

Mixed Juries, Underpaid Legislators

The general voice-lifting on the 5th of November last, the people of North Carolina spoke on a couple of important, if not earth-shaking matters. As usual, it required almost ten days to count the general election ballots, for some reason we have never understood, but it appears now that mixed juries voted their will in the matter of jury service for women, while 338,844 expressed themselves in regard to extra compensation for legislators. The voters thought to ignore the constitutional amendment but it is nevertheless legal, binding, and final. The assumption, which is proper enough, is that the 1,575,433 qualified voters who didn't go to the polls didn't care enough about the proposed changes to express themselves, and are, therefore, against them.

Passage of the women's jury service amendment we regard as encouraging, since it was, in effect, a vote against second-class citizenship, belatedly conferring upon our female population the privilege and the duty that is an integral part of the franchise. The refusal of the voters to increase compensation for legislators, however, can only be regarded as a vote against good government.

It may be, as The Raleigh News & Observer believes, that the phraseology of the extra compensation amendment was a big factor in its defeat. It would have been legislators' a \$10-a-day "expense allowance," which would have been tax-exempt. Termining the increase an expense allowance, says the N. O., aroused the prejudice of many a voter who regarded the procedure as "camouflage or subterfuge." The Raleigh newspaper, however, agrees that higher legislative pay is justified, and recommends that the 1947 Assembly amend the amendment back to the people, calling a spade a spade.

We hope that amendment will come back, and again, until at last it passes. Under the present arrangement, it actually costs members of the Legislature money to serve their terms. Certainly they are due fair compensation for what is, in a difficult and often thankless public service. An inadequate wage scale for responsible public officials is always false economy, for under our system we get just about the sort of government we are willing to pay for.

Displaced Persons, Old And New

AMERICANS, as usual, are torn between the dictates of their soft hearts and their own self-interest in the pressing matter of immigration. For many years we held our gates open to the weary, the homeless, and commemorated our hospitality in a poem on the base of the Statue of Liberty. In late years we have been far more cautious, retreating behind a system of immigration quotas.

World War II has given the problem a new urgency. To millions of displaced persons and refugees in the United States, unloosened by the storm of war, still looks like the land of hope and glory. They want to follow the paths their ancestors took when they fled from disease, famine or war.

As long as the problem remains abstract the Government has shown a tendency to take a firm stand against relaxing immigration quotas, when it becomes personal, as in the case of the "Himmelfahrt" of Baltic refugees, it has shown a tendency to relax its stand, and in the case of the "Himmelfahrt" of Baltic refugees, it has shown a tendency to relax its stand.

The American Legion has, as usual, protested against further relaxation of the

The Bahamas' Gain, Our Loss

IT'S been almost ten years since The New Yorker published the famous Peter Arno cartoon depicting the other day of the American Legion in evening dress calling happily through a window to another: "Come on—we're going down to the Trans-Lux and see Roosevelt." We were reminded of it by the arrival of the other day of the American Legion, returning from the refuges in the Bahamas where he waited out the war and Mr. Roosevelt.

Like Peter Arno's cartoon, Howland Spencer's career is a reflection of that strange, personal, essentially chaotic life of the American Legion, the breath of so many normally rational Americans. Spencer, as a practicing martyr, is the special hero of that group of wealthy citizens who always considered Mr. Roosevelt "a traitor to his race."

Spencer, of course, had a more immediate reason for his hatred than most. He was a near-neighbor of the Roosevelt, and he claimed that Mr. Roosevelt "stole" the name "Krum Elbow" which rightfully be-

Another Voice

Autumnal Point Of View

THERE are two ways of looking at it. Now that the leaves have fallen the hills are a different color. The rough stone outcroppings and sharp gullies open to every eye. And the trees stand stiff and bare, stark against the sky. You can see the scars on the hills and the twisted branches of the trees. That's one way to look at it.

Or one can see the strength of the hills, the first foundation and the stubborn strength of the stone. And one can see the strength of the trees, the sturdy boles and the clean upthrust of stout branches, the way they stand against the sky. One can see that the soft line of the horizon across the valley followed the strong line of the ridge itself. And one can see that the full form of the big maple had substance before it was a twisted branch on the hillside.

An onlooker says it seems incredible a line the size of the Quedvada River so easily doled. But why? Once in New York Harbor, you just drive north and turn right.

After four or five years of listening to your high school daughters, the most bewildering experience is to meet the school-teacher in question.

If the Senate decides that Bibbo belongs in Mississippi, maybe the stuff could be piped out from there, a million cubic feet a day, to large industrial users.



People's Platform

Reluctant Immigrants

the top of your paper kept the news of the Chest over before those whom we wished to reach.

The Chest agencies and those unfortunate ones who they serve will always be indebted to The News for its generous contribution to our success.

—HENRY C. DUCKERY, Chairman.

Well Enough

WHY not leave well enough alone? We are all people who are all making a living. Plenty of work for those who want to work. Why should any body strike for more money? It won't help. It will only cause the price of living to go up, so why make

—F. V. E.

Terry And?

THE New York News Syndicate has taken over a comic strip "Terry and the Pirates" to be drawn some time after January 1st by George Wunder.

We would appreciate your advising if you are going to handle the strip as drawn by Wunder or Caniff's new strip owned by the Chicago Sun Syndicate.

—WAYNE B. SMITH.

Over The Top

THE power of the press is a magnificent thing. If it had not been for the support given the Communist Party by the American press, it would have been a long time ago that the American press would have been a long time ago.

We are especially indebted to The News and the members of its force for the special publicity which you gave the Chest and its agencies preceding the campaign and during the strenuous days of the campaign itself. The red ink which you carried at

Drew Pearson's : Army Hospital Builds Wing For President

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT TRUMAN is a sincere, hard-plugging advocate of united armed services, but he should persuade his Army to obey the policy of its Commander in Chief.

At present the Army is building a special wing to Walter Reed hospital at 12th and Dahlia Sts. in Washington which will exactly duplicate the Army's hospital at Fort Belvoir.

This wing is to take care of the President of the United States. Simultaneously, the Navy also has a floor of its Bethesda Naval Hospital reserved for the President. It is all set to take care of him at any time. However, medical officers have changed in the White House and a Navy doctor isn't in command any more. The Army now runs the show.

Roosevelt, always partial to the Navy, appointed Adm. Roscoe C. McIntire, who served in the Navy, to the post of Chief of the Army, selected Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham as White House physician.

U. S. Va. U.S.S.R.

SECRETARY OF STATE Jimmy Byrnes has been telling the following story of the difference between democ-

THE SWEET

WASHINGTON

THE Republican sweep in the candidate for Governor of the State of Michigan in the 1946 election, which was held on November 12, was a landslide.

Next in line, but considerably un-

DEWEY'S SHOWING

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, running for re-election, was just under Bricker in his showing, with 44.9 per cent of the vote.

POSSIBLE PROBLEM

While the Republicans are rejoicing over their extraordinary election gains, there is one problem in Washington which it poses a problem for them.

As shown in Roper's figures, Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan came out with by far the largest majority of any of the Republicans

Harold Ickes

U. S. Policy In China

WASHINGTON

IT might be helpful if Acting Secretary of State for China, the Honorable James F. Forrestal, would tell the people, or at least Secretary of State Byrnes, what the United States policy in China is.

Leahy, the Chief of Staff of the Commanding General of the United States Army, at a time when the United States is not at war with any other country. But, whether it is Forrestal or Leahy, it is not the State Department

REMEMBER STATEMENT

The American people remember the statement of President Truman on Dec. 15, 1945, that "United States support of the National Government in China is not intended to interfere with Chinese internal affairs."

NEW REASON FOUND

"At first the Navy insisted that the Marines were in China to help the Japanese soldiers being to Japan. But on Aug. 5, Admiral Cooke, Commander of the United States Marines in China, said that the re-

Now it might be that the people of the United States, who are entitled to the same as the people of the United States, might even want to send more Marines "to keep communications open" between the United States and the Chinese.

CHANGING DICTATOR

We should not be taking sides in the civil war that has raged in China for some twenty years. Democracy is a good thing, but we cannot impose it by force, not even by expounding the cause of democracy.

NEW Naval Boss

Navy enlisted men will find they have a new friend among the top brass in Assistant Secretary of the Navy John Nicholas Brown, of Newport, R. I. Millionaire Brown, who settled Rhode Island in 1836, can point to a rich Naval background.

A member of his family, John Brown, led the first American expedition to China, with a party of men disguised as Indians, he boarded and burned the British frigate on the coast of China.

Brown himself served as an enlisted seaman in the First World War, and caused plenty of headaches among the superiors who were in Wall Street's big pocket.

The Roosevelt cot was a special sleeping contraption invented by the Navy. When Brown enlisted, he was assigned a Roosevelt cot—which was not adjustable to the body, and was so built that the cot was so high that his ears and ankles on the cot—the rest hanging over. The first night, the cot broke, but Brown was so tired from drill that he didn't notice it.

It is quite of that, says the new Assistant Secretary of the Navy, "I voted for Roosevelt."