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We seek truth, that we may follow it. WEDNESDAY, FRBRUARY 23, 1938

Here We Go Again

The boiling great events in Europe any likely to obscure something that is, going to happen over here today, tossorrow or the day after. It into such an unusual something — that is, it has happened every year for his last serve years — but it seems positisety regretable that it should be happening just now. At any rate, the Paderal deficit for the current likely year is about to crack a billion.

The excess of expenditures over receipts was \$995,782,243.06 on the last. Treasury report. This mean that the country is not in exceptionally good position to assume greater relief expenditures, which it is having to assume on account of the research. What's a great deal worse \$100,000 to \$100 seems that the country in the soth successive year of living on rowed money, is in no shape to fertake a billion-dollar fleet buildindertake a billion-dollar fleet build-ng program, which it is going to save to undertake.

We have proceeded on the theor mass as was a great deal more noble to spend immey to win the "gibh against depression than it was to spend money to win the war. Ap-parently, nobody ever figured out what would happen if we had to flight at depression and make ready for war at the same time.

Identifying a Movement

We do hope the religionists won't is the acute phases of the Blue aw controversy, resort to the same idd imputations of the prohibi-tionists. To the prohibitionists, the tenitat. To the prohibitionists, the channo for repeal was almost entirely the result of the insiding propagands and the fat purses of the Liquor Interests. These had proved upon the rullibility and the arance of the deluded public, and while the prohibitionists din our comprete the public, they did lament that the poor things knew not what lear did.

they did.

The repeal of prohibition came about, of course, directly because of a general public impatience with it, not remotely because of the Liquor Interests and their greasing of palam, if any. And this city's Blue Laws are being modified for the same reason. Any effort to stiftbute it to the "well-organized and well-disance compared in the texts." tithuic it to the 'well-organized and well-organized and well-organized commercial indicetats' entirely misses the point. The base-ball club operators and the movic people have a commercial stake in it, to be sure, and trankly admit as much. But without spontaneous insistence from a considerable body of Charlotteans themselves, the movement for an open Sunday could not get to — first base.

Time la Irreversible

re years ago the prison gates at igh opened to receive two men. Buncombe County, Jack and On. Ammon. A certain Jack on Ammon. A certain Jack on Ammon. A certain Jack on the suffering from a few partial of the suffering from a set of the suffering from the suffer but finally confessed that he performed both operations him-and that the Ammonses were in-

Ocean.
They have been pardoned. But
ofther a pardon nor any other powmearth can restore to these men
inter joins wrongstully taken from
the lives. The best the fitate can
it it becompensed them by a special
the Legislature. And such n englit to be the first incan in the next seedon

of that body. The State has no right to commit an injustice against its clittens and then absolve itself with a more, "Sorry, it was all a mis-take."

And as for Mr. Hart, he is obvi-oubly a dangerous lunatic, as, it seems to us, the court which tried the Am-mods case snight very well have found out had it troubled their a little on the score — and ought to be safely locked up where he can do himself and othery men no further harm.

Promise and Performance

Representative Ramspeck of Georgia, who spoke to post office employees here Sagurday night, deserved an immediate Brane for internative, and would have got it had not the Old World suddenly begun wallowing in a new turnoll requiring the whole of our attention. Mr. Ramspeck is one of those rare birds, a polithcian who sincerely advocates civil service. He is the antithesis of Senator McKellar of Tennessee, for whom he had special condemnation, and he actually believes that the Representative Ramspeck of Georand he actually believes that the chaps in post offices who see that the mails are distributed on time and the mails are distributed on time and that the stamps don't give out—that is, the assistant postmasters—are more valuable to the service than the boys in the front offices behind the big mahogany deaks—that is, the political parasites.

Mr. Ramspeck told his audience that—

"We should make a real career service out of the Post Office De-partment."

The funny thing about this is that The founty thing about this is that the Demonstrais, according to the solemn covenants of their last two pistforms, wholeheartedly agree with him. We don't know why, with such a lopaded majority in Congress, they don't go on and do what they promised to do. (Bertoualy, we know all too well.)

A Foregone Conclusion

About the only reason we can dis-cover for banner headlines on the story that the House of Commons has upheld Prime Minister Chamberiain is that after all the turn he has taken is perhaps the most fate-ful news of the day. But in the sense of the unexpected and startling, the story is not news at all. There never was any doubt that Commons would

photo nun. Neville Chamberlain is above all things a horse-trader. And he is far too canny to have taken the steps he has taken without first making sure that he would not be left out

sure that he would not be test out on a limb.

And moreover, he is a stubborn minn. If Commons had voted censure, he probably would not have resigned to make way for another Conservative Tablinet headed by Eden, but would have gone instead to the country — a general election would have had to be held. And M. P.'s like elections as little as do our Congressmen. They cost them a great deal of money despite English laws that say they can't spend it, just as it costs Congressmen a great deal of money despite American laws that say they can't spend it, and — there would be the danger, the practical certainty, that some of the pays. there would be the danger, the prac-tical certainty, that some of the boys now sitting would lose their jobs. Indeed, there would be a chance, and perhaps a good one, that the Conservative Party would be thrown completely out of power — the last great calamity, of course, for a Con-servative politician.

While Congress Hems

The uses of procrastination, despite the adage not to put off until tomorrow what may be done today, are great. For example, the procrastination of Congress on the wifer-recommended subject of wage-and-hour legislation has given the actaes opportunity and incentive to step forward and do the needful. It came as a great surprise to us to learn that 21 states have minimum wage laws. All but a few have maximum hour haws.

mup hour laws.

It is true that only one of the states, Oklahome, sets out to fix minimum wages for men. The other 22 are confiend to save women and children first. It is likewise frue that minimum wages generally are lower than Congress would tolerale, that hours are longer; and in these respects state regulation is not such a boon to the underpaid as Federal as boon to the underpaid as Federal expulsion would be. On the other hand, state regulation has its superfiortites.

hand, state regulation has its superiorities.

It has the great notwantage of authority over all industry and commerce, without restriction solely to businesses of interstate nature. It has the merit of affording various trials by error without upsetting the economy of a whole nation, as would insignated Pederal legislation. It has the virtue of being cut to a smaller pattern, localized in its application and enforcement.

And, foremost of all, the fact that II stakes have minimum wage laws, even though presently only for women and children, and that nearly very state has maximum hour laws, is in sign that the states have life in them yet and that the original American system of restricted central government may be worth preserving.

HENRY_HAS THE CHOICE

W can make a bad plan work. Bad administration can make the best plan fail. The farm bill is just about the out by Congress. It is so obscure and



worst piece of legislation ever turned out by Congress. It is so obscure and an analysis of the complex with its cross-beference it o other shall be considered in the complex with its cross-beference it o other shall be considered in the consider

That is water over the dam.

The question now is administration of the Be I Danally bill. It could put as Cautious in terrible crimp into the Action country. It could not and return the Republicant of the Country in the Caution of lace may be haywire on planning and panaceas, but he is usually extremely cautious in action, and caution is what is primarily needed in playing with this truckload of dynamite.

Iruckload of dynamite.

The essential guts of this plan are to get farm prices up to "parity." This is to be done in a combination of two ways:

(1) by regulating production and marketing to a restricted current supply to market, thus raising price; (2) by making up the difference between the price thus rigged and the "parity" price by paying cash "benefits."

In either case, making up parity

munt make a misaze in regulating an artificial scarcity.

Henry can either have a swell time for a year going ga-ga over his vast new loy and unlimited power—and then pakit.... Or he can play the cards tion—and maybe his chance to sit on the Great White Throne. God save us and keep Henry cautious!

No Help Here

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)

We know of a cynical heretic who thinks that if Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Abraham Lincoln could all back to life, they wouldn't kno come back to life, what do do either.

The Beef Trust

(Atlanta Constitution)

We don't know if the Nazi faithful feel sufficiently sure of their ground to nick-name their gods, but over here a big shot with Goering's contours would be Babe.

Visiting Around

Sweetle?
(Catawbe News-Enterprise)
Charlle Taylor, charged with the larceny of candy from the John York
store, was assessed the costs and ordered to compensate, for the candy in
the smount of 80 cents.

What? Doesn't Drink and Play the

Fonles? (Adv., Norfolk Virginian-Pilot) Man, young, unreliable, dishonest, lary, doesn't want position, but needs one; assistant manager, personnel man, ideas, etc.; short hours, big pay,

Wood Pulp for Wood
Ganford Heraldi
MR. PARMER—RENEW YOUR HERald subscription with a load of dry
plne wood, cut in four fool lengths.
Bring it on today to Herald office.

Bible Quoted For Support Of Blue Law

Attention Directed to Passage in Levitic Law Regarding Sab-bath Observance

A great deal has been said about the open and closed Sunday, and what the people say.

people say;

Here is what Ood says: 'If ye walk
in my statutes and keep my commandments and de them; then I will girs pou
rain in due season, and the hand shall
yield her increase, and the keep did
juild her increase, and the frees of the
did shall yield their fruit—Lev. xxxi.
3-4. The Fourth Commandment is one
of these commandments, which is; 'Ramember the Sabbath Day, to keep it.
holy:—Ex. xx. 6. This Commandment
must he important because it comes in
the desalogue before the commandment

them.

"Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the carth yield her horresse; and God, even our own God, shall bleas us." Pasin lavil, 3-4. When people to not respect and observe God commandments they are not praising Him. It looks to me, belterers and unbelievers would both want a closed Sunday in order to receive these beandias. It you want these Benefits, call you'll Councilman and tell him to you's "Beguitat an open and tell with the World Beguitat and the services of the council was the services of the service Bunday.

Charlotte.

IN WHICH SOME QUERIES CONCERNING CROP CONTROL PROVISIONS ARE LODGE

rect?

If this law binds the people, it should bind the Government to pay those checks so long as the law lasts and upon any default of the Government, this law should be null and vold. The Government should stand to its obligations as well as the people.

Iron Station. [Editor's Note.—The crop control pro-visions of the new Farm Bill go into ef-fect, we believe, only if and after two-thirds of the farmers concerned have voted for them. And so far from the contracts running to the time of great grandchildren, they actually run, we un-derstand, only for one year.]

Date Yourself (Christian Science Monitor)

Those carping critics who cavil at odern musical offerings of acreen and

g topics seemed to fail into definite
then. Remember the Indian
"Rainbow," "Redwing," "My
Little Kickapoo," "Navajo,"
Canoe,", and "Hiawatha?" Pretty

The craze for a cowboy motif in "Pony Roy," "My Ida Whoa!" "Shy Ann From Cheyenne," "Pride-of-the Prairie Mary," and "San Antonio?"

Prattic Mary," and "Ban Antonio".
The jungle tunes: "Under the Bamboo Tree," "Abudaba Honeymoon," and,
"Down in Jungletown!"
And the sad, rural "wrecheart-goneaway," theme: "In the Bhade of the
Old Apple Tree," "When the Barrest
Days Are 'Over, Jesse, 'Dear," "When
the Bees Are in the Blue," "Ain't You
Comin' Back to Old New Hamphire,
Molly" and "You're as When as the

Flowers in May?"
On, yes, today has its absundities, to be sure. But compare even the ridiculous humor of "The Music Goes Round and Around," "Organ Ordoer Swing," The Merry-Go-Round Broke-Down," and "Yes, we Have No Banasas" with the dolefulness of "Only a Bird in a Olided Gees," "The Banquet to Misery, Hall," or "In the Baggage Coach Abead!"

BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley



Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

IT SEEMS TO ME

WASHINGTON,-The yeast of economic strife and organization begins

I dropped off the rattler from Mlami intent upon spending a quiet afternoon

at some spot where there would be no take of positics, labor problems or any other er serious subject. And so naturally I decided to drop in at the bar of the National Press Clith, the most staid of all journalistic fraternities. Imagine my aurpise to be greeted with the cry of "Join the picket lime" the moment I came through the portials, It seems there has been a solitum.

ials. It seems there has been a schlam.

The bar was descried, while some fifty or sixty rebels were lined up at the tables on the other side of the room drinking their own liquor out of large bottles in order to deprive the ruling

As I have said, it would be unclusby for a visitor to fake sides in To Take in an internal dispute with which he had not fully acquainted himself. But I'm no one to pass a pickel line under any circumstances.

This demonstration is a combination of picketing and the aidown technique, re-lating the best features of each.

the pickets.

After all, I might as well be hanged for a sheep as a lamb, "You came in here at just the wrong time, Commitsen," a friend assured me. "This started two

hours ago, but you'll get the blame."
And that I gravely fear,

In Miami when I was buying a two-dol-lar mutuel ticket, which I did not cash, the seller said, "Mr. J., we ought to have a union here in these

And when that comes to pass I sup-

And when that comes to pass I suppose I will be barred from filselsh as well as the Press Conference of Preddent Orsen, but it was not my idea. There is some slight consolation in the fact that I met a fellow sufferer right after the full, or as Mr. Widener has after the full, or as Mr. Widener has after the full, or as Mr. Widener has II ran into Bill Dincen, and as he approached I thought, "There's General Johnson. Does he bear down on me in peace or anger?"

But it was Bill Dincen who used to pitch for the Red Box, and who is now an umpite. I apoke of the resemblance between him and the columnist, and he sold. "Yes, I've found that out, 'I'm trying to rest down here and forget about umpiring, but people are always coming." umpiring, but people are always coming up saying. I enjoy your work, but, of course, I don't always agree with you."

Lastly, But Not Leastly

(Ballimere Evening Sun)
Representative Stephen W. Gambrill,
of the Fifth Congressional district, has
announced his candidacy for re-election
and summarized the "results of four
years of earnest efforts." The results are \$25,000 for work on rivers and har-ors in the Pifth district.

\$185,000 authorized for expenditure. \$150,000 for which legislative proceed-

allogono for which regulative proceedings have been taken.

Wanquing 23100000 out of the tarpayers, or even 4800000, assuming that Mr. Oambrill gets the 2150,000, doesn't seem to be an awful to in three days when millions are being freely dispensed. But filter hann't fone himself red lipstice. He forgot to mention that he has drawn 40,000 in salary in the past form years. That makes the grand fotal a little more impressive.

Music by the Dean

(Sanford Hernis)

Charlie Hall is planning his doings at Deep River on Wednesday night. For all the lyreum programs he's been statume there, excepting the faut, he's provided a program which will be in the law to not be planning to have a notable guest.

he's planning to have a notable guest state. Bull Morner egged him into it, and Charlis hopes it will work.

Alone with making the principal state of the control of the control of the principal state. But shows a state of the University of North Carolina, Charlis wants R. Bouth of the control of the University of North Carolina mouth organ. Dean Bob ha an attait in that respect Alone with being able to make a corking good speech on furtile about any subject, he can truly blow the inaddes from a harp. He started playthe one when he rood atop a wagen load of plee straw up in Halfray County long before he thought about the University of North Carolina. Since that day he has entertained auddenced, large and small, in Chapail full and New York, with he deven sed had food times.

Earlier Days

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

FRENCHAY 21, 1863
SOUND VIEWS
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SOUND VIEWS
The Richmond Examiner places in a just light the Northern ides of reusion between the North and South. The things so to to be thought set;
"The Northern Democrate sak now (says the Examiner) that, with the frivity of children, the two communities should ignore the past, should treat the tremendous events of the last forty years as trifles; and, with a debt of two three billions of dollars incurred in years at triffer, and, with a debt of two or three billions of dollars incurred in mutual slaugher, should, shake the bloody hands of each other and be breth-ren once mere. The thing is not possible. It would be barbarous, corrupt, and wicked, who but brutes could ahake hands and be friends with the slayers of brother and companions? Probably half a million of men on both slades have fallen as victims in this frightful war. Is each community to throw off the habiliments of mourning, to forget its dead, and revel in mutual anity over the graves of the slain? The speciacies would dispute the world.

"Escaren would be alsoned at the hor-

"Beaven would be shocked at the

Hale implicit of the accon.

"Honorable pasce is always to be dealerd. We should not be prolonged one moment from mere sentiments of revence. But political union and social sainty with the alayers of hundreds of thousands of our countrymen, would be an indecency revolting to every virtuous, plus and chivalrous instinct of human nature."

FERRUARY 21, 1819

100 YEARS AGO SUFFERING OF THE POOR SUFFERING OF THE POOR THE delectories made at the various ward charity meetings for relation to the suffering of the poor, are of the most awful character. We learn from one of the central committees thak at the present period, not less than 40,000 persons in this city are dependent on the hand of charity for their daily supply of food and fuel. Amongst these are found not only the victious and fungrowident, but thousands of the most industrious and hitheric laborious of our population, and hitherto laborious of our population and hitherto laborious of our population, but what do not work merely because they can find nothing to do—labor being at present out of the question. There is not a day passes in this city in which there are not more or less deaths from want of food and fuel:

In this state of things we have an Inlustration of the working of the experiment of Martin Van Burne & Co, and
an exhibition of his love for the poor

-New York Daily Express.

Status Made Clear

(Wall Street Journal)

(Wall Street Jacusal).

In a court room recently, Judge White was reproving a colored man for describe his wife, and dwell is great length, on, the finjustic he was color. "Wile describe in a contribute, Rasina, that I must deal with swerely. The arrad, and I feel very strongty on this subject."