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WE SEEK TRUTH, THAT WE MAY FOLLOW IT.

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Let Freedom Ring

We wonder if anybody has thought of combining National Air Mail Week, which Postmaster Paul Young has been chosen to head up, and May the Twentieth. It happens that the 1932 anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration comes within the time set aside for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of air mail.

Beesida, it has been a long time since we celebrated Mecklenburg Declaration Day at all fittingly. And in these days when whole peoples are enthusiastically banding over their freedom and their liberties to self-chosen bosses, it would be all the more appropriate to dedicate Mecklenburg to independence.

A Lucky Hit

On January 23 we heard a shudder and remarked that according to the law of averages for recent years, the South could be expected to lynch at least eight Negroes in 1932, one, that is, for every forty-five and a half days. Moreover, the first lynching had almost certainly come in the first forty-five-and-a-half-day period. And therefore, we concluded, the filibusters in the Senate were running a desperate race with time, since a lynching would obviously turn their faces the color of flame.

But fifty-two and a half days of the year are left. And the filibuster has a better chance to stop and do with, and still there has been no lynching, and not many attempts at lynching. Only once, as far as we know, has it ever happened so before. In 1930, it was March 2 before the first one took place. But in 1932, it came on February 2; in 1935 on January 11; and in 1934 on January 24.

Maybe it means that the South, as the filibusters have been arguing, is getting ready to do with the business altogether. Maybe it's one of those balls rolling in the 1930s, and means nothing at all (for all that for that year, nine). But in any case the filibusters may thank their lucky stars, and so, by god, may the usual first victim.

Brown and the Useless

Harry Hopkins, who wants the Federal Government permanently to take up the role of Lorenzo the Grand, and to continue to support the "artists and writers" on WPA rolls, is none other than the man who holds forth in a column to leeward four days a week. For Heywood would have the WPA to start its own newspaper, by way of giving work to "unemployed newspaper men."

That might be even convincing if there were any evidence around the any competent newspaper men are out of jobs. But, casting over the field, as we know it, we can think of scarcely one who is worth his salt as such. And we know that the theory that they are held for the reason that they are not good enough to be encouraged to go on printing that they are newspaper men — or artists or writers — simply because they've always had a yen for it, is the plain fact of that, by and large, even writers and artists who are really competent should be able to support themselves, at least for a year or two of apprenticeship, if they seek out their readers. And the rule holds doubly for newspaper men.

But Heywood is going to tell us that capitalist newspapers will refuse to hire men on account of their "objectionable views," regardless of

competency. Look at Heywood himself, a pink if ever there was one. His "objectionable" pink, with the result that the newspapers of the land are currently paying him the economic royalty salary of \$37,200 annually, to write his pink columns for them!

Peace—It's Wonderful!

From this distance Mr. Neville Chamberlain seems to be a man of sardonic, if perhaps unconnoisseur, humor. He advised the House of Commons yesterday that he expected that his deal with Italy and Hitler would "preserve the peace of the continent for a generation."

By way of preserving "the peace of the continent for a generation," you understand, Mr. Chamberlain proposes, in flat violation of British pledges, to stand over Austria and Czechoslovakia to the mercies of Hitler. Austria probably can't and won't fight, but the Czechs, a proud and brave people, probably will, with the result that, in all likelihood, we shall presently see the Spanish strife happening all over again in Bohemia.

But perhaps, so far as England goes, Mr. Chamberlain is right. It does not seem unlikely that if Mussolini is given Spain, Gibraltar will become simply another rock, and that the English will be incapable of sustaining a war for thirty days — that, in short, "the peace of the continent will be preserved," but on Italy's and Germany's terms, not on England's.

Washington

The realists in recent years have kicked Parsons and all the claptrap patriots into the discard, and have given us, instead of the old priggish lay figure, a hard wearing rednecker with a mole on his cheek, a taste for sack, the personality manner of a minor captain, and a considerable dislike for democracy.

We need dispute none of it. We should be grateful, perhaps, that he has been presented to us in human terms; for Thomas Carlyle to the contrary notwithstanding, the cult of the great man is a thing that has as events in Europe currently prove. But that this is the whole man is nonsense. Nor, to prove that, do we need to go to the universal testimony of his time that his presence was tremendous — that in any company in which he appeared, he was common consent as first, not because he had the greatest intellect of his time — they knew very well he didn't — but because of the great dignity and strength and poise in him.

This man, as James Truslow Adams has pointed out, is the man who has made the American Revolution to succeed all by himself. Far from the country's being filled with patriots yearning to battle England, soldiers were hard to get and harder to keep, and it was only by the confidence he inspired that he held the army together at all. More than that, he undoubtedly served as the balance wheel of the Republic in its most dangerous period. Without him, indeed, the chances are that the squabbling states would never have got together. Make him honestly, say he lied what that he knew his cues words, and could get along with only a small helping of democracy, and the score still adds up the fact that he was a man of members of reckoning a very great man.

Man on a Limb

Senator Schwellenbach is apparently an innocent soul. Else he'd never have cooked up that plan to have the nations which owe us war debts pay off "in produce." So far as that goes, the only way they ever could have paid off was "in produce" — that is, by selling American firms more than they bought from American firms, and transferring the difference to the credit of the United States. For after the war there has not been enough to pay up in that medium. But, apparently, what the Senator has in mind is that the debtor governments shall buy goods from their own countries with their own more or less money, and then direct to — our Federal Government!

Great jumping catfish! Try to imagine the uproar in the shoe industry, already as mad as a hornet, if it were to be told that, in the name of a consignment trade agreement, in from Czechoslovakia, and the Government, as the alternative to letting them go to pieces, began to peddle them out to wholesalers at what have you? Or in the textile industry when a consignment cotton cloth blew in from Lancashire or in the California wine trade when France dutifully came through with cargo of Chablis 1912 or Pol Roger 1913. Or in the concerns of Wisconsin when a freighter, docked at a German butler and cheese in her hold, or in the United and flour mills when an Italian ship began to

A BALLOT FOR LEAHY

WASHINGTON—If you're not willing and ready to fight for it, you can't have it. If you're willing and ready to fight for it, you can have anything.

It is the rule of international politics in the world today. France had Germany virtually disarmed and was so powerful herself that she could have disposed through the "Führer" like a hot knife through butter. But when Germany began to arm, although France knew that an armed Germany to her a constant and bitter menace to her for centuries, France though she was not willing to fight for her own security.

Mussolini wanted Ethiopia. He was both ready and willing to fight for it, although it lied a double how-knot in the British lion's tail. England didn't want him to do it and thought she should concentrate nearly her whole fleet in the Red and Mediterranean Seas. When she got it there, and learned more about Mussolini's at-large, she decided that, however, willing, she wasn't ready to fight for it, and Mr. Mussolini took it.

However willing, China was never ready to fight for her own territory. Japan was both ready and willing to fight for it, and so she took it. In the case of France there is no question whatever that if she had marched into Germany at Germany's first defiance, she could have squeezed resistance. She just didn't want to fight. Now it may be too late to fight. China is being squeezed desperately, seems to have little chance. It may be too late for her also to get ready to fight.

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It is that is the state of the world's diplo-macy. The world is blind to it. Two things are quite clear. We are neither ready nor willing to fight for anything in Europe, or Asia. We are willing to fight for our own security on this continent, and we are ready to fight for that. As far as the army is concerned, it is not equipped for either modern offense or defense, and it is neither mottled nor prepared to be mobilized for a major campaign. As long as the navy is completely ready, the army doesn't have to. Our single vital question, therefore, is: "Is the navy ready?"

The navy says not and the administration says not. A good many peace socialists, Progressives, Reformers, the Fish, some plunkish radical groups and a columnist or two say the navy is ready. As between the two sets of experts, my bet is Admiral Leahy.

Pagin' Hi Johnson

(Merfolk Virginia-Pilot) When Secretary Hull is pushed too hard, it turns out, to some people's surprise, that he is equipped with 16-inch no's.

Visiting Around

Quillers Quell Quell (Troy News, Lexington Dispatch) The women of the W. E. Church held a quilting in the home of Mrs. Henry Waiser Monday afternoon and quitted a beautiful quilt.

Looks Better Now

(Goldboro News-Argus) Roadside signs are the correct way to write the name of the smart little Duplin County town. Until a few months ago, you will remember, the word was commonly spelled "Tose Hill."

The South Speaks Up

(Atlanta Constitution) A Mississippi town has the further distinction of being the residence of a chaser of plain water is good enough for any man.

Open Sunday Idea Is Laid To Europeans

Minister Thinks It's Triumph Will Lead to Downfall of American Nation

Dear Sir: A desire or a determination on the part of multitudes of our people to have off all restrictions and to open all law, is the storm cloud that threatens this nation today.

It was rebellion against the beneficent laws of God in the heavenly world that flung Lucifer, with a multitude of angels, into the lowland of dark despair, where without a ray of light they wait the final judgment day of God. Through the evil of them that obey not the gospel of God!

Before the world war there were multitudes of people in America who were crying their demands for a European Sabbath, and from the hopelessness of the world of their contempt for the American Sabbath. Many of these people were from foreign lands, and had not been long on our American shores. Some of these days, please God, these men and women from whatever land they come, will be bundled up and bagged, with their low ideals and rotten motives, and will be sent back to the land from which they came.

Egypt persecuted the chosen people, and forced them to forget their holy day, and Egypt rotted into oblivion. From the days of Egypt down to now, every nation that has wiped out God's day has sooner or later been wiped out.

"Reasons and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in the exclusion of religious principles. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these finest gifts of duty to men and citizens."—George Washington.

My friends and citizens of Charlotte, we don't need an open Sabbath. We need it come back to the God of our fathers, obey His laws and keep His commandments.

R. H. DEACON, Pastor, North Charlotte Baptist Church, Charlotte.

BIG BUSINESS AND LABOR UNIONS ARE GIVEN BLAME FOR LACK OF EMPLOYMENT

Dear Sir: Many newspapers blame the present administration in Washington for the continued unemployment. Yet the newspapers too are responsible in a great measure for the widespread unemployment in this country.

Here are the facts about the most important factor and basic cause of depression. For an illustration let us take the printing industry. During the past ten years the excessively high cost of material and union labor forced hundreds of newspapers and publishing plants to consolidate, or quit the business, with the result that thousands of printing trades workers lost their jobs. The printing trades unions dumped thousands of jobs men into other fields of employment; many of the members now hold jobs that rightfully belong to others. People today pay two to five times as much for their newspapers and magazines.

With increases in wages comes the increased cost of living; prices are raised to accommodate the high cost of good wages and can afford to pay; while the unemployed and poorly paid workers face an additional hardship. To restore prosperity make the big business and trades unions do their share in restoring lower prices to the people.

UNEMPLOYED WORKER

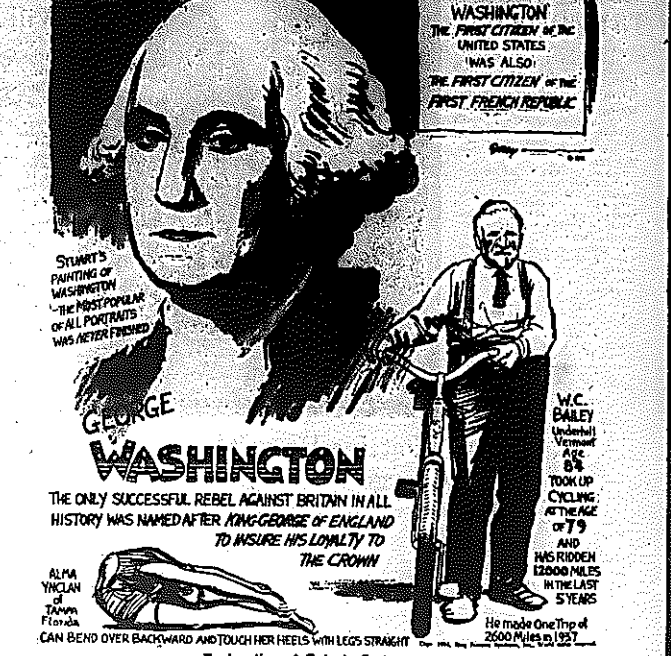
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If It Works, Let Us Know, and We'll Order a Carload (Sanford Herald) Phil Budd, of Budd's Bulbs Bloomington, Ind., peers across the foam in his boat and contemplates the prospect to him on his farm this year. A paper white narctus, he hopes it will make editorials much sweeter.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.



Explanation of Today's Cartoons WASHINGTON—When Washington was born on February 11, 1731, King George II had been ruling Great Britain and its colonies for nearly five years. The Washingtons had always been loyal to the British Crown. It was believed then that a name had a great influence upon the course of a child's life, and the name of George, after the name of the ruling King, thereby hoping to assure the child's loyalty.

ON THE RECORD

Open Letter to Neville Chamberlain

DEAR MR. MINISTER: When we, in the United States, received the first news of the events in Austria many of us immediately asked ourselves one question: "What will Great Britain do now? We didn't have to wait long for an answer. Great Britain won't do anything. That is perhaps less than fair. She would do something. She would "write off" the Austrian question."

As you know, a rather vehement discussion is now going on in the United States, both among citizens and Congressmen, concerning the present and possible future relations of our country and yours.

One section of public opinion looks with favor upon a close relationship between the two so-called English-speaking peoples. To that section this writer has belonged. Another section of American public opinion regards Great Britain as a Machiavellian presenting boogies of poison yet disguised as tulips.

But the reverse is also true. The American people, following your example in Austria and elsewhere, may write you off.

This is the way we look at it: We remember the attitude Much Facey of your Government in March, 1931, in 1931-1932, in John Simon, Mr. Eden's predecessor, full of legalisms and dry ice, not only effectively subdued Secretary Stimson but drenched Japan before the League of Nations.

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Earlier Days

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

FEBRUARY 22, 1861 75 YEARS AGO

OUR PRIVATEERBEN The "Alabama," after leaving Kingston, captured the brig, "Chalchaline," of Boston, took her nautical instruments, \$300 in gold, and then burnt her. She has also captured and burnt the bark, "Golden Rule." The crews were landed in San Domingo. The schooner, "Hanover," from Boston to Aux Cayes, was captured and burnt by the "Reichstadt" near Hayti, where her crew was landed.

Three swift-sailing heavy-armed steamers are to start from New York in pursuit of the "Florida" and the "Alabama," as soon as the Yankee Congress passes the bill before it, granting letters of mark and reprisal. Command has been assigned a new command, but it is not stated what it is.

—Patterson Observer.

CITY OF MEXICO TAKEN BY THE FRENCH

The Orleans News of the 20th says that an official letter from the French Consul at Matamoros announces the capture of the City of Mexico by the French; also that Tampico was occupied by the French and the Reactionaries, and that Matamoros would soon be occupied by the French, who had an army of 40,000 men, more than sufficient for the conquest of the whole country.

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FEBRUARY 22, 1832 100 YEARS AGO

"BOB" Mr. Charles Dickens, the inimitable "Bob," has for the first time come before the public in his natural character in the lately published preface and dedication of "Pickwick Papers." Mr. Dickens was formerly a reporter at the proceedings of the London Police Court for a two penny paper, in which capacity he served for many years with a compensation barely sufficient, with the addition of "Pickwick Papers," Mr. Dickens had a large family. By the publication of "Pickwick Papers," he realized an independent fortune. He now lives in a splendid palace, drives his carriage and four greys, and has become truly the lion of the metropolis. Thus has his merit raised him from the most miserable level in the obscure street in the city, to revel in the halls of luxury and plenty. Such is the reward of true merit such as Mr. Dickens had.

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