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is always a good sign when a group men gathers, as some three-score of Citizens Group did on Thursday, and ns Group did on Thursday, and open and above-board dis-Elsens Group did on Thursday, and an open and above-board dison about their local government, good thing, too, when such a group les to put up a slate of candidates an election, because in that way men are persuaded to run. It's party timely, in this instance between the control of the cont

satuary with has cluttered up Gity Hall wery Wednesday.

We are boosters of the idea behind the Citizens Group and—up to a point— ed its accomplishments. Its representa-tives on the Council have helped to straighten out a couple of City depart-ments (FOlice and Health), they have seen Memorial Hospital through a try-ing period and endowed it with insti-vitional status, they have maintained the good order in fiscal affairs which they inherited from previous adminis-tisations, and have attended to busi-ness brought up for their disposal. One or two situations, such as the Motor whicle Department, they have mis-handled.

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But they've been all right, as a whole, in what they have done. Where the Citimen Group has fallen short has been in its lack of urge to do.

We state it not as a criticism but as fact. The 'go' in the present administration has come almost exclusively from Mayor Baxter. Official impetus for the War Memorial, the new library, sake as recreation, city planning and he like has traced directly to the Mayor, who has chaperoned such underskings through the Council. Mayor haster has been a promoter, as Dougharden and the city shall capitalize upon its exportunities, get to be a far superior jace in which to live and do husissel, with superior facilities.

We passion for accomplishment motivates the Citizens Group, and that is a shortcoming. It wants, mainly, only a keep things in order, It asks men signed the time and services to government as an obligation which is to government.

to seep things in order. It asks men to give of their time and services to gov-riment as an obligation, which is to ay as something like a chore. The species in the history of Charlotte are used likely to be worked through the medium of candidates who submit them-selves for office in the spirit of one who

Still, we say, the Citizens Group is a very fine thing—as long as the Mayor has a little rip to him.

Bottle Tempest

South Carolina suffers from what we believe to be the poorest possible system of liquor control, and a scenning of the record will back us up. If for no other reason, it is shown to be creaking at the hinges by its whisting high tax of \$1.95 per gallon on liquor. That beats withing eight at the hongest by the other way of \$1.95 per gallon on liquor. That beats withing eight at the country law good. saything else in the country by a good seal. And the shortcomings of privatey-operated stores have been obvious inside and outside the South Carolina borders.

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You'd expect Senator Olin Johnston
to speak up in favor of this system of
lose control, he's a Prohibitionist, But
you'd hardly listen for an amen by Senstor Maybank, the Charlestonian, Yet
lotis these gentlemen have come out
strongly in favor of the present scheme
of marketing Palmetto potables. And we
suspect we know what's in their minds,
They called up the ghost of the past
themselves.

Remelves.

R's the lingering odor which arose from the notorious dispensary system is the old times, of that infamous "Fuss &" brand, of the full-scale graft and shady political dealing which accompanied the system.

Maybank was frank. He realled that, as a U. S. Senator, the state auor problem was not his baby, but also pinion was available to anybody who wanted it:

"Personally, I have always been op-posed to the State of South Carolina's being in any way directly connected with the sale of alcoholic beverages."

Statior Johnston, announcing him-self & Prohibition diret and last, saw a couple of other objection. Pirst, he reasoned that State control meant for-ing egery citizen into the liquor busi-ness whether he willed it or no Sec-ond, he saw that State monophy would cost something in State and Federal revenue, by eliminating the private op-erators as tappayers.

we've no idea how our brethren to the South will resolve the issue, but it surely can't be on a basis of such prejudicial reasoning as this. South Carolinians won't miss its inadequacy. State control must be an improvement over the present system. Certainly it could be no

War Easter No. 7

Tomorrow is Easter by the verdlet of the famous Council of Christian Churches at Nicca, which is now Innik, in Eastern Turkey. The date was set for the first Sunday following the four-teenth day of the new moon that begline on or after the vernal equinox. And this date, history says, was set for the convenience of the thousands of piligzima who trekked to the Holy Land for celebration. The Nicean Council decided to guarantee the pligrims a full moon to light their footsteps by night.

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On Wednesday men and women of
the Jewish faith began their celebration of the Passover, signalizing delivery
from bondage. And this year the Passover is being fully celebrated on German soil for the first time since Adolph
Hitler rose to power in 1933—and this
new symbol of delivery from bondage
significantly links Easter with our war
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Mussolini chose Good Friday of 1929
as the day for invading little Albania;
Hitler had just digested Czechosłowakia,
and war was imminent. On Easter Sunday President Roosevelt wrote his plea
to Hitler and Mussolini, asking a temyear pledge of non-aggression. The plea,
six days later, was treated to open contempt by the dictators.

Easter of 1940 came during the full of the "phony war", but Finland finally buckled before the Soviet Union, and Hiller was on the verge of invading Norway and Denmark. On Good Friday Norway and Denmark, On Good Priday of 1941 the Luftwaffe was flattening Coventry, and on Easter Sunday Belgrade succumbed to the invaders. That day, too, Japan and Russia signed their five-year non-aggression pack—though it was not Easter in Russia, where the Orthodox Church follows the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar.

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rather than the Gregorian calendar.

By Easter of 1942 this country had been in war for four months, still staggered from blows at Pearl Harbor and the Philippines. There was heavy fighting on Batan, and Colombo, capital of Ceylon, was bombed by the Japs. The tide had turned by Easter of '43. Under an Easter moon in Tunisia our planes were cacling the retreating Germans, and the Allies were closing in for the kill on Cap Bon. The Russians were driving the Germans from Leningrad.

On Fater of 1944 D. Pay alons were

on U. S. foreign policy.

And this Easter brings hope that the long, bloody trall is near its end. It is near, surely, in Europe—much nearer than on Easter of 1918 when the German armies were still advancing. The morrow is truly a day of hope for the

Tact is where the liberated people cry "hooray for the liberator!" And wait a minute or two before bawling "when do we cat?"

Jesse Jones calls himself just a small business man. But that is in Texas, where visitors once spent four days finding Cactus Jack Garner on his farm.

Statesmen At Work

ferious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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Mr. RICH (Pa.) Mr. Chairmán, a finner never quits and a quitter never that. I do not know how long it is intered to the control of t

was said by the President of the United States on Oct. 24, 1942, in his address at Atlanta, Ga.:

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We are certainly posling enough, for the Department of Agriculture 10⁶ get comething more useful thin we are now getting. I have always proposed its reorganization. I am going to insist that we get more service for, the farment for less money.

Get that that is a quotation from the President of the Online States, that farmers for less money.

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we are going do get more service for the farmers for jess money, so the farmers have jess more and who will say we are getting more in this Government for less money than we got during Hoover's administration or any other administration.

Is there anybody here who wants to answer that question? If so, I would like him to the.

In 1932 the farmers were losing their farmers were losing their farmer. Their income was the lowest in history; their reserves were the theoretic theory their indebtedness is the lowest in history. Now their indebtedness is the lowest in history.

The Light That Shineth in Dark Places By Tom Amises Because it was not possible that he should be holden. Acts \$186

stress method of marder.

Feter have that Jesus could not be holden by any book, any sect. any church. His soul was too great to be confined within the limits established by the puny minds of men. One within the limits established by the puny minds of men. One sect or creed has a monopoly on Christ and His teaching, and, that the Bible is a sort of religious simanant to be taken down betimes to discern what the spiritual weather will be next week or max types. Christ is not confined in crepts, not in-

EXCITING war news largely obscured its significance, but this week the highest court of the land hand-declaration of the land hand la

the Supreme Court.

For years the South has been beefing about freight-rates fixed by Wall Street bankers and the railroads they control, which discriminated and the railroads they control, which discriminated are fixed by Wall Street bankers and the railroads they control, which discriminated are fixed to the form of the control of the control of the control of the control of the whole manufactured higher than the East and Mid-West. For years, the Conference of Southeast Governors and various U. S. Senators have made this their chief campaign should be control of the whole matter, and cut light to the heart of the whole matter, and cut light to the heart of the whole matter, and without any palaver or politheting took the case to the Supreme Court—and won it.

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Abolishes Poll Tax

In all the foregoing years of beefing, no one had ever thought of doing this. But, also, no one had ever thought of doing a bet of other things with which print the print of the the print

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There's But One Answer

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

The War Is Far From Home

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON
The plane the battlefront is only 24 hours many, yet white in Europe have a sense of living on another plane. Most Americans feel cet ut off from the normal world they left behind. It is hard to give any idea of the sense of lookitation yet feel on the other side of the Attack. The control of the party of the party of Congressmen who toured the war front at the ord of last year were not encouraging. They are the control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war front at the control of last year were not encouraging. They object two on which Stephen Early worlds that one of the order of last year were not encouraging. They object two on which Stephen Early worlds that other the war were an outling of the standard last of the party which the war were an outling of the standard last of the party which the war were an outling of the standard last of the party which the war were an outling of the standard last of the party which the war were an outling of the standard last of the party which the war were an outling of the standard last of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encouraging. They are the control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the cond of last year were not encourage. The control of the party of Congressmen who toured the war fronts at the condition of the party

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But nere is a vecuum nevertheless, And sometimes news that might not access sensations their related to the normal flow of certain makes a territory of the sensations of the sensation of the

No one, for instance, ever thought of abeliabing the poll tax. Northern members of Congress have been shouling about it for years. Southern Senaters, in turn, had been fillbustering against it. It was a sore spot in the Federal body politic, But Governor Arnall decided that the South should put its own house in order, not be reformed by others, So last monits he quietly abolished the poll tax.

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Born 37 years ago at Newman, Ga, Arnall was the son of well-lo-de parents. "My grandaddy." he say, "yet the by working Negroes for 35 cents a day." Newman, Ga, Arnall was the son of well-lo-de parents. "My grandaddy." he say, "yet the business pellifest the say of the say o

The real link with our men overseas is, of course, through personal letters. There is no substitute for it.

OUR text is lifted from the greatest sermon over preached, save the Sermon on the Mount. It fell from that lips of Peter, a raidel immpallian who had been ignified by the nobility recurrence of the properties o

City Hall Today

By Dick Young

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and the campaign anound soon genino high seest.

Municipal Notes: George Livingston. In the accountants effect, was bursting with pride this week. The seest was bursting with pride this week. The seest was bursting with pride this week. The seest was seed the infantry outflied file seest was seed the infantry outflied file seest with the seest was seed to infantly regions to the 99th Division, which stood like a wall when the Germans stages had been the seest with the seest was seen to see the seest with another sector. Police Chief Walter F. Anderson was in Osastonia Thursday night, addressing the seest was seen to be seen to see the sees with the Council-Manager with the Council-Manager sees the sees the city Covernment. Councilman J. A. Bater told the Cillican meeting of the year to operate the City Covernment. Councilman J. A. Bater told the Cillican meeting Miss anadell Burch, new secretary in the council of the year to operate the City Covernment. Councilman J. A. Bater told the Cillican meeting Miss anadell Burch, new secretary in the council of the year to operate we consider the meeting of the year to operate we come the council of the year to operate we could be considered to the was anone to the council of the year to operate we could be considered to the was formerly employed as secretary in the local office of the War Manppowe.

Reluctant Leadership

By Samuel Grafton

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NEW YORK

We are still the enigma of the world, in the fleid of conomic collaboration with our Ailies. The Congressional basics, in pick with proposals which carries desk, in both Houses, is becoming a clutter of unanswered messages.

Mr. Roosevit has asked the States. We have a curious, almost provider the state of the Mexican water treaty but so much opposition with the Mexican water treaty had to be quietly withdrawn for rengotiation. Perhaps its time to sting Mr. Aubrey Williams. He saked the first the state has pit the state has provided the states. We have a some valid objections of the state has provided the states. We have a some valid objections of the state has provided with the United States.

We need a world trade conference would give us a picture of what the world spoils to want to buy from us, and what it will be supposed to the state of what the world spoils to want to buy from us, and what it will be supposed to the state of the state

Quote, Unquote

ANYTHING short of a realisa-tion by the German people that their whole apparatus for making war is to be stamped out would only give rise to another, wave of militeratus planning—As-sistant Secretary of State James C, Dunp.

The manufacture of new equipment for the transferred troops will require sustained heavy effort by industry for months after Germany's Sul-WPB Chairman Julius A. Krug.

