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Bad Bears and Nice Bulls

Mr. Roosevelt's SEC Commissioner Douglas has handed the New York Stock Exchange a stiff jolt. He likens the recent tumbling market to a cauldron, in which the brokers have taken an inside part. In the first part of the trading was short selling; and of this short selling, 46 per cent was done by members of the exchange for their own account. This bears out the general belief that the public is always bullish on the short side. It is always down by professional; but in Mr. Douglas's eyes, it does more than that. It shows that the professional — i. e., the shorts in this instance — far from being the stabilizing influence they claim to be, — accentuate a declining market by selling short for speculative profit at a time when public distaste adds a factor of demoralization.

LYNCH BILL IS VOTE BID

By ROSE A. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON.—I have spoken against the main objections to the anti-lynching bill, and Mr. Mark Sullivan has written on it very ably. But there has been considerable question as to the effect of the bill as it is discussed here again — so at the risk of repetition, here goes.

The public which is unwilling to lynch a Federal crime. The principal objection to the bill is that it is a vote bid. This bill does not show a 70 per cent majority, and the lynch bill is a Federal crime. This bill does not show a 70 per cent majority, and the lynch bill is a Federal crime.

Paying Victim Ought Not To Free Drivers

Practice Of Criminal Courts In Drunken Driving Cases Sets Cash Price On Justice.

Dear Sir: I was interested in your editorial concerning drunken drivers in Friday's issue, and you are quite right in saying that the law should be codified so that those drunken drivers who injure persons and property should either serve jail terms or be fined up to the question mark of whom are very strict "white" men are very lenient.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley

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

THIRTEEN THREES CAN BE ARRANGED TO EQUAL 100 AS FOLLOWS: (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) + (3) = 100

Poor Things

Greensboro is a town some eighty miles northeast of here, and time and again we have noticed how it falls lower in Greensboro than it does in Charlotte. The Charlotte post office, a couple of years ago it got so bitterly cold in Charlotte that the temperature went to an almost unheard of above zero. But, hat in Greensboro it went to 3.

Monday night, the lowest reading in the city of Charlotte was 21 degrees below zero. We were not, but not nearly so cold as the minimum of 14 degrees that the good Greensburgers had to endure. It's a blazer's difference, at least.

IDEA TRIED ONCE BEFORE

It defines lynching as three or more people taking and injuring or killing a person charged with, suspected or convicted of a crime. When this happens, the responsible state or municipal corp which willfully neglected its duty, or failed to arrest the lynchers, can be tried, sent to the penitentiary as a convicted felon. Also, in behalf of any person so injured or killed, the U. S. Attorney General, using Federal funds, can bring a civil suit against any town where such a thing occurred and collect damages up to \$10,000.

WE THOUGHT THE PICTURES WERE GOOD OURSELVES, AND WE APPRECIATE THE PRAISE

Dear Sir: Perhaps you might be interested to know that at least one man who has studied the photographs of action in football games considers the picture you published at the bottom of your sports news section's front page Sunday the most interesting that has come to his attention.

IT SEEMS TO ME

STAMFORD, Conn., Nov. 26.—I worked at least thirty-five minutes this morning cutting up a tree for firewood, and this makes the first full day I have ever put in at manual labor. Although proud of myself, the man whom I will envy from this day forth is the fellow in the circus who saw a woman in two.

MODEL TOWN—KEENE, TEXAS.

ITS INHABITANTS NEITHER DRINK, SMOKE, CHEW TOBACCO, EAT MEAT—GO TO THE MOVIES—OR CARRY LIFE INSURANCE. DANCING-FICTION MAGAZINES, PLAYING CARDS ARE PROHIBITED. JAZZ MUSIC—ROCKE—LIPSTICKS—AND HULL POLLEN ARE FORBIDDEN. ALTHOUGH A COLLEGE TOWN (SOUTHWESTERN JR. COLLEGE) BASEBALL—FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL HAVE NEVER BEEN INCLUDED IN.

16 STRAWBERIES ON ONE STEM. Grown by E.L. GILBERT, Greensboro, N.C.

Whether outcroppings of the Ant-Union League propose to break down the rigid bars of the Gulf Stream is closer on account of the great gray in the Atlantic or God simply and justly tempers the winds to Mecklenburg lams, we know not. But we believe that common sense and the readings in Charlotte and Greensboro, only eighty miles apart as the crow flies, will show a constant mildness in favor of the Queen City.

Speaking of Confidence

One thing more about the "public distaste" engendered by the downhill stock market of the last few weeks.

Mr. Douglas speaks of greater public confidence in exchanges and the pieces fixed thereon. The obvious resort for Wall Street to make to this is, "What about public confidence in the administration?"

CIVILIANS WALK; SOLDIERS RIDE

(Fayetteville Observer)

We doubt very seriously if there will be much joy riding in Italy now that Mussolini has bowed the price of gasoline by tax to 60 cents a gallon.

GLAD YOU LIKED WHAT WE SAID, MR. HOOVER, AND WE HOPE IT HELPED A BIT

Dear Sir: Since my return to Washington my attention has been called to your editorial entitled "Senseless But Not Hopeless" which appeared in The Charlotte News on October 29, 1937. It is indeed good to know that you are in accord with the views which I recently expressed before the Association of Law Enforcement Officers of the Carolinas at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on October 24, 1937, with reference to parole.

Go West, Young Man

(Louis Grove, Chapel Hill Weekly)

An acquaintance of mine who used to live in Colorado tells me of a letter the president of a college out there, a man known for his solemnity and for his wholesome precepts, wrote to a promising young high school graduate. There was an intense athletic rivalry between this college and another one in the state. It so happened that the high school graduate was an exceptionally good football player; so good, in fact, that he was famous all over the Rocky Mountain region. Both the first college and the second college were eager to secure him as a recruit. The first college got him, and later on the youth showed the president's letter to him, which ran as follows: "I find that we are able to offer you a scholarship to the value of \$500. I want you to know, however, that this offer has no relation to your athletic ability but is offered to you because of your splendid Christian character."

Earlier Days

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

NOVEMBER 24, 1937
75 YEARS AGO
FROM FREDERICKSBURG

Richmond.—Several trains arrived in the city on Saturday and Sunday, bringing the women and children from Fredericksburg.

A lady who left the city about 11 o'clock on Saturday informs us that the Yankees threw about 18 shells at one train that with women and children, then leaving the city. No damage was done—some of the shells falling short of the mark, while others passed over it. Our latest intelligence is to a school last evening. The women's guns are still silent and suppositions were rife that no attack on the town would occur, but that the enemy would execute a mysterious disappearance. Burnside evidently desired to sweep the south side of the Rappahannock and his tardiness in engaging an attack is attributable, we think, more to prudence than to strategy, and if he gives up the attempt without a fight it will not be because he did not desire the position and the east of success. He is now doubtful about what he will have a force to encounter sufficient to push him severely for his rashness and that his positions and appointments are not very greatly surpassed by his own. There are no bridges by which he can cross and above that he will force a passage of the river it is very probable that not much of his force would be left to herald the glories of a grand assault.

—Richmond Recorder.

Debts and the Tax Dollar

North Carolina is getting, and deserves, favorable notice for the rate at which she is paying off her State and local debts. Governor Hoey came out with a proud statement on it the other day showing a net reduction in bonded indebtedness of \$1,000,000 in the last five and one-half years. The Governor might have added, truthfully, that North Carolina had a larger debt still to pay off than all the states but six, six adverse states which in truth have more arrears with the comptroller than have since 1923 only five other states have brought their debts down at all.

Strange Bedfellows

One of the assumptions commonly taken for granted in international politics is that the allies of the so-called fascist bloc of nations — i. e., Italy, Germany and Japan, but as a matter of fact, it seems a somewhat dubious one.

Japan, to begin with, is not really allied at all. It is simply a still more or less feudal nation, masquerading in the form of a parliamentary state, and actually dominated by a military clique. And Japan's effort to hog the trade of the East is tantamount to the German and Italian as to England and France, and the United States.

A Fox on Both

(Herald News & Observer)

The Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, a gentleman aware of the power that advertising announces that he would like to debate Earl Browder, head of the Communist party in America, at Chapel Hill. He would even pay for the broadcasting. And it would be cheap in order that he might have the old idea that the world must choose between the follies of the Right and the Left is being depicted. There is no real choice between Klan and Communist. Both are crutely repressive of human dignity and human freedom. And neither offer any security which democracy does not more certainly provide.

Visiting Around

What'd They Play—Hop-Skotch? (Fayetteville Herald Item, Shelby Star)

Mrs. Vic Martin gave a bean party Thursday afternoon. After shelling beans, the party was taken to the pasture where games were enjoyed. Mrs. Martin played devoted egg-ham and egg and peanut butter sandwiches and hot chocolate.

HELP ARRIVES

But presently I could no longer continue as the staid woodman. I couldn't remember the rest of the words, and there was no air in my lungs. Indeed, I felt as if I had in the last two and a half minutes of the game against the Yale freshmen basketball team been played thirty-one years ago. And so I engaged in the fantasy of pretending that the tree was the alert (Yule, i. e.) log, and I was the alert Harvard aggregation. Every time I slammed the maple with the crossbar I would cry, "You're the great Clint Frank, are you?"

Their Pal

(Goldboro News-Argus)

"I got one of those unemployment letters," said a highly placed colored woman of the former for the voluntary census, "I have a job but President Roosevelt didn't know that."

How pleasing it is to most of us when we think we receive special attention from somebody in a high place in the world and our pleasure at such recognition results in our warming up toward the person giving us such attention.

So well is this psychology understood that it is regularly followed by President Roosevelt in notes addressed to officials and others by their first names.

Bob Reynolds does it, too, opening letters to people he may have met only once with "Dear (first name)" to a man or "My Dear Miss (first name)" to a young lady.

At the same time, the picture of the State Government applying for a third of its revenue to debt payments and of the local governments devoting anywhere from half to three-fourths of their revenue to the same purpose, is no longer in doubt. The State and the State is spending 77.2% of its expenditures on debt service; this year, 20.5%. Last year, 20.5%. Mecklenburg County spent \$100,000 of this tax dollar to pay off its debt; this year, \$25,000. The State and the State is spending 77.2% of its expenditures on debt service; this year, 20.5%. Last year, 20.5%. Mecklenburg County spent \$100,000 of this tax dollar to pay off its debt; this year, \$25,000.

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