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When a jury of six white citizens agrees that a white police officer has unjustifiably shot a Negro—a Negro of bad reputation and with a criminal record—a Negro of no standing and no influence—and when this jury finds cause to bind over the officer to Superior Court that he may be tried by his peers. It is a sign that the ideal of an equal and exact justice to all men, without regard to race, color, religion or any other factor, except simple right and wrong, is still strong within this Southern society.

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throw—has already made it perfectly clear that the only thing he is prepared to respect is force. And he knows very well that the United States isn't prepared to use force. The primary intent of our statement in the government of Shanghai is the safety of our nationals there, and he is probably going to be too canny to imperil that again. Only a small part of the revenue of the Chinese government is derived from the opium trade. To us, and as for the China trade, we hate to lose it, but the mere cost of moving the American grand fleet into Oriental waters would almost outbalance its total value. It is worth the expenditure under no view of the matter. And the American people are dead set against fighting in any case.

All that, the little brown man knows. And so, having dutifully filed our protest, he is going on cheerfully thumbing his nose at us.

More Jersey Justice

Jersey City and its Mayor Hague and its Judge Anthony Botti of the fine old colonial American Rollick, we presume might very well call themselves to Governor Oliver Johnson of New Jersey for a lesson in how to deal with the CIO. It astonishes us a little to find ourselves saying that, for we have not always admired the Governor. Nevertheless—

Yesterday in New Jersey, pursuant to the announced determination of Mayor Hague to keep the CIO out of his town regardless, thirteen CIO organizers were hauled before Judge Botti of the fine old American Rollick, and sentenced to five days in jail for the great crime of distributing handbills. It was about as raw a proceeding as open Americanism has ever known, directed to the end of achieving Mayor Hague's purpose.

And Governor Johnson? Replying to the query of the Palmist Klavens of the Ku Klux Klan, the Governor said that he had no objection to the night shifters, as to how he stood on the CIO, he had to say:

"I endorse any organization which is devoted to the improvement of the living conditions of the people of this State, so long as they do not violate the laws and statutes of the State, or the United States."

Exactly. The Governor quite clearly understands the American system—as Hague, Botti and company just as clearly do not.

And the Price Tag?

So Miss Eleanor and Miss Doris went traipsing over the West Virginia hills, the one exclaiming over her pet projects and the other exclaiming over her pet projects and the one exclaiming over her pet projects and the other exclaiming over her pet projects.

It's Wrong; It's Right

In his message to Congress on Monday yesterday, the President said:

"If the building industry is to play the vital part that it ought to play in the reconstruction of our economic system, it must do it in the characteristic American way. It must develop, as other great industries have developed, the American genius for efficient and economical large scale production."

We ask you, now, if this isn't a direct contradiction of Presidential policies, defined over and over by the President himself, as business per se? We ask you if it isn't exactly what we have been protesting to talk one day as though he wanted the American economic structure brought down to the level of Little Business and then through Big Business, with its large scale production, were our prime hope of bringing about the more abundant life?

Hardly more than a year ago—October 21, 1935, when the President was campaigning for reelection—he gave voice to an exactly contrary opinion. Defending basic tax changes instituted during his administration, in one instance he said:

"We decreased the tax rates on small corporations. Want to know that the American thing to do is to tax bigness at a higher rate than smallness, and the characteristic American way is large scale production, in fine, bigness, America obviously is damned if it does and damned if it doesn't."

For the Record

Secretary Hull's note to Japan yesterday was not at all friendly for the record. Hereafter, what has always been clear will be clearer still—that the United States believes in China's sovereign right as a nation, that it desires and supports the open door in China trade, and that it will not recognize Japan's right to seize command of the government and customs of Shanghai and to attempt to hog the Chinese trade. But as for the note's having any practical effect at the moment, of course it isn't going to have.

The little brown brother—or the little white—who runs his country,

THIS AGENCY GUMS RELIEF

By W. C. DOWD, JR.

WASHINGTON.—The community chest plan is the best relief idea ever invented. Help of the underprivileged is an art. No individual, no matter how generous, can have the time, the skill, or the know-how to make the most of the need for relief is greatest, or how to make the most of the need for relief is greatest, or how to make the most of the need for relief is greatest.

IT GRABS THE VOTES

No individual can possibly do that—and neither can any remote political government. It is a great vote-getter to be able to say of the commander of the faithful to the receivers of the bounty—"Variety, wouldn't it be the hand that feeds thee?" Yes, it is a great vote-getter and political perpetuator to be able to take other people's money by taxation, broadcast it unthinkingly and then receive thanksgivings due a protector of the poor as though the money came from you, whereas in truth it came from rich and poor alike who gave it and shook it down in taxes.

I don't know what would be shown by a study of whether more actual relief to sufferers is bought by a community chest dollar than by a WPA dollar, but I would be willing to wager that the former goes at least three times as far.

WHEREFORE THE WPA

Why in humanity should the Federal Government reach into communities completely organized through these great old systems and parallel them with a more or less politically controlled WPA organization? The latter spends wastefully or unthinkingly the money taken out of these same communities by taxation. This practice leaves existing and far more efficient organizations to along as best they can on what they can bring by appeals to the little mercy of man—blessed while already by taxation for the former. Why, through its own representation on these community chest committees, can't the Federal Government do better than to let the existing organizations do the work?

Such a change had better be given the promptest kind of consideration. The relief paid to the unemployed in new waves of unemployment. Revenue is falling just as fast. Past extravagance of Federal relief has scraped the bottom of the barrel of Federal credit. Maybe it wasn't necessary earlier to consider whether a dollar could be made to go further than one line for the relief of human suffering—but it is necessary now. The people most interested in doing that are not the economic royalists, but the underprivileged who are going to suffer worse than ever if it isn't done at once.

The Hard Part

(Goldstein News-Argus)

We glanced over an editorial of about 600 words. The final paragraph was this:

"Certain it is the peace-loving forces of the world need to act upon some constructive policy to save the world from impending chaos."

The whole editorial amounted to just as much. Terrible time. Democracies. Gross violation of international law. Aggressive nations. Utter callousness to human suffering. Dangers to civilization.

"Need to act upon some constructive policy—"

Absolutely! But what?

Visiting Around

(Did He Get It?)

(Cesar Item, Shelby Star)

Wanna Moore of Mooraborn was the dinner guest last Monday of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Telat.

Which One Shot It?

(Lynch News-Topie)

D. A. Smith, Tom Smith, and Goodwin Bloomfield have returned from a hunting trip, all three bringing back a deer.

Yeh, Cross the Street or Go Some Place

(Rutherford News)

There is too much "blocking" or congesting on the sidewalks in town on Saturday afternoon, especially among the colored people. The sidewalks were made for the use of the public. Move on.

Why Sneeze We Know—Night Time

(Amberst Item, Moragton News-Herald)

Mrs. L. C. Horton killed a nice porker last week, weighing around 350 pounds. It is a good time as far as the weather is concerned to kill and some folks say it was a good one.

So if you want lots of land and good kill on the moon. If you know what time that is.

Bowlin's Shot Justified By Citing Record

Open Letter To Our City Heads Urges Forthright Police Methods, No Criticism.

Dear Sir:

The attached letter was sent to Mayor Ben Douglas of the City of Charlotte and Mr. Charles C. Beasley, Chairman of the Charlotte Civil Service Commission.

On Monday, November 22, at the meeting of this association this letter was ordered sent to the above by unanimous vote.

D. W. WHITE, Secretary, Charlotte Ass'n of Manufacturers Representatives, Charlotte.

The Letter

Mayor Ben Douglas, Mr. Charles C. Beasley, Chairman of the Charlotte Civil Service Commission, Gentlemen:

At the meeting last Monday of the Charlotte Association of Manufacturers Representatives, it was voted unanimously that you should be sent a letter commending the police department of the City of Charlotte for its efficient handling of criminals and its honest efforts in the suppression of crime.

We have noticed in our local papers several news items in regard to one of our city police officers shooting a Negro by the name of William Connor (now deceased). We do not know the entire circumstances but we do understand that the Negro attempted to use a knife on the arresting officers in order to make a get-away. We have taken the time and trouble of going to police headquarters and we are listing below the record of the Negro as given us by the Identification Bureau:

Case No. 607, February 16, 1926, larceny, 5 days in jail.

Case No. 627, March 16, 1926, drink, and costs.

Case No. 6681, October 1, 1929, traffic, 45 and costs.

Case No. 3641, October 31, 1931, drink, 11.

Case No. 343, January 26, 1932, larceny, 30 days on road.

Case No. 6345, August 20, 1932, larceny, 4 months on road.

Case No. 6345, December 24, 1932, larceny, 6 months on road.

We believe that any person with a record such as above should have but little consideration, and we do not consider that he or any other person is entitled to any consideration whatsoever of attempting to use a knife as a weapon on arresting officers or citizens.

Here is another record that comes from the records of the police department that should make all honest and decent citizens of Charlotte hand their heads in shame. From January 1st of 1932 to January 1st of this year, inclusive, there had 25 murders.

We had 200 cases of assault, 545 cases of house-breaking and larceny, and 80 hold-ups in this same period. Now, is not the time to halt our police department. It is time the order should be to attempt to get and questioning after its dealing with criminals, and it is time for civic-minded people to assist the police department instead of criticizing it.

The sooner criminals realize that the police department means business and will shoot if necessary, the sooner we will curb crime in this community.

An officer should not only be armed with deadly weapons but should be armed with the confidence of his superiors and citizens of the community, and the feeling that in an emergency his decision would be final and that he would be supported both morally and legally in any action he might take.

We firmly believe that Officer Bowlin should be commended by the city officials for defending himself and his brother officer, and that the citizens of the community should join in with them. The handling of crime and criminals is not a powder-puff job. We also believe that the police department should be directed exclusively by our city officials, and should not be troubled with threats of prosecution of police officers for doing their duty. And we, as an organization, offer our services in any manner that we can help to make Charlotte a better, cleaner, safer, crimeless city.

D. W. WHITE, Secretary, Charlotte Ass'n of Manufacturers Representatives, Charlotte, Nov. 23.

Editor's Note—This letter was somewhat long and repetitious in its original form. We have taken the liberty of editing it for brevity, though without in anywise altering the argument.

The Bad King

(Augusta Herald)

Except for cotton there would have been no large demand for slaves. One might go a step further and blame the evils of the Civil War, it would take no wide stretch of the imagination to label it with curse-giving powers like that of gold.

Among the richest lands in the world are today being eroded and well-nigh impoverished by slaves. No crop takes so much from the soil and so readily promotes erosion.

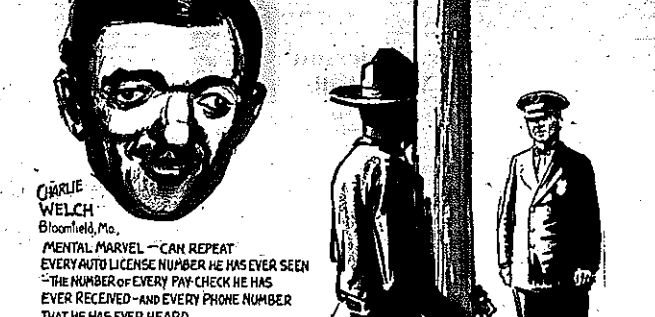
The glomer that poets gave to the cotton fields of the Old South is gone and in its stead there is the stark reality of any of the individual contributors.

Will it be as it should be. Still, it will admit that in touching

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

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

CHARLIE WELCH Bloomfield, Mo. MENTAL MARVEL—CAN REPEAT EVERY AUTO LICENSE NUMBER HE HAS EVER SEEN—THE NUMBER OF EVERY PAY-CHECK HE HAS EVER RECEIVED—AND EVERY PHONE NUMBER THAT HE HAS EVER HEARD



6	1025	796	876	126	156
216	306	276	696	376	846
276	636	156	486	546	786
816	516	676	606	426	246
966	666	366	336	756	96
906	36	66	186	936	1056

EACH LINE OF 6 NUMBERS ADDS UP TO 3786. 6 ROWS OF 6 NUMBERS 36 NUMBERS IN ALL. EACH NUMBER IS A MULTIPLE OF SIX—AND ENDS IN SIX.

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

IT SEEMS TO ME

WALTER PRICHARD EATON used to say that his mother always insisted on subscribing to the Boston Transcript because "it sets so well on the pantry shelves." In the same sort of generous spirit I want to pay a tribute to the New York Herald Tribune.

Of all the newspapers which I have tried it is far the best for starting a fire.

I don't know why, but up to date I have used the Nashville Banner, the Daily Worker, the Stamford Advocate, the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times. None of these compares with the Herald Tribune. It will do the trick even when there is little kindling and all the logs are wet and green.

This may not seem important to you city dwellers who can have your heat merely by turning a little knob on the wall. Here along the frontier we must heat our homes by open burning and how to get it quickly. Until the bill is off the room I cannot break the ice in the pitcher and get down to my daily ablutions.

What's That For? Of course the entire credit does not belong to New York's most inflammable paper. My own talent I have improved. To some extent I have improved my own technique of fire making through dint of necessity and experience. A month ago I could hardly start a decent fire with anything less than all the Sunday sections. Now simply by twisting the editorial page a little I can create a conflagration fit to set Nero to fiddling or East Indian widows to jumping.

However, it is more fun to use the entire paper because the Herald Tribune burns much like a driftwood log. Your eye detects blue and purple flames, and even a hint of red upon