The Old Moan

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ASK GEN. WASHINGTON
HOW HE EXPECTS TO BOST
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AS WELL-BONNEYED.

ARMY!

THE CAN'T MAKE IT!

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### Mere Tools

They Must Suffer While Their Bosses Go Free

The ten badly dressed Italian sallors he appeared in Federal Court at Wil-ington resterday, only to have their for sabotage postponed, are fairly

trial for sabotage postponed, are fairly pathetic.

In reality when they sabotaged their also they merely did what they were ordered to do by their Government. Had they refused they would have been put down for traitors, would have been subject to stiffer penalties at home subject to stiffer penalties at head have had good reason to fear being crippled or murdered by the thugs these-called German and Italian embassis and consulates maintain in this country. The man who actually ordered them to commit their crims-against the lawer on the subject of the sabotage is to find the subject of the sabotage is to the sabotage is too grave an offense against the abussander from tally, that greatest of card powers.

This is no pleas for the asilors. Sabotage is too grave an offense against the national safety to silow it to go unpushed for any excuse at all. Neverthees, one is still moved to think that it is grossly unfair that the mere instructions and the property of the property

is grossly unfair that the mere instru ments must suffer while the prime mov-ers in the crime go scot-free.

### Expert Talks

Sees Conquest of Germany Carried Out by Air Power

On the newssiands yesterday appeared a article, in The American Mercury, by

On the newsstands yesterday appeared an article, in The American Merciry, by Masjor Alexander P. De Severaky. It is called "Why Lindbergh is Wrong."
Severaky says that, far from Lindbergh being correct in agring that Britain is bound to lose the war, ahe has almost no chance to lose it if ahe gets effective American aid.

\*\*Like Lindbergh has seen the war largely in terms of air power. But he discounts the Lindbergh thesis that to win Britain and the United States must utilizately independent of the Lindbergh thesis that to win Britain and the United States must utilizately hand huge armies in Europe and defeat the German armies. Air power, he says, has so changed wer that the concept of invasion is now obsolete. The real objective of modern war, he goes on, is not invasion but the total destruction of the enemy nation. What the Anglo-American combination must have it of the control of the con useless to Hitler and will fold from

Can it set that command of the airrHe is sure of it. Hilter's production has
already reached the possible maximum,
will progressively fall off because of lack
of essential raw materials. Rising production and superior technique is already beginning to give the British
something like air equality, he believes,
and the end of the year should see them
with a definite superiority.
All this, of course, is only the opinion
of one man, and is not necessarily to
be accepted as accurate. Nevertheless,
it is the opinion of a man who has had
lar better opportunity to know what he
is taking about than Linderrigh. n it get that command of the air?

## Old Battle

The Greeks Lost It but The Enemy Paid a High Price

It was in August of the year 480 H. C. he armies of Xerxes had beaten the aters of the Hellespont with rods be-

waters of the Hellespont with rods because they would not tamely be bridged and flow they would not tamely be bridged and flow the great host, waster far than and now the great host, waster far than beatlesse Herodottur, was moving through Thessally, where the Nazie move dody. And then as now, there was only one good road, from Thessally into Locra. But there was this difference. The Pass of Thermopylate through which the Tadd rass Is now a river-boilt swampy plath. Then It was genuinely a pass, some fifty feet wide between Mt. Oeta and a morase bordering the Maliac Gulf. Some \$4.00 strong the Greeks were drawn up there, under the command of Leconical, no of the kings of Sparta. On the lirst day Servas jecred at heir numbers, sent like poorer troops against

the lirat day Xerres jeered at their nheets, sent his poorer troops reginat m. On the second he hurled in his a Thousand immortals, the 85 men their time. But they died in great nheers without much hurling the seles. Then on the third day a Greek ading appeared and pointed out a resignation over the mountains. By

noon the Persians were in the rear of

noon the Persians were in the rear of Leonidas.

Most of the Greeks, having already been warned, had gone home. But the 100 Spartans and 700 Theopians stayed, forcing 400 Thebans to stay also.

In the first onslaught of battle some-body whimpered that the Persian arrows darkened the sky. "So much the better," said Spartan Dienects," we shall fight in the shade." When it was ended sit the Spartane, save two on detached duty, lay dead. So did the Theopians, and few of the Thebans got away.

Xerres showed thinself a fitting fore-tunner of the Naxis by Austling off the head of Leonidas and having the body crucified. But in time the Greeks related a monument, there in the shape of a lion. And on it they inscribed: "Stranger, go tell the Lacedsemonians that here, obeying their orders, we fell."

#### Alternative

President Should Stop His Dodging About Convoys

Modern Thermopylae does not mean defeat any more than the old. The Greeks lost that first action also, it is to be remembered. And Xerxes took Athens and burned it.

Athens and burned it.
But shortly thereafter Themistocles
destroyed his fleet at Salamis, while
the great king who had built himself a
marble throne on the shore to watch
his confidentily-expected triumph with
tits "kings of the nations" gathered
about his feet, wept and rent his garments.

ments.
If history means anything the apocalyptic doom of the German nation is scaled. It has forfeited any right to regard as a part of the civilized human family. And the real question is not if it will be destroyed but when.

That question will not be answered, as the President said yesterday, in Greece or in the Mediterranean area anywhere, the will be answered in England and in the Atlantic. If England fails the war periods when the appearers will get con-trol and a so-called "peace" will be made. But it will have no reality. The

But it is surely the part of wisdom bee, if possible, that England does of fall while the engines of Germany's estruction are being prepared.

destruction are being prepared.

The appearess are still yelling that the majority of the people of this nationare overwheiningly opposed to convoy. But that answer comes only when you frame the question by asking them flatly if they favor convoy. Which is like asking them if they favor were payor convoy, which probably means war, only as an alternative to something.

thing.

And in point of fact the latest polls show that over 76 per cent of the people are in favor of convoy if the alternative is letting England fail.

is letting England fall.

Whether we are already faced with that alternative the President and the State Department should know better than anybody che. But a layman, reading the flaures of England's abipping loases, seeing fittier moving forward to the day when his forces will be freed for the attempt at invasion of England, is bound to think that at least we are not far from having to face the alternative head on.

One thing seems pretty clear. These

native head on.

One thing seems pretty clear. There isn't much sense in such devious dodging as the President is now indusing in, Maybe there is a small chance that Hiters of fears the entry of the United Biates into the war that he will submit to convoy, as far as Greenland, with the British taking over there.

But the complex of the control of th

Brillish taking over there.

But the opening of the route to the
Red Bea is bound to involve all the dangers of convoy to England itself. If
we are to convoy to Egypl, we may as
well convoy to Liverpool. That calls for
repeal of the so-called Neutrality Act.

repeal of the so-called Neutrality Act.

If we face the alternative of coavey
or the fall of England, as it seems, then
it is the duty of the Preddent to tell
the people as much flatly and candidly.
They have shown their willingness to
follow him when he has been candid before, and the Wheelers are now too
weak to aid filter by long delays. Meantime, the people cannot be fairly blamed
for being confused.

In a single night, five frat houses are robbed at Kansas U. Continuing at this pace, the miscreant should soon be through college.

## Sunday Leisure

A Letter To The Editor

The Assertion of the Control of the

the situation from all sagies under all circumstances. I am thoroughly convinced that motion piece of the consideration of the consider

motion picture is accepted today in modera society as a medium of entertainment, education, and accident accide

application to mast communities application to mast communities anywhere, and the property of the property of

University of North Carolina.

Explaining a Term

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot
London, which at first reported
the new Iraq administration to be
pro-Axis, new finds it to be proBritish. Reading such things, one

## The Will Of Mrs. Reynolds

I have just read very carefully our comment on a letter which your comment on a letter which E. L. Moses of Chapel Hill wrote

Letters to the Editor:

I have just rest very carefully your comment on a letter which E. L. Moses of Chapel Hill wrote to your paper and think that you and Mr. Moses certainly are littled to your paper and think that you and Mr. Moses certainly are littled to the Mahrument Concerning his mother's will, for I personally know that his dreased mother was one of the most outstanding and most beloved index in Asheylike and Western North Caroline-She was held in the linguist content of the was held in the linguist commended to the was the was at the was and Trust Co. In Asheville. You will find that Mrs. Reynolds had five grandchildren. Robert and was at the was at the wa

Today's Riddle

Three missionaries were fra-ciling across Africa with three candislate. They reached a candislate. They resched a property of the control of the con-sons. All three of the mis-sionaries could row, but only one of the candislate. The property of the candislate of the candislate of the candislate of the bered the missionaries on three hank they would over-power, them and eat them. The

problem is to get all six safety across.

(Best way to solve this to use a piece of paper with a line drawn to represent the river and coins to represent cannibals and missionaries. Say, three nickels for missionaries,

#### Enters Hot Defense Of Robert Rice

I have read various people's criticism of my lifelong friend, Hon. Robert R. Reynolds, United States Schator, Dear Sir:

ere is no doubt in my mind he is going to be appointed to United States Benate chair-hip of the United States Benate any. Alfalte Committee. And leve I can guarantee the pub-nate Benator Reproids will do-duty in every sense of the word.

they are the apoken word of our propose, However, I cannot see where it and the propose the control of the propose that the propose the control of the propose the control of the propose the control of the propose have detected to a national office. If he has done anything the propose have detected to a national office, If he has done anything the propose have detected to a national office, If he has done anything the propose that the propose the propose that the propose the propose that the propose the pr

American Fig in any land on earth, when it becomes neces-earty. That does not change my friend-ship for Hon Robert R. Reynolds, He is still Bob to me and I am Bill to him. That friendship has lasted for more than 50 years— the writer is seven years older than Bob.

-Wm. C. McINTIRE SR.

### A Sardonic Note on Hen-Roost Robbing

Hen-Roost Robbing
Chaireston News & Courter
Unless the casual observer is greatly mistaken, bundereds of the court of the

has not heard of the incident.

From which it infers, to be on
the safe side, that no one in
Boulh Carolina ever cheats in an
election—or accepts an office unless the election has been "on the
advare."

what a joy it is to be of the unanimously pure in a State of perfect politics, however there be uproparious, accusation every two years which invariably subside in two or three days.

From the circumstances that no man has gone to jail or been prosecuted for election frauds in South Carolina in 40 or 50 years or longer, the inference is that no frauds have been committed and

### TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, then that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for what is his portion: for what shall bring him to see what shall be after him!—Eccl. 3.22,

## Daniels . In Mexico

MEXICO CITY - Laster monit



storted the relations game to the institute for 40 years.

But sveryene here cultural relations

Organised, out in the provinces. In 4th-letic and hiking locatels, and shooting clubs. Oermans, marry into Maxioss families, and remain Germans. The Americans hang around the Americans Club and complain about Rocerelt and the Reds - seeing, I take it, little difference between them.

#### THE GERMANS BEAT US AT THIS CAME

A little girl in a Mexican school writes to the American Embassy and sats for some books about the United States for the school library. The Embassy has no books. It writes to the State Departnent. The State Department replies the there is no appropriation for books and lends down a pumphlet about Yellowtone Park.

stone Park.
Congress ought to give the SAMe
Department money to buy up books;
about the United States, printed in
Spanish, and keep thum on hand for
distribution to the schools here.
The reason relations with Mexico are
to good is that the present Mexican
forerment is must enough to see
that good relations are to its interest.

MEXICO TRUSTS TAR

IEEL JOY DAVIELS

I should add a second Imperiant reason. It is Uncel Jee Danishs, the American Ambusader. By all of the rules have been rules be should be the most imperiant Ambusader we have ever had. For as Secratary of Navy under Wilson, he sent the fleet is Vera Crustian, he sent the fleet is Vera Crustian, he sent the fleet is Vera Crustian, and the fleet is very constant of the fleet in the fleet is very love of the fleet in did.—The Brilish became very smooty prer the ell expropriations and as a result were requested to go home — where they still are. They

go home — where they still are. They have to do their propagands work here how through an medificial agent. He is guart and has piently of spending soner, so be get a ising. Amhazasdor Danivis could have been tough with the Mexican Government but it wouldn't have got the all properties back. Nothing is going to get the oil properties back. Expropriation Day is the big national holiday here now. But the Mexicans do not take it out on the American Covernment and for a good deal of that we can thank Uncle Jee Dunicis.

#### HIS STAND HAS SAVED MEXICO FROM NAZIS

MEXICO FROM NAZIS

He is an old-fashioned country editor,
a William Jennings Bryan Demoras,
and happens to be just the kind of a
person who inspires confidence among
the Mexicans who are going through
their Bryan period. This friendly feeling has made it possible for the Government of President Avila Comacho to start playing ball with the United

States.

The whole atory of that can't be written yet. The recent agreement permitting American army planes to fly over. Mexica and to use Mexican landing fields is only the beginning. There is much more going on, looking toward defense of the Northern Hemisphere.

scing on, looking toward defense of the Northern Hemisphere. It may be a little hard on the ell-companies but they have made a good thing out of Mexico for a long time and now there are bigger insures at stake, as anyone can see who will think for a moment of the place Mexico must because in our defense. We are getting what we need here through the Cooperation of the Mexican Covernment, That is better, than having to fight a war against a pro-Neal-Mexican Covernment to get it.

# Visitin' Around

Mr. Hoorer's Prophecy Finally Comes True (Arcadia item, Lexington Dispatch) Wiley Walser has purchased another

Rain, Rain, Go Away (Brown Hill Hem, Monroe

Journal)
It confinues to rain so much we are seing to be late with our farming and gardening.
But while the men are waiting for it to dry enough to plow the women are putting them to houselessing. I set they'll be glad to get to the field.



THE QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST