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#### In Case of Doubt

Police Chief Pittman doesn't want to arrest anybody for shooting fire-erackers, and hopes he won't have to. But the law is the law, and the Chief appeals to all law-abilding citizens, parents especially, to ob-serve it. If they don't, the police will have to 'bring in all those who are apprehended."

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This sounds as though the Chief This sounds as though the Chief meant business; and yet, in all cander and gith no privy information, we wonder. It can be put down that the police don't like the idea of arresting persons, mostly children, for doing what every one of them has done himself and outlike to do over again. It can be put down that the lenlence of policemen is large at Christmas time, and that whereas they would give up without compunction a boy eaught shooting firecrackers in September, say, around December 25 caugat shooting interfactors in Sep-benber, say, around December 25 they would prefer to look the other way. And yet, one can't be sure, and not being sure, the best one can do is to be cautious, we hope.

#### The Rambunctious Rowboot

Our admiration for the Panay mounts steadily. She was not, ac-cording to the registry reports, ex-actly a fearful ship. She drew a pscayanish 300 tons. She carried three-inch gun forward, and s act or elsewhere. She had no or plate capable of stopping any-glarger than a rifle bullet. her crew consisted of some-25 including captain and galley-

men, including captain and galley-boy.

Yet the Japanese say—and who is to dispute the statements of one of the principal governments of the world?—that she came steaming into the upper reaches of the Yangtz-kinng arroganity and proudly. Came steaming up among demen of Japanese ships, some of them his ones mounting 3-inch and Jo-inch gians. Came chugging into the upper reaches of the Yangtz with downs of Japanese ships before her and literally hundreds of them; including great ships of the his with 14-inch guns, strung out the way to the sea behind his. Came steaming up with nothing but the capier Mayuria and a few destroyers lying far back of her for support, with the American hattle fleet away in Pearl Harbor and San Pedro. Came steaming up, and, without walting for provocation, raily opened her guns on the Whole Japanese host.

We take of our hat is the a. There.

apanese host.
We take off our hats to her. There, mates, was a ship.

## To Prove Nothing

Offhand, it might be easy to jump to the conclusion that the action of the Rouse in sending the wage and four bill back to committee is a straw indicating the growth of Con-press in independence and horse-sense.

But the thing in fact does not follow. The bill was so bad, in fact, that it was always a mystery as to just exactly who was supposed to be in favor of it. Industry? Well, persays a few New England milliowners the biped that the destruction of the Southern differential would reduced to their advantage. But by set large, industry was certainly proposed to the thing. Well, and is not the CRO liked it. Hitle if any prises. So thoroughly was the bill prises so the cupport from any limitation. the CIO liked it little it any to thoroughly was the bill sed of support from any imquarter, indeed, that there we sed fround to believe that chariteration itself was not they was not the sed from the second to be the sed of the

yor with the industrialists without running much danger of seriously offending labor and without much risk, either, of being punished by loss of patronage at the hands of the administration.

Moreover, in estimating the bearing of the action on the independence and horse-sense of Congress, it is to be observed that at the same time the House was doing this, the Senate was passing the farm bill, at Senate was passing the farm bill, s measure quite as dublous wage and hour bill itself.

#### A Magnificent Gift

Perhaps the happlest person in North Carolina today is Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, head of the State Board of Health. Who wouldn't be, in his place? Thoroughly aware of the extent and the prevalence of sphills in North Carolina—the estimate is o infected persons, many of children—eager to eradicate Dr. Reynolds has received in the name of the State a handsome pre-Christmas gift which was, you may be sure, precisely what he wanted. The board of trustees of the Zachary Smith Reynolds Foundation has decided to devote the income from this \$7,000,000 trust exclusively to a fight on syphilis in North Carolina. A check for \$100,000 is already in Dr. Reynolds' nands.

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Well, it's a glorious occasion in the Health Department, and we would find ourselves becoming lyrical in sympathy were it not for two factors that act as dashes of cold water upon our enthusiasm. One is that the several counties of North Carolina, for the fight"on syphilis to amount to anything, will have to chip in and put up so much of their own money; and many of the counties of North Carolina have been always notoriously laggard in this regard. The other is that the State itself, in whose behalf this gift has been made and accepted, deliberately and almost wantonly permits sphillites in North Carolina to marry and to beget, if they can, spyhillites in their own image.

In common decency, the State

In common decency, the State ought to match this Smith Reynolds Foundation benefaction with a law prohibiting the marriage of syphi-

#### One Thing Overlooked

The only thing Bergeant S. D. Moore of the State Highway Patrol neglected was to haul out his gun and shoot. That way, his contribution to making it practically suicide for the citizens of our town to venture into the streets would have been practically perfect.

But even as it was the Sergeant did mart marplously well. An automobile is, after all, a deadly weapon, too. Handled right in crowded downtown streets on a Saturday evening, it has possibilities for killing off a dozen or more people at a single crack, whereas about the best score one could expect for a pistol in similar circumstances would probably be two or three. The Serprobably be two or three. The Bergeant, indeed, didn't mapage to get anybody killed. But that was blind chance, considering that he chased

chance, considering that he chased a "suspected criminal" at high speed through the heavy Saturday traffic on South Church, Third, Poplar, and Church again, that the cars ran through red lights and that the pursued car once took to the sidewalk while pedestrians flattened against walls ogs scrammed into doorways.

We assume that the Sergeant's purpose must have been as we say. For on no other hypothesis can it be made explicable, considering that "suspected criminal" pursued was only a "suspected bootlegger."
Or do they teach highway patrolmen that the capture of a bootlegger is worth the possible killing of a dozen citizens going innocently about their business?

### The Flaw in Frank

Dr. Gienn Frank, head of the Republican Party's new policy formulating committee, is a vast Improvement in a thousand respects over the Hoovers and John D. M. Hamiltons. The man has aspood a background as almost any living American. He has 'integrity far above the politician's level. Moreover, and despite the attacks on him by the professionally liberal Ta. Follettes, he is a cound liberal in the sense that he is perfectly aware that it is impossible to take the country back to Dr. Gienn Frank, head of the Reis perfectly aware that it is impos-sible to take the country back to 1929. He has many times indicated that he subscribes to the general principles enunciated by President Rooseveit as the credo of the New Deal, with reservations that the de-vices by which those principles have been applied have often been non-sensical, and that there was too lit-tile effort made to apply them within the framework of the Constitution. Nevertheless, the critics of Dr.

Nevertheless, the critics of Dr. Frank's books have often pointed out that he himself distinctly belongs to the blash school. He deals all bee much, that is, in large and high-sounding utterances and is prefet yargue as to concrete details.

of the chief defects of the President to whom he will be supposed to play gadfly if he takes the Republican job.

## IN DEFENSE OF PERSHING

Sy HUGS a JOHNSON

NEW YORK CITY—The Washington
Merry-Go-Round took General
Pershing for this ride—friendless oid
man—biggest Federal salary, except the
President, \$2000—\$800,00 in salary
since the 'Armistice'' (Arithmetic!)—no



soldier would ever call him "Papa" few people have ever called him friend —

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Armics." A sudden
promotion jump from
captain to briggdier
ostractized him. Tedder costractized him. Tedbeen picked to lead the expeditionary
force. There was a bill in Congress to
appoint him. Wilson made a trade with
Senator Warren, "Chairman of the Senate Milliary Affairs Committee." and
Pershing's father-in-law. Pershing was
picked and Warren defeated the bill favoring Teddy. Pershing had so many
rows in France with his own high rankting officers that "the first seeds of the
loneliness he enjoys today were planted" loneliness he enjoys today were planted" ioneliness he enjoys today were planted of Coolings fired Pershing as Chief of Staff and appointed Hines. Now, Pershing is a tottering wreck. The countenance that used to "terrify his men" has gone senile.

It is the most god-awdul bunch of bunk
The Army is 1 ever read.
Solidity for Sure. Pershing's soli-diers never called him
"Papa". They secret.
French soldiers. Imagine one of our bucks calling an officer "Papa" They affectionately called him Black Jack. All respected and thousands loved him. Always diffident, he has more friends among his old officers than any man I know. He made the career of almost every present general officer. Even today this is a Pershing Army. If they are not his friends, they are linguistics.

There was jealousy among older men about his promotion to Brigadier a gen-eration ago—so long before the war that none of the offended ones are left. That hurt him deeply. One of the worst hurt him deeply. One of the worst tragedies that can come to a man later saddened him. But from the Villa raid on Columbus, to this day in Washington, his whole career has balmed those wounds. Not only among commedes but among leaders in our national life, he has more friends than any man I know.

He Was Given The Job For His Ability As for the rest of this stuff, Pershing wasn't dropped as chief of staff. He be-came ineligible through

his own selection The Selective Service Bill authorizing -but not requiring—two volunteer divi-lons want for an expeditionary force any more than other new units. It wan't killed by Senator Warren or any-body else. It was passed. The Republi-can Senator Warren want chairman of the military affairs committee—Demo-cratic Senator Chamberlah was. That resolution was not. Intended to give Teddy command of the A. E. P., but only a volunteer division. Pershing had been picked before that law was passed. On any reasonable claim, only Persh-ing and Wood were eligible and Wood was physically unit. -but not requiring-two volunteer divis

as physically unfit.

was physically unit.

Pershing was not chosen on political pull. He had none with Democrats. He was chosen solely on his record. He had a classic row in France—but not with his own "high-ranking officers." He fought a French and British conspiracy to keep his command under the American Flag and not let the Alles feed our men individually into their ranks as cannon fodder replacements to protect their own reserves from murder.

# Visiting Around

Teh, But Can He Get Out Nights?

(Sanford Heraid)

James McCormick down on route 3

Jonesboro, says he has three motherin-laws and is still able to get three neals a day.

Next, Two Birds With One Stone

(Kannijobis Independent holds (Kannijobis Independent holds M. J. Stegall of Leonard street holds some kind of a world's hunting record by virtue of a freak shot he look at a squirrel's neet east of Kainnapolis one day recently. Stegall shot at one squir-rel on the rim of the nest and four squirrel's fell out of the nest, three of them half 'company's company's company's them half 'company's company's half 'company's company's half 'company's half

Amybof Seen J. M.'s Only Hait?

(Monroe Enquirer)

J. M. Birmingham, New Salem township farmer, lost his hat and chickens ship farmer, lost his hat and chickens the other day but in widely separated places. While in Monroe he had on a hunting cap to keep his ears warm and a hat perched on top of that. Somewhere in the vicinity of the underpassed on Charlotte avenue he lost the hat. Since that was the only hat he had, he easts the finder to please return it to The Enquirer or the shoriff's office. The chickens, even of them, were citien from his farm two miles of Olive Branch.

# Yule Eve Is Best Time To Go Shopping

Then The Pests Have No Time To Paw Things, And Business Is On Serious Basis.

I had planned to write you before this about Christmas shopping but, after all isn't it more appropriate to write about it as one practices it; that is, late?

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One of those who believes in efficiency: I think Christmas shopping is betile. The control of the control

who will send her greetings.

In late shopping, a determined man can take a \$20-bill and easily get through in an hour. He can storm a counter and come away with plenty of looi. He wants service and the clerks want to give him service. Both sides know what they want and no fooling. There are no noisy questions, no silly examination of goods, no consultations, no "I'll probably be back" and no "I'l like it, but —." Shopping on Christmas Eve is coldly serious, plainly practical and wonderfully efficacious.

But I hear, "You get things that have

But I hear, "You get things that have But I hear. "You get things that have been already picked over." I doubt that. What you get is things from the bottom of the pile, where they have been preserved from the paws of the holiday picking-over experts. Besides, most of the Christimas gitts have gone. You have only a few left, nothing to distract your attention. You don't have to choose between a bleycle and roller skates—Maybe just one skate remains. Take it and give it to Coustin Harrict's little boy; it's more than he deserves, anyway.

anyway.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to Christmas Eve.

JOHN GANTT.

Charlotte.

### For a Hard Winter

(Mrs. Renn Drum, Shelby Star)

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In the first place, the hard, nipping cold, which has been abroad in the last few days, makes me believe it; besides that, I have faith in signs. If you're curious as to what I believe, it is that we're headed for a heavy winter.

winter.

And the sign to which I refer is the fact that Nature has made ready for a bad winter by producing an abundant acrop of everything her children might need to take them through a long siege of ill weather. People who had been watching the seasons come and go long before I was born, say it's an unmissional to the control of the takable sign, and it does seem reasonable.

Generally speaking, this fall has pro-duced a bumper crop of nuts, acorns. fruits and wild berries, with which the fruits and wild berries, with which the thrifty animals might fortify their store-houses, against the day when anows blanket the fields and woods. It may even be that Nature had a benevolent purpose in producing a record cotton crop—though cotton farmers would be hard to convince on the subject. It may be she meant that there should be a but of cotton to spare, so that the wild things might snitch a few puris of it to add warmth and comfort to their houses in the trees and in the ground.

### Twenty Cents a Mile

(Fayetteville Observer)

Yessir, twenty cents a mile is high class travel and no doubt about it, but that's what our Congressmen voted to themselves for setting to and from Mr. Roosevelt's special session.

Roosevil's special session.

Not all of us can afford an automobile so big it taken a gallon of gasoline to propel it a statute mile and therefore some of us are inclined to be critical concerning the Congressional allowance.

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himself a big car out of his travel al-lowance to and from the special session.

But should not the Congressmen have some extra compensation for being called away from their occupations by which they keep the home fires burning between sessions; for having there ears snatched from the ground; for having their hands grabbed from fences under repair?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT . A Patent Office By Ripley On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything dep



Explanation of Today's Cartoon

LONGEST STREET IN THE WORLD—The longest street in the wold is waiting street, is London section of which is illustrated in my cartoon). Waiting street is 370 miles long. It begins at Dower and runs throub. Canterbury to London, and from there to Chester and Cartigan across the entire breadth of England. Waiting street is a corruption of Stratum Vitelilanum, in memory of Vitelilus who built a Roman road in England.

# On The Record

Respects to The London Times

Chinese-Japanese conflict: we are both anxious for peace, and for the restora-tion of decent international relationbetween the two nations, which to-gether represent the greatest amount of population and power in the western

world.

It however, we are to regard The IImes, of London, as the mouthpiece of British opinion and policy—and that is how the London Times would like us to regard it—then there is a wide difference between the American attitude toward the international scene, and the British attitude. The London Times is now constantly stressing the desirability of joint Anglo-American representations to Japan. But the United States finds it difficult to forset that in 1931, when or John Angus-American representations to Japan. But the United States finds it difficult to forget that in 1931, when our Secretary of State, Mr. Stimson, made overtures to Britain for a Joint demarche to Japan at the time of the invasion of Manchuria, he was very coldly snubbed—and with the whole-hearted support of The London Times.

Saw Gain For

Nor has the United States forgotten that Sir John Simon made a spirited defense of

Saw Gain For Sir John Simon made England In a spirited defense of Japone before the League of Nations, leading the Japanes elegate, Yosuke Makuoka—now the all-powerful president of the South-Manchurian railway—to say that "Sir John Simon has said in fifteen minutes what I have been trying to say for three months."

In those days The London Times, Sir In those days The London Times, Sir John Simon, and the same little group, who are now of The Times's inner coterie, were pro-Japanese, favored the restoration of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, and did not care if Japan in-vaded Manchurfa, for two reasons: First, the Japanese, they contended, would restore order in Manchurfa, and open wider markets for British goods, with possible preferential treatment for British and second in any securit he creat ain, and, second, in any event, the great British interests were Shanghai and in the rich Yangtze valley.

strated at that time Our Idealism that they were inter-ested primarily in the

Respects to The London Times

ferent. From the viewpoint of trade and a few harsh words on behalf of larget-American relations. Many of us far less concerned than the British. After believe that with the state of the world what it is today, it is highly desirable that Great British and the United States should understand each other. We are both involved as innocent bystanders and common victims in the Chinese-Apanese conflict; we are both anxious for peace, and for the restoration of decent international relation. And, in standing for the Open Door in China, we were helping to maintain equality of opportunity for everybody.

equality of opportunity for everybody.

Therefore, in being willing to make strong. Stimson Nate representations to Ja-Laid Down Apan in 1931, we ran Sound Rule the risk of offending one of our best customers, in behalf of a principle. And that principle was clearly stated by Secretary Stimson. It was, and is, that a peaceful and orderly world can exist only when treatles are respected, that peace in the modern world, is indivisible, and that wars, anywhere, may spread and eventually threatment in peace and prosperity of the United States. How sound that principle is—and it has been restated by the present state Department—is now being demonstrated, by the war in Spain and in China.

The strongest feeling in the United States at present is for isolation. But it is safe to say that if this feeling is safe to say that if this feeling is

States at present is for isolation. But it is safe to asy that if this feeling is modified it will only be upon the foregoing principle. The people of the United States might be willing to collaborate with the rest of the world for the purpose of maintaining international way. The world will be used to be under the purpose of maintaining international way. The world will be under the property of the property of

(Monroe Journal)

Way back yonder when the sons and daughters of temperance were very active and thinking that a Baptist deacon or a Presbyterian elder ought to be churched for making brandy, a good old brother was reported to the church conference on account of his activities in that direction. The conference assembled and the brother was asked if he had been selling apple brandy. All around him sat his neighbors and brethren in the church. The old brother was quite mesk about it. He aad, yes, it was true that he had let some persons have some brandy from time to time. He then called the names of serval of those present and stated how Way back yonder when the sons and

Our idealism that they were interDirew Only a seated primarily in the
Fishy Eye protection of specifically Brittsh interests
and not in the maintenance of international low and the internation of the main add the in conclusion, addressing the
sancitty of treaties. Notice was served
by the greatest naval power in the world
that aggresors were free to act as they
pleased so long as they did not interfere
with British interests.
The American attitude was quite dif-

# Earlier Days

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

# DECEMBER 20, 1863

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TSTARB AGO
REPORTS FROM NEW ORLEANS
A dispatch from Mobile mentions a
report which had reached that city that
Beast Butler's brother, who had been
in co-partiernilip with Jacob Barker
in New Orleans, recently absconded
with a large amount of money. He had
also forged the Beast's name to permits for schooners carrying on contraband trade. The same dispatch says
that Fyrnaut had a quarret with Butler. that Farragut had a quarrel with Butler that Farragut had a quarrel with Butler, denouncing him as a coward and a third who robbed the people of all they possessed and then gave then permission to leave the city. The quarrel was caused, it is said, by a lady, who was robbed and ordered to leave, appealing to Farragut for protection, and Butler's returnal. Farragut is reported to have said that Butler was the only man in the United States whom he was announ to threath, and he would avail himself of the first opportunity to do it.

—Richmond Enquirer.

# DECEMBER 20, 1837

DECEMBER 26, 1837

109 TARES AGO

CLAY AND CALHOUN

The respective friends of Mr. Clay
and Mr. Calhoun appear to us to have
done injustice to each of those gentiemen and misrepresented their conduct
and motives in respect to abolition. On
the one side Mr. Clay is held up as an
abolitionist, as the first to invite discussion in the Senate, and as seeking
to arouse a storm that he may gain
credit by allaying it. On the other side,
Mr. Calhoun is charged by some with credit by allaying it. On the other side, Mr. Calhoun is charged by some with agitating the subject for the purpose of defeating Mr. Clay and gatning the Presidency himself, and by others for the purpose of dissolving the Union.

The charges in 'regards to both of these distinguished gentlemen we believe to be under the control of these distinguished gentlemen we believe to be under the control of the contro

The charges in regards to both of these distinguished gentlemen we believe to be unjust, and from their tendency to produce dissension in the South, calculated to produce must be do not agreed with the opinions of one of them (Mr. Clsy) as to the expediency of receiving abolition petitions, nor with the action of the other in introducing his resolutions into the Senate, we have never doubted that both were governed by patriotic multes and an honset desire to put an end to both were governed by patriotic multes and an honset desire to put an end to the solution was upon our institutions.

—Richmond While.

# Liked The Bishop

(Richmond County Journal)

(Richmond County Journal):

"But while we're taiking about columists:—You can say what you please about it. but I think (0! Yom P. Jimison, The Bishop, was the best columniat who even the Charlotte News would resurrest the Carolinan, that I know of. I wish The Charlotte News would resurrest the Carolinan that I know again, I understand he's been practicing law, Just blown's his zelant says, I think. [Editor's Note: Art. Jimison is in minetal and in taking it says in the health and h