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### On Demand Only

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There is, we believe, a general willingness in the community to conoced that freworks are dangerous
and ought not to be allowed. At the
same time, mothers and fathers are
indugent enough, and, children are
persister enough, to take a chance
persister enough, to take a chance
put out, fingers blown off, and the
pain and possibly serious consequences of anti-tetanus injections.
One of the things that makes it
difficult to enforce either City ordinances or parental injunctions
against the shooting of fireworks is
the County's tolerance of their sale.
A hundred yards beyond the city
limits in any direction is a fireworks
stand. For the County's consideration, therefore, let it be informed
that the adjacent county of Stanly
had a law passed at the last Legislature making it a misdemeanor to
sell possess or use fireworks. use fireworks.

it really is the consensus of the If it really is the consensus or the Mccklenburg community that fire-works ought not to be allowed, this is the way to go about it. But if opinion is pretty well uncrystallized, for Heaven's sake let's not pass an-other law that the cops can't and haven't the heart to enforce.

### At a Discount

Mayor Thomas E. Cooper's blast at Highway Patrolmen because they spelled the carefully-laid scheme of the Wilmington police department for capturing a couple of bad men hidden out in the neighborhood, one of whom was Bill Payne if he wasn't Wash Turner, may have, for all we know, some justification in fact. Cer-tainly the bigger of the two birds

tainly the bigger of the two ourse got ways.

But Mayor Tom, be it recalled, is running as hard as he can for the 1940 governorship: His platform, succincity, is, "Down with Raleigh rule and up with local government." With this in mind, he never loses an opportunity to pour the vitriol of his wrath on the "Raleigh Gang," and in the past he has let fly on the "substreet or provocations. It gets and in the past he has let hy on the elightest of provocations. It gets his name in the papers, and no doubt capitalizes on the discontent doubt capitalizes on the discontent of thousands of petly provincial politicians who have seen their traditional patronage taken over by the central government.

In short, while the Highway Patrolmen actually may have gummed the works, Mayor Tom of Wilmington is not what you might call an umprejudiced witness.

unprejudiced witness.

### Note On Our Heritage

Colonel John Wilson, Speaker of Colone John wisson, spearer of the Arkansas House of Representatives in 1837 was "in every respect an amitable man." For Jah we have the word of the forgotten reporter whose dispatch of December 15 in that year we published Wednesday in "Earlier Days." But the Colonel had one weakness, that, like many. other men on the American frontier, he was a little "violent in his feelhe was a little "violent, in his feel-ings." So when a member of the House, Major J. J. Anthony, passed some remarks, down came the Colo-nel from his seat with a boxie knife. A moment later the Major lay dead on the floor, though not without having practically sited off the Colonel's arm beforehand.

awing practically siliced off the disconsilis arm beforehand. Whatever happened to the Colonel bereafter, beyond the fact that the lowe suspended him as Speaker, we on't know. But we'll bet a dollar o a moth ball that he neither anged nor went to jail. Men in that county in those days never did hang runch killings, and rarely went to sill sneept as honored guests. Old the state of the state o

most violent country in the world.
And, come to think of it, maybe that
tradition of honor is one of the reasons that the Southwest remains
one of the most violent countries in
the world — the most violent part
of the United States after the Southeast, which also had that concept of

#### Two Play This Game

Maybe, since it's the fashion just now to give Mr. Roosevelt the works for failing to cooperate with busi-ness, it might be as well to look for a moment at the other side. We are not suggesting that the President hasn't got it coming to him. In view of the record, he mighty has. of the record, he plainly has

of the record, he plainly has.

Nevertheless, when the National

Manufacturers' Association — which

if it doean't speak for American

business as whole, often assumes

to — met in New York, it had as the

chief speaker on its program Tom

Girdler. Girdler who hates the lato — met in New York, it had, as the chief speaker on its program Tom Girdler. Girdler who hates the la-bor allies of the New Deal, and in his turn is anathema to them. Gird-ler whose whole philosophy is the antithesis of the New Deal. Girdler who symbolizes in his person pre-cisely what the New Deal means when it uses the terms "black reac-tion" and "economic royalist."

Was it wise, then, to have him as the chief speaker when rapproche-ment seemed in the making? Obviously not. Such rapprochement can tual concession — by taking the middle way. And it is the sum and essence of Tom Girdler that he will hear as little of compromise and the middle way as the Hon. Harold Ickes himself.

#### Sacrificial Offering

The action of the Japanese government in recalling Rear Admiral Mitsunami is at least clever poker playing. It was being freely predicted on all sides — Miss-Thompson says as much in her column today — that the promises of Tokyo to punish the high officers responsible for the bombing of the Panay would come to nothing. But the little brown man has most cleverly spiked all that with this action.

But there is perhaps more than mere poker playing in it. We meed not believe that the Japanese government has suddenly succeeded in The action of the Japanese gov

mere poker playing in it. We need not believe that the Japanese government has suddenly succeeded in establishing discipline over the army and navy. On the contrary, it is far more probable that Mitsunant was recalled only with the consent of the chief officers of the navy, perhaps including Mitsunant himself. But if the 'naval chiefs consented, then it stands to reason that even they were at last alarmed by the possible consequences of their headlong ections. Make no mistake about it: the Chinese front is right now the highest post of honor in the Jüganese navy, and for a rear admiral to be recalled from it is no mean punishment for him. For the naval chiefs ever to have consented to visit such ignominy upon one of to visit such ignominy upon one of their number, they probably had to visit such ignominy upon one of be sincerely convinced that they all were in a jam.

#### First-Hand Testimony

And that they were in a Jam, that their naval aviators had deliberately, knowingly and brazenly set out to demolish the Pranty as well as the Standard Oil vessels and all who on them were, appears to be conclusively established by the story of the survivors. First the Jap planes flew over low, reconnoitering. The day was clear and visibility was c'excellent," so that the American flags broken out "everywhere" on the Pangy and the commercial craft were to be seen clearly. And having had to be seen clearly. And having had a good look at their targets, the Jap planes wheeled and began lining up for the bombing. Said one chap who had been on the Panay:

"It knew what was comma-ran listide and dived under a table."

And the Panay, too, knew what was coming; for she was with her deek guns and returned the planes fire from the start until she went down. And the Japa attacked repeatedly, flying low. I knew what was coming. I I inside and dived under a

#### C. O. D.

A-medico-named J. H. Peck out in Toole, Utah, has inserted this notice in his hometown newspaper; "In 1937, I delivered 75 bables in Toole. I got paid for 50 of them in the most prosperous will do no delice the control of the are not paid for before delivery takes place."

takes place."
It's possible to feel a certain sympathy for the fellow, for undoubledly-some of the 25 who have not pald-him might have. Probably the majority of them might have. All the same, if we assume that he collected the usual fee of \$25 per case, with precious little pre-natal attention thrown in, he collected \$1,250 — not. bad for 75 evenings of work on the bad for 75 evenings of work on the part of a man who lives in a small town and who is probably not re-markable for any unusual native endowments.

endowments.

Moreover, a few of these people who didn't pay quite possibly couldn't pay at all. Nobody would blame a doctor who refused services to people who can pay and won't. But to re-

fuse to deliver a woman in labor be-cause she can't pay is to violate every tradition that has made medicine an honorable profession, and to turn it into a particularly mercless form of into a particularly mercuess torm or business. And, we are glad to add, the tradition of medicine is in fact so powerful that we suspect Doo Peck doesn't really quite mean it. He'll bark about his accounts and lay down the law, and then, in all probability, answer his calls as they

## TOMMY'S A LOYAL MAN

WASHINGTON, This is a ple WASHINGTON\_This is a plece about Mr. Thomas Corroranger as the President puts it—Tommy The Cork—by grace of a superlative brain, a pleasing personality, and the resulting favor of the Commander Of The Faithful, Grand Visite of this astonishing Caliphate of Bagdaâ on the Poto-Bagdaâ on the Potothe

Everybody who has

mac.

Swerybody who has beerved at first hand this Washington which we shington meromancy since March 1933, knows left wing of the New Deal. It is known who prepare the business-bailing bombshells and radical skyrockets. But it is a very different and much more difficult matter to trace the mittakes which have almost ruined recovery from these intellectual sources to their actual explosions. Somehow, they become administration policies. Somehow, they get written into bila, and put before Congress. There, somehow, the "must" pressure is put on and the dreadful deeds are done. leeds are done.

Because Mr. Corroran has been active in drafting some of these Sin's Paps in statutory form, because he is frequently in the statutory form, because he is frequently with the battery. The best man to see" to get any project considered or speeded, the opinion has become general that he is the very Beciebub of the whole show.

I don't believe it. I haven't the honor of Mr. Corcoran's confidence or even ciose acquaintance. I have never taiked to him except on the telephone, but I have seen his works.

But Probably It's Just An Irish Heart

I think Mr. Corcoran is an almost perfect example of a man who gives his heart and soul to a magnetic leader and thereafter

parries on in a highly idealized edition of the perfect chief of staff. His is not of the perfect chief of sain. Has is not to question why, his is only to do or die. There is a strain of this intense loyalty in many of the Irish and Mr. Corcoran is as Irish as Paddy's pig.

I have roundly criticized some of Mr. Corcoran's products like the terrible original wage and hour bill. I shall probably needle many more of his works But I'll bet a hat that he didn't inven the principles of that bill. He didn't have the experience. But for what the fathers of such radical ideas wanted written in statutory form, they couldn't have found a better bill-drafter.

He once said to me, "I haven't goi my eyes fixed on any distant scene. I'm just trying to do a good job in carrying out the boss' orders as you once did you I don't question that at all think it more accurately expressed N Corcoran than all the reams that ha been written picturing him in a mo sinister light.

#### Musical Note

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)

It's a great relief to have the Saturday afternoon radio programs change from football to grand opers, the yelling is so much better organized.

Why the Goose-Bumps, Then:

(Statesville Daily)
Shucks! This is not cold weather we've been having. It's just a state of mind.

# Visiting Around

Joy Apples for Worry item, Morganton News-Herald)

Wayne Dula, of near Joy, brought a truck load of nice mountain apples for the neighborhood and they sold well.

#### Flash!

(Fast Monba item, Mooresville Rounder It seems that "ole man winter" finally got to East Monba. It has a aroused the people that Christmas is the way. Every one is feeling Christ mas is coming on.

Yeh, But Don't Load Up on the Francincense and Myrth to the Neglect of No. 1

(Laurinburg Exchange)

Montpeller Prestyterian church at Wagram will hold her annual Joy Gift service on Friday evening, December 28 at 7 ociook. The theme for this year in three parts; Gold, gift for ministerial relief; Frankhoeme, gift of worship, and Myrth, gift of ourseives.

# Two Discuss Jap Sinking Of Our Ship

This One Believes It Would Be Swell To Take A Page Out Of Nippon's Own Book.

Dear Sir:

Why shouldn't an American cruiser sail to Japan and shell one of the large cities, accidentally on purpose, as the American gumbant was bombed and sunk?

Then the United States could send a note to Japan and say, "Oh, excuse me; my mistake, I'm so sorry," and offer to take the full blame and settle for it.

Japan might ask a million dollars and then Uncle Sam could say, "Oh, too honorable much; 27 cents, I think; I send check."

M. Y. MIGTALW.

AND THIS ONE FEELS MUCH THE SAME WAY BUT HAS HIS DOUBTS ABOUT ITS WISDOM Dear Sir:

Dear Sur:

Those of us who can look down the corridors of time will recall the seething foment of the late 90's when the United States went to war with Spain. The batfoment of the late 90% when the United Sidate went to war with Spain. The battleship Maine had just been sunk in the harbor at Huvann, and while it has never sponsible for that unfortunate affair, it was universally believed that Spain had something to do with it in view of the conditions prevailing in the islands to the south at that time.

the south at that time. But regardless of who was or was not responsible, public feeling ran high and the people clamored for war. Almost correlate homers appeared stretched across streets and later appeared on the side of trains bound for concentration camps. And this was the inscription:

"Remember the Maine To hell with Spain."

And now we have a parallel in the the only difference being that Japa admits her guilt and Spain never did admit hers if she was guilty. And now It seems to me appropriate to have some more banners-

"Remember the Panay Make Japan pay."

My only purpose in writing this, Mr. Editor, is to point out the change in sentiment since forty years ago. Then the country demanded war for a supposed wrong. Now they are willing to accept money for a glarting injustice and when pay is forthcoming I imagine the incident will be closed. Perhaps it is just as well. It has long been a more detailed in the Spanish-Americon war was ever worth the price.

C. R. AUSTIN.

#### What's the Hurry?

Charlotte.

(Fayetteville Observer)
In Raleigh a little girl was killed yesterday when she "ran in front" of a Highway Patrol car which was "hurrying" to investigate an accident.

Extent of the "hurry" may be ascer-tained from the fact that the child was ed 60 feet and that the patrol car skidded 87 feet.

Local patrolmen may refer to their statistics which show the speed at which a car is traveling when an application of brakes fails to halt it in 87 feet.

of brakes fails to hait it in 87 feet.

Local patrolimen may decide to their
own satisfaction whether or not it is
safe to operate an automobile at that
speed on streets where children are apt
to "run out."

to "run out."

Local patrolmen also may decide for the benefit of their own consciences what type accidents are so important that the few seconds saved in driving at this rate of speed through crowded city streets are worth the risk involved.

streets are worth the risk involved.

Of course they usually get by on account of the failure of the fatal coincidence to materialize.

But Corporal Brown didn't.

Major Arthur Fulk, patrol director
whose few months of administration has
seen one of the sharpest increases in automobile accident fatalities in the history of North Carolina, should instruct his patrolmen to observe city speed limits even when going to investi-

gate wrecks.

And perhaps if the patrol would devote more attention to preventing wrecks and less attention to investigating them, there would be fewer wrecks ing them, there would be fewer wicewas to which to hurry-fatally to investigate

### Meeting Place

(Washaw Enterprise)
It is interesting to know that in 1830
the population of Charlotte was 717.
That is less than the population of Washaw, which was 840 in 1830. We wonder
if in 2030 Washaw will be a thriving city
of some 15,00 people. We rather doubt
if though. There are no statistics on
hand, but we wouldn't be far wrong in
saying that there were almost as many
people in Washaw Community in 1830
as there were in Charlotte.

# BELIEVE IT OR NOT . . TELETIONE

By Ripley



# ON THE RECORD

The Panay Incident

THE Panay, a practically unarmed THE Panay, a practically unarmed American gundbat—in reality a small yacht—has been bombed and sumk by Japanese war planes, while proceeding peacefully in the Yangtie river, above Nanking, together with three Standard Oil vessels. The action occurs while the Japanese government is making repeated protestations to the United States that it desires wholeheartedly to retain American good-will. And while Japanese diplomacy is doing its best to win America away from close cooperation with Great Britain.

The question is: Why did this incident occur? How could it occur?

The Japanese Ambassador in Washington says that this was "a grave blumder," a "great mistake," and "complete y accidenta." We are informed that members of the Japanese cabinet were near tears when the news was announced.

nounced.
The circumstances of the bombing are such as to preclude any possibility that it was necidental. First of all, the Japanese navy according to news reports, had boasted that there were no more Chinese ships left in the Yangter. Therefore, any other ships remaining there, were not the property of the Panay was conspicuously dis played by American flags on every mast played by American flags on the Command in Third, the American naval command in Shanghai had repeatedly informed the Japanese navy of the whereabouts of the vessels in the Yangtze. And, fourther was the bomb-Japanese navy of the whereabouts of our vessels in the Yangtze. And, fourth, the Panny was so small that the bombing planes had to swoop very low, where they could planly see what they were alming at. And then they bombed it four times.

One is forced to draw a few conclusions from this incident. It would appear, that the civilian government of Japan is without authority. There is no connection between its diplomatic policy, and the actions of the army and

These armed forces of Japan, have never been defeated, apparently think that they are invincible against the forces of the world, if need be.

the forces of the ward.

The younger and more radical element
in the Army and Navy is riding the
whirlwind. It appears that the Military
Command does not dare to punish these

"The properties breaches of disci-Command does not dare to punish these people for egregious breaches of discipline. Since this conflict broke out, there have been numerous attacks on foreign ships and on foreigners—including the British Ambassador in Shanghai—and while the Japanese government has sometimes reluctantly apologized, and made vague promises of punishing the offenders guilty of these attacks, we have no knowledge that thy such punishment has over been meted out. has ever been meted out.

hand, but we wouldn't be far wrong in saying that there were almost as many people in Waxhaw Community in 1830 as there were in Charlotte. Bome people say that. Waxhaw and Charlotte will soon meet. At the present rate of progress of the two ofties the meeting place will be at Twelve billion or a reponsible samy! That the meeting place will be at Twelve billion or the proposed of the two ofties the meeting place will be at Twelve billion in the control of the control

aggressive element of the armed forces is criminally irresponsible and reckless. It is taking, on behalf of the Japanese people, an extremely long chance, count-ing on the fact that, by and large, the people of the United States are peaceful, and that Great Britain however much they might that Great Britain and France, ver much they might be inclined to fight for the preservation of their inrests in Chins, are impotent to move cause of the critical situation in Europe and the Mediterranean.

All this also throws a light upon the claim of the Japanese that they are in China, not because they have any quarter with the Chinese people, or obeause they have any territorial ambitions—auch is the official prospension—but merely because they wish to restore or in China, and free China from the machinations of irresponsible politicals and irresponsible military leaders. It all breaks down to the argument that irresponsible Japanese Afrebrasids are neased in freeling a neighbor thus becomes idiotic.

The Japanese government has "ac-cepted full responsibility" for the at-tack—so the question now\_is\_ Is the Japanese government in a position to accept such responsibility, and what does it amount to?

it amount to?

If one reads the altuation rightly, or even part rightly, then one will have very little faith that a promise not to let auch events occur again, will, or can be kept.

Meanwhile, the position of our government is difficult in the extreme, and the State Department needs the sympathy of cool-leaded citizens. There will be those two will counsel that we withdraw everybody from the Far East, and abandon even the most peaceful junsuits them. But if a large part of the world, and by no means the most responsible and by no means the most responsible tark, had not become convinced that the statement of the world. the democratic nations were unwilling to defend anything, and that anything goes in treatment of them. I doubt whether the Panay incident would ever

whether the Panay Incident would ever \*IZditor's Note—To what Miss Thomp-son says here, it is to be added that, since she wrote this, the commander of the British ship. Ber has reported that four Japanese gunboats were pouring their fire into the Panay at the same time that she was being bombed from the air. That would seem to elinch the contention, which Miss Thompson ad-vinces and which we ourselves advanced Tuesday, that the slanking of the ship ould not have been "secidental" and "a mistake."]

#### A Pair of Names

(John Harden, Salisbury Post) (John Harden, Sallabury Fost)
North Carolina nomenclature: Two
servants in an old Nash county home
had names worth recording. One
was named Mary Ida Ann Maria Susan
Holmes Francis Hiele Dawdy Jones
. And the other was Lucy Lucinda
Marmaglate Henrietts James Alexander
Desny Passer Smithfield Buildiness.

# Earlier Days

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

DECEMBER 16, 1868
75 YEARS AGO
CONFEDERATE DEBT
We are glad to see that resolutions have been introduced in both houses of the Legislature of our state, similar, as we suppose, for we have not seen them, to those passed by the Alabama and South Carolina Legislatures, to guarantee (not assume) the debts of the Confederate Government. Such a guarantee may give soome additional credit to the government, and if we succeed—and succeed we must and will—will not involve the state in any of that debt. If it were possible that the Confederacy could fail to secure its independence. it were possible that the Confederacy could fail to secure its independence, why then, we admit, it would involve North Carolina in an immense debt. But that is an inadmissible idea; and what we can do we ought to do to sustain the Confederacy and let it manage its own

YANKEE BURIALS

Yankee character is so well developed and their civilization so well understood, that it will take none by surprise when informed that, in burying their dead, they satisfied themselves with merely digging long ditches and pitching them in, heels or heads upward, as was most convenient, much after the manner, in peace times, of burying dead cattle.

—Payetteville Observer.

**DECEMBER 16, 1837** 

THE FLORIDA WAR

The accounts are as usual contradictory. Whilst those from Tampa Bay up to December 11, represent the Indian as coming in, men, women and children, prepared for removal, other late accounts from the headquaters of General Jessup, show that, the mediation of the Cherokees has entirely failed, and that Sam Jones, the leader of the Semioolea, before the Semioolea, word to General Jessup that if he wanted him he must come and take high, THE FLORIDA WAR wanted him he must come and take him, and that, having proved treacherous
capturing Powell whilst protected by
flag of truce, he would not trust him.

—Fayetteville Observer.

### Never Met a Payroll . .

(Monroe Enquirer

Senator Robert Reynolds, having reovered from a slight illness, breaks into the news again by issuing a statement that he favors the wage-hour bill, say-

that he favors the wage-hour bill, agrifus;
"Do you think I would have the nerve to go before the working people of North Carolina and say that I voted against paying them a minimum wage of sid a week when I am drawing down \$10,000 a year! I should say not. Wages have always been desperately low in North Carolina, and the scale should be increased and the people given the benefit."

free-fit."

The Senator's views would be more acceptable here if he had even been in the position of meeting a payroll, in-creased taxation and diminishing revo-