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A Doctor Who Failed

Mr. Hoover's 11-point program for the cure of the depression may or may not be right in its philosophy. Most everybody will agree, indeed, that it is eminently desirable to balance the budget, and to arrange matters so that they will have the least possible effect toward impeding economic recovery. But how it is to be done, or even if the first can be done, will be a matter of much dispute. And perhaps he has something, too, when he proposes a 25-cent per centum board to take over the control of the Federal Reserve discount rate from the President, though it is not to be forgotten that, as President, he manipulated that rate to even more appalling results than President Hoover has rendered. Again, practically everybody will agree with Mr. Hoover that intelligent co-operation of Government, business, and labor, rather than class struggle, is the desirable thing.

But will Mr. Hoover's plan really be to cure the depression, as he promises? We can't say. But we recall that he was President of the United States in the year the great depression, of which the current one is perhaps only another phase, began. And that year, he failed to cure it, but that things went awfully and almost worse. If he had the secret of his cure then, why didn't he apply it? Or is he telling us that it has taken him all these nine years to work it out?

An End to Neutrality

Senator Gerald P. Nye's course for the last year looks like a course for the idea of a man admittedly progressing due east by west. The Hon. Gerald, as all good men should remember, is papa to the Neutrality Act, the brass-riveted, iron-bound law which, he said when he gave it to the Senate, was the nation's voice of its irrevocable will to keep out of all disputes that might possibly lead to war, to stay at home and mind our own business, and with a fine impartiality let the rest of the world take care of itself; the act which left the President almost no discretion about selling arms—though he has taken some in the case of China—and which was made to include even civil wars with a special view to Spain.

And now the Hon. Gerald is sponsoring a resolution in the Senate to override the Neutrality Act and lift the ban on arms to the Spanish Government. It is a legitimate move, and it is a legitimate move to be made. It is difficult to see why it shouldn't be. We are selling China arms, and there is just as good reason for selling the Spanish Government. Like the Chinese Government, it is a legitimate one arrived at by democratic methods. And like the Chinese Government, it is being destroyed by foreign invaders, though there is the difference these foreigners are led by a particularly vicious and unscrupulous man. And we haven't much doubt that the great body of the American people want Spain to win just as keenly as they want China to win—and just as ardently as the Senator wants it.

Time to Act

The Hague revolution in New Jersey has now reached the point where it is no longer a matter of fact that it constitutes an open challenge to the American system of government and the sovereignty of the United States. The Constitution, Article IV, Section 4, says flatly:

"The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a republican form of government."

And that republican government no longer exists in New Jersey as it is plain as the nose on your face. In Jersey City Hague has sent a man to jail for six months for exercising the right of free speech guaranteed to him by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of New Jersey. In Jersey City last Sunday, Mayor Hague's police denied the eminently respectable Norman Thomas the right of free speech, seized his person and that of his wife, and held them in the city hall, hustled him out of the state to New York. And last night in Jersey City a mass meeting of war veterans was held in Jersey City for the explicit purpose of frightening two Congressmen of the United States out of exercising the right of free speech in Haguetown. At the prompting of their leaders, Hague's stooges, the veterans adopted a resolution, stating:

"The veterans of this city call upon all the citizens to prevent them on Saturday night in an orderly manner and carrying an American flag to show."

The "Reds" are a Congressmen who want to destroy Jersey City in their will to exercise the fundamental American privilege of free speech in it. And what is meant by "orderly manner" you may judge from the warning of Mayor Hague to the citizens of Jersey City: "If in their efforts to keep the Reds out of the city so many other cities in this country from invading Jersey City."

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But, after all, this is only local to Jersey City. It is no such thing. The man who called that night's meeting at Jersey City last night was the secretary of the Governor of New Jersey, A. Harry Moore, a stooge of Hague's who owes his present job, as he owed the Senate seat he formerly held, to "I am the Works." Nor is there any recourse in the courts of New Jersey. Not one of the judges of the State of New Jersey is a Republican, but one of the whole state they appear to be packed with the Hague stooges. And the Legislature, which was the only governmental agency not completely dominated by Hague has been defeated and removed.

A Good Idea

The Mecklenburg grand jury did an excellent day's work yesterday when it took steps to have the legislative representatives of the county initiate a law requiring that all generally diseased prostitutes taken by the cops be held in quarantine until cured.

Everybody deplores prostitution. It is a vile and disgusting trade. It is a very dubious proposition. Certainly, it has never been successfully suppressed anywhere in the past, not even when the death penalty was assessed against it. It is certainly desirable to do something about its practitioners as a menace to public health. As matters stand at present, prostitutes are the chief source of the spread of gonorrhea and syphilis. Perhaps it is not true, as is sometimes said, that they are all diseased, but an astonishingly great portion of them are. And if it were possible to round them all up periodically, it might be possible almost wholly to wipe out the disease cases from among our population. That, however, inevitably contemplates some sort of licensing system, and that is too repugnant to America's ideas to ever have any chance of being adopted. But the proposal of the grand jury promises to do a considerable way toward achieving the same result. Prostitutes, and particularly the sort which is most

likely to be infected with the venereal disease, fall into the hands of the police. And if it were the rule that they could not go free again until they were cured, the general incidence of disease among them ought to be notably lowered.

SHOT THAT FELL DEAD

By Hugh S. Johnson

WASHINGTON—Governor La Follette seems to have pulled the trigger too soon and had the wrong kind of shot in his gun. His was no program to carry the Red left wing of the Third New Deal. To the Senate, it would select Governor, Oles and Byrne more than Morris, Nye and Schreinerbach. Thus far, it sounds like a dud.

Dud or no dud, it certainly is a symptom. It indicates that the old Roosevelt magic has lost its luster. The diverse elements in the La Follette army can no longer keep together. There is mutiny afoot.

It is not only in the La Follette camp. In the Senate there is shaping a kind of coalition of about 35 Democratic Senators—not quite a majority of the Democrats—but, with Republicans, a majority of the Senate. It is less against the President than against the radical departures of the Third New Deal and the augurs and vial virgin thereof—the Corcorans, Cohens, Jacksons, Perkins, et al.

THERE CAN'T HIT BACK IF HE DITCHES THEM

If there should arise a real Fred Piper from left wing and able to lead them, the President would have to decide whether he wants to lead his party or to grapple with some such intruder for leadership of its camp followers. It is becoming clearer daily that he can't lead both.

I believe he could still lead his party and win with it. But to do that he would have to short-circuit the whole staff of Perkins, Cohens, Jacksons and Corcorans. There might be a personal pang in that, but not a political one. Most of the people have no following whatever. If they sank, it would be without trace.

AND THE GRAPEVINE HAS THAT HE PLANS IT

It is rumored around these whispering galleries that before he wearily led to go fishing—against the judgment of these Janissaries—he expressed some conviction himself. That may be pure invention, but it is a pretty obvious clue.

He thinks from such decisions, but this one is so well deserved as to acquit it of disloyalty. These are the architects of all his disasters since January, 1937. On that date, as leader of his party rather than of a faction, and in cooperation with the House and Senate chieftains, there was hardly a limit to what he could have done. He could have had any reform within reason. Above all, he could have restored property. On these accomplishments, coupled with his earlier brilliant achievement, he could have fulfilled his chief ambition—to go down in history as one of the great Presidents.

IT WOULD BE HIS BEST POSSIBLE COURSE

That these things happened in reverse order be traced directly to his own blunders and they in turn can be traced directly to this crowd. They surrounded him to the exclusion of his Congressmen and his cabinet. He followed in his second term is the course they had preached and urged long before January, 1937. They have had their day. It shattered his party, frustrated him and prostrated the country.

Some officials of the administration are secretly seeking endorsement of the recent rather wild olive branches extended by the President. Every time in the past that business was hurt enough by olive branch waving, our citizens have been the losers. For this reason, business is never going to cuddle up as long as these bootlickers remain in the back room—not because it doesn't want to, but because it is afraid to and—bluntly, but frankly—because, as long as they are there, business can no longer believe in olive branches.

Streamlining Cato

(High Point Enterprise)

Upon the shifting sands of the common-sense cannot be the State Office Building at Raleigh will get a job of names. The Governor's will be there and that of each member of the Building Commission and the firm of architects. We had believed North Carolina officials had been given a long time to think of self-destroying.

It harks back to the days when the names of county commissioners adorned courthouses and bridges, and its poorly into a North Carolina which has been in the time to time to attach the names of important citizens to State structures even when strong pressure was brought on the Legislature to honor such servants of the people.

I had rather men should ask why my state should set up the way it is. Cato said, Cato is thoroughly modernized in this go-getter age. "We will get up our own list it be not set up," says the Building Commission.

Movies Breed Crime Among Boys, He Says

Flickers Wreck Many Young Lives And Should Not Be Allowed Even On Week Days

Dear Sir:

The claim is bad enough but the screen is far worse in its effects. Not only does it reach many times more people, since pictures show us everywhere, but it makes many more criminals. It reaches millions of children and youth in their impressionable and formative years, and gives them twisted, degrading and criminal ideas of life before they have a chance to form correct moral judgments.

By the very nature of its influence, crime is the chief contribution of the picture show to American life. The most reliable statistics show that two-thirds of the crime and lawlessness of the nation can be traced directly to the moving picture theaters. Unsound, faulty and useless theories of education have contributed largely to this high record of crime, lawlessness and imprisonment. The standardization method, without regard to talents or aptitudes, plays a great part.

In 1900, the average age of the criminal in this country was 32 years. By 1918 it had come down to 22 years. Now it has reached the later teens, with the most atrocious crimes committed by boys not yet twenty years old. The first six months of 1937, the largest number of arrests were of 10-year-old boys. And these farms and propagation plants of hell are allowed to thrive on the Sabbath day, to the chief culprit in this terrible wreckage of young life which leads directly from modern schools with their unsound education to the criminal courts and prisons—is the picture show.

In a recent survey running across four years, which was both thorough and impartial as to the effects of the picture show, it was found that pictures, according to this report, "exert a profound influence on the habits and behavior of children." The New York World-Telegram said: "Thousands of cases of crime and vice can be traced to the motion and demoralizing influence of the picture show."

R. L. GODWIN.

About The Mysterious Mr. Taylor And Rum

Dear Sir:

It could be Greta Garbo, so far as I am concerned. Or Clark Gable. Or Charlie McCarthy. I don't care who distributes Charlotte's liquor, and am entirely unconcerned that it turned out to be Robert Taylor. If he is a real person, okay; if he is a fictitious, a stand-in for our well-known flesh and blood bootlegger kings, that is okay, too. What makes me wonder is why suddenly we all get in a lather about it.

Does anyone think that the bootleggers have the right to sell liquor in Charlotte? They won't it at the polls last June. The dry people and the bootleggers rolled up a fine majority, out of which came the ridiculous MARFLO and the bootleggers' right to sell liquor in Charlotte belongs to the bootleggers in Charlotte by right of one of our most fundamental institutions, the ballot box.

Therefore, why get excited about Robert Taylor? I do think, nevertheless, that the touch would have been a bit more delicate if they had used the name Shirley Temple.

AVERY HALSEY.

In Charlotte A City? New! Or Maintains

When reference is made to the City of Charlotte, the Charlotte Park Commission, or the so-called Health Department, it is all one who has lived in a real city can do to restrain one's mouth. Charlotte is a city that can't even get its shoes shined there on Sunday? ha, ha!

Just a narrow-minded bunch of hillbillies.

FORMER RESIDENT OF MEMPHIS.

Visiting Around

A Subscriber Pays Up (David Reiser)

E. P. Raleigh, who arrives in the class of the Woodlawn, was in town Saturday on business and left a frog skin with us.

Monday?

(Tarboro Southern)

Speculation is that on the live baby being given away on Tuesday night at the exposition.

And What Did Ma and Pa Think of Her?

(Shelton Hotel, Wake Forest News Herald)

Mr. James Wright and Miss Mary Wylie of Winston-Salem the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wright.

Brother and Sister Leave Home (Hudson Courier)

STRAYED, TWO DUROCK PIGS about ten weeks old. One male and one female. Color dark brown. If found, notify J. R. Garrett, Roxboro, N. C.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

ONLY ONE BASEBALL WAS USED IN A GAME BETWEEN COLUMBIANS AND KANSAS CITY, A TOTAL OF 28 HITS AND 15 RUNS WERE SCORED! April 11, 1912.

DOCTORS DYE AND BERRY PHYSICIAN SIGN Chulicthe, Mo.

LAMB BORN ON VALENTINE'S DAY WITH A PERFECT HEART CUT! OWNED BY LEE EPPERSON Edina, Mo.

CAN STAND ON A 12" BRICK AND TOUCH THE FLOOR WITHOUT BENDING HIS KNEES.

GENERAL SHERMAN HATED ABOVE ALL MEN BY SOUTHERNERS WAS FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA. AND HIS PORTRAIT IS PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED IN THE UNIVERSITY

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

That Breathing Spell By HEYWOOD BROWN

WINTHROP W. ALDRICH runs the bank where I trade, and so I wouldn't like to offend him. It would be tragic if he were to put me and my account out on the street in a driving rainstorm. The little fellow isn't doing enough right now to stand much inclement weather. It's a nice bank and everybody is very polite, particularly the young lady at the window where you go to ask, "Have I still got any money in this institution?"

Nevertheless, I am not for the two or three years "breathing spell" for business which Mr. Aldrich advocated in his speech before the Washington meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. It seems to be Mr. Aldrich's idea that reforms are to be a long holiday for assimilation, modification and consolidation.

BUT CONGRESS HASN'T NONE A THING FOR MONTHS

But I wonder just what reforms the chairman of my bank has in mind. Surely he cannot refer to any legislation passed by the present Congress now sitting in cold missives session. Its record is entirely bare of any constructive measures which have been enacted. It hasn't even been able to summon sufficient energy or courage to take a vote. The killing of vital measures has been done quietly in committee.

And even when important laws have been allowed to come to the floor, they have been content to abrogate its constitutional function and to set up a government by night letter. Philibusters have done for the rest.

Mr. Aldrich wants a "period of pause and quiet." What on earth does he think Congress is doing right now? He had verger into the visitors' gallery during the so-called debate on the anti-lynching bill, the distinguished chairman of the board of the Chase National Bank would have seen a chamber quiet as a lonely grave after the mob has gone.

AND DEPRESSION VICTIMS CAN'T WAIT VERY LONG

It was more than a pause. The democratic processes of the American Government have been at a complete stop. I wonder what our Representatives do at night which makes them sleep so soundly during sessions. In the middle of national and international crises the men and women who we rely on for leadership have chosen to establish a breathing spell. It hasn't lasted two or three years as yet, but only the voters can still this present group of hibernators into action. The men who loit about their desks or slumber in the cloak room seem to have no sense to stay under a sedentary way of living.

But how about the submerged third of the nation? It is no more to talk of a breathing spell of two or three years when so many are engulfed by the waters of depression. Two or three minutes a day to stay under a sedentary way of living.

It has been said that a physician who prescribes for himself has a fool for a patient. I wonder whether this may or may not be true of certain business leaders as well. Every time a New Deal proposal has been killed upon the floor or quietly strangled up an ally, con-

Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files of State Library at Raleigh

MAY 6, 1938 75 YEARS AGO

THE WILDERNESS

Richmond.—The scene of the late battle in Spotsylvania County between the Wilderness and Chancellorsville, the latter is a place with only one dwelling, a large brick house, formerly a tavern and lately a boarding school. It is about ten miles west of Fredericksburg. The Wilderness was supposed to be indicated by Wilderness Creek, a small stream running through the Rapidan neck about four or five miles from Chancellorsville; the country adjacent and widening out toward Chancellorsville is the Wilderness out of which the enemy came at the bidding of Jackson. The United States Army, after the Battle of Chancellorsville, moved about five miles below the mouth of the Rapidan. Ely's Ford is on the Rapidan four miles above its mouth.

The enemy, having crossed into Spotsylvania, pressed himself on the left of our line in front of Fredericksburg. Our sagacious commander had taken proper measures as it may be inferred by the result. Longstreet and his command were recalled in good time and the best routes for an opportune junction with our main line, while the strategy of setting in the rear of the enemy was matured.

—Payetteville Observer.

Loosening Of Collars

The last month or two has not only shown a great falling off in the popularity of the administration, but also a great falling off in the popularity of the collar. The collar is a relic of the past, and it is time to get rid of it. The collar is a relic of the past, and it is time to get rid of it.

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