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## Off Key

In his address Mr. Roosevelt said his "little visit here was a bit of a surprise" because it was not the quickest route from catching fish on the Pacific Ocean was to come back by way of Warm Springs. Associated Press report, Wednesday.

Just dropped in, you know. No idea. Funny about geography, isn't it? Who'd have believed that one could have started out to visit the West Coast and fish in the waters about the Galapagos and come around at last to Warm Springs? Did you ever hear, gentlemen, of an obscure waterway called the Panama Canal? Anyhow, here I am, by a sort of miracle, and to my own amazement, endorsing my good friend Lawrence Camp and giving that fellow George a kick in the pants.

Nobody believes any such thing, of course. Everybody who reads the newspapers knows that, in fact, he left Washington with Georgia fixed as a very important stop on his itinerary. And—oh, well, there's no use in expiring. I may be that the sort of thing everybody in politics does. The sort of thing that usually runs: "Reluctantly and against my earnest will to enjoy life as a private citizen, I have at last yielded to the demands of the public, and, concluding that it is my duty to give my services to my country, decide to announce my candidacy, etc., etc."

But in the mouth of a man whose favorite sport in trade is intimate candor, it somehow sounds peculiarly unpleasant.

## Men Without Training

Judge Frank Sims Jr., of the Recorder's Court, has referred the lawless crime detection method to attention in the practice of policemen in tearing up warrants on their own account. The Civil Service Commission probably did the right thing in letting Officers Hartman and Helms down with a verbal spanking and a warning, since the practice does not seem to have been confined to them but to have been general. With the result that they probably thought it was all right and didn't learn their proper power.

All this, however, merely serves to point the fact that cops do not commonly know what their real powers and functions are. Most of them assume naively that the law is something incarnate in themselves and that their own judgement and will is equivalent to the statutes as written. They very commonly neglect to secure search warrants until after the search has been made. Many of them seem to feel that in addition to representing the law, they are also called on to embody moral indignation by rounding up a prisoner a good deal more than the circumstances require. And some of them quite plainly believe that the fact that they are armed with sticks and pistols confers carte blanche to use them as the mood strikes.

But these things are much less their own fault than of our system of police. We go to a great deal of expense and trouble to build up a police force and then wonder why on earth we get the sort of service we get.

# At Changkungfeng

It is not too easy to see what has really been going on at Changkungfeng, and what events have led up to the present armistice. But there are indications which allow us to guess that the little brown man has been getting the worst of it. Thus, when J. D. White, Associated Press correspondent at Yuki, Korea, reported yesterday that Japanese troops had repelled a Russian charge supported by 40 tanks, he did not report it on his own authority but carefully inserted the statement that it had been announced by the Japanese army headquarters. But when it came to something else, he was not so glib. Thus:

It seemed incredible that men could remain alive under the Russian shelling which this correspondent watched.

Such shells came over at the rate of six a minute and numerous direct hits after one or two lightning shots showed the accuracy of Soviet gunners.

That is interesting, both as laying a rumor that has long been current that the Russian army was a mere make-believe army whose gunners couldn't hit the side of a barn, and as casting direct doubt on the report of easy Japanese victory lauding from Japanese army headquarters.

There is other evidence, too. Thus the Japanese, from imperiously demanding an arbitration commission made up of two Japanese, two Manchukuoans (Japan's creatures), and two Russians, have lately come around to granting the Russians equal representation. And more than that, they have agreed to conduct the negotiations on the basis of the old treaty and map of 1858—which is precisely what the Russians have been contending for all the time.

## The Norria Candidate

When Hugo Black was appointed to the Supreme Court, one of his favorite observations of those who denounced that unwise selection most loudly was that the President passed over the heads of "a dozen genuine liberals," whom the country would have accepted without a murmur. That ought to make the light of General Old Ironpates Johnson's column today, it is interesting to recall that one of the names mentioned was invariably that of Professor Felix Frankfurter.

Perhaps Frankfurter is temperamentally unfit for the post of a Supreme Court justice. But the charge is one which was levelled at Louis Brandeis when Woodrow Wilson appointed him, though he has turned out to be perfectly fitted to the role. The charge of radicalism came which was levelled at Brandeis, too, as it was levelled at Oliver Wendell Holmes when Theodore Roosevelt appointed him back in 1902. In Frankfurter's favor, it is to be said, at least, that he has an enormous knowledge of the law, that he is thoroughly familiar with the tradition, procedure, and problems of the Court, having written a book about it in 1926, that his general background is excellent and that he has a brilliant and clear mind. That ought to make him more eligible than Bob Wagner or any other politician who has a chance. For such men commonly have too much intellectual integrity to be mere yes-men.

And when General Johnson names Senator Norris with violent denunciations, putting the Professor's name forward, he barges over into nonsense. Since when haven't Senators publicly espoused the cause of their chosen candidates? When the appointment which Black got came open, the Senate, in fact, organized a virtual lobby which did its very best to drive the President into appointing Senator Joe Robinson any-thing-ly. But if General Johnson objects to it, that we don't recall it.

## The Minnow Catch

Mr. John D. M. Hamilton, as we were remarking yesterday, is a perennially successful politician. But the chairman of the Republican National Committee, and it's his job to try to put hope into the souls of the boys mourning among the shipwrecked. And yesterday for the first time in his long career, he was dammed. He at last had something to be a little cheerful about.

# Letters To The Editor

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## Will Felix Be A Judge?

By Hugh S. Johnson

BETHANY BEACH, Del.—Press reports say that Senator Norris has just urged the President to appoint Professor Felix Frankfurter to the Supreme Court in the vacancy left by Mr. Justice Cardozo. "Urged" is a meager word for the language quoted in the dispatch. The President's chance to name the Professor to our highest court, the Senator calls, "an opportunity to perform one of the greatest services ever performed for the American people—an opportunity that seldom comes more than once in a lifetime."

These be tall words. They could well be spoken of nobody less than a Daniel come to judgment—some towering luminous national figure, astride our world like a Colossus. Such is not Professor Felix. So we look to the text for further light. There is no mention of the public eye man who so fully and truly represents the philosophy of government as Justice Holmes and his successor, Justice Cardozo, as does Frankfurter. (111) He was the confidential friend and adviser of these two great justices. He was the intimate of the chief and partner of these two great men.

## Norris Will Probably Get Him Way Here, Too

All that is certainly to the credit of the Professor. But there are few if any lawyers—especially young lawyers—who do not idolize both of those distinguished jurists. That therefore, standing alone, is no such distinction as warrants the saying that his friends and admirers would be "one of the greatest services ever performed for the American people."

This Norris demand—for it is scarcely less significant. The President wears the radical Nebraska Senator as his breast as a symbol of "liberalism." He is the one to be "Senator for the people" was the equivalent of an oath of fealty to what Mr. Norris stands for—and very valuable in aligning the radical wings of all parties. It would seriously mar that effect if this new trumpet call were ignored. It probably won't be.

## The Professor Is A SORT OF MENTOR TO F. D. R.

Of the propriety of this kind of proposal for his post as a Supreme Court justice, it is hard to say. It is hard to say for the candidate the better. Senator Norris is a venerable veteran and an object of adoration to all the radical extremists in the Third New Deal—and to many who are not radical at all. Therein, lies the trouble. In the present situation, it is Professor Frankfurter, an idol of the extremists. He is more than that. He is their life-in with both the executive departments and the courts.

It is not easy to write on this subject. Frankfurter is as learned in the law as any man in this country. He is exceedingly brilliant and able. He has one of our coolest, clearest, cleverest minds. It is fair to doubt whether it is a judicial mind. If it is, it is a miracle because as a political courtier, Mr. Frankfurter is certainly one of the most astute and influential men in the country. He has had his hand in every corner behind the scenes in this or any other time or place. Does anybody ever possess both a judicial mind and that capacity?

## And He Has His Young Men Everywhere

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## What's In The Fruit Jar?

(Hendersonville Times-News)  
FOR SALE—Fruit Jar and soda. One-hundred million and hundred fruit jars. Cheap. Pick-up Chevrolet truck. H. D. Hyder.

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## Members of the Initial Board of Trustees, The Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Colored Voters Alliance and The Negro Citizens League have appointed a joint committee to confer with the Initial Board of Trustees of the Charlotte Memorial Hospital to find out just what hospital facilities will be provided for Negroes under the new plan for establishing in Charlotte a more modern and up-to-date hospital.

It appears that none of the Negro civic organizations have been fully informed of the plans that have been proposed for enabling Negroes to benefit equally with other citizens. Only within the past few days have Negroes been asked to contribute. In view of the fact that Federal funds are to be requested for this hospital, and all Negro citizens will be taxed for its support, the Negro citizens should be informed fully concerning the benefits which they are to receive. This is all the more important because Negro citizens are already taxed for the support of public services which they cannot enjoy. For example: they are taxed for the support of public parks and playgrounds. There is not a single park in Charlotte for Negroes.

The Negro citizens are in full sympathy with the laudable effort to furnish Charlotte with modern hospitalization and desire to be a vital part of any endeavor to bring about modern hospital facilities for all the people without regard to color, race or creed.

Now, since nothing is assured in the pamphlet entitled, "All the Facts About the Charlotte Memorial Hospital for All the People of Charlotte," the Negro citizens feel that they are entitled to have information on such points as follow:

1. There is no definite assurance that the Good Samaritan Hospital will be enlarged. It is merely stated that the "expectation is that it will be enlarged from time to time as the need arises." The Good Samaritan Hospital is a facility now, from the present money being solicited, granted, and taxed.

2. What amount of the requested PWA appropriation and the proposed taxation will be set aside for the improvement of hospital facilities for Negroes?

It is stated that "all of the members of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society" are members of The Charlotte Memorial Hospital Association. Negro doctors are not members of The Mecklenburg County Medical Society. Will the members of the Negro Medical Society also be members of The Charlotte Memorial Hospital Association? How will Negro doctors be represented?

4. Will Negroes who contribute to the \$100,000 fund be given the same privilege of voting as are other citizens who contribute?

How will emergency cases which are treated in the Memorial Hospital that cannot be moved immediately be cared for?

The two organizations represented by this joint committee have found that the interest of Negroes of Charlotte has become more interlarded since they have learned from the papers that The Memorial Hospital will be made possible by taxing of all the people and by a supplement granted by the PWA.

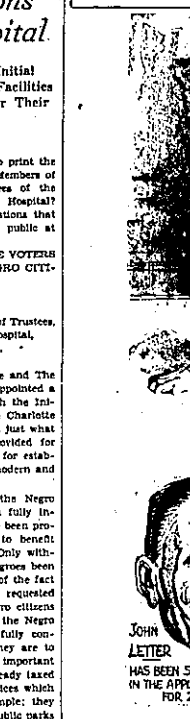
Clarification on such points as the foregoing will enable the Negro citizens to vote intelligently.

## JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE VOTERS ALLIANCE AND THE NEGRO CITIZENS LEAGUE

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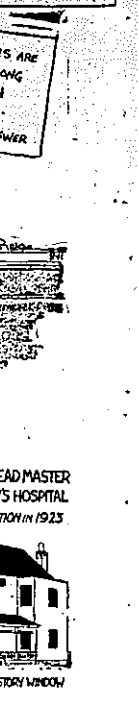
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## An Ominous Machine

By HERBERT AGAR

There have been many contradictory reports about the Rust brothers' mechanical cotton picker. For three years we have been hearing, alternately, that the thing had been perfected and that it had been proved no good.

At last, however, there seems to be authentic news that the picker is a success. It is to go into mass production next year—which means, according to John Rust, that the price will soon be reduced to less than \$1,000.

The Rust machine will put millions of Southern cotton pickers out of work. Allen Raymond, writing in The New York Herald Tribune, tells of a Mississippi planter who watched the Rust machine pick more than an acre in an hour. "Got 'nighly," said the planter, "let's throw it in the river."

That planter's protective instinct was sound. For the Rust cotton picker threatens death to the entire social and economic system which the planter represents.

## THE PRESENT COTTON SYSTEM WILL HAVE TO GO

The system is sick enough already, but the mechanical cotton picker will push it into the grave. Already the system cranks some millions of croppers and tenants, living on a sub-human standard in order that our cotton may go on the world market as a competitive price.

Already the system demands the ruin of some of our richest lands and the impoverishment of millions of our fellow-citizens. But with the coming of the Rust machine, those millions of impoverished croppers will be turned off completely. There will no longer be any place for them in the present economy of the cotton state.

And this means that the present economy of the cotton states will have to go. A long overdue revolution will come to those states when the mechanical picker makes the field hand unnecessary.

The millions who will be put out of work cannot go to the towns, for there are no towns that want them. There are already plenty of unemployed in the towns.

## AND WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE UNEMPLOYED?

But neither can those millions stay in the country. For they own no land. They have no money and no property to sell. All they can offer in exchange for food and shelter is their labor, and their labor will be no longer wanted.

No healthy and sensible system can be destroyed by the invention of a useful machine. The fact that the mechanical cotton picker threatens such havoc is proof that the economy of the cotton states is diseased and disordered.

The land, and the life of those who work on the land, are supposed to be the great stabilizing factor in a civilization. But this is not true in our cotton states. Millions of the farmers in those states are as rootless as factory hands—and far more insecure, for the factory hands have unions to protect them. The share

## Coalition Prospect

(Atlanta Constitution)

We hope to be here when the lad with a De Punt and a French and a Roosevelt for a sire comes to manhood. There's a fusion candidate for you.

## Earlier Days

News of 76 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

## THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

1862

75 YEARS AGO

The Federalists have been jubilant as they had a right to be, over the opening of the Mississippi River, and the probable resumption of navigation by their commercial vessels. One steamboat from St. Louis has reached New Orleans and returned to the city which it started, without molestation of any kind that we are informed of. Great rejoicings were had in both cities in consequence of this unprecedented event. Gunns were fired, bells were rung, and other exhibitions of general joy uproariously indulged in.

—Payetteville Observer.

## POLITICAL MISLEAKING

1862

100 YEARS AGO

In Judge White's late Knoxville speech, he thus attacks Mr. Van Buren:

"He did not come into office upon a character of his own and no man is fit for the station he now occupies unless he obtains it upon the strength of his own principles or character. He is nothing but a mere tool of political malice, having no root of his own, adhering to and supported by the limb of a distinct trunk altogether (General Jackson) and must as infallibly perish whenever that trunk comes to wither him, as the staff of yonder oak, whenever that oak shall have decayed and shall have fallen."

—Payetteville Observer.

## Canny Man

(J. D. M. Hamilton Telegraph)

Well ye scribe intend to go off some place & lure a fish to the doom where he was on his vacation but didn't on acct. of he seen in the paper where he could get a fish over the telephone if he wanted it & wouldn't have to sit around on a river bank & get full of chiggers & get a cold & lose his life savings in a pole game & not catch a fish neither.

## Peculiarities Of People

By F. Romer

## HUGH PADDINGTON

THINKING to please a fopish English nobleman, the miller Paddington decided to make a kind of flour to match his damask. This peculiar form of flattery was the reason for making the first white flour.

