

# JANE ARDEN

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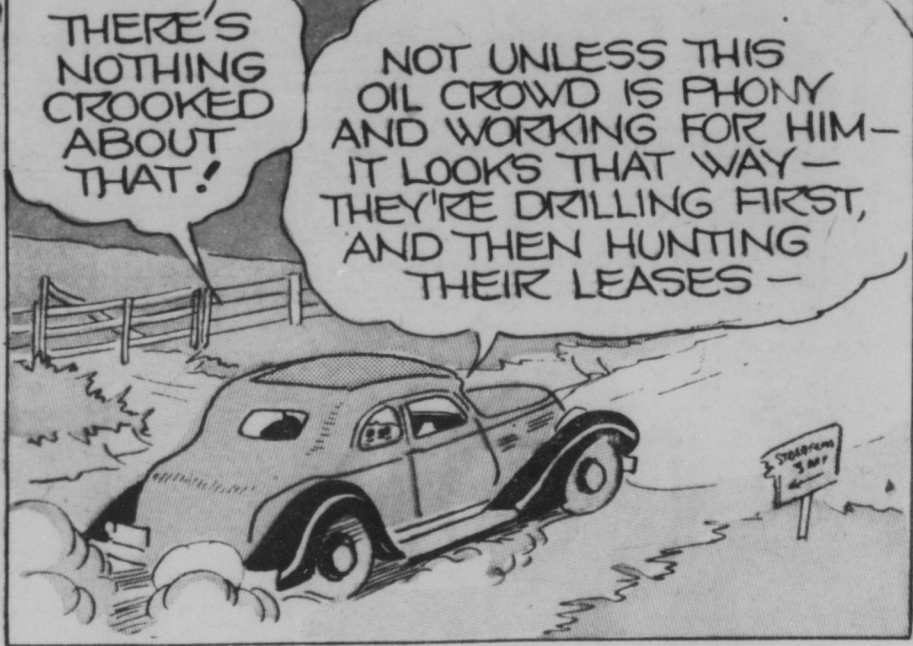
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THERE'S AN OIL BOOM AT STAMFORD AND A JULIUS BIGGE OWNS OPTIONS ON ALL THE FARMS - JANE HAS BEEN SENT TO WATCH HIM!



I GOT YOUR WIRE - WHAT'S UP?

BIGGE IS SELLING THE FARMERS BACK THEIR OPTIONS AT A HUGE PROFIT, SO THEY CAN SELL THEIR LEASES TO THE OIL COMPANY!



THERE'S NOTHING CROOKED ABOUT THAT!

NOT UNLESS THIS OIL CROWD IS PHONY AND WORKING FOR HIM - IT LOOKS THAT WAY - THEY'RE DRILLING FIRST, AND THEN HUNTING THEIR LEASES -

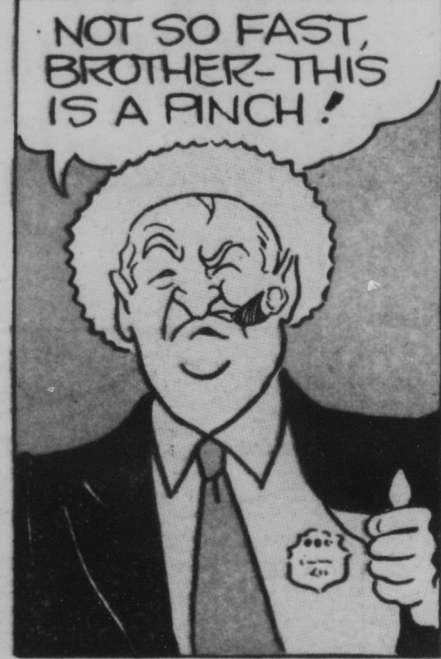


MY HUNCH IS, THAT WALLY AND HIS CROWD WILL VANISH JUST AS SOON AS BIGGE UNLOADS HIS OPTIONS - WE'VE GOT TO WORK FAST, INSPECTOR!



DOWN WITH THE DERRICK, BOYS - GOT TO BE OUT OF HERE BY DAWN!

SO THEY ARE RUNNING OUT!



NOT SO FAST, BROTHER - THIS IS A FINCH!



YOU'VE GOT NOTHING ON ME - I'VE GOT A RIGHT TO MOVE MY RIG!



OH, YEAH? AFTER PROMISING TO BUY LEASES FROM THESE FARMERS? IT'S A RACKET, MISTER, AND I'VE GOTCHA!

PRETTY SOFT FOR BIGGE - HE TAKES THE MONEY, AND YOU TAKE THE RAP - UNLESS YOU DO SOME FAST TALKING!



HE'S SMART - HE'S WITHIN THE LAW, AS LONG AS YOU KEEP STILL - YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS TO FACE THE MUSIC!

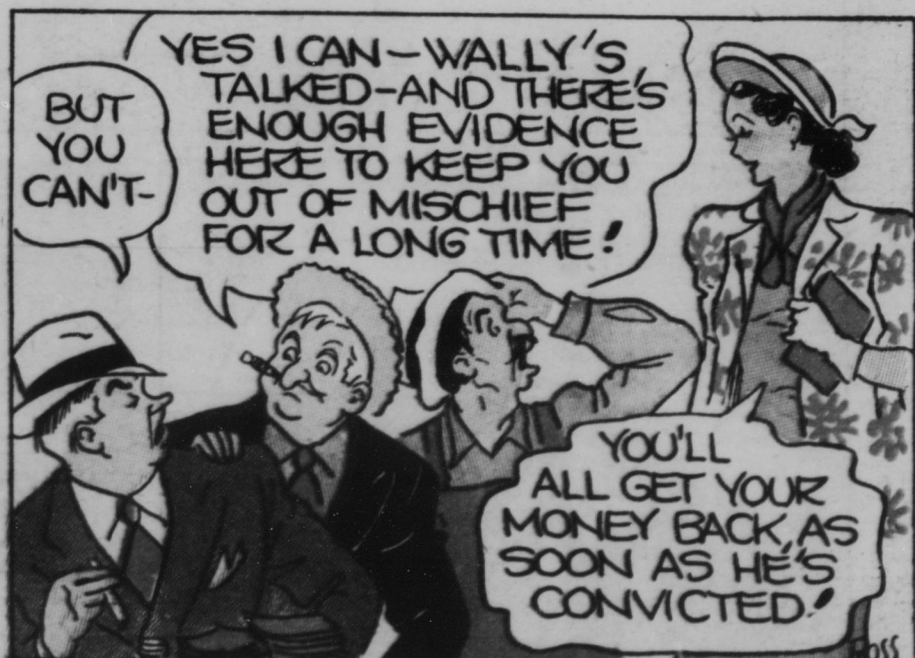


I'LL TALK - WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?



\$5,000<sup>00</sup> THAT'S RIGHT - HERE'S YOUR OPTION!

THAT'S ENOUGH, BIGGE - THE LAW WANTS YOU FOR SWINDLING THESE PEOPLE!



BUT YOU CAN'T -

YES I CAN - WALLY'S TALKED - AND THERE'S ENOUGH EVIDENCE HERE TO KEEP YOU OUT OF MISCHIEF FOR A LONG TIME!

YOU'LL ALL GET YOUR MONEY BACK, AS SOON AS HE'S CONVICTED!

