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### First Offensive

U. S. Pacific Fleet Gives The Japs a Sample Dose

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The U. S. public still doesn't know exactly where the fleet is But it found out pesterday where a large part of it had reactly realled. It had been rarrying out the fleet in the re-exactly availed in the pacific began.

From the meager details released that the fleet, through no fault of its own, railed to achieve what it appears that the fleet, through no fault of its own, failed to achieve what it had hoped for, clienty, Admiral Nimitz had struck the Gibert and Marshall laiend bases expecting to find at least a few Jap capital hips there. He would hardly have risked what appears to have been the bulk of the Pacific fleet in an operation aimed only at maval auxiliaries, sirplanes and shore establishments.

The pity of it was that the Admiral with a sadily ineffective intelligence service, could only suspect that Jap battle-hips might be in the islands. Up until the very hour of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, Tokyo was receiving reports from its spies in Hawaii. When the Japs struck, they knew our battleships were there. Admiral Nimitz was, in a sense going quali hunting without a dog.

Yet this single disappointment should not obscure the most important and most obvious conclusion to be drawn from the attack: the Navy is not only ready for action but is strong enough to take the offensive. Shoner or later, the fleet is going to chase down enough Jap battleships to make it interesting. It is then that a substantial part payment will be made for wholk of the deannel of the made for wholk of the deannel of the province of the most of the made for wholk of the deannel of the most of the work.

#### Dry Oasis A Wet South Carolina Just Can't Last Long

Just Can't Last Long
From here it looks as though all that
can save Bouth Carolins's liquor stores
is a speedy invasion of Columbia by wellheeled loobyists for the distillery interests.—Already accepted and passed by
the House is an amendment that would
outlaw the sale of liquor, wine and even
beet.—The appropriations bill, to which
the amendment was tacked, is in conference committee.
There's no evading the fact that every
time the whole state has voted on liquor,
South Carolina has gone dry. In last
year's advisory referendum, held as part
of the Democratic primary, it was the

of the Democratic primary, it was the same story. If another referendum were held this week, the populous and pre-dominantly dry Piedmont would swing the balance against the moderately wet

the balance against the moderately wet Low Country.

Although the last referendum only "advised" the Legislature, it gave the lawmakers a mandate that they could not honestly ignore. As soon as auficient revenues were forthcoming to refelent revenues were forthcoming to replace that from liquor stores, a miral bond required a return to prohibition. By applying a rubless kulte to appropriations, the House undertook to Intellit the condition from the other end. The Benate, no doubt cognizant of the prospective decline in state revenues from the passinine tax and auto licenses, balked. There the matter stands, balked. There the matter stands, which has for, lo, these many years helped support Fort MIII's liquor dispensaries, will be dependent solely on its boottegers.

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Edifying Trip

Mayor and City Councilmen

Should Inspect the Premises
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light, to charter a bus and take a trip
wer their fair city. We would be gaid
to arrange the route, have in mind for
that matter, a few shell craters in some
of our allexed paved arrests which might
jolt the occupants of the bus into doine
something about them. At least they
might imagine why said pits are not
filled up or at least roped off and
marked by red lanteria. But that is
a private peeve.

This proposed trip should be made at
night, by all means, although in a good
many portion of the city nothing at
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Some of them, indeed, that start out to be very fancy streets with familiar names end up dismally in some morass. And as for sidewalks—brothers, you'd better sloop and the that shockare thelt-er. You might lose your footwear in

er. You might lose your footwert in that mud.
We don't suppose that anybody would be foolhardy enough in these uncertain times to suggest making over a city seconding to a model and expensive plan. But cities which aspire over the years to emerge from their unsightliness and to add to their conventiences have got to be continuously at work over those same years. In Charlotte, such work seems to have been largely suspended.

## Labor Trouble

Will the Government Allow Inter-Union Defense Strikes?

It's past belief that at this critical stage of our wars, organized labor would allow shipyards to be struck over a purely inter-union dispute. Yet that is precisely what it staking place on the Pacific Const—of all places.

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The equilities of the matter Dre complex. Welders, by the versatile nature of their trade, are used on all kinds of jobs. As a result they have had to join now this, now that union, paying dues and initiation fees for the privilege of working. They have long sought authority from AFL to form an independent union of weiders, but it has been denied them for trasons that scened pretty thin.

union of welders, but it has been denied them for reasons that seemed pretty thin.

The Boeing Aircraft Co. had a closed slop contract with the Aeronaulical Mechanics Union (AFL) which required the company to employ only union men in good standing, Welders in the plant were working under this contract but, to emphasize their insistence upon an independent union of welders, a good many of them elected not to pay dues, thus losing their good standing. There was nothing for the company to do under its contract but to discharge them. In protest at their dismissal, directed at AFL rather than at Boeling, more than a thousand welders in Scattic and Tacoma shippards have struck in synthesis and the structure of their for their craft to come off the job. The ahippards too have a close of the job. The ahippards too have a close of the owner of the contract with the AFL, which leaves them no alternative except to employ welders who are in good standing with the union which controls the job. On the face of it, AFL appears to be mainly at fault, and obtusely so, flut the time for organizational disputes to be fought out at the expense of the nation's ship-building, plane-building goals.

What was it the President said about our brave resolution to build so many planes with which to overcome our enemies? He should have sided, "... organized labor agreeable."

## Late Dates

Rep. Wilson Would Deprive Guv'ment Gals of Them

For the women folks, this war is be-

## Feis Plan For Trade

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON.
THE White House is doing a little quiet foreignets on some slow-actual greatest and the little distribution of the li



was effort.
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Only question is whether he can
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## This Is Talmadge

Ry William B. Huie (The American Mercury)

By William B. Huie
(The American Meventy)

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The trend back to the borse and buggy revises all the old friens of progress. If you're behind the times, that's good.

"Wr're neutral," says the spokerman for what used to be ireland. Fortunately, the Rel-irs had already emigrated over here.

It remains to be seen if Adolf does better than the generals. Heretofore there has been a prejudice against chang-ing barrels whis half-way over Niagara Falls.

We don't believe this fellow in the photo is the Emperor of Japan. He looks more like a quiz contestant who can't think what large American city has the initials S. Y.

Then there was the restail-rant patron in Hiller's Ger-many who remarked to sto-other, don't look now, but your overcoat is on the way to Rus-sia."

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## Letters to the Editor:

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I have read every installment of Mr. Tom P. Jimiton's Mory, "Out of the Night of Merganton."

From a long stay at this institution, east runtrully say that Mr. Jimison's revolutions of conditions at this place are correct as they existed when I was there.

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—V. P. PRATT.

# Insanity

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Knowing our dependability makes more actounding the statements in C. A. Paul's acticle in The News triling how citizens of Mecklenburg County are committed to the State institution for income persons.

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would like to subscribe noe copy.

It looks to me as though The News is rendering a great service in publishing these atticks and it is critatily going to be the duty at the citizens to help with a proper cornedy.

\_I. P. TRAZZARE 

## "Clean Up

This Mess..."

Editors, The News:
Thank vest lots for prinding "Out of the Night of Morganton" by Ton P. Jimtson.

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white. Stick with your stories, Mr. Jimison, and print the facts, Editors. WILSON L: KNOWLES.

## Feeling Of Unensiness"

Lexington Dispatch:

There are ways of finding out whether the sensational storie-written by Tom Jimbon concerning enditions at the State Hospital for the Insanil at Morganization of the Insanil at Morganization are well based, pentia out the monary well based, pentia out the monary of the sensition of the Insanil at Morganization of the Insanil at Morganization of the Insanilary of the Morganization of the Insanilary of the

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A series of suicides among patients at the big Dix Hill Hospital at Belleigh, how drawn unfavorable contained to the big Dix Hill Hospital at Belleigh his drawn unfavorable contained to the State. A recognition of hash for this criticism was given by the Goyrmor when he ordered some increase in the pay of attendants, including those serving as more but probably including very few and probably including very few distributions and according to the pay of attendants of the pay of attendants of the pay of a tendants of the pay of

The Journal suggests that many persons during the past few years have served as attendants at the hospitals for the husane might be eccured as witnesses in a quiet th-

### TODAY'S BUILD THOUGHT

If you want to rate 100 per cent as a Christian this is what you must do: Thou shall forc the Lord thy God with all thy heur, with all thy soul, and with all thy wind, and thy mind, and thy nelphor as thyself.—Luke 10:27.

pronouncements later.

It might be size for our responsible Stare officials at Raleigh to take note of the fact that the Jimison articles are being widely read out are creating distinct feeling of unseathers that they might be noted on something much more aubstatial than imaginative writing.

## Charges Call For Inquiry

High Polnt Enterprise
There is no fine natural serthere is no fine natural serthen that of the State Hospital,
for these mentally side, at Morgantou. As to the institution itas good as North Carolins, produgal in Joans respects and delacerat in Joans respects and delacertion of the state of the service of

nutly economical in others, has tried to make ii.

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costs.
Charges call for inquiry whether true or false.

## Side Glances



"When food rationing gets started, Dad, will they cut down on the things children don't like but have to cat because it's good for them?"

## No Leader **But FDR**

-Bu Herblock

By Raymond Clapper

WARHINGTON



WASHINGTON.

THE American people have the despendence of the cat reason to wish President Received to continued heelth and success. It is leadership at the time of the continued heelth and success. It is leadership at the time of the feet of the continued heelth and success the continued of the feet of the continued him. That is a terrible timing to have to say about a democracy but the feet of the continued him. That is a terrible timing to have to say about a democracy but the feet of the continued him. The time is to be true. The other sources from which true leadership ought also to come seem aimout bankrupt. The Republican party? What a piliful biling it is What has it effered us during the last nine years except stupidimizership and foreign?

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omestic and foreign?

Once, by accident and not because the leaders of the party withed fit. A real leader appeared—Windfall Williat. He was forced on the party. But as soon as the excited one of the party leaders to such him suit. The Republican party was even unable to recognize a real teader when it had the luck to find one on its description.

DANKERS, INDUSTRIALISTS JUST WANTED TO GO BACK

WANTED TO GO BACK
That is about the story all over the
lot. The bankers, the industrialists, the
quops that have had the advantages
of education and experience in attent
and who are effected operators. In their
businesses, are the ones to whom we
wently turn for guidance
through this besildering, and violent
revolution. But they have had nothing
to offer reaction notaling length that we

that had disappeared without their knowing it.

So, as an American citizen who sees many day-to-day things to criticize in Roosevett. I find myself in the fundamentals looking to itim as the public figure who seems more than anyone cite to know where the dangers are and to make an effort to grapple with them, whether they be at home or abroad. What worries me is that these dangers won't end with the war.

## Unity Won -At A Price

By David II. Popper (Foreign Policy Bulletin)

THE compromise formula adopted on January 28 by the Foreign Min-lsters of the twenty-one American republics assembled at Rio De Janeiro-recommending but not requiring a di-plomatic moture with the Axis-indicates propublic assembled at Rio De Janetrorecommending but not requiring a diplomatic napture with the Awa-Indicates
not that inter-American units it Impossible but that it can only be
achieved slowly and with tremendous
effort. The intransigence of the Argentime Government, which shad tensatively agreed to the stronger form only
to repudiate if later, proved in the
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of the propiet of the stronger from Conmally, Chairman of the Senate Poreign
Britations Committee, suggesting that
the people of Argentina might change
links President if he did not change
his policies.

his policies. CHOICE WAS NOT TO SPLIT HEMISPHERE

contented by this disappointing all-uation, the North American represen-tatives were forced to choose between a densitured resolution unanimously adopted, and a more decided stand which would split the hemisphere listo two blocs.

son block.

For his part, Arting Freident Ramon S. Catillis flaily stated on January 24 that Argentina would not break off relations. Neverthr-less, the Argentina Government is adopting a series of less dreatile his similar measures, grobably in order a saure Argentine participation in the reconomic benefits of hemispide co-operation. The Argentine Ambassador to Berlin has been called to Beenea Altre to report to his Government, while Edmund on Thermann, German Ambassador to the Argentine capital, is about to twee the country for what it is understood will be a permanent absence.

Restrictions have been placed on the

permanent assence.

Resirictions have been placed on the movements of all funds to non-American countries; a symbolic campaign has been initiated against local German leaders and the native Fascist newspaper El Pamperat; and the Government has El Pamprie: and the Government has expressed willingness to supervise the activities of economic enterprises di-rectly controlled by Axis subjects. Whe-ther these limited moves are more than superificial gestuires cannot yet be detersuperficial gestures cannot yet be deter-mined. Before Argentina in parmitted to ahare the full benefits of hemisphere economic Interchange, however, they should be earefully scrutinized and guarantees of thirt extension secured. With the avershelming majority of the Latin American regulible co-operating in the utimust in the common defense, Argentina should not be allewed to sun with the hare and hunt with the hounds.