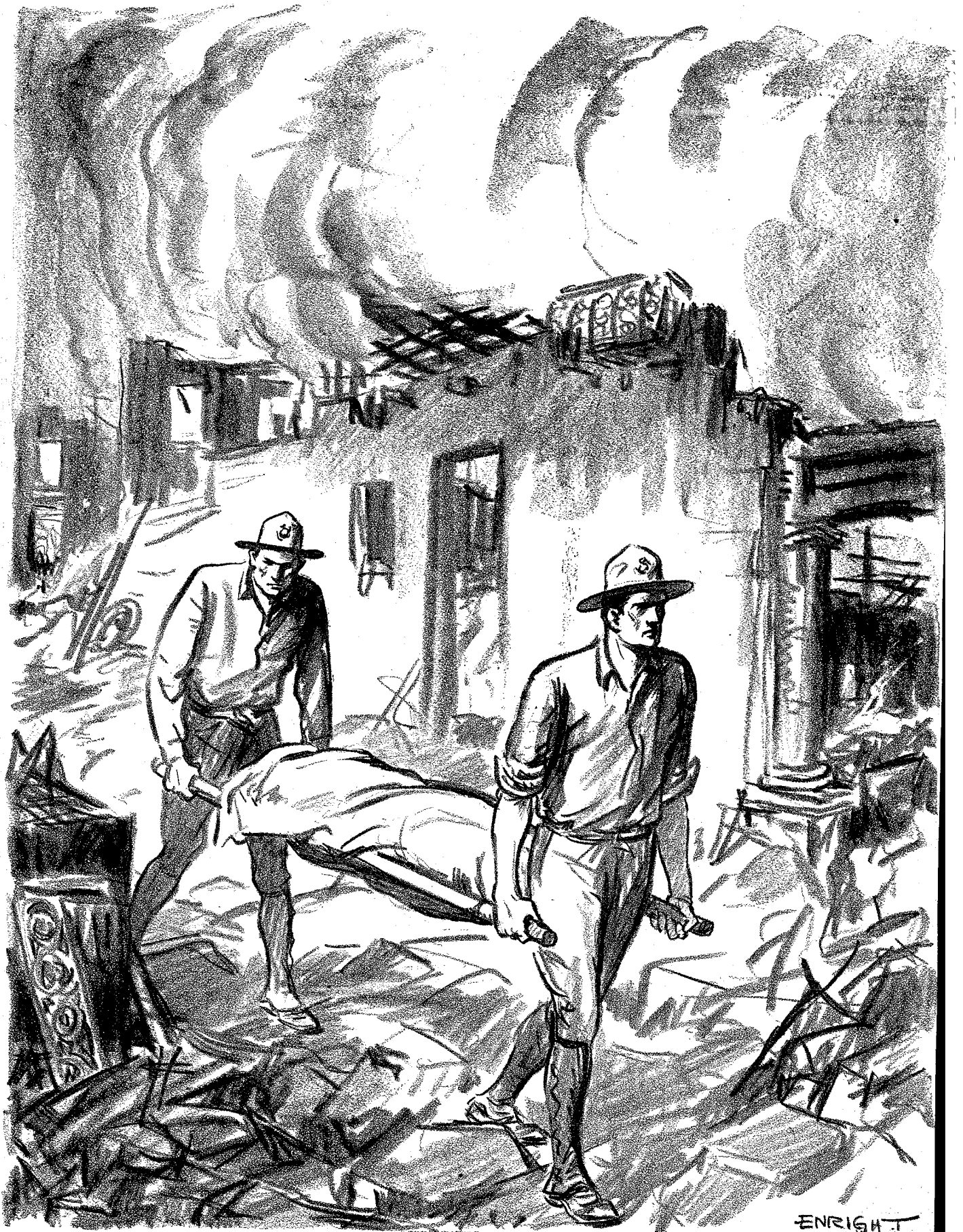
An article on the rising tide of listeners' revolt against squawking, crooning and advertisers' ballyhoo on the air.

### Big Bill the Builder. By Lewis Hunt.

A story of William Hale Thompson of Chicago—and what happened to him in the Chicago mayoralty election last Tuesday.

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