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Dut Of Order

The Question Is One of Plain Fact, And Not One of Race or Unionism

And Not One of Race of Unit is to be expected, we suppose, that a National Association for the Adneement of Colored People and its fekick, the National Federation for matitutional Liberties, should racegie all their undertakings. Both these ganizations need to be informed, hower, that in matters of simple justice dispatch of the State of North Carolina Degnizes no arguments save those bearing, precisely, on simple justice and fact, the Governor of North Carolina the or of a man's skin is no more a persion; to lenience than to merellesses.

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There seems to be genuine doubt that a Megro William Wellman, convicted Iredell County of criminal assault on a 67-year-old white woman and henced to death, actually was anyiere near Iredell County on the day a stack was committed. Identification birm by the yettim of the assault and Negro woman employed by her son as positive enough to convince the 17, as well as fair-minded newspaper in the county seat of Statesville, at he was guilty beyond a reasonable ubt; even so, records of a contractor Fort Belvoir, Va. 400 miles away, ow that the Negro signed a pay roll by two or three hours before the mine took place, and Governor Broughan has had the signature verified to sown satisfaction.

If has stayed the execution of the issoner until March 5, 1943, and—

"If my present impression of the case."

"If my present impression of the case should be confirmed I should consider it my duty as a matter of justice to re-lease the prisoner. Otherwise, it would se my duty to decline another inter-rention or stay of execution."

why, of course! Any Governor of the Carolina would have done no Jess d permitted himself, in view of the its, no perplexity over what he should we done. In a state which exaits equal sides for all under the law, such a urne was automatic. But now consider a wheedling way in which the two

Dld 77 After a Checkered Career the

Old Congress Passes Out

The 77th Congress came to the end its hectic career ingloriously, with ar-empty halls and the fag end of fillbuster blowing, Most of its members d long since departed for holidays home, so that there was no climax limite for the body which had made there wet records acted a pursual.

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bich Republicans will hold threatening were but control of manpower, prices, Mation, reventies are already in opera-on. The armed services are built to begreing size, the Executive has all the worst he needs tout not all he wants in prosecution of the war. And most the work to the 77th was in projec-tod of previous legislation. Among its memories, tearful Jeannette ankin, casting a sole vote for the Japo; is hard company of boustnothers, price work of them, that Pearl Harbor thing, some of them, that Pearl Harbor etting, some of them, that Pearl Harbor

be land commany of basatomens, theeler, Holt, Clark, Nye, Reynolds—betving, some of them, that Pearl Harbor as a Knossevet trick; fillustering The land Bibo; Josh Lee, attempting to queeze Prohibition's Trojan Horse into its war; and the men of great courage; rand Oid Men Norris of Nebraska and lass of Virginia, their voices litted selmit, the wheel-horses like George, ackley, Kayburn, Brown and Doughton. History can Jook back at the 77th for a sceeptance of the challenge of a war sagression, but if; can also mark its me as that in which America was sorn, and shaken to its very foundars. Old 77 took a lot and gave a lot, was have been Congresses better and mystess, worse, but seldom has a sessational control of the greater relief of a selectivate.

race-exalting organizations put the case of William Wellman to the Governor. Introducing, with strict propriety, the new evidence, counsel for the National Federation for Constitutional Liberto, co-operating with the NAACP, pleads

"... The Wellman case has serious and widespread implications for good or cvil in the war effort. The granting to Wellman of a complete and generous opportunity to establish his innocense will bulwark the confidence of the Ngro people in the sincerity of our war alma and thus strengthen the unity of all Americans."

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Supporting the appeal to the Governor were a large number of trade union organizations, such as the United Cantery, Agricultural Packing & Allied Workers of America. United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America. United Office & Professional Workers of America. United Office & Professional Workers of America. William Wellman was in the forenoon of Pcb. 11, 1941, and as though the Governor would be any more impressed by their participation in the appeal than he was by irrelevant references to the war effort and the confidence of the Negro people in the sincerity of our war alims.

A service has been done the State of North Carolina by the offering of additional actual evidence tending to show the innocence of this man. That evidence speaks for Itself; and, unaccompanied, would have had the Governor's closest attention. But it is offensive to the people of a state, and must have been to their Governor, for the changes to be rung on wholly extraneous concerns like the war effort and the confidence of the Negro. The case comes down to this; idd William Wellman commit the crime of which he was convicted? If it is established that he did not,

sown to this: did william wellman committ the crime of which he was convicted? If it is established that he did not, he will be freed, and he will be entitled, we think, to redress. If it is borne out that he did, he will pay with his life regardless of his color or his union affiliations.

Correction

Crossroaders, Not City Slickers, Are Victims

Stickers, Are Fictims

It was reasoning to bear Alabama's rolling drawl, resounding as an echo of 24 Votes For Underwood. The land of magnolias and mockingblirds had tired of the dragging argument over Washington bureaucracy, and to set the nation aright on the new question of the century. Governor Frank Dixon lifted his voice. He did so not in heat, but-calmly, as an earnest man might state his rights.

his voice. He did so not in heat, but, calmly, as an earnest man might state his rights.

For Alabama is of the persuasion that the attack on the New Deal's maze of burcaus his taken the wrong slant. In Deep Dixle, the fight does not seem to be between wide-eyed Roosevelt-styled Democrats and the fat industrialists; it appears to be between the army of the slightly daft in Washington and the slightly daft in Washington and the people of the crossroads. Alabama won't stand by any longer. It's not, the city slicker's neck at slake; this struggle is also of vital concern to the country boy. That, through a condemnation of bureaus "washing fat while the Treasury waxes lean" was Governor Dixon's line, "It is at the crossroads that the people are bon, that their achools are placed; that the average American lives his life, It is at the crossroads that the life of America takes place—not in Washington." He didn't want Washington's He didn't want Washington's He didn't want Washington's He didn't want Washington's He didn't want washing ton's didn't want washing ton's he had been any consistency of the forcer ment of the forcer ment of the future course of the Government, of the threatening word of social-accurity-for-all regardless of east, belongs to previncial America more than to any other group or section. It is not, Alabama says, for the former or latiocer or capitalist alone, but for the small town people who are America. And that at least puts the growning struggle in an expressing breather a might be simpler to-understand.

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Note to be hung up with a Christmas

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Platform Of The People

Senator Bailey Speaks

Editors, True News;

As To voting to give the eighteen and nineteen As To coting to give the eighteen and nineteen As To you got men one year's training before sending them into active service, I did so because of a profound interest in our young men and their mothers and fathers. I did not at the time seem to of a profound interest in our young men and their mothers in the time of the Army or the Navy. It is not a pleasant thing ever to vote for compulsory military service of any sort. I voted for the Selective Service Act but did so only because I was convinced of its necessity. I did not think I was necessary to take the eighteen line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in our line of battle without a full year's training here in only line of the profess of the Armed Forcesson and fight the war and it cannot win the war. We must look to the nine of the Armed Forcesson and fight the year and it cannot win the war. We must look to the powers that be and in deference to their s

amor ine responsibility is upon them.

Let me give you some illustrations, I read in the papers considerable complaint, about General Elsenhower dealing with Admiral Darlan. In that matter I defer absolutely to General Elsenhower, He was on the ground. He knew the situation. The responsibility was upon him. He is a good man. I did not feel like criticizing him or even raising a question as to his course.

to his course.

Another illustration—I have read in the papers a great deal of complaint about British policy in India. I do not think that policy is any of my business. I am willing for the British to attend to their own affairs. I see no other way to maintain the unity so necessary to winning the war. I do not think we will win this war unless we maintain the unity in our Nation and the unity as between our Nation and those who fight

Another illustration - during the Summer there was quite a demand for an invasion of

Europe by way of the Aliantic coasts. I did not think well of the agitation but I said nothing. It is a military question. I am willing to palong with those who are responsible and to assist them. Meatime the plans to fight in Africa were on foot—which was sound.

The policy which I have outlined is the only policy for the successful conduct of a war by a democracy. We must assist the powers that be and not each of us try to be a power.

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When the responsibility is upon's me in legislative matters and domestic policies I will assume that responsibility and panke my decisions, but I am not a diplomat, and instead just is legislator. I am not a general or a strategist, but only a Senator, Let us follow the principle of imposing responsibility upon the best men possible and then sustaining them. Wars cannot be carried on by debating people or a debating Congress. We fix a matter for instant decisions, and those decisions must be made by the responsible authorities.

norities.

With all good wishes,

—JOSIAH W. BAILEY.

Missing Mystery

Curonet

THE tunnult and the shouting about the "Chlco
Infractic" has long since died down, but no explanation has been forthcoming. In July, 1927, rocks
began falling from the sky in a certain section of
Chico, Calif. The rocks were own, varied in weight
from an ounce to over a pound. They always fell
draight down.

My March, 1922, the Chico Miracle had gained national fame. On March 16, there was a heavy fall of "warm" rocks: on the 17th, a deluge of stones de-seended upon a crowd, injuring one man.

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The police of Chice acarched for blocks around the affected area. They found nothing. They stationed guards around the accurted apot. The rocks still fell. Professor C. K. Studley from a local college investigated and reported in the San Francisco Examiner that "The rocks... could not have been thrown by ordinary means."

A few months later, the falling stones stopped of their own accord. And the Miracle of Chico, defying months of careful investigation, passed from the headlines.

Full Speed Ahead

Our Miracles Of Ordnance

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON A MERICAN military equipment is showing up very well on the whole, and superbly so in some instances. There is plenty of invention and new design and rapid improvement. We have always been proud of our mechanical ingenuity but a little applopation about our military ingenuity.

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Nobody can take anything away from the flurricane and the Spliffre or the heavy truck-here hombers that Britain has made in numbers that would be astounding to our public. In fact, considering the industrial rapacity with which Britain began the war, what she has done has beef an infulbatial miracle.

stream negan the war, what she has done has been an industrial infracts. So when we brag it is not to minimize what Britain and Russia have done industrially. It is to try to set straight our own achievement, which is still so much upderrated in this country because of a deformation of the country because of a decountry because of a decountry

Army Ordnance and other producing branches in the aervices are working very closely with in-dustry. Primarily the weapons are those asked for by the using arms. Ordnance goes out to get

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what the Armerce Ferce, the Artillery and other
stantly—there are several hundred minor changes
pending on one airplane model new. Battle
sometimes reveals need for a quite change, and
a heavier gun has to be improvised out of a
continuous control of the control of the control
in the factory to keep really up to date.

The Ordonace branch is a kind of whipping boy
for the Army, sithough its task is only to get out the
weapons that the using arms want. For instance a
big inider row is going on over the no-called trucked
annee, is being accused of killing off the trackless
tank because it was not invented inside the Army,
Actually General Compiled revived interest in the
by Armercel Force officers a year see, and he got it
tested by a board of field officers from the Armored,
Tank Destroyer and Cavalry forces. They recompulcated, they thought, for rough field serveneethed the deWern someone accused the Ordanace challed
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When someone accused the Ordnance chief of suppressing the invention, his retort was that he would get anything the Armored Force wanted. "If the Armored Force wante an 18-wheeled vhile that will run sidewise, we'll try to get it for, them," General Campbell said.

not, usern." Leneral Campbell said.
There must be close participation of the military in production for the reason that changes in equipment come simust on order now from the front. For instance, if our filters work out a new bombing tirek, it may require immediate changes in the bombe, by telegraph orders back to the factory. The way was to now, it is even no place except for open and quite minds. The only in patient that you can attill get my with taking in your sleep.

Choke An Isolationist Speak For England

By Samuel Grafton

the mean account of the company of t

of Mr. Henderson's printed forms instead of price control.

When you are dealing with little fellows, you must search for the
big answer.

Some of the partileans of Britain, unfortunately, so in for the
little answer. They point out that Britain is spending a great deal
of money on the war. They speak of Britain's bravery in terms which
would bring a blush to any Britain check. They give character testimony,
as if they were trying to get a photocole of in police with
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So I would say to England's defenders, first off, throw away your
agitation. Your check is much better than you make it sound. In defending England against an isolationist, you do not have to say that
England has generally had a good character and been well spoke of in the
neighborhood. In defending England assistant someone tike forwards the
bring it up later.

ring it up later.

Let your hair down. To the isolationist, say simply that there has beer a world-wide, popular uprising against aggression, which manifested itself first in England, making that country our only major ally which declared war without waiting to be affected, an appopular movement now rules British policy, making British an outpost for the peoples of every other anti-Axis instinon. This popular movement now rules British policy, making British an outpost for the peoples of every other anti-Axis instinon. This popular manifestation is the true break between British's past and her present. It makes her past as unimportant as the past of China under the Manghe Mings.

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The free-India man can also be answered (why do I have to carry both addes of this?) by unstuffing yourself, refusing to talk like a Prime Minister stuck with a mistake, and saying, with compilete layman's candour: Britain happen to have a great figuring bentmeted by Conservative House of Commons, elected years ago by many voters now decreased, on itsues now forgotten. Isn't that a curious situation? It certainly is. Yet that's the apparatus with which England is fighting, and we must respect these demorated difficulties and hope for the best. The India Issue makes it all the more important that we give our support te the democratic impulse in England, and to England? But it is the period of the propagand. It is the special glory of the var and the people have nothing up their sleeves. We need rectrumspech high policy in our propagands. It is the special glory of the var and the can tell the whole truth, and still fight. The defense of England is to relate, the brotherhood of the English people with a people sighting for freedom. Your little isolationist will choke on unit answer.

Georgia Grins

In One Ear

Atlanta Journal
AT a recent football game my
nelighbor sat next to a young
so loudly that he became quite
house. Plansly he turned to my
nelighbor and said, "I believe I've
to be the proper of the property of the property
My nelighbor assured him. "Don't
Serie".

A. farmer recently turned in A sugar ration book to the ration board in Athens. explaining that his wife, to whom it was issued, had died two weeks before. The lady in charge was very sympathetic, and expressed her sorrow over his great lost. His reply were his great lost. His reply weeks."

MY slx-year-old granddaughler,
whose father is a captain at
a flying field, was being coached
recently before taking her first
communion. When the instructor
asked, "Who did God make?" she
replied, "Men and women." The in-

atructor said, "What else did make that had a soul but no and had wings?" (meaning as My granddaughter answered, 'c' dets."

MY aunt, while teaching k'—
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piller for piller, etc. One d y able was stressing the fact in the class of the cl

Returning home he told his mother I was sick. "She has what my dog has," he said.
"What in the world do you mean?" asked his mother.
"Aw, you know, mother. Fleas,"

Visitim' Around

It's All Right Just So The Well-Diggers Know Which

(Handy liem, Lexington Dispatch)

We would like to correct an error in the last week's news: Noion Smith is having a well bored, and not Nelson Smith. Sorry for this mistake,

Side Glances



"You win this who's-too-dired-to-get-dinner argument every time—but I'm cramped up over a desk all day while you're in a nice air-conditioned war plant with interesting things going on all around you!"