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All Ten Commandments
Moscow celebrated Christmas by shooting that sixteen persons had been put to death for offenses against the Soviet. These high crimes ranged all the way from "stealing a button" to "body wanted" and "stealing window sumpies in the cellar" where they were ruined by water "to killing a peasant woman worker."

Did They Say Silk?
The Charlotte Central Labor Union last week adopted a resolution boycotting Japanese goods, and we are wondering if it includes silk. For silk, of course, is by far the largest item in the inventory of Japanese trade with this country, and in spite of the many gimcracks and gewgaws which are made in Japan, it is principally silk that enables Japan to take the cotton of Southern farmers (in 1936 she was our best customer), just as it is Japanese silk, by and large, that makes up the bulk of our dress and American women's wear.

Objections to Economy
Carolina members of the Associated General Contractors of America are unilaterally opposing to President Roosevelt's recommendation to Congress about reducing Federal highway appropriations to the states. They are objecting to the fact that the Government is collecting a quarter of a billion dollars annually from highway users — the gas and oil taxes, we take it — and then to cut the road appropriation in \$125,000,000 would represent fifty per cent diversion of highway funds.

When Signs Fall
If this may seem to come to the defense of our esteemed new weather-forecasting administrator Mr. Howland, very well. But it is a darker deeper significance, too, and in the interest of the public welfare we care to expose it. The squirrels this year built their nests unusually high in the trees.

Let Us Keep Clear Heads
WASHINGTON.—The country applauded Mr. Landon's assurance of support to the President on Japan. Also, there is no doubt that Japan could continue a course of outrages on our rights which would inflame the nation to a point where it might be difficult to control.

A Happiest Christmas
Perhaps modesty ought to forbid our saying so, but nevertheless here goes. That was one swell job The News did in putting on the rousements for its Empty Stocking Funds and Christmas for the poor, an admirable response it got from the community. Literally hundreds of people responded. They gave nearly a thousand dollars in hard cash, between 1,500 and 2,000 substantial gifts, such as waxen, tri-cycles, go-carts, innumerable small toys, candy, fruits, nuts, garments by the truck-load and all sorts of things. As a result, it is generally conceded that the Christmas just passed was the happiest and most abundant the city has ever known.

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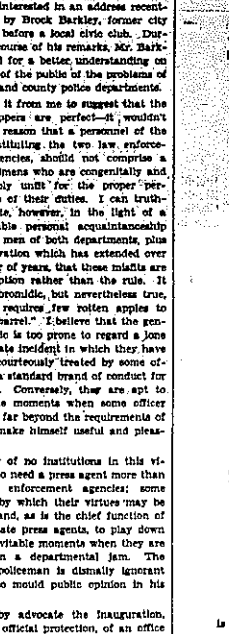
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Believe It Or Not
By Ripley
On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope. Mr. Ripley will furnish, free, anything requested by letter.



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Information Wanted
TO JOHN FEATHERSTON, A SOLDIER OF REVOLUTION
Dear Sir:
I am requesting that you publish this letter in the hope that some of your readers may be able to give me information regarding a certain John Featherston of North Carolina, a Revolutionary soldier, who intermarried with the Colston family and moved to South Carolina.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

IF IT'S ZERO TODAY AND IT WOULD BE HOW COLD WILL IT BE TOMORROW?

ZERO IS 32°F
TWICE ZERO = 64°F
BELOW FREEZING

THE OLD LOG JAIL - NASHVILLE, Indiana
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PAY TO GET IN
CONTAINS 2 CELLS AND IS BUILT OF 3 LAYERS OF HEAVY LOGS

PHILADELPHIA NEW YORK BOSTON WASHINGTON

FRANK GORE TRAVELED 80 MILES AWAY TO WORK

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Earlier Days
News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh
DECEMBER 27, 1888
15 YEARS AGO
THE RECALL OF NUTLER
All things considered, the superintendent of Brute Butler as Lincoln's commanding general at New Orleans is a notable event. It is not apparent that his conduct there has met with disapproval from the Government. Banks, we take it, will prove just such another mean and ferocious tyrant.

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