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Improvement

The Police, At Least, Show Results In Fewer Murders

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green must approve.
For the remarkable drop in murders, level Jopes and his men are due great endits. These remains, however, as much need for diligence as before, for the past there has been title contained to the past the past there has been title contained to the past the p

his the yeast there has been little con-sistency or prodictability about the vember of murders in any one period. A murderless mouth has been followed by a mouth of the murders, or a mur-seriess part mouth has all of a sudden seen climated by a series of killings. Inside, a tendency which has been so barked for so long a time as has been that readiness of Charlotte Negroes to 1821 one another cannot be opercome in a few months by the action of shapposite.

There has been consmendable im-government, but we fear that the murder spoolem yet remains to be approached comprehensively. Until it is, murder will break out again.

Closing Ranks President's Speech Meets

With General Approval

With Ceneral Approval

If the newspapers are any sort of index, the President's speech Tuesday wening met with the aution's approval and it was apparently closing ranks behind him yesterday.

Pren the rabidly Republican Cinclinati Times Star, while protesting that it is not our business to police the world, sent on for 8st;

"Mr. Roosevelt's basic argument, we take it, is that America should go along with England in holding control of the sea. With that argument, this newspaper is in general agreement."

And in Kansas City and Des Moines, the heart of the appearement and Republican country newspapers said roundly that they approved the speech and saided upon the people to support the policy loyally and whole-heartedly.

There has been much disunity in the constry, and the threat of even graver disunity. But the American people who are like a gang of Kilkenny cata in ordinary times, have always closed their Tanks, save for a handful of congenitation of the president announced a quite def
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The President announced a quite definite policy, one which in effect puts us been sobered by it, and the dissension appears to be dying down.

Old Habit

Mr. Roosevelt Returns to ... Vagueness, Half-Measures

While the nation railled behind the old speech of Tuesday, Mr. Roosevelt impelf yesterday was apparently busily paged in returning to confusion and

ieness, is had promised in that speech that yilling necessary to insure that our materials reach Orest Britain would sons, even if it involved shooting, instine had essumed that this problemant of the problems of the problems. meant convoy, and had approved meant convoy, and had approved minciple at least. It had also ar-ed that it meant the repeal of the

which Neutrality Act.

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out calling it that. And such lack of candor was not calculated to aid Ameri-

candor was not calculated to all Ameri-can morale.

In any case, what was to be said about his denial that the Administration forces would move for the repeal of the Neutrality Act, after two Cabinte officers had proposed 11? The law was mani-

and proposed it? The law was manifestly in direct opposition to the purposes of the Lend-Lease Bill. And it invited by the purpose of the Lend-Lease Bill. And it invited to Britain which had been promised. Whreler, Nye & Co. were threatening of course to try to wreck the national policy, and with it the nation, if the law were challenged. But these obstructionists had to be dealt with sooner or later, and it did the President no credit even to appear to be afraid to challenge them.

A Caution

Friends Come in Handier Than Enemies. in Emergencies

With the popular backing that the Citizens Group Administration enjoys and the unity with which its seven Councilmen are proceeding to transact business, it is highly unlikely that any friendly criticism is going to have much effect. Matter of fact, the record so far suggests no great criticism.

It has made admirable choices of its City Attorney, City Recorder and Parks & Recreation Commissioners. It has

acted deliberately and with due restraint.
But if there is nothing to complain of
in its business transacted, the method may be open to the charge of tacticas-ness. See if it is not so.

ness. See if it is not so.

Councilman Albea not only was asked
to let his name be used on the Citizen
Group ticket; he led that ticket. Nor,
was there any doubt about why he, had
been taken into the fold. It was with

an eye to the labor vote.

Bince that time Mr. Alben has been excluded from the get-togethers of the Citizens Group Councilmen. He was quite within his rights yesterday in complaining that he, labor's representative on the Council and labor's man on the Citizens Group ticket, was entitled to suggest and have considered the name of some other labor man for a place on the pre-selected Parks & Recreation

The Citizens Group is under no like The Clitzens Group is under no like obligation to the three holdower Councilmen, whose defeat was openly sought. But the witer course would be to cultivate Messrs. Hovis, Little and Ward, not to gold-aboulder them. They too are elected representatives of the people, of at least enough of the people to have carried a place on the Council, and they have shown a disposition to on along the council of the people of the carried as place on the Council, and they have shown a disposition to on along the council of the carried of the have shown a disposition to go along with the majority faction as agreeably

They also have been excluded, and perhaps that is all right and will have

perhaps that is all right and will have no injurious consequences.

Even so, these three with Mr. Albea make \$\text{in}\$ a minority of four. Inconsiderate treatment will unify that minority. There is no common bond between the other seven Couclimen except their backing and their desire to govern wisely. Any truly controversial Issue could split this faction of seven, in which case the offended faction of four might easily join with the disaffected Cilizens Group. join with the disaffected Citizens Group Councilmen gleefully to override the will

Councilmen glerfully to override the will of the remainder.

That is a distinct possibility. If it should come about, it would detract from the immense potentialities of this new administration and of the organization behind it, which promises so much that is wholesome for Meckienburg County politics and elections. At any rate, it is a possibility that is worth thinking about and guarding seginat.

History—that overlooked George Arika some years back—is catching up with H. G. Wells.

In Brazil, plastics extracted from the coffee bean are in production, and who knows—made up into cups, they might lend a coffee flavor to coffee.

In wonderful Hollywood, a tot of six seccepts a film contract calling for \$37,-500 a year, after having it translated into vanilla cones.

To man our war tanks, if any, we be-lieve this country can easily round up a million Bunday drivers who would never tip a foe to their next maneuver.

Distorted Focus

By Dorothy Thompson

e or snother—for instance, for against the foreign policy of a Administration. The centers the national news services are re. Most of the weekly and

of the national news services are street, Most of the weetly and monthly publications of the country are edited here one gets a considerably distorted picture of American public opinion, and this distortion is then nationally publicated, the two centers do not reflect the sentiment of the broad masses of proper continent emanasting from them, is promoted or cranized for the purpose of shearing nationwide publicity.

taining nationwide publicity.

THE PICTURE IS

NOT THE REAL ONE

This brings about confusion regarding the relative importance of
certain personalities and movements over public opinion.

For instance, in New York mass meetings, the New York press and open
forum—one can easily get the impression that the country is the
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NATION IS BACK
OF PRESIDENT
During the past season—and for
my own education—I have accepted invitations to speak in New
England, in Virginia, Alabama,
Texas, Okiahoma, Kanasa, Missouri, Illinois, Los Angeles and
San Francisco.

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His Formula

Letters to the Editor: One More Bulwark Cone

Dear fir:

With the loss of the great battle cruteer Hood, one more bulwark has been removed between us and the state of the control of the c

him that much better.

The spirits of the heroic dead,
Who for Columbia fought and
Would curse the dastard son
Who would better his noble trust
and madly trample in the dust
The charter that they won."

G. N. RAMSEY.

Route 4,

A Gentleman Upset About the Draft

The QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

No. 1 - An Uplown Theater-Auditorium No. 2 — A Separate Court District
No. 3 — An Uplown Rest Room
No. 4 — Street-Widening

About the Draft
Dear Sir:

A most interesting character presented himself in an office the other day, point, as a series of the day of the day

condition. He'd die of shell shock the first thing.

No one would have gutsaed from looking at him that his pury control of the shock of the first thing. In the shock of the

they make him anything, observers brought). Swing, this weary soul who had gained relief by unburdening his 'troubles on some willing ear, grasped with all his might he trouble on the work of the customer's hand, and shook it not you." he said, attempting a smile with his pale lips. Collad to have talked to you." was what he really meant to say!.

CROWN DORIS PRINCE. Kings Mountain.

Hate for Roosevelt Makes Appensers:

Dear Sic:

Dear Sit:

Norway had its Quisling, France
its Lavel, China its old what's-hizname: is America to be added to
this list through the elforts of
such men as Lindbergh, Wheeler,
r. 41.7

The writer was a small boy at
the time of World War I, but he
has since been informed that
period, with a most one
country, were no strangers on

rosp-boxes at street corners and that they had almost the same spiel they have now. Wheeler, Liewen and others Wheeler, Liewen and others wheeler, Liewen and others thing a Rosewell tain color their recry thoughts action and word. As itstemmen, they don't were make good politicians. Statesville.

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A Quate That Killed

The Reader's Digwi
The late M3s, Patrick Campbell visited a certain movie mogul's house in Helivrood. He asked her to sign the Pisions book when leaving. She prote: "Quoth the Raven"—Stella Campbell."

TODAY'S SIBLE THOUGHT

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?—Rebrews 1:14.

Side Glances



"I want a shirt for my husband—one that will make a good dustrioth when it gets old."

Forewell To **Past**

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON, — TO be passed.

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Som in the hand, we have flower,

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is slipping inestiably from us, clutch at it as we will. We have Sometimes we were

had our troubles. Sometimes we wire poorly clothed and poorly fed. But al-ways tomorrow was full of promise Hardahip would diminish Happiness as the fixed law rdship would diminish. Happiness uld grow, Progress was the fixed law of life, We never doub the going was rough.

the going was rough.

HARD AND BITTER
DAYS LIK AREAD

As I write 10th, President Roosereltin preparing the furnishe stul. From Expland comes the call for help, a despersal call for more and more and more
floor, and the more more looking over Mr.
Roosewith shoulder as he writes want
flom to answer that call. Germanynaval chief warms us that already warave engaged in wartile actions with our
naval patrot. He warms us to go infurther, Laval, that dark stoogs of Berlin, warms us to stay out. Japan, sensiing that we may go in, begins to writigle
to find some way of excaping the Axia
bargain to go in if we do I den't knowwhat Mr. Rooserelt has decided to say,
But we are moving toward war, not
away from it. The only uncertainty is
how much faster we shall move from
DW of the case of the control of the life.

Whether we go to war or not, we shall act more and more as if we were going to war. Our lives will all be affected by this, Our ways will change drauled by whether or not a drop of blood is lost.

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FREYER AUTOMODILES.

BHALL LIVING QUARTERS.

Habita must be changed. Pesortime ways have to be sacrificed. For years, done of materials will be almost completely monopolized by war needs and there will be little lett for civilian purposes. Even Benators and Compressnen, in some instances may have to give upter automobile and more to small living quarters, for taxes are going to rip sharply too the lives of every family by above the very fowest ferri def bridge. For this year and next, we have set saide 40 billion dollars for war production. More may be settled to that. Airreidy we are planning to spend far more than we appnt in the last war. Labor, still living in a dream-world of constantly riting wayse and constantly thing the more than we appnt in the last war. Labor, still living in a dream-world of constantly riting wayse and constantly thing wayse and constantly thing wayse and constantly thing ways and constantly thing wayse and constantly thing ways and constantly that the triffs short to retrife short. shorter hours, is going to wake up very

soon with a terrific shock. soon with a territic shock.

I mention only the more pleasant aspects of the future and pass over the heavy hearts, the separate families, the young careers that will have to wait, those inward wounds which are more numerous than the wounds of the battlefield.

IT WAS WONDERFUL WHILE IT LASTED Regimented pools. Regimented wadc. The waste of war. The millions of days of human labor to make the guns, the shells, the planes, the tanks and the ships. The hung plants useful only to manufacture weapons of shaughter. That's our future. It will be the same whether we go into the war or not. It's been a grand life to America. We have had to work hard. But unusuly liters was good reward. We have had poverty, but also life hope that if the individual man threw in enough struggle and labor he could find his place. Man has gained steadily in security and dignity, in hours of leizure, in those dignity, in hours of lelsure, in those things that made his family comfort-able and gave lift to his spirit. Under age and gave now has been something the feit the firm security of a nation fundamentally atrong, safe from any enemy, able to live at peace by wishing to. In every one of us lived the promise of

America.

Now we see the distant fire rolling toward us. It is not being put out. It is still some distance away, but the evi wind blows it toward us.

So ends our revepts in the twilight, over the dear, dead days.

Visitin' Around

Dictary Note (Shady Grove Item innary Orove item, Lexington Dispatch)

O. S. Oraven has a new dental plate and enjoys peanute and grapple so much

Join the Navy and See North Wilke (North Wilkesborn Mustler)

A sailor boy shrived Saturday 10 n'clock A. M. on the Orsybound bus from Norfolk.

At His Beck And Call, So To Speak

(Oak Grove Hem, Lexington Dispatch) Daniel Sack is helping work with his uncle, Will Bock, in the Jersey community.