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We seek truth, that we may

PRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1938

Cross Their Hearts

The news that Mussolini and Hit-ter have agreed, "in principle," to fair. Chamberlaid's request that for-ignitionable withdrawn from Spain, a hardly news at all. There never absheen a time, so far as we recall, when the pair have not been agre-ing to just that. Agreeing to the withdrawal of their troops, in fact, to man of the librar them distalors therawal of their troops, in fact, most easily — and immediately mafter they invariably land 30,-

sharmatter they invariably land 30,500 more troops in Spain.

De they perhaps mean it this time?
That, we should think, all depends.
They are not likely to wilhdraw
troops until France has won, for if
they did he would be left practically
without an army and would quite
likely be hanged by the indignant
spaniards within a few weeks. But
Traigeo is just now launched on a
resid dire to capture Valencia and
savejours, and if he succeeds the
like will be up for the legitimate Spansid Government. And if Masso and
States consummation — why, to
be seen, though probabily be willing
strough actually to withdraw their
stroops.

By its Friends

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This New Deal Administration attacks, as it has declared too fraquesting to admit of any doubt, for silegi ideals and Cient Government. In fact, some of its ideals have been so high that they flew squarely in the face of that sucient handmaides of democracy, the United States Constitution. But its government has not been so spoileastly clean that has ever for that reason alone, found itself at outs with the political bossess of the Democratic Party, no matter how unclean those bosses sinight be:

matter flow unserver might be.

Base Frank Hague, for instance, Two works of Jersey City. While the storage of investigations and court metisons and defense committees rage about City Hall in Jersey City, Mayor Frank is playing golf in Florida with im Farley, their politics of the New York and a Cablost member. And why not, Jim might sak? Isn't Frank Vice-Chairman of the Democratic

Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Rational Committee?

And Boss Joe Gudley of Pennsyl-rands, for another instance — he of Allen Property Custodian Ill-fame, indicated by a Federal grand jury for embeardement. The Predict has prevailed upon him not to run for sovemore because he "needs Joe Gudley in the Senate" — needs him, we take it or rule rabbild this Bertit. swarsy in the Senate" -- needs him, we take ft, to rally behind the Fres-dent for High Ideals and Clean Cov-ernment. Joe Guffer, the indicted embeszier, standing for High Ideals and Clean Governmenti Quick, Beary, the Filt!

Less of Confession

islory comes out of Raleigh in planation of why the two men, the and Marion Ammons, who bet five years in State Prison a Buncombe County crime they not commit, had never got to

not commit, had never got to expedie prisoners. According to own statement, it was simply expedienced to the statement of the to prison efficials, provided to the formal prison. which lays down siny such which lays down siny such the first production. But ap-tify the prison are given such to the prison are given such in the management of it

was conferred, and if he len't guilty, of course he can't honestly contess to guilt. Which, supposing that the Assence story is true, would seem to mean that Fred Peak will become eligible for parole as noon as—and no sconer than—it euits the pleasure of the prison exam.

Bob Changes The Subject

When Bob Reynolds comes down to North Carolina, which is pretty often now, what he usually expounds upon is those dratted altens, of whom North Carolina has virtually none. But Wednesday at Asheville he got off on the subject of the war debts. He thought they ought to be paid. And Robert's notion of how they could be neid was worshipe to Nassau for payments already past due, and Labrador, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotla to mark the whole bill paid,

bill paid.

If you'll look at your map, you'll see that what Robert was proposing with that hast was merely a condeat wheme of accurate a condeat wheme of accurate a condeat wheme of accurate a control of the St. Lawrence and the Rudson Bay — the bottling up and taking over of Canadai is Robert trying to do Signor Musolind a favor by having Mama Brillain thook at us instead? And what about the Nova Scotlant, a crusty heed? And the

seed? And what about the Nova Scollans, a crusty breed? And the Labradorians and the Newfound-Indeers and the Canadians general-light of the seed of the seed of the diling and those foily blighters ped-diling and those foily blighters ped-diling around Bermuda on bicycles? Has Robert asked them? Yes, and in connection with that business of taking over some more laining, we seem to remember that, along back in 1935, Robert paid a visit to some we atready have, the Virgins — and came back to say that ha wished "there were some way to pay the Danes to take those islands back." The difference somehow es-capes us.

Mr. John Wins Through

Our wavering pride in our status as prophels is somewhat refurbished today as we discover that, as we said he would, Mr. John Carzon, Consumer's Counsel to the Himlious Cool Commission, is going, after all, to be allowed to do his stuff. The Fredrat courts have supended the minimum coal price schedule ordered into effect last November by the commission on the ground that it volated the law in not first hearing Mr. John, And in not first hearing Mr. John

the ground that it violated the law in not first hearing Mr. John. and the commission, faced with that, has voided the order, and decided to start all over again.

This time Mr. John will be given plenty of notice; and plenty of room. He'll be allowed to trot out all his little consumer witheases, and to talk and geaticulate quite as long as he pleases. To be sure, the coal commission, having heard him, is practically certain to promitigate exactly the same schedule all over again. But that, of course, inn't the point. The point is that there is nothing adder than to see a fellow human creature frustrated in the performance of his appointed function, whether strictly useful or strictly decorative. And, as we have said before now, it is Mr. John's peculiar function to make a noise like a Federal Government determined to see that coal prices shall not go up, when the same Federal Government had rederal Government had rederal Government has alteredly passed a law which makes it inevitable that coal prices shall go up.

All-Inclusive Clemency

There might appear, at first glance, no remote connection between Colonel Luke Lea of Tennessee, the prominent swindler, and one Hudson Robinson of Charlotte, obscure Negro murderer. Yet the two do have something in common, as we shall proceed to show,

His crime in North Carolina wasn't His crime in North Carolina wasn't the only one with which Lute Lea was charged. There was pending against him Federal charges of "aid-ling and abetting in the misapplication of funds" of a national bank in Tennessee. But when North Carolina finally put the clustre Colonel in prison, the Federal case against him was dismissed. When he was paroled after serving less than two years of his North Carolina sentence, it was as a man whitewached of all it was as a man whitewached of all years of his North Carolina sentence, it was as a man whitewashed of all previous sins. The Federal court took cognizance of the fact that had gone to prison to serve a six-to-ten-year sentence. It did not take cognizance of his premature release. Hudson Robinson's case is similar. He killed two men, a cafe proprietor and a bystander, He was tried on the first count and sentence is did not take the contract of the contract of

first count and sentenced to die Bince death is the extreme punish-

Bince death is the extreme punishment the Siste may mele out, there was no sense in trying him for the second killing. A man executed for two murders ds no deader than a man executed for one.

But now Oovermor Hoey, on the strength of extensiting evidence, has commuted the man's entense for his first murder to life imprisonment. The second offense? That ment. The second offense? That was disposed of, as was Colonel Lea's, by the severity of the court's pun-ishment for the first severity which the executive promptly mod-

A TOO, TOO EARLY BIRD

NEW YORK CITY—Seriador Vanden-reng seems to think the formula for readmantant of the corpse of the its-publican Party is to set up a standard upon which dispurated Derivorate can coalesce. The Senator is thinking about is dispurated Derivorate can testing Democratic politicians. But who is to set up such a standard? A Ra-bublican? What would beamon to the Democratic barons arisingles A Ra-publican? What would happen to the Democratic barons after the victory? One of them might be put in the Cabi-net and the rest-would get a kick in the next.

the panta.

Mr. Roosevelt without any talk of coalescence did that better. He put two outright Republicans plop into his Casinet-Wallace and Icks. Woodrow Wilton's war administration had the aama aublime disregard for Democrata. But no Republican ever did anything like that, and well the Bourbon politiclans know it. Jim Fatley is right, Any such fermula would produce a coalition that would never coalesce.

It is absurd for Republicans to talk They Are Only about 1940 how. Will Floandering Mr. Roosevell be the In The Best Democrack' candidate? Will Mr. Wallace's tarrible farm bill have collapsed the farm strength of the New Deal in the traditionally Republican states? Will there be any Irepublican discovery of a new knight in shining armor—or any new Hucy Long? Are we going into a deeper depression or an infrationary boom? The Republicans can't knew those things, and if they don't knew them, they can't plan.

don't know them, they can't plan.
It is not hard to imagine a situation in which this country would be as aick of Mr. Roosevell's Third Naw Deal as it was of Mr. Hoover's Print New Day. In any such case, all the Republicans would have to de would be to select a mahout who didn't have smallpox or best his wife.

If the conditions were as at present, no And Had Best condition would work Bhut Up For in which the Republication nominated a

Bhus Up For in which use sequence A While cans no minated a regular Republican— no matter how finite and the regular through the regular through the sequent them. The Landon these about have taught them that. They could only hope to swing the middle-of-the-readers and, disgranted Democrata by taking a Democrat like Whieles or one of their non-reservation Indians like Bob La Follette or Lå Giundia—and itt them niske their campatin on the bainty blunders of the present New Deal come-ons for Nirgores, the uni-employed, and all the rest of the uni-employed processes. recting obvious errors.

Il's too early to tell about these hings. The Republican strategy is so At too early to tell about three things. The Republican airracety is so clearly to lie doggo and keep sniping, that premature abortive attempts to previous 1906 are aimost as allly as the triumphant and, spectacular but ely "previous" homecoming tou Commissioner Paul McNutt, ming tour of

Hands-Across-The Sea Dept.

(New York Post)

read in the papers this week that an American has twelve times as many chances of being murdered as an Eng-lishman, so much greater is our ratio of crime.

llaking, so much greater is our ratio of crime.

The next minute we snapped back to our normal posture when we read in a British megazine that the British Medical Association has only now begun a campaign for the pasteurization of all milk and the eradication of bovine tuberculosis—a job we've almost finished. Here your milk is erficitently handled, and sound, but you are likely to get bumped off. Over there you won't be socked on the head, but are more likely to acquire a fatal disease because of aloppy milk handling. We don't know whal it all proves, but it seems to indicate some subtle difference in national characters that is worth investigating.

In Wildest Lincolnton

(Lincoln County Nava)

Friday morning Policeman Roward K.
Leonard awa a gray for running um MainBrett toward the Courthouse from the
police station. He ran in the station,
old Policeman Bud Gummey what he
had seen and Bud came tearing out to
ear about it. Bud, a sering the fox running leisurely up Main Street, gave chasa
and got the fox in high grar. The race
became-hotter as Bud, calling to BretPox to stop, three his anatomy into
"high" in an effort to cut off Bret Pox,
but the fox would have none of it. Inbut the fox would have hone of it. In out the tox would have hone of it. In-stead of hailing or stopping as Bud com-manded, the fox got faster and faster until he completely outcan the amiable "cop" and left Bud to his thoughts. To this glad hour no hair or hide of the fox has been seen.

Axes and Pie

(Cheater Reporter)

"Balance it with an axe" says The
Anderson Independent, of South Carolina's annual, appropriation, bill. The
truble is there's nobody down there any
more that knows anything about using
as axe. Most of them are too buys 'trytog to silok their inners into the pile to
recognize an axe, if there, are one.

Our Blue Law Doesn't Cover All The Sins

It Ought To Be Extended To The Rest Of The World—After It Is Touched Up A Bit.

Dear Sir:

The Chariotte Bine Law seems to me to be a splendid ordinance. It is difficult to comprehend the lack of this great supporter of eithes, this grave admontabler of wickedness, this crector of morals, in nearly every locality in the world.

The reat of the world, no doubt, is headed for perdition. It is runored that elsewhere, on the one day of rest from labor, people, who surely must be the very easnes of concentrated evil, actually sit and—this will shock you no end—enjoy a game of baseball. Runor has it, also, that these same people gase at moving pictures on Sunday and are as a pachitetic as you please toward the sin of fit.

The gatter myself so worked up now

Five gotten myself so worked up now that I can't think of anything I'd rather bestow upon the rest of the world than our charming Bine Law.

that I can't time or anything an rather bestow upon the rest of the world than our charming Blue Law. But before we do that, it seems to me that we should touch it up a bit. It really sire quite arise the new his leaves minute loopholes to enforment on the Sabbath, of which snyone but is leaves minute loopholes to enforment on the Sabbath, of which snyone but us in chariotte might take advantage. I am as convinced as our collection of ministers that there ebsolutely should be no pleasures committed on Sunday. Thus, the ordinance should fortifi driving about in audionobiles and the safe of beer, sort drinks, and clear-team-hould outlew even which should be not be about the same of the way to church. It should make the contract of the way to church. It should make the contract but and stop those rich Blue Sunday advocates from playing soft at the Country Chib on Bunday. Moreover, we should make bits of Blue Law take effect around, say Saturday noon. Blast the provisions working one at a time gradually encompassing everything outli we have Sunday and the Blue Law intest and serving its purpose. That would climinate any sudden and terrific change, and lease neart-fallures and head series caused by the sufficess with which morality would be brought upon the which morality would be brought upon the which morality would be brought upon the which morality would be men reasons in leaver.

SLIM SPECTER.

Charlotte. IN WHICH ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE VIRTUE OF REMEMBERING PAVOR

OF REMEMBERING FAVORS

Dear Sir:

There are three cardinal virtues, faith, hope and charity. These are the beginning and the end of everything that is good, but I have discovered that gratitude is something that should not be overlooked. The world is full of people whom you help, so they will get along through life; and the minute they have anything like prosperity, they forget what you have done. I don't think there is a greater crime than this. Magnanimity is something that should be taken into our lives and practified every day. This is the only thing that is Christ-like and in keeping with Itis law that He gave to mankind. I would be very glad if people would read this and profit by it. Don't do as other people do—do the right thing, and it will bring happiness and contentment,

The News solicits letters from its resides upon topics of the day, expectably when opinions contrary to the editors' are expressed. Buth letters should be short, hypewritten if passible, and signed.

Visiting Around

Yeh, But They Bidn't Get Any Milk for the Henry or Any Tators for the Possums (Hemby Bridge news, Monroe Journal) According to my reports, Meurs, Oscar and Sammle dispuson located as bee tree over on Goose Creek and out it last week, And believe it or not it came near being a possum tree than a bee tree. They cough't three nice possums and only found about a pint of honey. I guess both boys were surprised. Pretty good luck, I think.

You Ain't Got Any Sons at College, We Take It, Mrs. Phillips (Adv., Scotland Neck Commonwealth) WHOSYER BORROWED MY BIG Sultense please return it. Mrs. R. A.

What's in a Name; (New Bern Tribune)
Miss Eus Troit is on a visit secks with Miss Molly May,

And Just Look at It New When a Lading Tournament is On
(Sandhills News-Press)
The original Pinchurst golf course BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley



' Explanation of Today's Cartoon

A GREAT SURGEON WHO NEVER FERFORMED AM OPERATION—Abrecht von Haller (1788 was for many years Professor of Anatomy and Surgery at the University of Goddingen, and when as known at the bermuler surgeon of this age. He established the Anatomical and Operational and Operation of the most featom of the most person of the contuity, but he never performed an actual operation himself in his entire life.

The Last Knight Rides

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

"Dim drums throbbing, in the half heard, where only on a nameless throne a crouniess prince has attred, who couniess prince has attred, who counies prince has attred, and half-addined stall, and hal

weapons from the wall's.

THUS once, when chivalry seemed dead in Europe, and all Christendom was capitulating to the infidel, did a "nameless Prince"—Don John of Aus-tria—move alone, and is celebrated in Chesterion's great ballad "Lepanto."

Men rose and followed that gallant prince. But who will follow the man who Monday rose and renounced his doubtful seat, as the British Minister for Foreign Affairs, actually believing that

The Soldlers while are recompany to principles.

"Ag great menta," he said, "that are worth while are never made on the Bests on the Bests on the Bests of the threat. But the country been willing gotiate to such conditione."

But shen been counted the votes the

But when they counted the votes the spirit of the city-merchant, the bar-gainer, the shopkeeper, Neville Cham-berlain, was atronger.

periain, was altonger.
Curious, It is the young men of Eng-land who stand by Eden. "Make a pact with the tyrants, or it will mean war," was the gist of Chamberlain's counsel.

counsel.

Chambrolain is sixty-odd, Eden is forty. Eden was a captain with the British forces, enlisting at assentiers, I'lls had no youth, Eden. The way took it. Took his boy brother, too, and forcerer. He was killed. Eden is still young enough for war service. Chambelian is not. Yet, it is Eden who believed that freedom will die in this world for counties years unless it is willing to take a risk, and take it how. While the last Knight yopke, Nati

withing to the a risk, and take it frow. While the last Knight spoks have mode runder through the stream of Vienna, crying "Reil Itilitie" and "Down with the Jews," and Jews rundred terrified from cares while disarmed policy watched passively.

In Prague, the last pailiamentary government in Central Europe trembled, but from its bestged position sancounced that before it continuates the Will fight, even if it knows that it will lose. "Freedom will never belong to those who Will not die for it." said Benes to me a year oo. But if Cerchoniovskia tight? Another Spain? Then what?

And the day before in Berlin, Adolph IlliAccording To der dietated his peace The Heef, We terms to all Europe.

Are Reds Germany's mission against the "bolshevist democrat." (That In

Hiller's mouth means you and me! Against the "revolutionary terrorist" against the "revolutionary terrorist" against the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Zéen. He named him, in soom. Who makes a realistic policy's The city-merchant, Chamberlain? Or Eden!

throbbing, in the Allis new on, merry the preservation of rd. on numeless throne on prince has attred, and administration of the Empire itself, what logical objection of the Empire itself, while itself, while itself, while itself, while itself, what logical objection of the Empire itself, while itself,

iton of Spain?

What objection could she make to Japanese domination of China
What objection could Britain make to Italian-German-Japanese domination of South America?

The territory east of the Phine will be commically do mimerican Nobody else will be able to trade there This Move It A Threat To

effectively.

In addition, through the possession if the raw materials of that area, Ger-

loadilarian economy.

In the Bast, Jopen, in control of the
immense raw material resources of
Ontan, and backed by her highly
rationalized industry, will also accelerate
her trade drive, And, at the amm time,
Japan will effectively pryrent obserview temporary
from trading in Chine, Just as also has
already done in Manchukuo.

One great rich territory for trade and
Who, Then, Is development will raThe Actual main; South America,
There the United
States is already fearful of German, Italian
and Japanese domination, And, as

and Japanese domination. And, as Dritain finds he export markets elsewhere in the world out fown, she herest! will be driven toward the Western Hemisphere. At the same time, she will be faced by ever_growing. ever-stronger Germany, Italy and Japan. It therefore, the United States should come into conflict with Germany, Taly and Japan. In the other the conflict with Germany, Taly and Japan in South America, would Britain not, in effect, be under both a military and economic compulsion to follow, not the policy of the United States in South America, but that of Italy, Germany and Japan?

Italy, Germany and Japan?
And how shoult the conflict of 16eas?
Can one make a part with totalitarian despoilams armed with enormous propegands weapons, and not become, one's saif, the victim of that propagands?
Lincoln said: "A nation cannot exist half slave and half free."

run.

Bo who is the realist in Englan
Who sees beyond the next few month
Eden, or Chamberlain?

Proving Something

(Sparianhury Journal)
Set-Eve-Post hammers at Receivelt in a fitted way, but He circulation has not yet reached Franklin D.'s popular vote in the last election.

Earlier Days

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

PERSONALT 25, 1902

TIS TERMS AGO
FROM VICKSHURS
MORILIE, Feb. 34:—The correspondent
of the Register writes from Vicksburg

the enemy erected patternes on lever in range of the city and menced shelling, at 1 o'clock ye day, one of our butteries mear day, non of our batteries mess has depot. Nersy shell cares within the depot. Terry shell cares within the city, but no harm was done. Our punse for shot, required slowly, sixtus shed for shot of the Prom the position of their batteries, it is thought that that portion of the city surrounding the river will be unsertaine. The firing continued at regular titerable. The firing continued at regular titerable until might, and cannally until meaning. At daylight all was quiet.

"Paratterilla Charrer.

PEBRUARY 25, 1836 100 YEARS AGO

SPAIN

The Spanish Government, alarm the preservation of the Voters of the preservation of the Island of Order, when the preservation is the proposed have a country or of the second of a frigate, a sequence of a frigate, a sequence of a frigate, a sequence of the coloniar from the metapolitan Congress, and an anouncement of an intention on the part of Spain to deprive them of the benafit of the colonialition and to proven them by appelal laws, had considerably added to the general discontant. servation of the Island of Out

-Faretteville Observer.

Along the Union Front

(Winchester, (Va.) Star)
What with the coast to coast much of the OIO and the growth of the APL, we're been prepared for most any labor news, but we hardly expected the labor

when been prepared for most any labor here, but we hardy expected the labor organizary to find time to unicolise the world of microbes.

Yet now comes word from Dr. Francis. E. Clark and Dr. N. R. Emilh, two Department of Agriculture scientists, that they have discovered unimistantle signs that the nation's betteries are organizing. Faced by a water abstrage, the germs units in occupantive so-cicles, and invers in picted-like formations across the microscopic field. In military platoons of 50 units, they married out of view of the perspice-ions scientists in a few minutes.

There are just two questions will like to ask the scientists in Washington. Are creat just the product of the proping comes according to the product of the proping the product of the proping the production will like to ask the scientists in Washingston. Are creat to: Industrial unions favored by the Frederation of Soon-barding Bascerias? Is their march a vertical or horizontal paraget?

With those answers on pure desk, well be in a position to name the wigner in the current labor stift. With the backing of Sesteria Local No. 1, richtory cupit to come caship to the GIO or the AFL. Think what the union could contibute to the were cheek; not to senter.