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BRDAY, HOVEMBER 16, 1917

The Playful Shark

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the this tends to prove the auton of William Beebe and authorities on marine biology there is no such animal as "a the ferociously slashing the old yarns of our youth abore the old yarms of our youth leaf has to expect. And sharks lide your ankles might almost described as playful fellows. But have case we have a notion that dest invant them for our com-ins, the water. They go too in, their play, obytously, when y pank a man out of his life-timelieave him to drown. And, we'd just about as soon as scared to death.

In Character

The news that Dr. Cordell Hull, the grieved by the coup d'etat in sail, proposes to do nothing but sp his hands off the situation, readings our opinion that the commences of our Cordell is always

be trusted.
These you come to that, there isn't grangthing class we could do as indion. That is, unless we are pared to send down an army of allilon men to heave Senor Vargas and replace him with a dictator our own choice. The Monroe i and replace him with a dictator own for the choice. The Monroe strike has little applicability in by premises. For that doctrine elementates simply the use of arms practice conquest of a South or with American mation by a Euro-am nation. And nothing of that it has been been supposed to the control of th seation and dictatorable are much in native to South America than socracy. And even if Germany Tatly are primarily responsible— The accomplished their end, not same but by propaganda. Not wing guna and ships but by win-stile consent of at least a good to the Brazilians.

The of the Brazilians.

And what Brazil does internally strictly a matter for the Judgest of the Brazilians, no matter we much we may hate to see the beautiful of the beautiful

dv in Coal Commissions

been done so quietly that us are still unaware that nglaid, whatever the name government which alts in surther advanced along the succlaimed legislation than sections of surface units of the control of all control of the con

of politicians appointed not be-cause they were exceptionally quali-fied for the job but because they had served Senator Ouffer or some-fody else well. The English com-Sody, else well. The English com-mission will be made up of one care-fully placked for their knowledge of coal. And of men, too, steeped in the long English civil service tradi-tion — the tradition that their pri-mary loyalty is to the public in-terest. And finally the English bill carefully specifies the objectives for which, the commission is to work. Ours will have to be wrought out

If He Really Wants to Know -

The President, for the third or fourth time in as many weeks, again was concillatory towards business in his message yesterday. He freely admitted that he had sought "the wisdom and advice of managers of wisdom and advice of managers of large industrial and financial enter-prise." and he did not brush sway the "well-being of those who have much" as of no alight consequence while a third of the nation re-mained ii fed. Ill housed and ill-ciathed. To the contrart, it was as though he had begun to see for the first time that the well-being of the whole country depended, as by the nature of our economy it must depend, on the well-being of the whole country.

Wherefore mutual helofulness per-

us the whose country. Wherefore, mutual helpfulness pet-vading the atmosphere as this aes-sion of Congress gets underway in a developing depression (resistency) steel index: 38.4% of capacity), we shall attive to be helpful too. The President said:

resuent said:

"Large savings in the cost of government can be made only by cutting fown or eliminating sowernment functions. And to those who advocate such a course it is fair to mit the question — which functions of government do you advocate cutting on?"

off?"
Well, it's a little late now to do
any good, but there is one government function which, over and over
srain, we have advocated cutting
off. Not two months got the President wound up PWA with a flourish
of economy, and that was fine. But
before he did it, he handed out right
and left all the money there was before he did it, he handed out right and left all the money there was in the pot. He handed it out to cities and towns and states whose budgets were in a great deal better shape than the Federal budget, and he handed it out for improvements of a strictly local nature which the localities were entirely able to afford for themselves. Now, that here having howe select his Breatford for themselves. Now, that horse having been stolen, the Presi-dent looks blandly ground and in-quires, What is the sense of locking the stable door?

A Little Byrd Could Tell Him

Nor, if the President will seriously entertain proposals of economy, is that all. Pending at this moment is a bill offered by Senator Byrd to consolidate HOLC and FHA, two Federal agencies which deal Federal agencies which deal with the homeowner, at a neat little re-duction in cost of \$24,500,000 a year. There are 20 or more other agencies which Senator Byrd is convinced could be consolidated to the saving of a whale of a lot of money in the agreement. Nor is that all. It is notorious

Nor is that all. It is notorious that the Frderal Government operates with a superficity of working personnel, some 850,000 civilian employees, most of them good Democrats, at present being attached to the payroll and stumbling over each other's feet in the labyrinthian offices that make up official Washington. It is notorious that cushy jobs are always available for political hist-beens, and that the party in power pays its campaign obligations out of the public treasury. If the quality and the chical standard of government, service, opportunities quality and the chilcal standard of government service, opportunities surround him on every hand. If, we say, he sincerely wants to economize. Emough adverse evi-dence has accumulated over the last four and a haif years to bring his sincerity in that respect squarely into mustim.

Rise to a Question

Our new Carolinas Forum won' our new Caroninas forum wont be na harmonious as Impresario Da-vid Ovens' Charlotte Musical Festival, but the has its points of similarity. It will hire a hall and give voice, But in more respects than that, the idea its somewhat the same. People were weary of musical recitais when, Mr. Charlotte and how so the harmonia of the festival to the same above with the same abov

weary of musical recluda when Mr. Sees came along with the festival before a great show and a sees of the sees of

Ged Gadzooks, gents, we think you have nething there! Who hasn't longer

across on his own account? Maybe even all that hullabaloo about John Andrew Rice might have been avoided if the audience had been permitted to ask him a few pot

GUFFEY PET FLOPS FLAT

ntrast with the Marilime Com, which has just handed in a ren the sick shipping industry—
rarely—equalled for courage
test and efficiency—is the Bituminous Coal Com-



It was set up to re store another sic store another sick tridutary and put tens of thousands of miners to work at union wags. There is no taber dispute there. With few exceptions the operations regard their contract with Mr. John Lewis United Mine Workers, as a nacet. No-body is more firm in his conviction than the contract with miners were sent to the contract with the contract of the contract with the contract of t

Mr. Lewis that when, at union wages Mr. Lewis that when, at union wages, coal coats it 30 at the pit mouth, operators can't keep miners at work if rail-roads and great corporations take advantage of the demonstitation of the industry and insist on buying their coal at seventy to ciphty cents. They are now taking coal away from both miners and operators without paying what it is worth.

IT CAN BE DONE

The public gets fillile benefit. They don't buy their coal at eighty cents a ton. It is precisely the same situation that WRA encountered when it first struck the devolated bituminous-coal industry. We put that degraded industry into the black for the first time in years, sallered the near different in whose the same of the same of the same that the same of the same that the sa relieved the most distressing labor sit-uation in the United States and if the consuming public was prejudic made any kick, I never heard it. I mention this to prove it can be

I mention this to prove it can be done. There is no longer anything theoretical about it. NRA went out. The code structure collapsed gears but, so far as this tortured industry was concerned, there has never been very much difference of opinion that, in the interests of the whole community, billuminus coal needed a restoration of the principles of the old code.

COMMISSION PLAYS POLITICS

Finally, after one futile attempt, Congress gave the industry what it needed in the Chiffey Act. Instead of leaving it to an administrator, that act

provided a commission.

It has been apointed. It has been on the job more months than NRA worked days before it produced the coal code. The Commission has done precisely nothing. The Commission squabbles over pleayine patronage, concerns itself with prima donna preferences, fumes, fiddles and quarries over office furniture — while the whole industry and tens of thousands or miners and hundreds of thousands miner's dependents are tiving on little or nothing.

CALLS FOR SWIFT KICK

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If ever there was an administrative
situation that needed a swift table to the
pants from asporten authority, this is it.
The disorganization here w another
minor cause for the prescrib undreas
recession. With Winter coming on, unemployment and lack of buying power
in the authorized third increasing, here
is one spot where in little action would
make a lot of business.

make a lot of business. This condition is more than a re-proach to the Administration. The Commission is Seriadro Gutfley's par-licular baby. It has turned its atten-tion more toward political pairmage than to economic action. A good many people are attachily apprehensive that the Seriadro's great abilities and energies also lie more in that direction.

Matter of Grammar

(Greensboro News)
"Utility Rosses to Talk to F. D. R.,"
headlines Kinston Free Press. Don't you
reckon that subject and object should
be transposed, Bro.?

Visiting Around

How Does It Feel Having a Man Around the House Again?

(Sophia item, Asheboro Courler)

Yeb, They Usually Come Small (Dacotain item, Lexington Dispatch) Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moody have mother member added to their family a little girl.

Scuse Us; We First Thought You Sald

(Dayls Station item, Hendersonville Times-News)
John Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Olyde Drake visited a newly discovered cavern in Virginia last week-end.

So DM We - Saturday Night (Jonas Ridge item, Morganton News-Herald)

The farmers

Bans Notice Might Reduce Divorce Rate

People Can Get Married Too. Too Easily In State; Some Are Even Drunk At Time.

Dear Sir:

It is easy to get married in North Carolina. A rouple need not think two in order to get a license and to find where the couple, when they marry them. It is not unheard of that a couple, when they marry, are intoricated by more than love. In such cases the days they live as man and wife are probably one long hangover. Would it not be a simple thing to require the publication of applications for marriage license in advance of their being randed? Three days would be a reasonable figure. It is not likely that any couple would remain under the influence of alcohol for three whole days. If they did, by the end of the third day tray would probably have forgotten all about their fides, of getting married. Why not give people with matirmontal intentions a chance to think it over before they take the final step?

ROOM LANGUANY

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF UTILITIES KEEPS FLORIDA TOWN FROM PAYING TAXES Dear Bir:

Jacksonville, the commercial metropolis of Piorida, owns all its public utilities— and levies no city taxes. The profits from the utilities pay for everything. Yet the rates are lower than those in Charlotte. I see pretty often where some editor

I see pretty often where some editor or other is arguing that municipal ownership of the utilities is all wrong. Such editors should take a trip to Jacksonville and get acquainted with the facts there. The total tax sasesament there is eleven mills, for state and county.

J. LITTLEJOHN. J. J. LITTLEJOHN.

TYPEWRITER MAY GREATLY INFLUENCE THE LITERARY STYLE OF FUTURE TIMES

Dear Sir:

Our word, pen, la derived in a rather
roundabout fashion from the Latin,
stylus—an instrument wile,, which,
ancient people wrote. It is consisten to
hear one's "style" mentioned, meaning
no longer his pen, but what he wrote
in letter, essay or book. The history
of this change is a long story and cannot here be given.

Truewriters, recently perfected, are

not here be given.

Typewriters, recently perfected, as applianting pens. And naturally 'the question of a corresponding change is tyle is raised. Of course it is to early yet to detect any wide difference Changes of this nature come aborg radually, but come they will.

gradually, but come they will.

Thus, as a result of the typewriter, we may look for improvements in spelling and punctuation, for one thing. And for another, there will ceam a sort if mechanical revolution in thought. While each writer will relain something of his original style, there will be a broad superimposed style that will be as easily detected as a machine-made goods. Originally will nuffer, but tired eyes will be relieved a lot. THOMAS C. HOLLAND,

E. S. Perception

Or at Duke University the pay-cholory department has become in-tensely interested in and has accured a both experiments in "extra sensory about about experiments in "extra sensory" to you, gentle reader, if your dictionary is no present our was first time we were surroduced to the phrase.

It seems as though they shuffle a deck of special cards and let someone guess. If the guesser gets five correct out of a deck of 25 cards that is very

good.

And the Duke ESP enthusiasis do claim that they have obtained some results which prore beyond all peradventure that there is some strange, sitent, mysterious communication between the brain jof the person who looks

sitent, mysterious communication between the brain of the person who looks at the care and the brain of the person who looks at the care and the brain of the person who guessed, what it is. That may be all and then again we would take more stock in the proposition after we have seen the report of some really good mathematician, Archibated agood mathematician, Archibated agos that it is mental telepathy and not just the old odds of chance working on the EBP we will believe there is something in it after we have seen the champion of the EBP play stud poker with the local sharks and in the correct estimation of hote cards, just hold his own. We fear that would be a conflict between two arts, ogs theoretical, the other very, very practical.

It's a Rum World

(Norfolk Virginian-Fil

BELIEVE IT OR NOT .--- By Ripley



Explanation of Today's Cartoon

On the Record

Let There Be Light - But How?

The atmosphere in which negotiations have been taking place has until now been wretched. The utility interests have become auspiclous, concerning the just functioning of the government ascendes and commissions. The utterances and press recleases put out almost faily by these searches have not helped the atmosphere, nor have the reputes of the utility companies addressed to the public against the government. It is extremely difficult to come to any reasonable settlement under such a berrape of propagnada and counter-propagnads.

Yet there isn't much question what

Yet there isn't much question what the public -- in whose interest all this supposed to be going on -- wants is supposed to be going on wants. The people have no fragoten the history of some utility companies. They know plenty about past deals between certain industries and holding companies, about sinck righting and stock watering, about the bribling of Legislatures, and their browbealing by powerful lobbies. On the other hand, there iul lobbies. On the other hand, there is little indication that they want to nationalize power, nor do they with legitimate investments destroyed. They want just regulation, decent financing, fair play and cheap power.

The TVA is one source of serious ontention between the government and rivate industries. And utility investors take a growing conviction that the EVA in the way it is operated demonstrates that the Pederal government intents to rell the electricity that its generates at its hydra-electric plants it competition with probles utilities regargless of the cost of producing the avernment. Jowers and repurifies of whether the sales price takes into account the elements of cost to a private utility to produce comparable energy. If the recent expose of The St. Loubs Peds-Dipatchi* fells the fruth—and presamably its figures are from the TVA itself—then the TVA as a pardictely is about?

In the private water-power com-pantes 92%% of the total cost repre-sents interest and depreciation on inent. Only 715% represents opera-

valuation, the investment ractor our main energiate.

Dut the TVA ignores these largest factors, in its own maniful state-factors, in its own maniful state-factors, in its own maniful state-factors, and the production of the pro

Let There Be Light — But Hose?

This rebaseence of utility inventments, twhich would do much to stimulate employment and help arrest the present downward trend, has been precented by the deadlock between the industry and governments.

The atmosphere in which negotiations have been seating place has until new have been taking place has until new have become suspicious, concerning the just functioning of the government ascucies and measurement sources to prove that wherehour, it actually cost the laxager 423 and mills — this, when the plants are fully releases put out almost inity by these indicated. The true cost for 1071 is etilisently all the control of the present of the mated at 7.12 mills. And this is when the rate of interest and depreciation recently approved by the President for Federal projects is applied only to the

for power.

If the figures are correct, then TVA power, with adequate allowance for power cost, and with tarse only one-third of what private utilities have to pay, is costing from two to three times (depending on the plant load) what it

is telling for.

And who is getting this cheap power paid for by the taxpayer? The people? The small consumers? Hardly.

The Post-Dipatch" data show that 8p per cent of the beneficiaries of the laxpayers' generosity are large transfer. So per cent of the beneficiaries of the inxpayers' generosity are large in-dustris, or, as they have been called, economic royalists, chiefly the Aluminum Company of America and the Monsanto Chemical Company, "The Post-Dis-Company of Afferica and the Annahulo Chemical Company, "The Post-Dia-patch" says that the great bulk of the power produced is sold to public utility companies and industrial corporations, with no control whatsoever over resale rates.

I have never believed that public and private power production cannot exist in the same country, having seen too many illustrations of the opposite. But private industry certainly cannot sur-vive if it must compete with public industry—subsidized—by—the—taxpayers industry—subsidized—by—tho—taxpa with an accounting system wholly ferent from its own.

The Law's Language

(Gastonia Gastrie)
Lawyers who object to public criticism of the way their profession does its job might protestably give a little thought to the need for stripping away the involved

the need for stripping were the involved verbiage of legal forms.

For example: In Louisiana recently two men were indicted for murder. They are examples trial, not because the state failed to prove that they were guilty, but simply because the man who drew up the indictiment nadel; an unimportant little mistake in English. The indictement, naming the two men for the murder, said that they "did fectoniously, willuly, unlawfully and of the multer aforethought murder. This decreased genileman. Th' should, of course, have said to their maits aforethought: because it said while 'intered, the state supreme court quashed the indictment.

Earlier Days News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Relaigh

State Library at Releigh:

NOVEMBER 18, 1882
13 YEANG AGO
WILL, CHARLESTON FALL:
The hour draws high which must decide this question so momentous to the Rate of Senit Carolina and to our whole Confederacy. We do not profess to know anything of our real detenses there. But supposing them all that waharr a right to expect, it is nevertheless natural to feel some degree of anxiety as to the Buair result when one considers what formidable preparations the foe has been making to take that metropois. It is supposed that the enemy expects to make the attack by land and sea not that the haval force which is to assait us will be composed of a whole free of iron-tad steamers. It is reasonable to consider that whenever the battue be fought it will be oner the supposed of a whole free of iron-tad steamers. ever the battle be fought it will be one of the most terrible fights ever witof the most terrible fights ever wit-nessed on earth. On our side brave men under the most skillful leaders will men under the most stillful leaders will fight for all that ever would animate the soldier's courage, and if there ever was a desperate resistance to the rader's approach; it will be made then and there. On the enemy's hand the and there. On the enemy's hand the threat threat soldiers of half will stillmake the assault. We suppose no event will give prester suifaction to the whole of Yankjedom than the fall of wiched assaultion. Consideration and the fall of wiched of Yankeedom than the fall of wicked and rebyllous Charleston and the Stars and Stripes more more over Port Sunter. If they ever do make the attempt it will be with the most maple preparations and in the greatest force and with the most determined and carnets and the stream of the

NOVEMBER 16, 1817

—160 YEARS AGO
CHERORRE DEPUTATION
We learn that Col. Sherborne arrived
in this city last evening by the reliroad
with a Cherokee deputation on the way of Plorida in the capacity of mediators between the United States and the between the United States and the Semilnois. This deputation will pro-ceed direct to the camp of the hostil-ties and endeavor to prevail on their brethren to come in and remove west to the land satigned them by the gove-ermment. Col. Sherborne will accomermanni. Col. Sherborne will accom-pany them as the bearer of a talk from the chief of the Cherckees to talk from the chief of the Cherckees to Seminola-chief. This has been done at the instance of the Secretary of Wai, who has been influenced by humans feelings for the condition of these un-fortunate abordsions, and which, it is to be hoped, will terminate success-fulz.

to be hoped, will terminate aucoess-fully.

The names of the chiefs are Bushy Head, Pole Cat, Woodward, Courad and

-Charleston Mercury.

It Never Fails

(New Bern Tribe If the furnace fire wor