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Laurinburg Just Misses It

An off truck laden with 4,000 gal-cons of gasoline caught fire in Lau-inburgs Main Street yesterday, and as extinguished only because the tirter remained cool enough to drive t up to a hydrant and call the fire lepartment before the flames had due to spread.

Eims to spread.
But suppose the driver had not remained cool? Suppose he had done
the natural thing upon hearing that
siaming death was fiaring up behind him, had leaped from the cab
and left the truck to its own devices? It is not beyond probability
that Lauriburg's business details. Laurinburg's business district id have been largely destroyed burned to death. Inat is the tighnger about these trucks — explosion, but fire; swift, wild, hig. fire, which once it is well ted is totally impossible of con-The thing is bad enough in open country along the great rial highways of the State, which veritable pipe-lines. But in

It is some comfort, at least, that hisriotic's fire department has asked the City to enact statutes egulating the movement of these otential torches through seding potentia city's streets.

The Fatal Hip Pocket

ss ft happen, Messleurs, our mpanions in this strange y from one mystery to an-that any of you chance to your handkerchiefs or your in your hip pockets? Then, pockets? Then, and hetter quit — or, at any rate, in aren't going to quit it, you better stay out of dark and by Kaintucky.

Roy Gair was on the stand in court set there yesterday, after having insered a plea of self-detense in the tilling of General Denhardt on the rests of Shelbyville. And what loy testified was that on one occasion he saw the General in a resaurant and that on that occasion he General reached for his hip necket, and that on the occasion of the General reached for his hip necket, and that on the occasion of the Hilling the General was also seaching for his hip pocket. Wherefor, said Roy, he killed the General in self-defense, even though it is of record that the General having seached for his hip pocket (in which there was nothing but a handker-thief), turned and ran sway as hard as his aging legs would take him.

There you have it, then. Reach y Garr was on the stand in court

There you have it, then. Reach for your hip pocket, once, twice, in that country, and you would seem to stand an excellent chance of be-ing shot in self-defense, and even ing shot in self-defense, and even though you are running desperately away. Maybe that isn't the official philosophy of the State of Ken-tucky, but it seems to be the philos-ophy of a sufficient number of Ken-tuckians to make Roy Garr believe the can save his life by pleading it.

Floods and That Dam

Day before yesterday waters piled in the high hills by twenty-four irs of rain of cloudburst propor ad the whole extent of the of the Yadkin, as it runs wilkes County, inundated, this time, we suppose, other a down the course of the river n feeling the weight of the

Company of America wants to on the Yadkin at Tuckertown

is string. By the word of the New Deal oracles themselves, flood can be controlled by dams. With great be controlled by dams. With great per chart selease or hold back — speed up or slow down — the flow of water, as desired. We don't know yet ter, as desired. We don't know yet that the sectual damage down the fiver from Wilkes was. But we venture to subpect that it stops pretty abruptly when you arrive at Spanja County — that it affects Stanly and Anson almost not at all. And why?

THEIR RECKS

ARE AT RISK

Torn Between Left and Ri. F. R. Tends To Stullify Himself Often. Anson almost not at all. And why? Because the great dam at Badin is in Stanly. And if the dam had been built at Tuckertown, fasther up the river from Badin, isn't it likely that the damage would have halfed it good deal higher up, too? Isn't it quite possible, indeed, that the two dams together would make such an efficient flood control agency as to have halted it as far up as, say, Davie County, anyhow?

A Junior President

If may not be true, and even if it undentably were we wouldn't say it to their faces, but an opinion pretty generally held is that the President's older sons are lightweights. Elliott, the "another one with Hearst." Just missed getting his father into hot water over that atiplane contract business, and of course his Reno diverse didn't help the old man any, James, the eldest, has given a first-ate schibition by patients. rate exhibition in contortions by acting as his father's standby and swinging on to his coat talls simultaswinging on to his coat talls simultaneously. James never amounted to a great deal before 1932, but in the last twelve months his rise has been rapid. First he became, by Executive appointment, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marines; then assistant to an executive clerk in the White. House office; then, at \$5,000 a year, a Presidential secretary; at \$10,000 a year, the same; and now a "coordinator of the executive work of Independent government agenof independent government agen-cies." His job will be to confer with agency heads and together with them decide what to do about such matters as the President need not be bothered with.

This is a wholly sensible proced-ure, and we must be careful not to ure, and we must be careful not to let an instinctive repurpance for nepotism sting us into saying something merely unkind. At the same time, the functions of the independent agencies — Federal Reserve Board, Federal Power Commission, CCN, ICC.

AAA, among à dozen others — are about the most important of the executive branch of the Government, and it is an open question whether Son James was chosen to coordinate them because his stather wanted to bring him along politically. Assistant Presidents are one thing, a junior President something else. let an instinctive repugnance for

Prospectus

Signor Mussolini, needing capital o carry forward his dream of breaking the back of the British empire and reestablishing the empire of the

ling the back of the British empire and rectabilishing the empire of the Caesara, proposes to get it by persuading foreigners to send their money into Italy for Investment. The batt he offers is practical exemption from taxation and his most aacred word that their property will not be expropriated by the Italian state in case of war.

That last being true, it is the simplest of logical propositions that foreign investors with a grain of sense will take care to keep their money out of Italy. For war, of course, is inherent in the very nature of the ends for which the Signor wants the capital. And if war comes, why, it follows that, since the Signor has given his sacred, word that they will not lose their property, they are as certain to lose it as the sun is certain to get up in the morning. For the whole record of the last two years shows it to be an absolute rule that, whenever the Signor gives his most sacred word not to do something, he immediately sets about doing just that thing.

Now We Are Seven

The opening tonight of the seventh season of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra with n concert at Alexander Graham auditorium reminds us that we haven't delivered our annual birthday greetings and best wishes. In the beginning, that is, when the Orchestra was a toddling infant of two or three winters, we always hastened to salute the occasion as though it were a feat in survival, which it was. For seven years takes us back to 1931, and how Mr. de Roxlo and the members of the Orchestra managed to hang together in those dark days only they know. Now seven, going on eight, the

sa down the course of the river commended in the the commended in the the commended in the the commended in the commended in

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The A. P. car-ries a story of a London cartoon which has British Foreign Secretary Eden saying to Mussolini: "Benito Mussolini have a care! You've



That is much traver than a political blow him out of the water.

SHED WIN AT SEA

That guess was made on what I
thought was good authority. It turned
out wholly wrong. France, wouldn't take
a stand and the British 'damiratly reported the concentrated fleet not ready.
Britain ate dirt. By pecks or spoonfuls
she has been eating it eyer since. Never
has she long taken that diet.

The whole situation is very different
row. France has no future spart from
England. Every ounce of British effortin 'the meantime has been centered in

England. Every ounce of British effort in the meantime has been centered in getting the first ready. I know of no naval or military authority who does not believe that, if and when Mussoliti "goes to far." the combined French and British navies could sink everything that files the Italian flag on the Medilerraneamand do it with despatch.

HITLER IS THE JOKER

Considering that and that alone, what would happen to Faschan? Mr. Mussonilla's ventures in both Ethiopla and Libya are hostages to this forseme-wite military force he has in each place depends on open sea-lanes for its life. Wouldn't the new Roman Empire just break into pieces? The defeat of a dictatorship is the property of t the end of it. It prevails by force or not

are end of it. It prevails by lorce or not at all.

If there were no more to this problem than that, this whole smeary mess of European dictatorships might be wiped from the world's alse very auddenly. The something more that presses Mr. Eden and France to try anything rather than war is Herr Hitter. Could Germany erupt once more across Northern France to help Mussolini and plunge the world again into a new 1914? Most military observers I know do not believe it. Germany has just promised again not to invade Belgium and the new French fortifications now thrown across the only other route of conquest are reckned as impregnable. oned as impregnable.

PROBLEM OF A DICTATOR

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From a purely military viewpoint,
Hitler is on as hot a spot as Mussolini,
Hitler is on as hot a spot as Mussolini,
What is the point of all this military
speculation if it reaches no conclusion?
Only to call attention to the desperate
chances in which a dictatorship is willing to involve its people. Whether war comes out of this tensity or not, it has disclosed that one-man government is disclosed that one-man government is so dependent on a permanent personal cockiness both at home and abroad, that a dictatorship must be willing to gamble far more than a democracy to preserve the existence — not of the nation but of the dictator. The world's peace is made to depend on the wild gambling hunches and fazards of a couple of megalomaniacs out in the alley shooting craps with destiny for the safety of their own political skins.

Visiting Around

Did You Doctors Give 'Em a Cut Rate? (Concord Tribune)

(Concord Tribune)
Nancy Ann, Jimmie, and Betty Jean
Alexander had their tonsils removed
Tuesday at the Charlotte Eye, Ear, and.
Taroat Höspital. The three are children of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Alexander.

High-Pressure Stuff

I want to ask the friends of Mr. Irv-ing O'Briant of Timberlake and Person

Shades Too Suggestive, We Recken (Kannapolis Independent) An entirely new set of venetian blim has been installed at Lady's funer home.

Doctor Out

CLincoln County News)
Dr. W. F. Elliott and Pharmacist B. P. Costner left yeasterday_for Little River where they hope to entice some trout ere Tuesday afternoon when they plan to return to Lincolnton.

Worst Fault Of New Deal

Torn Between Left and Right

Dear Sit:

It rather seems to me that the thing most urgently required right now thou mational staffing is a clarification of objectives on the part of the Pederal Government. As blings stand, we are really inarging between two stools. Part of the Administration forces are undoubtedly in favor of the maintainance of private capitalism. And another part—notably such men as Ben Cohen and Tom Corcoran, both of whom wield power all out of proportion to the off-feet they are supposed. On fill—are in fill—are in reality want a more or less complete

leath's regime.

And as for Mr. Roosevelt, the heart and center of it all—I doubt that he really knows clearly what he wants. Like the late President Wilson, he has a tember of the heart that he had been the late of the deep to make himself a little drunk with his own phrases, and to take wague generalities for concrete realities. And the result is that he is one time pulled this way, and the nort that Aws. According to whoever advised him last, he corung to whoever advised nin stat, no is likely to lean far right or far left. That, I believe, is the explanation of the extraordinary confusion of legislation we had under the first New Deal—a confusion that, often went to such a point that one law practically cancelled out the effect of another. And it is the explanation of the confusion that prevails under the second New Deal even more pointedly. Specifically, it explains why we have the government at one and the same time attempting to take hand out of use to reduce crop surpluses, and building, lunge dams and irrigation systems which will bring millions of new and extraordinarily fertile acres into use! or at one and the same time injecting insulin into small enterprises. is likely to lean far right or far left jecting insulin into small through RFC, and through the capital gains tax making it practically im-I am no rabid advocate of the private

But if we are going t the and it is pretty clear that the great body of American people do want to keep on having it —, then nothing is plainer than that fact ought to be made the basis of all calculations, and that the laws of private capitalism ought to

STRIKERS WANT NO GIFTS BUT ONLY CHANCE TO PAY OWN WAY, SAY STRIKERS

Dear Sir:

Deas Sir:

In the Charlotte News for October
19th we read that Mr. Harkey, chairman of the board of county commissloners, called our strike at Highland
Park Mill No. 3 "purely a relief problem" We resent this. We are not
wanting to be on relief. We are
not wanting to be a relief problemi"

He doesn't know what it's all about. He doesn't know what it's all about. We want work. The welfare office knows what we want, and treate us indig. They are not trying to put us on rellef. They are signing us up for WFA work. We are skilled textile workers, who have spent years learning our trade. And we don't want to be called "reliteferg" because our leaders are having trouble with the milliowners. We don't want the people of Mecklenburg county to buy our clothes, pay our rent, give us food, and make paupers out of us. We won't have it. We are trained people, and can make our own trained people, and can make our owr

All Mr. Harkey was asked to do was All Mr. Harkey was asked to do was to see the rent agints and get them to hold off on the collection of our rent until we get to work. We thank the welfare office for being kind to us and getting us WPA work. But Mr. Harkey ought to get out and find out about things before he calls us "reliefers." A. F. MOORE AND A "GROUP OF STRIKERS.

This Is Going to Hurt

(Statesville Daily)
While the President in his statement this week had ninhing to say about the proposets for 1938, not-long since he had declared that the budget for the next had year; stating July 1: 1938, would be "definitely balanced."
Taking into consideration that anticlpated denots for this year it is hard to conceive how there can be any definite balancing without additional kaxes, and a revision of the lark structure upward right at this time, whether justified on not, would most certainly cause a how!
On the other hand if attempt is made

On the other hand if attempt is made On the other hand if attempt is made to balance the budget. by amputation of expenditures, individuals, groups and governmental units that have become accustomed to relieve their stehting paim by running to Washington will make an equalty big noise. Either process used in bringing about a balanced national budget is going to wrench our nervous system, so the sooner we get it over with the better.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley



THE LINGUAL SPIRITIST—Joseph Schmidt of Bucuresti, Romania omenon. In his normal state he can speak only his native Roumaniance, he becomes the master of 22 different foreign languages, include the can also quote lang passages from the classic literature of the

While Maflo Piddles-

By W. J. Cash

WHENEVER I read accounts of.

Yes, and in the face of evidence going

MARLO'S mightly feats in locking

up a pint-peddier or putting down

sambling on the burning question of

what hole a little mouste will choose

to pop through, my thoughts always

goof grimly to something else. I

mean that, according to the report of

the Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Charlotte in 1936 had 55 cases of murder

and non-negligent homicide.

That, I always recall, is almost ex
actly one-fourth as many cases as

Chicago had, and nearly a sixth as

many as New York had. More than

that, Charlotte's murder rate was

three times the general rate for Southern towns with more than 10,000 pents,

rine times that of such towns in the

Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coset

states, and fifty times that of such

towns in the New England Statesi And

finally, and worst of all. It was, ac
cording to the figures of the FBI re
port, the very highest rate for any

town in the whole American countryl

The figures for the other major crimes

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sult. too.

But what has MAFLO to do with
these things? A good deal, I suspect.
Or at least I suspect that there is a
very definite correlation between the
complex which has given rise to MAFLO and the fact that these things exist

and the fact that these things exist. I am suggesting nothing so non-sensical, of course, as that the MAFLO complex is solely or even primarily repossible for II. The presence of the Negro and the presence of the sluma are undoubtedly, the mightilest factors in the case. But do not delude yourself too easily with the assumption that they explain the whole of II. The studies of such sociologists as Howard Odum show pretty plainly, indeed, that Lies Negro and the sluma are inadequate for a, Itil explanation of the generally high murder and violence rate of the South at large. And certainly, they will not fully explain the case of Charlottes population is composed of blacks, whereas there are dozens of thorns, farther, South which are more commentations. blacks, whereas there are ucess of towns farther South which are mor-than half black. And Charlotte, slums, bad as they are, are not the worst slums in Dixie by a good deal.

sorts simps in Dixie by a good deal. of So I advance the MAFLO complex C of Charlotte as being a ponderable factor in the homicide equation. The athing works in two ways. One of those is the way Mr: Graham Doar was pointing out in his letter published on this page last Sunday. All sorts of pidding of "moraitites" which have no sanction in compon-sense are written into law, to asaction in compon-sense are written into law, to asaction in compon-sense are written into law, to asaction in compon-sense are written into law. I have a sunday the law of the law of the law of the law of the like interest and chastiry. We are going to have Prohibition and put down gith like in the like interest and the like in the like interest and the like in the like interest and the like in the lik

way is this: that it diverts and distal-plate police energy. Adequate policing cannot by itself prevent murder and crimes of violence, but it plays a very big part in putting them down. And so far as numbers of policemen go, Charlotte is probably as ade-quately policed as the usual Ameri-can town. But—has anybody heard of a town where they were so loaded down with laws to enforce?

a town where they were so loaded down with laws to enforce?

There is nothing mysterious about the nature of a cop. For one thing he is simply a man with a job, andous before everything else to keep it. And for another: he had as soon, everything else being equal, not get shot. If he knows that the great body of people who hold his fate in their hands do not really want a "law" enforced, and if in addition he knows that half the population of the county would be required actually to enforce it, he is cannily willing not be exceeded from the control of the county of the common state in the control of the county of the county of the country of t

again, he is willing to oblige.

And if his days are so consumed with the petty concerns piled upon him that he had you concern spiled upon him that he had not lime left for policing the districts where murders and high crimes of violence take piace—for cantenny the perpetrators of these crimes—well, who can blame, him if he acquiseces in that willingly and even a little glasly? After all, men wanted for imuder, and bligh crimes are often somewhat on the tigerish side, and their tabilisticons against the shooting of cops unpleasantly unaiable.

I might go on. But the picture is ununamentally clear. I trust, Charlotte, in its burning concern with presuming moralities or with mensities tompossible of, smorotemen;—in its hot send to feather the word as the peak and summit of right good.

and summit of righteourness—has for-gotten the greater part, and lapsed into a strange and dangerous indifference toward crimes that are the most deadly crimes under every code that has ever existed under the sum.

Earlier Days

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

75 YEARS AGO CAPTURE OF GALVESTON

To FEARE AGO

CAPTURE OF GALVESTON

The Pederal fleet off Galveston. Texas, attacked that city on the 4th inst. A

Federal steamer ran past the battery at Fort Foint under heavy fire and ladd to at the central wharf. The battery was then destroyed by the Contederals troops who marched into Virginia Feinia. The troops in Galveston left and went to the same goint. The Federal steamers lined up ong Galveston, fire in number, gave the authorities of this hown four days to remove the someon and children from the place, it this exprision of which time they would shell the place if it were not surrendered. This cause of the attack; or rather the holination of assault, was the firing into the steamer, Harriet Lane, by the guns at Fort Point. The Harriet Lane steamer is under a flag of truce, but went iso far and was fired into. The latest talegraph from Calveston, speaking of the merements of the enemy, says:

"They landed yesterday at the Point, but have not permanently occupied it, having a wholesale fear of a cavalry dash: There are a sufficient number of troops on the latant to repel any land-ing. While the enemy occupies that:

ing. While the enemy occupies their present position, Col. Cook is engaged, under orders from Col. De Bray, in re-

IMPORTANT FROM TEXAS

We have information from Houston which we are placed in possession of by Dr. Holland, who has arrived in Richmond. From a telegram received from Galveston just before the train started, Calveston just before the train started, the Dockor had reason to believe that the Yankree find landed on the island and taken possession of the lown soon after his departure. This they may do by means of their gunboats without our being able to make any effective resistance, but should they ever attempt to come to the mainland we will receive them with "bloody hands to hospitable out the section of the starter of the section of the sect will be a fulliess victory to them, as nearly all the population, stock of goods, furniture and even cattle has been removed from the place a long time ago.

—Payetteville Observer.

An Old War Now

(Gastenia Gasette)
—Slowly but surely, the United States
army is outgrowing the generation that
fought in the World War.