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Strain in the Wind

In New York the other night, police raided a gambling establishment and arrested several hundred people in evening dress, some of whom were playing with \$1,000. It may mean nothing. And ships. It may mean nothing. And ships. It may mean nothing. And ships.

In Fort Pitt's Forest

There was joy in Pittsburgh today. We bet you. There was fear, too, for that matter. This morning a 330-lb. grizzly bear from the Yellowstone country decided that dog days were getting on his nerves and that he was going to do something about it.

True to Form

Up in Washington, officials of the Internal Revenue Bureau have decreed that doorbill rindings in behalf of political candidates is not lawful in any sense that would bring the fingers under the provisions of the social security act.

Hitler Juggles Dynamite

To be candid about it, we have to inform our little readers that we grinned like the Cheshire Cat when we read the Washington Merry-Go-Round yesterday. For it perfectly bore out two editorials which we published last week.

Will the plot actually attempt to go through with it? Santly says that he won't. For the same he is playing a more dangerous one than ever even Napoleon dared. There is not much doubt, indeed, that if he has promised Chamberlain an agreement whereunder he will lay off his demand for the return of the old

England and secondarily by France, he will have the consent of the present government of England. Mr. Chamberlain long ago demonstrated that he'd consent to any payment in other people's property in return for the realization of his own curious ends as well.

And — if he has the consent of England and France, chances are he'll have the smoldering acquiescence of Russia as well. For the great will hardly care to risk a single-headed war, with Japan already on her hands in the East. In fact, in these days of moonpieper melodramatics in international affairs, it is actually possible to suspect that the whole idea of Chukuo-Siberian border in which Japan advances and retreats bewilderingly and continually flirts with forthright war without ever barging wholly into it, may be a piece of futuristic nonsense.

But in all this, which seems to give Mr. Hitler a free hand, there is hidden a joker. Can the present governments of England and France be trusted to bind the people of England and France? The existence of both already hang by a thread, in point of fact. According to various polls which have been made, Chamberlain commands the active support of more than half the English people, and even his Conservative cohorts in Commons have been growing increasingly restless and resentful of his policy.

AND WE HAVE TOO FEW OFFICERS FOR OUR ARMY. Staff functions including supply are absolutely vital to the successful command and movement of the massed armies of modern war, just as knowledge of diet and sanitation as well as arms and tactics are vital to a commander of a company, a battalion or a regiment.

It is in this department that our great weakness lies. We have among the best officers in the world — but pitifully too few. Many devoted National Guard officers find their spare time to the study of the profession and training and build their own in any company. But the training of others is distinctly spotty and that of the large corps of reserve officers is generally worse.

There are not enough officers in reserve properly trained. We are seriously lacking in reserve munitions and equipment. There is insufficient provision to convert peace-time production in factories to war-time uses. While there is no shortage of money and the problem is recognized, the necessary steps are being remedied fast enough. It would cost relatively little to fix this.

The Helping Hand

Because of the poor harvest, the Italian Government has had to import from Soviet Russia, an immense amount of wheat, particularly from Soviet Russia, an immense amount of wheat, particularly from Soviet Russia, an immense amount of wheat.

War appears imminent as usual. In Europe—sometimes I think it would be best for them to have it set it over with—like taking CRC pills.

Letters To The Editor: Friendly City Slogan Doesn't Fit, He Thinks

Cites Experiences In Job Hunting As Proof Charlotte Is Less Friendly Than Some Other Towns

Dear Sir: Would you please answer me one question? Where did they get the name of "The Friendly City" for this town?

In what way is Charlotte so friendly? Were you ever out of work, going to several places trying to get a job? If you haven't been, you should try it.

Don't think I'm criticizing "The Friendly City." I'm not. All I want to know is how Charlotte became known by that name, and the reasons it should be called "Friendly."

CHARLOTTE. (Inquire.) The query we believe, should be addressed to Mayor Ben Douglas, who, as we recall it, invented the name. — Editors, The News.

A Proposal That We Put Tax On Ourself Dear Sir: Could you stand having your taxes raised? We wouldn't like it but all of us would somehow stand it.

So why not set up a little form of self-government and tax ourselves, say 3% of all we make, as a kind of handling charge. This will be one government that you will know is on the level.

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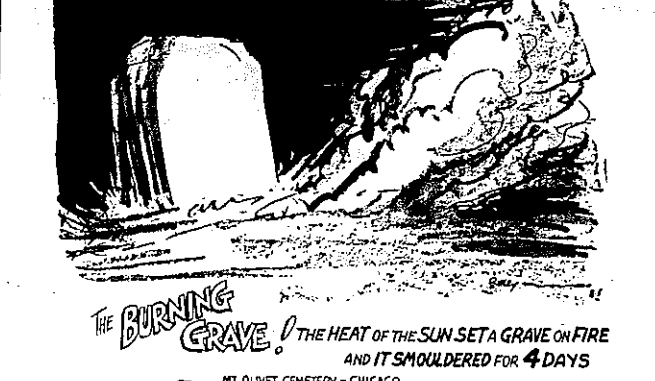
Visiting Around

Mr. and Mrs. Will Barfield left Charlotte on Monday for the Philippine Islands, where he will be for two years. We wish him luck.

Well, They Did The Call It Stamen's Word, Didn't They? (Money Creek Item, Caswell Messenger) The people of Kerr's Chapel decided last Sunday to hold a special service during the third week in August, owing to the fact that the people are busy harvesting their tobacco.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

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



THE BURNING GRAVE! THE HEAT OF THE SUN SET A GRAVE ON FIRE AND IT SMOLDERED FOR 4 DAYS MT. OLIVET CEMETERY - CHICAGO June, 1933 CHARLES MONROE SHELDON AUTHOR OF 'IN HIS STEPS' WHICH SOLD 23,000,000 COPIES - FICTION BEST-SELLER OF ALL TIME NEVER RECEIVED A CENT IN ROYALTIES!

Explanation of Today's Carleton Charles M. Sheldon, who was born in Welleville, N. Y., in 1857, wrote "In His Steps" in 1906. The manuscript was offered to many publishers in vain. In the end the author succeeded in having the book published, but neglected to acquire a valid copyright in his work. It proved to be the fiction best seller of all time, having sold more than 23,000,000 copies. But due to his defective copyright, the author did not reap any rewards for this most popular work. More than 30 publishers in the United States, Asia, Europe and Africa, took advantage of the defective copyright to publish the work without the author's consent.

Reporter On The Job

STAMFORD, Conn.—It must be that there is a carbon in my sensitivity to news. By now I am recalled to the fact that nobody will ever call me a first class reporter. I wouldn't even go that far myself.

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One Consultation

I had to confess I was only a columnist, and I asked if he couldn't get the afternoon papers around a little earlier. I wouldn't want to be scooped on my own beat by ten hours.

Peculiarities Of People

OSCAR WILDE eccentric writer and paragon of extravagance, wore purple coats, green ties, yellow breeches, red stockings, and spent money until he was in poverty. On his death bed he asked for champagne, saying he wanted to die "beyond my means."