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MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1937

Moscow celebrated Christmas by isolosing that sixteen persons had seen put to death for offenses painst the Boviet. These high mines ranged all the way from tooking stores with buttons notice and "storing window ammiles in the cellar where they were ruined by water' to 'Rilling a seast woman worker."

And though there is an absurd boughtly in the nature of these middless though according to our watern standards it seems inside the control of the cells of t celebrated Christmas

snishment, capital puriod window mannies and the murderer of a simular being, by Papa Stalin's method of figuring the two crimes was a common denominator. The window dummies were State property. So was the peasant woman. The was a worker, and by gad, sir,

Objections to Economy

Serdina members of the Asso-ted General Contractors of Amer-ars unalterably opposed to Presi-at Rossveit's recommendation to mit Roserel's recommendation to Compress about reducing Federal Shiway appropriations to the states. Believe appropriations to the states. Settimally they would be, and for disk insider they make the tenship with the states of billion to the states. The states of billion to the states of the sta

But their argument, while perti-sent, will not, we believe, hold wa-ter. The Federal Government, un-file the Bishe of Morth Carolins, has separate highway fund. Ozs and tames go straight — kerplunk! — the general fund. Furthermore er of other taxes such as thos spool, and salety deposit boxe, also the three-free house, but in the dark' days of 1932, and they were called "emergency tases." True, their life has been extended again and again, unto this day, beyond the Suration of any emergency, but the budget atill can't spare them. There is that looming eighth successive densities.

ncis ...
The Contractors might contend
that it would be inequitable to economize at the expense of road-building while still inducing profigacies
in other directions; and we would
agree. At the same time, the only
ray for economize is to begin to economize somewhere; and for our part
we are all in favor, of making a start.
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When Signs Fail

If this may seem to come to the nate of our exteemed new weath-in, the admirable Mr. Howe, very well. But it has a darker, seper aignificance, too, and in the berest of the public welfare we are to expose it. The squirrels this her built their nests unusually high

w the initiate in weather lore, suffices. It brings on a ques-it fetches the mysterious into and we find ourselves face to tith something portentous. We ger take umbrage at Mr. Howe lling to deliver the snows and see and the blizzardy condi-he premised. Forces are in in melectrological resims as and perceive. The squir-

squirre nees nung ingn in the cree, bathed in sumshine. It is strange. We don't inderstand it. We fear that something inforeseen has come to pass in the dark places where weather is made. When the squirrel neets are high—then look out. That, atways, has been a sure sign. But when that falls to work, sellow citizens, what may we expect?

A Happiest Christmas

Perhaps modesty ought to forbid our saying so, but nevertheless here goes. That was one swell 100 The News dist in putting on the rousements for its Emply Stocking Punds and Christians for the poor, and 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 tops, such as wagons, triatiating, such as wagons, triatiating, such as wagons, triatiating, such as wagons, triating the such people of the such as a such as

abundant the city has ever known.

A great many organizations and individuals had active parts in it.

The Balvation Army and the Family Service, of course. The firemen, as usual, turned to and did a lion's chare of the work. Hornets Nest Post of the American Legion and the T-Up Bottling Co. were largest cash contributors. Mr. Bernstecker and the Morth Carolina Theaters put on a couple of performances, to one of which admission was by toys or edibles, the other of which was attended free by more than a thousand underprivileged children. The Lance Packing Co., the A&P and the Dixie

party an unqualified success.

But most responsible of all for
the aucess of the undertaking were
the good people of the city and
nearby. They gave readily and
generously, and on behalf of the
children and the parents whose
Christmas they made a happy one,
we thank them.

Did They Say Silk?

The Charlotte Central Labor Union leat week adopted a resolu-tion boycotting Japanese goods and we are wondering if it includes silk. we are wondering it it includes allik. 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 gimerscks and gewgawa which bear, the label, Made in Japan, it is principally silk that enables Japan to take the cotion of Solithern farmers (in 1936 ahe was our best customer), just as it is Japanese silk, by and large, that trims the ankles of our well dressed American women.

And for that matter, it is for silk that the machinery of hosiery mills dolling the Mecklenburg and Gaston landscapes is gauged, and it is out of the throwing and the weaving

out of the throwing and the weaving and the merchandising of alk that great body of our American peo a great body of our American people make their livings. Hence, it is a distasteful, perhaps, but an in-gespable conclusion that the only way to get at the Japanese silk industry is at the expense of our people who, own and work in hosiery mills, at the expense of our cotton farmers, and at the expense of the expense of our cotton appearance of our women. And, besides, ian't it altogether likely that the effects of a successful American. boycott of Japan would be, prin

cipally, these:

To send her elsewhere to do her buying? or
 To so paralyze her domestic economy that the millions of her workers and peasants and soldiers would rise up, overthrow the govern-ment, and go in for a Communist state?

Note on Safe Driving

The other night there was an actomobile ran over and killed an old

as; and we would not the control of the control of

impending elemental disturbances, its cularly at this season when the But, did they come? Not at al. The, creads are extraordinarily crowded, surjurier inests hung high in the trees, like Christmas is going to be a sed bathed in sunshine. Us is strange, season in even more houses this year We don't understand it. We fear then last.

THE CHARLOTTE IN CORNEY

LET US KEEP CLEAR HEADS

MASHINGTON.—The country appropriate 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 right which would inflame this nation to a



willingness to v Nothing should be waif or done to disabuse the mind of Japan on this point. But if all this adds up to mean that we have already reached a point where particular requires that all critical discussion.

of this situation must now cesse as a sort of war treason, here is one commentator who is going to take his chances whatever figurative firing squad

There are many distinct signs that the old 3017 process of going sepa is week-ing again. Mr. Landon suggests that Itritiah Parlimentary critics of any war should have kept their mouths shut in 1918. Approving editorial commentagrees and suggests that if there had been british dimmens and no such critician, Germany would not have invaded Belgium—or even "started the World War."

Join France

In a military sense Germany did not start the war. The Russian mobilization did that. It is not true that Germany did not ex-

Orrmany did not expect. England to support France. Von Molicke's Jamous Memorandum of Defember 1937" and the "Schilferta Plan" were the crystallaced German charter for such a war. The former asys: "It is only by an advance across Belgium territory that we can hope to stack and defeat the French Army. On this route, we shall meet the British expeditionary force and—unless we succeed in coming to some arrangement with Belgium—this Belgian Army sloc." This was written a year and eight months before August 1914.

It was certain that England would enter such a war. Bhe was bound to do it by treaty once Belgium was invaded. She would have entered anyway. Grey of Fallodom's "Trenty-five Years" say: "In every crists since 1903, Germany had been told that if way came we would be drawn into it on the side of France. The warning was given again to Bethimmun-Hollweg. ... more than this could not be said." Then comes the most significant time in this most significant time in this most significant of memoirs, "Blant, even if it could be stooped to in such grave momenta, would be useres: the Germans would have known that the border line between truth and bluff was overstepped." It was certain that England would er

Bafety Does of a policy that seems Require A to lead to war, must be Gas-Rule of the policy that seems of a policy that seems of patriotism. As Viscount Orey and, you can't bluff in these alturations. If we make a threat to strike span—we must mean it. We must be both prepared and determined to make good that threat. There is nothing yet to show that it is necessary to atrike span. We are not prepared or determined to atrike her if there were. This is not to criticise anything yet done. The case has been magnificently handled. But this country is not poing to we for anything ntry is not going to war for anything

Now It's Our Turn-

(filin Miller, Atlanta Journal)
Water in Well Priezes: "Mr. Bynur
tells of a well having frozen over Mon
day night (December 6) about four mile much intercempt of about four miles and in fluxuolla. The well was filtern feel deep and was frozen so hard that the buckst wouldn't break the see with the workst miles and the see that t iccale at all. After searching the neigh-herhod for several days with no success, it finally occurred to that to look under his house. And, sure enough, there was his well. While he has never been open-bry rebellous about this prank which fale played on him, on the other hand he has never become entirely recorded to the perplexing situation. He still grum-bies a titled since every time has to creat under the bouse and days a bucket of water.

Our Coppers Need A Press Agent Badly

Pretty Decent Fellows For Th Main, They're Hama At Public Relations.

Dear 65:

I was interested in an address recent-by made by Brock Barkley, former city solicitor, before a local cirio cith. Dur-ing the course of his remarks, Mr. Bark-ley saked for a better, understanding on the part of the public of the problems of the city and county police departmen

Far be it from me to suggest that the local coppers are perfect—it wouldn't stand to reason that a personnel of the stand to reason that is personnel of the also constituting the two law, enforcement agencies, should not comprise a few specimens who are congenially and continued the specimens of their direct. I can truthilly state, however, in the light of a considerable personal acquaintanceship with the men of both departments, plus an observation which has extended over a number of years, that these minists are the exception rather than the rule. If eral public is too prone to regard a Jone unfortunate incident in which they have

I know of no institutions in this vi-cinity who need a press agent more than the law enforcement agencies; some medium by which their virtues may be extelled and, as is the chief function of

favor.

I hereby advocate the inauguration, for their official protection, of an office to be known as: "The Bureau For The Purpose Of Making Cops Look Good—Or, At Least As Good As They Are."

B. PAIR.

GLAD TO COOPERATE, SIR. AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON Dear Bir:

Dear Sit:

May I express to you my sincere thanks for your cooperation in making the 1937 Christmas Lighting Contests a success. I appreciate the help of every member of the committee, the district chairmen, judges and all those who cooperated so wholeheartedly in making our City a more pleasant place during the Christman Season.

Wishing you a Bountiful New Year, I

JOHN M. SORROW.

General Chairman Christmas Lighting Committee Charlotte.

INFORMATION WANTED AS

SOLDIER OF REVOLUTION

Dear Bir:

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 critial John Featherston of North Carolina, a Revolutionary soldier, who intermarried with the Colston family and removed to South Carolina, where he fought under General Marion. His son, Howell Colston Featherston, went to Limestone county, near Athens, Alabama, and his home is still one of the show places of that vicinity. one of the show places of that vicinity.

In my law practice I observed from the records recently that another Howeli Featherston was married in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1831. As this combination of names is unusual, I am we iering if some of the numerous North

Visiting Around

You Forgot to Say When Mrs. Edward Clinkscales will enter-tain the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club at her home on West Union street.

What'd They Use, Cannor (1915 item, Davis Record)

(1915) item, Davis Record)

Snow fell at Calahain Saturday night
to a depth of ten inches, and on Mon-day D. O. Blackwood and L. R. Harkey
went rabbit hunting and killed 23 rab-bits and only shot twice.

What You Need Is Not Chain Letters But a Chain .

Ghelian That Hom, Monney Journal)
Well, I had some experience with chain interest. Oct one that said with that place likes it or I would have been build. It didn't write himm. Then when J, was seving 18 acres of Ecrean clover I look any foundain pen, watsled all over the filters acres looking for 18 and didn't mile filters. The control of the c

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley



THE OLD LCC JAIL—The old log jail of Nashville, Indiana, is now used as a community moment, and is the only jail which people will pay money to enter.

THE JOB WAS WORTH IT—During the years 1920 to 1926. Frank F. Core, of Akron, Ohlo, commuted between Akron and Cleveland, where he worked. Bis daily trip included a mile walk from his home to the station, then a intel nicis to Circland and an additional walk to his job. The same procedure was present.

working conditions. A sweatshop is source of infection. It can corrupt community or an entire nation wi

the Board of Realth for smallpox or diphtheria.

The cause of labor needs a united front. Even a Tierd and I suppose a lamp. Liberat Can be a window even for lagger of the prodigate who have come into the fight against Fague at the eleventh bour. One person's tactics may be another man's poison. But I am a little worried as to the utility of a few who now join project committees, although they themselves have done thair but to lay the groundwork for lawlessens against labor by the acverity of their own stateks on the Committee for Industrial Organization.

In a good right anybody should be allowed to Join, but, when the victory is won I think it will be found that the really effective work has been done by the boys in the back room and not by the lads and tasses of the front window.

"I Am the Law?

(New York Times)

(New York Times)

It is a little embatrassing to know what to do about Mayor Hague of Jersey City. Other officials in this broad country have successfully suppressed this or that civil liberty for a time. But most of them have shought it necessary to surround their action with an aibit of aome sort, a pretense of irgality, a touch of that hypocriay which is the homes that the customatily pays to virtue. Not so Mayor Hague. He has no use for either practical or philosophical subterfuges. If you don't want union organizers in your city, you teld them to keep out. If they come in you have the police arrest them or kick, them out. If they come on foot, you physically force them back into the lubes or on board the forties. If they come by car, you have booked into the toward have came. You problet the distribution of leafets. You don't way they came. You problet the distribution of leafets. You don't want have came. You problet the distribution of leafets. You don't want in the time of the time.

So far as can be learned, Mayor

IT SEEMS TO ME

on the side of those who strive for better I'M afraid my gear must be put away per's cramp has got me. And after all, the typewriter community or an entire nations with vera greater-japed than yellow jack or spotted fever. The man wan says that he makes a point of going into eath-lishments which are atruck might with equal folly declare his intention of brushing past the quaranties signs and insisting on entering places photogrid by the Board of Realth for smallpox or diphtheria.



ranson is being celebrated in many courts by a savage drive against labor. And this fury fails with equal force upon tracks unionizen of all types. Thus we find the Mayor of Jersey City

making the CIO his particular target, white Burke's victims in the Cafeteria Employees' Union are members of the American Pederation of Labor.

American Pederation of Labor.

Mayor Happe, of course, has no shred of legal or constitutional authority by Of Steam which to conduct his drive, while Magistry the excuse that the runel sentences which he has meted out and the excessive half set by him fail within the letter of the law. But the fundamental answer is the same. Both Burke and

The strength of the reactionary tide may be measured by decisions in many courts and by the assassination of the wages and hours bill in the House of Representatives. A very powerful propa-gands campaign has had considerable

during this notions season. Particularly effective have been the splitting tactics of the conservatives. Much has been said about the rights of "habor." Although the wedge has a cutting edge, it is essentially a phantom.

The follers and the

a cutting edge, it is exercitally a phantom.

The tollers and, the general public are one Inderests of and the same groups. Fablic Lis. The small employee With Labor who writes to the paper with great pride a point of going into a store it he see a pickel line outside is not only playing the role of the intenset inna on earth for the public of the intenset inna on earth of the public of the intenset inna on earth of the public of the intenset inna on earth of the public of the intenset inna on earth of the public of the intenset inna on earth of the public of the intense house he will feel the results of that movement is his own job. It isn't simply a question of a decent humanitation sympathy with the fight of oppressed boots. wages and increase hours he will feel the results of that movement in his more in the results of that movement in his and the results of that movement in his a decent humanitarian sympathy with a fath of oppressed people.

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Earlier Days

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

15 YEARS AGO THE RECALL OF BUTLER

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All things considered, the supercedure
of Brute Butler as Lincolin's commanding general as New Orleans in a notable
event. It is not apparent that his conduct there has met with disapproval
from the Government. Banks, we like
it, will prove just such another man
and ferectous tyrant.

What has caused his removal?
Two things, we suppose.

First, the scorn and disjust with which Europe has received the accounts of his doings.

Second, the knowledge that if ever he should fall into Confederate hands he will be hanged, —Fayetteville Observer.

PROM NEWBERN

A private letter in the editor sais:
"You need not be surprised to hear of
another onward movement soon, for there vesterday by a reliable man here yesteron yo a retains man was asay that two large steamers filled with troops laft. Newbern on the 24th and, sent down the river and he heard they were going around and up the Black-water, while a large land force left. Newbern in the direction of Kinaton, Our authorities ought to keep a good look out."

-Parettaville Observer.

What, No Socke?

(Chattanoogs News) g woman entered the office of ominent Chattanoogs insurance the other day and opened up a

The insurance man did not wish any socks.

"But these are newly, pretly," said the salesiady, turning on the approach smile.

"Not, no socks."
"But thick about Christmas and (archir) pretty socks will look pretly on you. Now, this one—"
"You socks, thinks."
"You socks, thinks."
"You lake them. I don't want any socks."
"You lake them. I don't want any socks."
"You lake them. I don't want any socks."
"You lake then, I don't want any socks."

red-checked pair."