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#### A La Ickes

"Defense" Blackout Leaves a Bod Odor

Almost as if in response to North arolina Utility Commissioner Win-pric's question, the Carolinas "defense" power blackout has been lifted. Up un-til yesterday's announcement, local mer-chants and theater operators had all but resigned themselves to a continua-bilion of the restrictions through Dec. 15. This was the situation that prompt-id Mr. Winborne's question:

If the "defense" blackout is saving only about one per cent of the power being transmitted out of the sixte, and if recent rainfalls have made the proposed additional 30 per cent out in the Caro-linas unnecessary, why should the black-out continue until Dec. 159

It turns out that the Commissioner had a solid basis for his suspicions.

Mr. Winborne saw no reason why the Carolinas blackout should not be lifted caronnas ouexout should not be lifted at once. No sooner said than done. But the whole business leaves the after-bodur of a created Government "short-bage" designed for its effect on an unsuppeting populace. Many of us had hoped that when the Oreat Ickes Oil Sthortage fill through we had not the oreat of the contract Shortage fell through, we had seen the last of such deception. Apparently there is more than one thriple-threat man in the 1941 New Deal backfield.

#### Bitter Tea

But Carolina Alumni Will Have To Drink It

To the University of North Carolina's ootball-minded alumni the 1941 gridiron ampaign was bitter tea. They drank down, however, to the last dregs of the niliation by Virginia, resolving with

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Will meet in Chapel Hill Sunday to put Bi up to President Frank Oraham. Specifically they want to award 50 atheits who was a sunday that the second of the president frank or an hold that Back block that kick, and go! go! go! And, unless we miss our guess, Dr. Sraham will reply something like this:

Titly scholarships yes sizer, we'd sectably like to have them. Plenty of deserving bey, too. Only one thing, deserving bey, too. Only one thing, the sectably between the sectably deserved by the sectably deserved by the sectably deserved by whether they are athletes or not. Don't you think so? I don't see how we could afford to desurably a boy just because he doesn't happen to be an abilities.

And there Dr. Graham will stand, and stand and stand and no circum-tance or combination of circumstances will shake him.

will shake him.

Tall him we can't afford to lose aff
the time? That's been tried before. If
we can't get good athletes to come to
Gardina without offering special bounlies, he will say, it would be better to
less with honor han to win dishonorably.

bly.

Bo the alumni will go home and back of the old hit-or-miss business of sub-dising football players on the sly, an acceedingly hit-or-miss undertaking at each. But officially, at least, the homor of the disac University will have been aved again.

#### Japan's Choice

It Appears To Re War Before Christmas

If she wishes it, Japan may have war with the United States and her allies on the hour's notice. As matters were shapng up in Vichy Indo-China today, it speared that she didn't care if she

That it would be a fruitless and trapic sir, no one doubts. The United States has no iterritorial designs on Asia. The set we could hope for would be the resumption of formal trade in the Pa-sific. By clubbing Japan to her knees, as we shall be obliged to do if the in-sists on fighting, we shall have pauper-bed one of our best dustomers in that

For Japah, the certain consequences You Japan, the certain consequences were made increased and the second service action. Bhe will look were made in the second of our service the first impact of seatern bedrieflory. She will find her self-anking far down among the third-than powers, with no modern navy, a sarunken merchant marine ruined insurines, as sayving and rebellious populate, as easy mark for Communism. These are the consequences of defeat used if Japan goes to war against use will most certainly taste them. Legically, as Raymond Clapper points and Japan should be on the side of the

other two great maritime powers, Eng-land and America. In such a position she could gain far more than by un-principled aggression. Yet, Japan's leaders have chosen to give in to Ger-

man intrigue and pressure, and all must man initigue and pressure, and all must share the consequences.

For our part, all of us must face the fact that barring an entirely unforeseen miracle, we shall be at war with Japan by Christmas.

## More Like It

New Taxi Ordinance Offers Public More Protection

The proposed City ordinance fixing The proposed City ordinance fixing the bonds of taxicab operators is based on the same naive principle of "the more cars, the less liability." but would afford much greater coverage, at that, Whereas at present an operator of 66 cabs, say, has to put up a bond of only \$11,400, or an average of \$100 per cab, his bond would be raised by the new contents of \$100 per cab. ordinance to \$38,900, an average of nearly \$650 apiece,

That is still nowhere near comparable with the insurance which owners of pri-vate cars take out, but it is a consider-

with the Insurance which owners of private cars take out, but it is a considerable improvement over the ordinance now on the books. And the proposed ordinance likewise increases the Citys stipulated protection from \$2,500 for injury to one person (\$5,000 for injury) to one person (\$5,000 for

substantially in any particular.

# Spectral Army

Only Cowardly Tyrants Use the Political Prison

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Use the Political Prison

Re-opening of three more old French
prisons to house part of the 34,600 persons who live behind hars in the unoccupied portion of France offers a norry
commentary on the decade to end. Dec.
31, 1941. There are now more political
prisoners in the isilis and concentration
camps of the world—and more political
refusees—than ever before in all history.
How many human beings have been
condemned to servitude and banishment
for purely political reasons, no man can
ay. There are millions of them. And
nearly all of this monstrous incarecration has come about in the space of a
few years. On November 37, 1931, there
were only a handful—lewer, probably,
than at any other time since the exrefree days of the early 1900's.

Aside from the sheer inhumanily of
the thing, the political pison is a prime
symptom of moral decay—a sure sign
that those in power have surre-dered to
their own inner cowardice. It is the
reaction of feartiul men who date not expose their ideas and institutions to pubfine criticism. Instead they lock all potential challengers in cells and call
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.: Do not these spectral armies of the Do not these spectral armies of the oppressed now parade before the eyes of surpose new frampt. Hear their voices, Adolf Hitler: the quiet concert of Person Control of Person Cartains, praying together in the Roman wreng, the ope-old, chant of Jeess, berding under the Epytian lash; the heavy song of homeless Russians driven additional their properties of a storich Person. Person paradial that the paradial prison, person with the political prison, person between the paradial prison, person the earlier of a few years but eventually citizen are struck off and free men the earn struck of and free men the earn with the political prison. Person we would be carried as the political prison. Person we would be carried as the political prison. Person we would be carried to the political prison. Person we would save only with the blood of the oppressor.

# Short War Promises

By Hugh S. Johnson

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M not follow it is a very liberal
paraphrase of a letter from one of
our younger officlash working on
the defense problem. From what
I have seen of
his thinking and



newspapers. I have before me a considerable amount of this atta which is used liberally as handouts. The following paragraph appears among it:

#### HALTING AGGRESSION BY BELT-TIGHTENING

BY BELL-TIGHTENING.

"The one great question confronting the people of the United States today is how rapidly we want to get ith join done. If we want to get ith join done. If we can to remission production, it is virtually certain we can hall agreement in a comparatively short limit. We have productine capacity we have production. If we do, we while or not we use all of it for defense to the American people whether or not, we use all of it for defense production. If we do, we can re-limit to normal living far sooner production. If we do, we can continue to the advance of the production of the production of the processing the production of the processing the

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VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE.
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## Dangerous

Billy Arthur in Onslow County News & Views "There are two things to beware of." a Marine declared the other night. One if a pointed gun, and the other is a second lieutenant."



In the Carolinas, for the first time in war maneuvers, girl re-porters are covering the "wom-ann's angle." It sounds as dread-ful as ladies' day at the bell park.

For any worthy war charity, Rollywood should now be a soft touch, as it has all that dough that used to go into bundles for Bloft.

"The first reflex of the new-born infant is a yawn." Tire-some, isn't it, that haby talk of parents?

# Running Comment

—Ry Herblock

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By Raymond Clapper

WARHINGTON
THE State Department has been
I following a generous policy towed
Japan, Vichy France and pro-Nazi Spain.
This has been described by critics in
and out of the Administration, as ap-

fawors, to treat thom generously, hoping to win them from the continuous and collaboration with the Axis or induce them to allow down our game as much as possible. It has been a policy of doing favors in the hope of having the favors reciprocated. For a long time we sent oil and other materials to Japan, and we began to shut down only after new aggression by Japan. We have sent oil, food and other supplies into Ytchy's North African ecolosies and into Bpain until the last few days. And now we have have had to stop it because we found it was getting us nowhere.

MANY CONSIDERED OUR POLICY FUTILE

WASHINGTON

peasement.
The policy roughly has been to cultivate three pro-Axis Governments, to do them

Generosity



#### Letters to the Editor:

# A Soldier's Poetic Thanks

Editors, The News;
In view of the wonderful hospi-tality and friendship shown by the people down here toward the sol-ders; I have written a little poem of appreciation and thanks: THANK YOU, CAROLINA We've seen your Carolina moon. Your innersuckie vine, and switched King Cotton all in Deam.
We've heard your aleepytime.

We've watched your muddy rivers flow, And ate fried chicken divine, But these are only nutward show. They pass away with time.

Carolina! We've a lot to thank you

for.
You gave us a welcome hand.
You opened up your hearts to us,
Strangers in your land.

You gave us more than friendship, I guess they call it brotherly love. You showed with deed and not with lip.
That God still dwells above,

So, farewell Carolins,
You're in our memory every day,
Each with our shoulder to the wheel
The true American way.
—LOUIS BITTMAN. Co. I, 194th Infanity, Army Post Office 26, N. C.

#### Negroes Need More Than Policeman

Editors, THE NEWS:

Than Policeman
Editors, This News:
To me, the letter from two colored preachers, appealing for more present of the present of

modern churches—with kitchens and banquet halls. In the meantime, leta send to this Afro-American juncle some missionaries—preferably, physicians with the meaning of the present diseases and multurition. But jending the redemption of the Greenville section Negroes, it is also that the section is an unarmoral car without a bodyguard.

LEWIS A. SMITH. Charlette.

The Liquor Mennee
Editors, The News:
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#### "Dry" Handling of The Linuor Menace

a current campaign.

The present position of dry publicate acress to be substantially this: Despite the fact that dry rule was allotted a censury, in which to demonstrate its practicability the only enlighterment dry appraise is the data offered by a nation-wide dissemination of

the generally recognized furth that the excessive use of alcohol is a pronounced exil, Once this endeavor is finished it becomes both discontinuous and the product of the excessive use of alcohol is a pronounced exil, provided in the excessive probability of the excessive probability of the excessive probability of the excessive products of the excessive

# Definition

#### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

We must wait and see, but live each day nobly: Make me know my end and the measure of my days!—Psalm 39:4.

#### Side Glances



"I wish your father would stop strutting like that! Any-body who knows him can tell he's just had a promotion, and this 8:15 train is simply filled with insurance men!"

MASY CONSIDERED OUR POLICE FUTILE.

This polley has been decidedly unpopular with some sections of American continen. Some within the Government have considered it futile, it not securily harmful to American interests.

Secretary Hull and Undersecretary Welles are men of high ability, seasoned judgment and long experience in International relations. My own inclination has been to give them the benefit of the doubt in this polley, as they knew much more about the facts with which they were dealing than I round possibly know. In these mattern one must take a good deal on faith and wait for the results have not justified the polley. On that basis the polley must be put down as having been a mistaken one.

The proof of the faiture is written in the events themselves. In spite of our easy polley, Japan, continued her accreasion and was moving already lighter south until we were compelled as a measure of punishment to tithen the blockade. Japan took advantage of the easy policy as long as she could and then became abustive when we refused to centime it. One showed to dispensions the response to response to the result on the product of centime it. One showed in dispensions to reciprocate while we were

and then became abustice when we re-tured to continue it. One showed in disposition to reciprocate while we were allowing supplies to go to her, and only became more unity when the apagot was turned off. The policy didn't no anything except supply Japan with ma-terials which were exential to her war effort. Fifort.

JAPANERS MILITARISTS
NIED NO EXCUSES

The argument was that by supplying their argument was that by supplying their markets we would be encouraging the peaceful elements in Japan and sould be draping the Japaness militaristis an excuse for action. We have learned that when the militarists in Japan want an excuse they find it regardless of what our policy might be.

We supplied oil and other materials to French North Africa, in the hope of cultivating the favor of General Weysand. The object was to wean him from Vichy in the hope that centurally he would break and throw his North African section of the Fredch Empire to the Allied side. That was a policy but the one of result fact, the presence of Weysand in North Africa. When the Germans decided the time

# Of Religion

The News Two News Twas wondering at the following definition would satisfy M. J. B. Garant Schene that the last of the last of

—J W. FRASER.

322 Lamar Avenue,
Charlotte.

# presence of Weysand in North Africa. When the Germen decided the time-had come, tipy pulled the chain and worehalf Central Weysand was weared down the drain and we were left with-cut our potential friend. We then cut off exports to French North Africa. It is said we gained time. We Rained only so much time as Hitler cared to allow its and no more. In addition we supplied a large quantity of materials as territory which is now in Hitlers grasp.

WE KNEW SPAIN WAS AN AXIS SUBSIDIARY We have known all slong that Spain

We have known all along that Realn was playing ball with Hiller. But we thought to cheek this by allowing oil to go to Spain. There is aome suspicion that this oil was in excess of Spaintsh needs and has found its way into Aut hands. We don't know much about what has actually happened to it. So within the last few days we have revoked expert licenses for oil to Opani. Reluctantity, and after long delay, the State Department has acquelesced it the view which many groups have had for a long time that it is a waste of time in try to play ball with Auta and pro-Axis constitutes. It has become 'clear' and a state of time in try to play ball with Axis and proin try to play ball with Axis and pro-Axis countries. It has become clear that such efforts mean only one thing, We are used by the other size, a Vichy la concerned. It remains to be seen whether we have learned it with re-gard, to Japan. The test will be whether we have learned it with re-gard to Japan. The test will be whether we risks the economic squeeze which has been applied during the last few months for snything short of an improbable reversal of Japanese policy.

# Visitin' Around

Dry Drinkers

(Rt. 1 item, Lexington Dispatch)

Lexington Dispatch)

C. L. Craver's well has gone dry which is a great inconvenience for one can not do without water at all. 27 min is not soon forthcoming more wells are soon expected to be dry.