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#### Musical Tempest

The Bard of Avon, may his bones rest in peace, has run afoul the American isbor movement. New Yorks Local 802. American Federation of Musicians, says that his "Tempest" is a musical. The union is fair enough to admit it's no ordinary musical all the same, and must hire a musical all the same, and must hire a musical's complement of union musicians.

Clans.
It so happens that a revival of "The Tempest," currently running on Broadway, is a modern, streamlined version, accompanied by a musical score which trins throughout. In addition, there are four short songs—less than half a min-uie of them. Vera Zorina, as Ariel, and Canada Lee, as Caliban, sing these short bursts.

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Now, because the union regards the play as a musical, its producers must hire bitteen musicians to sit in the pit, each on a weekly wage of \$92. If, instead, the play were classified as drama (which it's been for more than 300 years) there would have to be only twelve musicians on hand, at salaries of \$35 per week. There's quite a difference: \$1,472 weekly as against \$760. Well, it goes to show you can't keep a good union down, once it gets underway. There's an old, old contract between musicians and theaters that houses of 1,000 seats must employ sixfeen musicians, when a musical is on the boards. And, having heard the new score for "The Tempest", and the little songs of Ariel and Caliban, the boys couldn't resist. It almost doubles the musicians cost to the protesting management. But nothing must be allowed to stand in the way of upward progress.

Old Will himself, as he has to most

Old Will himself, as he has to most opics, has already given his answer. There's one in Much Ado About Noth-

Flat burglary as ever was com-

#### **Butter's** Rival

Consider for a moment the once low-ly oleomargarine, subject of discrimina-tion, victim of cutthroat economic com-petition, evidence against the efficacy of unlimited freedom of private enter-price. It is now standing before our Gen-eral Assembly for consideration of its case. And this time, it has a chance to make good, to move upward in the social scale.

In North Carolina (in addition to the In North Carolina (in addition to the seneral Federal tax of ten cents a pound) eleo has been sold in its pristine form, no added coincing a powerful influence, must be added by housewifely hand. Thinking of the 700,000 Tar Bele wives and mothers who must mix their lose twice a week, some legislators have proposed that the ban be lifted, and that cooling be freely added to the module. added to the product

added to the product.

They were snagged by the dairymen, and forced into a compromise — one which they say is satisfactory to them. They have agreed that coloring shall be added only for sale to housewives, excluding restaurants, hotels and boarding houses. The bill, with two favorable reports behind it, has a good chance of passage. And that's progress.

For this, you see, is warfare between two large groups of farmers. The dairymen on one hand are arrayed against the producers of cottonseed and peanuts—to say nothing of consumers. At present North Carolina's creamery butter production is less than a pound per

present North Carolina's creamery but-ter production is less than a pound per-capita per year. And, do not forget, creamery butter would be a pretty pale white itself but for the addition of coloring (this, however, the dairymen call keeping up to "standard"). On the other hand, eleo production in the coun-try calls for an annual supply of 212, 090,000 pounds of cottonseed oil and 11, 100,000 pounds of penut oil. That makes the matter pretty important to North Carolina farmers. And the consumer, who thinks he has

And the consumer, who thinks he has the right to buy his substitute colored

after the original, has something at

stake himself.

After all, if he knows what he is buying, and if it won't hurt him, the decision should be left to him. Shouldn't it?

#### A Correction

Last week, commenting on a report from Raleigh, we did wrong by Meck-lenburg's delegation to the General Agenthy. The story was that our representatives had signed a resolution asking Congress to provide for a Constitutional amendment limiting Federal taxation to 25 per cent of income. And it develops, happily, that this is in error. Our reporter had it that Representative Tonissen had gained the support of his cohorts, and dropped the resolution in the hopper. The actual state of afters is that Mr. Tonissen has that resolution in his pocket, and the only signature on it is his own. He may not even bother to introduce it. Representative Vogier, for one, wants that madelear. He says that he won't give his support to this "millionaire's amendment", that he doubts it will be introduced—and that it will get only a handful of volce if it does reach the floor, there's one time we're glad to have been mistaken, and eager to have the opportunity to set the record straight.

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For this resolution, having passed eighteen state legislatures one way or another, threatens to piace an unbear-able burden upon the small taxpayer, to lighten that of the well-to-do, and increase the hazards of the stready rocky fiscal road which lies ahead of the native. With places it is not strong that the work of the property of the party of the property of the party of the par fiscal road which has alread of the ha-tion. We're pleased to note that the Mccklenburg delegation has played no part in advancing this proposal.

#### Out Of Joint

Most people, spotting a news story on so dult a subject as the redistricting of solietional districts in North Carolina, would be inclined to skip it and pass along to something entertaining. Hee the editorial page, Neverthelesa, a good many dull subjects are important, and this one is of great local interest as well.

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well.

We believe it is axiomatic that the criminal courts are the bulwarks of democracy. That's where justice, the all-important guarantee, is dispensed, where wrongdoers are convicted and punished, where the innocent have a refuge. And most North Carolina criminal courts are imbude with this devection to even-handed justice. But it is one thine to be develed to a principle. one thing to be devoted to a principle

one thing to be devoted to a principle and quite another to be awamped with the duty of exercising it.

Four years ago the State became aware that its solicitorial districts were lopasted. Solicitoria in some districts (the solicitor is the State's prosecutor) had little to do. In others where population over the years had increased enormously, and crime with it, solicitors had too much to do. Why, in the 14th Solicitorial District, comprised of Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties, criminal cases ran to about 2,000 a year. In the 1st District,

District, comprised of Mecklonburg and Gaston Counties, criminal cases ran to about 2,000 a year. In the 1st District, the solictor had to try only some 300 a year, yet was paid the same salary. So a commission was appointed to study the case.

That was in 1041. In 1043 the commission reported to the Legislature, but war had intervened and the commission feit that some of its information might be out of date. Its existence was continued for two more years, and a week or so ago it reported again, asked for a further continuance and funds with which to collect further information. A resolution to that effect will probably receive the Legislature's approval.

By all means it should. For it is essential not only that persons accused of crime received their rights of a fair tital but their desserts of a thorough prosecution. As matters stand in this solicitorial district where solicitor constitutions, thorough prosecution is a cruying the same of the control of the country. The State owes it to Mecklenburg and Gaston, as well as to other counties, to reform its system and adjust the supplier of tustiet to the demand.

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### Statesmen At Work

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Thesp. Hankin. Mr. Specker. In response to the remarks of the distinguished gardieman from Nebraska Mr. Buffetti about nothing having been said in the House on yesterday, the anniversary of the birth of the serious control of

### The Merry-Go-Round

Another Stone In The Pedestal

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DUMBARTON OAKS

PERMANENT - WORLD - WIDE - PEACE

The Suffering Of France

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

If members of Congress are not careful, they are going to hill the goose that lays the polden ear modern, streamlined Betheeds, Md., Rospital.

Though it was built for inaval patients, a steady stream of elderly Congressmen has been going out to the hospital at a sense of the polden early stream of elderly Congressmen has been going out to the hospital at a sense of the polden early stream of elderly Congressmen has been going out to the hospital at a sense of the polden early stream of elderly Congressmen and the sense of the polden early stream of the polden early str

resented.

The other day Senator Clyde Reed of Kanssa arrived at the hospital. It was a busy day. A lot of enlisted men had arrived and had to be taken care of. The Senator was forced to wait for a moment in fromt of the reception deak, then in charge of Miss Clyde Keily, daughter of the late distinguished GOP Congressman from Fitzburgh, Pa, who bore the same name.

Impatient, the Senator from Kansas finally burst forth:

"I am Senator Reed, What about some service?"

up has occasion's newly mag and warring it also the selection.

Noist-Wer twenty year, Miss Kelly's father was a wall-known figure in Congress, where he was author of the Air Mail Act and other improvements in the postal system. Cracious Senior Barkley of Kentucky always extrice his own bag, waits on himself as much as possible when he visits the Naval Hoppita.

tributaries.

The Senate fight is unique in many respects. It is perhaps the first time in history that a State Legislature has appropriated money to conduct a campaign against a Federal treaty. The California Legislature appropriated first \$38,000, later a total of \$50,000 as a lobbying dund to defeat the treaty.

monying Jung to defeat the treaty. California officials and other ardent representatives of the state where ex-Senator Shortridge any the sun sets as reluctantly have been camped in the nation's capital, buttenholing newspaper men and doing a bang-up shot of trying to defeat Hull's last treaty. It has been ene of the best-functioning lobbles in a long time, Judging by their operations, however, they will spend not \$50,000 but nearer \$500,000 before they finish.

The hospital is short-handed and no messengers were present at the moment to show the Senator to his room. So Miss Kelly volunteered. "Will you ake the clevator to your room, Senator" she suggested the clevator to your room, Senator" she suggested to the most earchild negotiated treaties in recent which is not senated to your room, Senator to his most earchild negotiated treaties in recent later. "Containly," he stormed, "you don't think I was the pack was also the pack of the pract was signed only after long consultation with all seven Colored to the pack of the practice of the prac

Mull's Last Treaty
One of the most unusual battles in Senate history
has been raging over the last big treaty negotiated
by Oordell Hull—the Mexican waterway pact, dividing
irrigation from the Colorado, Rio Grande, and other
tributaries.

# People's Platform

"Meat and butter are getting harder and harder to find—I guess we'll have to tighten our belts again!"

- - PM

Editors, The News:

I have noted with much interest the deternal additioned that the deternal three deternal additioned that the deternal additioned to the appointment by the President of Henry Wallace to the post of Secretary of Commerce.

I appreciate the reference is my work. If has been a long and work if has been a long and stantify calling for decisions that affect not only those immediately concerned, but often many others, and souther that the stantify calling for decisions that affect not only those immediately concerned, but often many others, and souther that the stantify and the stantification and the stantify and the stantification and the s

been on a non-partisan basis as was contemplated in the law creating it.

If has been a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve my country since January, 1892, first in the depression and later along the properties of the properties.

—JESSE H. JONES.

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(The News has not intended to impure Mr. Jones nor his motives as head of RFC. We have felt obliged to point out a number of his abserteemings in helping the Nation prepare for war. — Editors, The News.)

# A Protest Of Mr. Nisbet

ers, we've heard from other read-ers whe say that they thereughly disagree with Mr. Nisbet's centi-ments concerning Blace and the Rocsereits, but that they admire his poetry greatly.—Editors, The News.)

# Are Diplomats

Lagging Behind?
Editors, The News:
The last time I wrote to The People's Platform I was uneasy regarding the war. It still seems that the diplomats are not pull-

that the diplomats are not pulling their end of the rope, and are
leaving the worst of it to the
soldiers.

The pen is still mightler than
the sword. Apparently our leaders
the haps a reberrall reading of Edgar
Alian Fee's "Unlaime" would anber thend to the realities of the
great ethercal city.

If we had a general checkup.

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If we had a general checkup surely no one would dare to go on losing the lives of our solders and remain jubilant at home an amany are now doing in the midst of war prosperity.

Along with the Latin meaning of "Unitume" they might read Tribulume" they might read Tribulume, which is the properties of the properti

Charlotte.

#### Regional WLB Makes Its Manners

UP Mr. Nisbet

Editors, The News:
We have no great quarrel with
Mr. W. C. Nisbet's sentiments, but,
confidentially, ble poetry strikes,
—J. THROCKMORTON
MCOILLICUDDY.
2014 Idlewood Circle,
Charlotte.

Sincerely yours. Editors, The News:

Sincerely yours.

On the other hand, we would Fourth Regional War Labor Board Inform these obvious pseudonym. Atlanta, Ga.

### Super-Salesman

By Hal Boyle

IN GERMANY — (47) — Selling becaffeed to Gronge Bernard Shaw should be duck soup to Pet. John D. Spencer of Oblong, Ill. — 10 of the Pet of Spencer of Oblong, Ill. — 10 of the Pet of Spencer of Oblong, Ill. — 10 of the Pet of Spencer of Oblong, Ill. — 10 of the Pet of Spencer of Oblong, Ill. — 10 of the Pet of Spencer of Oblong, Ill. — 10 of the Spencer of Spence

After the shelling stopped and their comrades had retreated, they turned their weapons over to Spen-cer and meekly followed him back to the American lines.

to the American lines.
"If I could only talk that German language there's no telling how many I could persuade to live the better life," sald Spencer.

A heavy snowatorm slowed down to "world's featest mortals" to

forgot about the letters.

He was annased this week to get a reply from his English frients and now the expects an enswer to the other letter to America.

"Either the Germans are very accommodathin," he said, "or our Army post office has some surprising methods."

## Quote, Unauote

DOY, they parted our hair in the middle! There were four of us in the foxhole and a shell socred a direct hit. But it banged a wooden box just over our hands and for some reason we pulled out silt. right.

Pfc. William R. Forpanek of Chicseo, on Western Front.

Germany is to be besten by brute ferce. All German industry will be carried off and courts will be set up to evanue the man murder of German men, weemen and children.

German breadcast es Talia

"Through these pertals pass the world's fastest mortals."

One night a heavy plusand converted the dupon with several feet of sow and froze the door shut. The several pertal per

By Samuel Grafton

THE story of France is like the fable of the blind men and the clephant. It It has many sides, and the side you see first is the one you are likely to generalize about as typical of all France.

Many Americans come here, here considered the state of th It is not so much the condition that exists today, attitude, that is serious enough, as the status of the unputation three months or ask months from now unless remedial steps are quickly taken. Even more serious, perhaps, are the long-term ensequences of hunger and

Inflation, twin evils that threaten the French people today. We should have learned by now that these evils leed to political absolutism, whether it is called Faschen or Communism.

Over the question of the plight of France, a tug of war has been agoing on for many weeks. The French Overnment, backed by the British, have been arguing the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties of the properties into the country in order to restore French economy. The desperation of the French need, as seen from this side of the Atlantic, was one of the principal reasons for the mission of Richard Law, Minister of Richard Law, Minister of Richard Law, Minister of Richard Law, Strayments becaused to not feel the head of the Prench Richard Law, Minister of Richard Law, Minister of Richard Law, Strayments becaused in ordicate he raised.

State and Anthony Eden's trouble-shooter, to Washing-ton.

Law's arguments persuaded top officials he talked to on the civilian side. But the military leaders were not persuaded, and their word series to be final on Ernace and the same than the same transportation.

The same transport is the same transportation of the same transportation.

What you see here today, therefore the trace between the Allied armits invading Germany and the threatened collapse, both politically and economically, of liberated France. The question is whether victory will come soon enough to enable France to import the goods are can obtain in America either by purchase or new lend-lease agreement.

French rations today are officially about what they were under the German occupation. The catch is that the open market at the state of the same puts the daily average obtainable on the open market at less than 1,900 calories per day during January. The average this month may be even lower.

## Post-War Profiteers

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