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this manufacturer's proposed textile control bill.
Regimentation? Of course. Arbitrary curtailment of production in defiance of God's gifts to man? Precisely. A factor for reducing employment? In the short run, obviously. A withholding of cotton materials who had the world and a third of America are insufficiently clothed? Bure. A sacrifice of world markets and a go-ahead signal to the textile industry's foreign competing? It comes pretty close to being that.

Without knowing or anything about Mr. Kopper or Mr. Leonard or whatever his name is, we'll take a small bet that he's a Republican and that he sneers at the stock Republican as much as he sneers at the stock Democrat. It comes pretty close to being that.

One of the quirks of North Carolina justice is the rarity of death sentences for Negro murderers of Negroes. Only in the last few years has the state begun to show signs to the belief that "a life for a life" applied without regard to the color line; and there has been some slight realization that somehow Negroes must be punished for killing each other, at least in a temporary and with comparative immunity from punishment.

Last week Governor Hoy paroled a Negro sentenced in Richmond County in 1934 to 20-25 years for the second-degree murder of an elderly Negro. Knowing nothing of the details of this killing, we dare risk the observation that when a white jury convicts a Negro of murder in the second degree, his crime was not likely to have been simple murder. Error in the racial affairs is usually on the side of leniency rather than inexorability. And three years' time even for manslaughter is pretty light.

This is at least the second time that Governor Hoy -- for valid reasons -- has paroled a Negro. In the special case, mercy must have been warranted; but as a matter of policy, implacable vengeance is what the tendencies of the race demand.

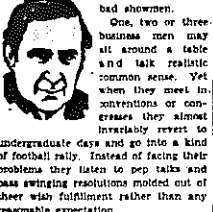
Nanking, the fall of which appears to be inevitable, and a recent city not named in footings, was only ten years ago, for example, that the same Chiang Kai-shek who now has fled Nanking himself marched triumphally into the city, and in the revolutionary disturbances in China, Chiang had sided himself with and become field commander of the South China forces which had sprung up under the stimulus of that remarkable, artful Russian agent, Michael Borodin. Armed and trained by the Soviet, the efficient Chinese army swept its way almost unimpeded into Shanghai, through the Valley of the Yangtze into Nanking and Hankow.

But Peking, the northern capital, remained in the hands of the warlord Chang, and while Chiang Kai-shek was on expedition to bring it to terms, he received reports of Borodin's conspiracies and intrigues which went far beyond his conception of the undertaking into which he had thrown himself. Returning with all haste, Chiang gathered loyal troops about him and laid siege to Nanking. It fell, easily, as Chinese cities do fall, and the Red Borodin fled across the Mongolian Desert into Russia.

This was the beginning of the strong nationalist government which has endured in China until now, but it was not wholly an auspicious beginning. For one thing, Chiang's legions hated the white foreigners, and keeping it laid low until the beleaguered embassies and their staffs could escape over the walls to the ships below. This siege within a siege almost brought on a punitive expedition by the government whose national war was being waged in China. But the cool head of the Coolidge Administration in Washington averted serious trouble. And was not averted, however, was alarm in Tokyo at the unification under Chiang of a giant nation of 400,000,000 souls, a nation which was just beginning to realize its potentialities. The fall of Nanking, with this imminent prospect of the Japanese never desisted in their purpose either to hold the whiphand over China or to break it up into impotent small states.

We could venture a prophecy on the coming Soviet election with a considerable degree of confidence. If we knew anything of the candidates...

IT SEEMS TO ME
BY HEWOOD BROWN
THE notion that all American business leaders are very dumb is grossly exaggerated. But the idea has gained some currency, and in part it is based upon the fact that the kings and capitalists of finance, who enjoy the greatest...



One, two or three business men may sit around a table and talk over a problem. When they meet in conventions or congresses they almost invariably revert to undergraduate days and go into a kind of football rally. Instead of facing their problems they listen to pep talks and pass swinging resolutions milled out of sheer wish fulfillment rather than any reasonable expectation.

At the moment large scale industry is naturally vitally concerned with labor and it would seem strange that the assembled members of the National Association of Manufacturers capable of talking with authority on this theme. A well-rounded program ought to include somebody who would present the case of labor from the point of view of the trades unionist. Possibly a balance of the labor might bring a spokesman for the CIO and another from the AFL before the assembled business men.

It is not my idea that everything the trades unionists said would be greeted with wild applause. But at least talks of that kind would serve to clarify some of the issues.

Indeed, any serious-minded gathering a speech which roused the listeners to tumultuous enthusiasm is probably a waste of time. Such a discourse is merely an exercise in stroking cat's fur. There is no point in having all your convictions, beliefs, passions and prejudices repeated by the masses of the evening. The listener goes out by the same door through which he entered, and even though all his opinions happen to be 100 per cent correct, he would merely have been gifted rather than enlightened.

ANENT LION BARCLAY
As a preliminary warning for the present Congress the National Industrial Council met at the Waldorf-Astoria. The emphasis was put on the address by Stanley W. Barclay. Mr. Barclay is the author of an article in this paper which may be a highly estimable young man, but I see by the papers that he is a martyr to the freedom of the press. Still I have never heard Mr. Barclay mentioned as a national authority on labor problems, and the whole of his appearance and get only extracts of some of his speeches, were led in to hear Mr. Barclay, and then sent back to the press room.

It was explained that "the remarks of the previous speakers will not lead themselves to general distribution, and so freedom of the press was preserved and the kitty purged in complete content. Sometimes I wonder whether the trouble with American business may not be the American business man.

Peace! It's Wonderful
(Washington News & Observer)
Earl Lee of the United Fruit company from Shanghai that the four months of fighting there has cost nearly one-half million casualties among combatants, thousands of killed and wounded among civilians, immense trade losses and more than one billion dollars in property damage.

Subtle Hint
(Olin Miller, Atlanta Journal)
"Walking down to the office from the square one night and a rat as large as a grown squirrel followed me almost to the door. What does that make me? Yeah, I call you." -Sted Carwell, in the News.

Pay Increase For Marshall Is Challenged
Advance In Tax Rate Cited To Prove That He Is Not As Efficient As Claimed.

Dear Sir:
Please permit me to throw a bouquet to the five councilmen who last night voted against raising City Manager Marshall's salary from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year, and a brick bat at the six who approved it.

Has Mr. Marshall suddenly merited an INCREASE that amounts to more than twice Charlotte's annual salary? Let's look at the record two years ago Mr. Marshall accepted the position of city manager at \$6,800 per year. He was very glad to get it. I recall that his friends hurried around "most" in his behalf.

In business an employee, to receive more, must earn more for his company. He must show a profit for the company by his work. Stockholders of corporations often tell "no" protests because they fail to "see" the profit.

Has Mr. Marshall made a profit for the "stockholders" of Charlotte? The tax rate was recently raised seven cents, which means that a \$100,000 tax assessed valuation taxpayers must "dig up" \$76,200 more next year.

Are the streets in better repair than two years ago? Does the trash man call more often? Have water bills been reduced? Are fire and police protection any more efficient? I am sure the citizens will say "no".

Some may point out that Mr. Marshall is supervising the water system improvement program, and that calls for more work. He is, but why not? Suppose he is very busy. The improvements will soon be completed, there will not have so much to do. Clerks in stores do get increases for working on sales days. Stenographers do not get pay increases because their employers have a few days an unusually large number of letters.

An increase of slightly more than 50 per cent in two years is -- well, it is "cheap."
R. JONES THOMAS,
Charlotte.

LET DAVIDSON KEEP HIS FOOTBALL, BUT AS SYMBOL OF HEALTH, NOT FETTER
Dear Sir:
I would agree with Davidson Alumni Club that Davidson is to play a "big time" football schedule this season. It would provide the material with which to carry out such a schedule. On the other hand, why a big schedule at all.

Kind's Laid, Ain't You Joe?
(North Wilkesboro Hustler)
Friday morning, was preparing for winter by purchase of a heating stove.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT
On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope. Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything, deposited by him.



BELLEVUE PONTIAC SENSATION - A BULL THAT ACTUALLY SITS DOWN TO REST!
Bellevue Farms - HYATTSVILLE, Maryland
Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

CITY HALL TOPICS
BY DICK YONG
THERE may be some criticism over the raising of the salary of City Manager Ripley but I for one am glad that there were six men on the council in favor of the motion. Unquestionably the man to raise the salary and in view of the extra work which he has been doing in supervision of the million-dollar water improvement program he should be given extra compensation.

The council believing in Mr. Marshall's ability as an engineer had decided to let him supervise the engineering of the program and by so doing it saved \$60,000 or \$70,000 in engineering fees. Because the city manager was qualified to do the job he was able to accept added responsibilities and remove the necessity of the payment of the large fees for engineering services. Of course it was necessary to organize a special engineering corps and this cost money, but this cost will not be half what it would have been required if an engineering consultant had been retained.

The full program is now underway and planning has been completed or are nearing completion and it already appears that more than \$100,000 will be saved in the original cost estimates as prepared by the Atlanta engineering firm which has retained a price for that purpose. This estimate showed the cost to be \$1,285,000 and that was the amount of the bond the people were called upon to authorize in a special election. But it will not be necessary to issue that amount because the work will not cost that much. The man in charge of the work must be given some credit for bringing about that saving.

It would have been manifestly unfair if this service had not been recognized and compensated. If criticism is to be directed at the man in charge of this time, the city manager is not to be blamed. The blame more properly should be placed upon the council for not making definite the added compensation at the time the work was started. The full program is now underway and planning has been completed or are nearing completion and it already appears that more than \$100,000 will be saved in the original cost estimates as prepared by the Atlanta engineering firm which has retained a price for that purpose.

Multiple Briefs: There are two "fly" cops in the city police department. Motorcycle Officer Preston is receiving instructions as a flyer and in a short time is expected to receive his license as a qualified flyer. Officer C. J. Dixon, who is the acting lieutenant of the motorcycle squad, is also interested in aviation because he was an aviation cadet in the army and recently he flew to Miami to attend the air force there. He was a passenger in the March 10 plane of D. M. Creek, local motorcycle club member.

And That Loudly
(Ponce Herald-Observer)
Political propagandists are already trying to get up how the election last year will result. The Liberty Democrat is making a noise.

Earlier Days
News of 75 and 100 Years
State Library at Raleigh

DECEMBER 11, 1937
75 YEARS AGO
WAKING UP FROM A DELUSION
The Chicago Tribune, one of the most reliable of the Yankee papers, freely confessed the loss of "staring out the South" was a wretched delusion, gathered from Helpers book, from the New York Tribune and from Wendell Phillips' speeches, which has cost the Yankees and the Chicago paper more blood and treasure than all the Southern armies. It quotes a few of their sayings as follows:

"The South would not leave the Union though a bridge of gold was built to pass over." "The South could not eat a mouth without Northern clothes, tools, nor manufactures." "The whole civilized world would be with a free North in a contest with the slave-holding South." (The Southerners are semi-barbarians (ride Sumner), and have not the moral or political stamina that would fit them to fight Northerners."

These are certainly laughable Yankee snuff-droppers to be recorded side by side with the sayings of those on this side of the line who insisted upon it that we could have "peaceful secession" and that "they would drink all the blood split in the war."

DECEMBER 11, 1867
100 YEARS AGO
DR. PHYSLICK
Dr. Phyllick, the distinguished physician and surgeon and professor in the University of Pennsylvania, died this morning in the 70th year of his age. This eminent professor had been in delicate health for many years. The faculty of the college have been suspended until next week in consequence of the event.

Fair Warnings
(Mrs. Benn Drum, Shelby Star)
Perhaps after another hundred years of the "cocking" system, we'll reach the point where we will, a few weeks before Christmas, get out formal notices to all our friends and have our friends, reading something like this:
"Dear Ben:
'I haven't ever given you a present before this year, because our friendship has only developed recently, but I'm planning to get you a Christmas gift to the cost of \$100.00 this Christmas. Be prepared."

"Or Dear Emma:
'We've been awaiting Christmas gifts now for about ten years, with you getting cheated on the swap every year. We haven't seen each other in five years and our exchange messages come each year. I'm ready to call the gift swap quits. If you are, Whaddya say?'
Of course we won't see each other again, but that shouldn't matter when we've had unswerving love for so long."