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The Least of These

It's a sort of second table, this Empty Stocking Fund for Negro Children that The News is starting Soday, but it's a tremendously apling thing, and tremendously We oughtn't to have let ristmas get so near upon us be-Hore realizing that colored children Soo, look forward to the visit of

seo, look forward to the visit of Santa Claus, and are fully as disappointed as white children, though perhaps with a more stole front, when he does not appear.

50, having neglected to give the kommunity an ample opportunity to provide a Christmas of sorts for extremely poor colored children, it is up to The News to take full advantages of the two or three days that remain, and up to the good people of the city and county to come forward immediately, and not a second later, with their contributions of clothes, toys that need no repairing, and money — especially money, Details will be found elsewhere in the paper. will be found elsewhere in the paper The purpose of this piece is only to supplement the announcement of an ane puppers appropriate announcement of an Smpty Stocking Fund for Negro Children, to urge promptness, and to remark that when Christ said, "Insamuch as ye have done it unto the least of these." He drew no distinction as to race.

Process of Elimination

In his fireside chat last October alling the special session of Con-rous, the President asked "early en-- -- recovert asked "early en sent" of the following legisla

Crop control.

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In a special message on November 29, and in another the day following, the President urged Congress:

1. To pass a liberalized housing act.
2. To reduce, before January
1, 1938-39 Federal highway appropriations to the states.

Last night, Congress adjourned.
The House and Senate had passed farm control bills and housing bills, but in such varying form that they had to be sent to conference. Otherwise, bills finally enacted were —

None at all. But it could have been worse, at

After Kellogg

It must have been in considerable soom that Frank Kellogg departed this troubled sphere last night. For the great work of his life, the Kellogg-Briand Treaty, was manifestly a failure. The Brussels Conference had finally proved what the actions of Taley Germony and Isone had Many proved what the actions of Italy, Germany, and Japan had been establishing for five years, that peace cannot be kept in the world merely by signing papers and holding talk-fests.

But perhaps it was not necessary in him to depart in utter despair but perhaps it was not necessary than to depart in utter despair, even as he passed, a new policy beginning to take incheates. A policy based on the grim without the manifest facts that sace nations which will hear sumset save that of superior and which have taken the salesses of the democratic as as observed on the sumset of the democratic as as observed on the sumset of the democratic as as observed on the sumset of the democratic as a classifier and in the sumset of the democratic as a classifier of the demo

ships, and on our own West Coast the Navy was moving restlessly as the President uttered ominous words. A. dangerous policy? An exceed-ingly dangerous one. One full of the possibility of war. And yet—that other policy of eternally retreating before ever mounting insolence was before ever mounting insolence was full of the possibility, almost the cer-tainty, indeed, of another world-wide conflict. After all, the United States, Britain, and France, do hold the overwhelming preponderance of might in the world, as not even the megalomania of the brass hats who rule the bandit nations will fail to rule the bandit nations will fall to know. And so it may be that the demonstration of the determination to use that power if necessary is the best bet for the securing and main-taining of that peace which was the great goal at which Frank Kellogg aimed.

Tribute to an Egg

We confess to a certain limited admiration for Mayor Frank (PEtat. c'est moi) Hague of Jersey City. For c'est moil 'Hague of Jersey City. For about superlatives of any sort there is a little something that takes our breath, even in these times when co-loss-al exhibits may be seen in any of the local movie houses prac-tically any night. A superlative clown. The fattest lady. The smallest man. The most numerous father. The biggest louse. The champion bull. And for brassbound, triple-plated, hundred-proof, una-dulterated simon-pure nerve, this Mayor Hague is tops even in a world which boasts Mussolini, Hitler, and the Japanese war lords.

the Japanese war lords.

Consider. A few weeks ago, he announced his intention to remove Jersey City from the jurisdiction of the United States, suspend the Bill of Rights, and bar the CIO completely out of the town. Afterwards he sicked his cops on some CIO organizers who made bold to come into the town anyhow, and actually threw them into jail for no crime save having disobeyed his order to stay out. And yeaterday, when it was announced that a committee had been formed to en bat for civil liberties. formed to go to bat for civil liberties in Jersey City — a committee includ-ing such eminentissimoes as Walter George Kaufman, ber --- Mayor Hague up and denounced the action as "in-

The fellow is so awful, he dazzles

Serves Him Right

Mr. F. Roy Yoke is probably not Mr. F. Roy Yoke is probably not going to be internal revenue collector for West Virginia. And he is not going to get that nice, fat Job because Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia has in personal grudge against him, and stands flatly on his privilege as a Senator. Which, you might be inclined to suspect, makes Senator Holt out to be a pretty shabby person, and leaves the matter of merit in appointments in a bad way.

way.

Well, Benator Holt is not exactly
one of our favorite persons. We
wouldn't mind particularly, for that
matter, if that adjective, shabby,
were hung squarely around his neck.
But still, we find our heart rather
going along with the Senator in his
treatment of Mr. Yoke. For the admitted basis of Mr. Yoke's obnoxloussere to bim is that that expellemen ness to him is that that gentleman ness to him is that that gentleman told a crowded school room back in 1917 that. Senator Holt's father 'should be lined up against a wall and shot' for opposing the entry of the United States into the World War. And if Mr. Yoke made that speech, he's probably getting now just what was coming to him. So much so, indeed, that for once we can view with cheerful quanimity the spectacle of a Senator acting on the personal cealings and setting the personal feelings and setting the stion of capacity for the job question of wholly aside.

Soviet Sacrifices

Soviet Russia Sunday celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the OGPU, secret political police, with the execution of eight more persons. There's really nothing unusual about that. The OGPU, in the 7,300 days of its existence, has sent men to their deaths almost every day. This year alone the toll has run into the hundreds. And the most conservative estimates for the total period of its existence put the number of its vitetims at from 10,000 to 30,000. There is one curlous thing that we observe, however, — that it is increasingly becoming the practice of the Soviet Government to celebrate all great anniversaries with the formal executions of great persons. Four of these men had not only been active in the OGPU, but had also held other posts of the first

also held other posts of the first importance. Which reminds us that importance. Which reminds us that it has been many times suggested by anthropologists that the Russian regime, like the German and Italian regimes, is in its essence a failing-back to the pattern of barbarism. And that, in fact, the execution of great persons on great anniversaries and high dates has been universalies

characteristic of barbarism characteristic of barbarism.

To be sure, the barbarians have commonly done so by way of sacrifice to a god—or gods. But then, Stalin, to whom these sacrifices are addressed, obviously occupies the satus of a kind of god in Russia.

TWO ON ONE THEME

NEW YORK CITY.—The Republicant New York City—Ins reponicans have resumed the march just where they left off in November, 1936—in the Parade of the Wooden Solders or the Stumblebums' Delight. I refer to the mew program committee and the selection of Dr. Frank.

Why do they want



section of Dr. Frank. Why do they want a platform now? It is just painting a target on the seat arget on the seat enemy toes will be sure of the range and direction. They don't know what the sentiment of the country will be one year from now—much less two.

The Democrats are

The Democrats are now making all the Cought To Be Their Model to call the shots. The only popular pieces of social legislation, but to show how each can be done without destroying the powers of Congress and the states and without bankrupting the country. Beyond emphasizing the general principle stated in every attack, the Republicans don't need to breed any general principle stated in every account the Republicans don't need to breed any hutch of new white rabbits of their own

Which brings us to

Which brings us to Professor Glenn Dr. Frank Is Frank, a brilliant, Polson Oak gentleman. But the For Winning country is fed up on professors in 'politics'. Worse than that—prominent men have become symbols of this, that or the other. The La Follettes are symbols of all that calls itself "liberal" in the Republican Party and in the Mid-West middle class. Frank and the La Follettes are enemies. Mr. Hamilton could have searched the whole census list and found no name so clearly symbolizing a kick in the shins to all that than the name Professor Frank. If it had been intended, you would have to call it a work of gentus. As it is, it still passes as superiative—the biggest honer that could possibly have been pulled.

II By HEYWOOD BROUN

A GOOD many years ago a close friend of Dr. Frank said to me, "Some day Glenn Frank is going to the House." At the time the young liberal was only 40 years old and a magazine editor, and so I thought, "She means he's going there for



editor, and so I thought, "She means be's going there for supper," and dismissed the matter from my mind.

But Olenn is moving up, 1711 have to put him back in my winter book again, and I won't lay more than fifty to one against him. As a matter of fact, he was my long shot special back in 1936 when Landon won the Republican nomination on account of the crowding at the first turn. Dr. Frank had been mentioned as the keynoler of the convention and, given that break at the barrier, he might have gone places. They passed him by, but now he has his chance again as chairman of a committee to draft a new charter for the G. O. P.

From a political standpoint it is a wise selection. Gienn Frank A Platform it a mong fife most anniable of men and it in the day selection. Gienn Frank it amounts too in 1938 for a 1940 election would terrify many men, but not follow from Frank. Any pintform which he writes or talks will be just as good ten years in the future or a hundred years in the future or a hundred years in the past.

Every now and again the suggestion is made to every columnist that it might be a good idea for him to leave a column in reserve down at the office just column in reserve down at the office just in case he slips and breaks or impairs his fool neck. Such a piece is difficult to compose, because it can't be about anything in particular.

Glenn Frank could

Glenn Frank could do it. Indeed, he has.

The Man's a Feripacitic Expression of the Copybook all kinds of public gatherings he never falls to deliver the goods, because his sentiments are fool proof and rust-proof, and there is no cog of controversy upon which he is in any danger of slipping. I do not think that the barracuda or the black widow solder has a more relevitees foo

think that the barracula or the black widow spider has a more relemites for in all America than Dr. Glenn Frank. In any given address you can count on him. to come out four square against murder, graven images and covering your neighbor's ox.

I heard him perform once at a convention of high school superintendents, and he had them aroused to such a pitch of enthusiasm that they were almost ready to go down and picket the Weather Bureau. And yet all that he had said, when you cut through the dependent clauses, was that the days are longer in Summer than in the Winter.

Bailey Plan Is Sound In Its Doctrine

Wage And Hour Problem Can Be Best Worked Out Under Free Competition.

Dear Sir:

The question of the extent to which government chould regulate business is an old one. But with such measures as the wage and hour bill before Congress, it is a question about which every American citizen must think to-day.

day.

It may be true that in the preRosevelt United States the condition
of the working man was largely conrolled by that class we call "employers." It may also be true that the
employer gave his workmen the very
smallest wage, a wage inconsistent with
proper and decent living standards. It
is probable that he kept his employees at their jobs longer than he should have for either his own or their good.

But is the proper way to achieve these desirable ends the enacting of legislation aimed at making the busi-ness man toe the mark? The condi-tions which existed came about through no criminal intent of the employer Many far-sighted employers were be-Many far-algibted employers were be-ginning to discover that their purses could be fattened by creating de-alrable working conditions, including proper hours, and by paying a "living wage." The competitive system.coupled with the growth in power of the labor unions, would have probably brought others into line. There is little evi-dence that the good brought through overnmental regulation is not more than offset by the accompanying evil. There is food for thought in the tem-point recovery program presented to the

point recovery program presented to the Senate by a group including North Carolina's Senator Joshah W. Bailey. One point in that program calls for recognition of the profit motive and the superiority of the competitive system.

Charlotte.

IT'S TIME THE JAPANESE REMEMBERED THE CUSTOM OF THEIR HONORED PAPAS

Dear Sir:

When will the harl-karl start? That is a question that the American public would like to know the answer to. The American public would like for it to start at once, a sequel to the bombing and sinking of the U. S. gunboat Panay,

It's an old Japanese custom. When a high-class Jap, in the old days, was caught atealing Jam he took his aharp, curved word and in a few minutes he didn't have any insides. He would camp on the doorstep of the fellow who caught him and commit harl-karl in a perfectly shocking manner. It was supposed to disgrace the fellow who kept on living. Personal honor and all that sturf, you know. Harl-karl was preferable not only to disgrace but to any reflection whatto disgrace but to any reflection vever on a big Jap. He felt good committing suicide for he knew committing suicide for he knew the other people would feel badly. The original bad boy's mistake was not in doing something disgraceful but—as is now—in being caught at it. A dumb-bell!

Now, since the Jap government has decided to "punish" the whoever was responsible for the bombing, which was responsible for the bombing, which was, Japan realizes. a had mistake, there ought to be some first-class hart-kari. The big chiefe have been put on the carpet. They may be recalled. They may get a clap on the wrist. But that isn't sufficient. The Panay's dead are dead for a long, long time. Let us hope that Japan hasn't gone so modern that it has forgotten the high and honorable hart-kari custom.

B. B. SCHACHT. H. B. SCHACHT.

Charlotte.

Visiting Around

What's Wrong With That—Rake, Roke

Ruck?

(Sanford Herald)

With a rake alung across his shoulder a local colored man asked Mrs. D. E
McIver: "Do you want to have your yard roke?"

Itinersry

(Lumber Bridge item, Lumberton Voice)
Mrs. A. F. Smith returned Wednesday
from different places in South Carolina
where she visited relatives.

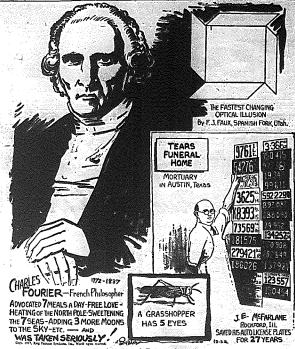
Junior Must Be Home From College (Headline, Belmont Banner)

DR. ALBRIGHT'S CAR "BORROWED" MONDAY

Friend, You've Got Something There (Bentonville item, Smithfield Herald) (Bentonville item, Smithfield Herald)
We look with pride at the new light poles and wires that are going up past our homes now, for Bentonville township is large and has always been iso-lated or cut off from the rest of the world, so to speak. We haven't any million dollar schools housen, no locomo-live ibundering through in the middle of the night, no telephone system, and no roads that could be bragged about. In fact, we haven't supplyining except quietness and peace.

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Explanation of Today's Cartoon

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UTOPIA FOR ALL—Charles Fourier (1972-1837) Frame philosophyr, founded an important school of philosophy hased on these principals. Heating of the two poles, sweetening of the seven ince mone to the satellite of the seath free force ample education of children at the cent the sless than seven meals a day and a round of drama, opera, music and all the joyous things of life, thus making it possible for men to attain an average age of 144 years and a height of seven feet.

He had a large following and played a most important part in the pre-seclinist movement in Europe, as well as in the United States. For 25 years straight, without ever missing a single day, he would return than house at the stroke of 12, to wait two hours for the capitalists of the worl due come to him with the proposition to put his theories to the practical test, and he waited in vain all his life.

FIVE EYES—A grashouper has five eyes. Two are located on the base of the antennae or feelers, one in the middle of the forechead, and one on either side of the head.

ON THE RECORD

The Farm Bill

L AST WEEK, the Senate of the United States passed a bill, abolishing the Merican farmer and substituting in riders." LAST WEEK, the Senate of the United States passed a bill, abolbishing the American farmer and substituting in his place a "cooperator." The coperator, lest one become confused, is not one who cooperates with fellow producers, but one who cooperates with the Federal government, and brings the production policy of his individual farm into line with the government's program.

Milord Quota Will Be Boss Hereafter

States, countles within the states, and county committees on which the County Agent will be an ex officio member, will decide the quota that

ch farmer may devote to the produceach farmer may devote to the production of marketable commodities. This quota will, of course, determine the value and price of the farm. The committee that determines this quota will mittee that desermines this quoted with hold the power of economic existence over the individual farmer. That committee would not dream, of course, of influencing the farmers vote! There are, in these committees, with power of life and death over the individual farmer, no opportunities for political corruption! Oh yeah?

corruption! Oh yeah?

For thus making himself an employee of the Federal government, and surrendering his rights to control his own farm. the Cooperator is, of course, to be remunerated by subsidy. If he obeys the rules he gets a bribe. If he disobeys he pays extremely heavy penalties.

To be sure, a plebbette is provided for, before allocations Lowdown on Plebisettes one-third of the farmers in a given allocations, then the program is over-ridden. Is there any possibility of one-third of the farmers using this "democratic" instrument?

cratic instrument?

At a meeting of the Tennessee Farm
Burean Federation in Memphis, on October 29th, 1937, Mr. Oscar Johnston,
special representative of the Department of Agriculture, made a little specch. Mr. Johnston made it clear
that nobody needs to worry about the
few rugged individualists who might,
possibly, want to remain farmers and
not become "cooperators," or who might,
possibly-disagree with the allotments
of quotas.

Do the farmers want this bill? They do not. They want help. They want Nor Senator Nor Farmer Wanted It compensation for the

Wasted I compensation for the special compensation of the testing and relief from an overwhelming burden of debt and taxation. They want help so badly, that they are being persuaded to sign on the dotted line. The mortgage has been the Farmer's curse eternally. He has Just been asked to sign collectively, the big-gest mortgage in the history of the United States. A mortgage on his independence.

Does the Senate believe in the bill it has just passed?

It does not. Any number of Senators who voted for this bill are extremely queasy about it. Why did they do it? Because the farmers want help; and

they are expected to pass a bill at this

session.

Will this bill solve the farmer's problems?

Will Be Lost Come back in five years and ask. The compensations protoided under it are totally inadequate to compensate the farmer for the discrimination brought about by the necessity of selting his goods in a free market and buying them in a protected one, behind a tariff wall which adds 50 to 100 per cent to his costs.

I will go into the prophesy business and say that for the cotton farmer, the bill will be disastrous. The tariff and artificial control methods in America have already made it more profitable for the forelign consumers, who once bought half our cotton crupt, to buy claewhere, from those who are willing to where from those who are willing to li in a competitive world market e have already lost half of our ex-

Test for an Argument

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot) (Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)
According to the Japanese, it is difficult to identify ships of other nations.
The argument will be more convincing
20 minutes after a Japanese aviator
drope a bomb on a Japanese ship.

Troubles of an Editor

(Montgomery Adverti

There are dosens of clippings in the editorial sanctum of The Advertiser, but we can't for the life of us remember why we filed them, nor what they are about.

Earlier Days

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

DECEMBER 22, 1862 75 YEARS AGO

CONSCRIPTS General Hill endorsed on Colonel Mac-General Hill endorsed on Colonel Mac-Rae's resignation that North Carolina had furnished more volunteers than any other state, and now, according to the Raleigh Progress, "President Davis told Governor Vance that North Carolina had furnished more conscripts than any other state."

—Favetieville Observer

-Fayetteville Observer.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG

Richmond:—Advices yesterday render it pretty certain that the enemy's forces have retired to the banks of the Potomac. One report states that Bu side commenced the embarkation of his troops at Aquia Creek in the early part of the week, and it was believed that Washington was their destination.

—Fayetteville Observer,

DECEMBER 22, 1837

100 YEARS AGO COST OF LIVING It is a mistaken notion which North-It is a mistaken notion which North-ern young men have about money-making in the South. A salary of \$900 or \$1,200 per annum sounds very large 1,500 miles North of this, too large, we think, for many who come this way. It is a com-mon saying that 'one story is good until another is toold," and it seems applicable in this cass. We presume that one-half of the young men who come, for instance, to this city, with the intent to make money for a willie, either do not know, or do not properly consider, that it

money for a while either to make money for a while, either do not know, or do not properly consider, that it coats from one-fourth to one-half of their wages for board and unavoidable incidental expenses. The consequence is their expectations are raised too high, and they are disappointed. They find in such times as these, when business is none of the brightest, their goidenthopes soon biasted. The cities, and infact the country, overflow with personal like themselves in quest of the one-thing needful. Here are more workers than work - wages as a matter of course are low - situations are not to be had, or, if so, are not lucrative.

This is on the supposition that they

This is on the supposition that they are without a pre-engagement and without friends. If they have both of without friends. If they nave both or these the case is somewhat different, still, notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, money is not to be picked up. in our streets very often, neither does it grow on bushes, at least we never saw it. It must be earned, and that by labor, too, in some shape.

—Mobile Examiner.

Eskimo Division, Maybe

(Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch)
Devil's Lake, North Dakota, was recently reported as the coldest place in the country. He musta moved.