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They Laughed

A Man's Reputation Turns Cruel Charge Into a Jest

Cruel Charge Into a Jest

The value theyond gold) of a good reputation founded on semitine character was never better illustrated than in the proceedings yesterday at the Littlejohn hearing. A woman wilness, cooly made the atatement that she and Judge Frank Bims and a former City policewoman had rooked up a deal whereby she was to open up a place and in return for protection split her profits three ways.

This sort of textimony would be sensational on its face anywhere. In a place like Charlotte, where the people are befuddled by dark rumors about what is golng on in low and high places and where nebody knows whem to trust and how far, it was calculated to bust and how far, it was calculated to bust and popend?

Why the whole assemblage, possibly

the roof off the City Hall. But what happened?
Why the whole assemblage, possibly with one or two exceptions, just three back its collective head and laughed. Even the Civil Bervice Commissioners had to laugh. And the reason they all laughed was that Frank films, in his years of residence here as a private citizen and as judge of City Police Court, has proved beyond any doubt to be a person of unassatiable integrity and a court official clearly entitled to the designation of His Honor.

In a turnoll such as this besieged city is now undergoing and for some months and years has been undergoing, it is well for the public to take notice of trustworthy landmarks by which it can occasionally reorient its judgment of humanity. Honest men must have honest officials to swear by. Without becoming too hero's about it. The News would like to take this opportunity of

would like to take this opportunity of gaying that for it Frank Sims is such

Curre Ahead

Excess Profits Levy Had Best Be Made Genuine

According to observer as far spart as General Rugh Johnson and Mestra, Perazon and Allem of the Washington Merry-Oo-Round, the so-called excess profils tax bill at all but a measure for new levies on corporations all around. Small business, they say, will saffer while the big boys get the gravy. And the war industries will have no genuine ceiling to their gains from the cummon necessity of the nation.

don.

There is no reason, of course, that war industries should be penaltized or forced to take smaller profits than the average of other industries. And there is every reason in the national need and the temper of the people why profits in all lines or industry shall be held to a sober level. But one thing which will cristally be demanded in that the war industries themselves shall create on millionaires.

That calls for a require and stelet.

That calls for a genuine and strict exsprofts tax to apply to them. For t matter, they themselves would do I to demand it,

It is not only democracy which is on trial in the world, it is also the capi-talistic system. And whether or not that system is capable of exercising restraint gratem is canable of exercising restraint in its pursuit of the profit motive its probably redge to be the ultimate test as to whether or not it can survive Its failure to exercise such restrain in World War I had the cround for the disaster which has happened in Europe and America since - for the disaster the shadow of which now lies heavy upon us. That it cannot survive another oray of that kind is virtually certain. For any workship system must in the end serve the common need before all elze.

Green Light?

Japan Is Likely To Take It That Way, Anyhow

It That Way, Anyhore

That the Administration at Washington has no notion of cetting into a digit in the Pacific so long as there is an efection still to be settled. and perhaps not at all — seems to be pretty clearly teatified to by the fact that a third of the fact it lawall is now on its way to the West Coast for re-conditioning.

The move coincides with increasing Fapanees pressure on Prench Indu-Chit na, and is more or less at odds with the attent conductation of the pressure on Prench Indu-Chit na, and is more or less at odds with the attent conductation of the pressure on Prench Indu-Chit na, and is more or less at odds with the attent conductation of the pressure on Prench Indu-Chit na, and is more or less at odds with the attent of the pressure of the prench indu-Chit na, and is more or less at odds with the attent of the pressure of the prench industry.

stroyers-for-Atlantic-bases deal was con-

cluded with Britain.
That Japan is likely to take the sailing That Japan is likely to take the salling of so large a part of the fleet as tacit networked from the fleet as the fl

part of it, we shall need the flect in the Atlantic. But it involves its aerious con-sequences. Indo-China is an ideal leap-ing-off point for the conquest of the Dutch East indice and the Philippines— for the credition of a Japanese slave em-pire which may eventually menace us quite as certainly as Hitler's now does.

One Down

GOP Boys Wisconsin but Other Primaries Are Vague

In view of the fact that the Republicans poiled more votes in the state primaries than the Democrats and Pro-

In view of the fact that the Republicans polled more votes in the state primaries than the Democrals and Progressives combined, Wisconain seems to be pretty well in the bag for the Republicans in November.

Whether that means anything in terms of general trends in the Middle West remains to be seen. The La Follettes (Progressive) power, which the Democrals always had to have in order to win in the state, has been dividing since 1935. Moreover, the La Follettes themselves have been increasingly at odds with Mr. Bossevett. And probably most important of all, Wisconsin, as adulty-state which must compele with butter, etc., imported from abroad, has been particularly bitter against the Hull reciprocal trade agreements.

For the reat, the primary returns seem fairly inconclusive. In Masanchusetts a newcomer, Altorney General Paul Dever, and the state of the primary returns the complex of the primary returns seem fairly inconclusive. In Masanchusetts a newcomer, Altorney General Paul Dever, exprited by capturing the Democratic Oubernatorial nomination over Francis E. Kelly. But the campairn is reported by the Associated Press as virtually deviated in the sense were unopposed, and so there is no test available as to relative Democratic and Remultican attendib.

In New York City biliterly anti-New Poeler, for the Democratic nomination from the fluxteenth deletted. And in the American Labor Party, important as prings helding the balance between Equiphicans and Democratic Rossevell candidates won a alight majority of the nominations.

Apparently Mr. Rossevell has the edge in New York City, But whether by a grent enought margin to overcome the more all the progression and produced in the second of manual party in the commission of the principles and party in the principles.

in New York City. But whether by a great enough margin to overcome the normally Republican up-state vote is another thing which remains to be

About Face

A Complaint Balances Out A Splendid Principle

A Splendid Principle
The Southern Governors' Conference was obviously dealing in unconscious human. It went on record as believing that the location of war industries ought to be chosen without regard to political subdivisious or community pressure.

Then it turned right around and compalated that "the wishes of President to-event and National Defense Council to establish vital war plants in secure and defensible vital while plants in secure and defensible state throughout the minutes are being but the form the president to the property of the president of the council of the property of the present of the council of the factories. The only way that they know that, of routes, is by the way of suspicion, the sections of the council of the factories. It is a supplemental to the sections of the country have been doing themselves these them proud by rashing in

sections of the country have been doing themselves less than proud by runding in to grah as huge a hunk of the park as possible. And cach section obsticately between the filter than its fair chare is the limit share. An It happens the Middle West has had the bippens the first partial because the pressure was better organized and more milliture but mainly for obvious reasons of national defense. We should like to see the South age all the factories. Then need without hammers are

We should like to see the South gre as the factories the an ext without hamper-ing the battonal defense, of course. Fronties to for exter tending too easily con-tonic themselves that their particular spot is better for national defense than any others.

A Fated Dr-iff

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON.—Wendell Wills

Will is fearful of what he describes as the describe concenserior as the described concenserior and not be less pertiament of the described concenserior them point by manipulating a third of the described concenserior constitution of strong power at Washington of strong power at Washington and string power at Washington and string power at Washington and string power at Washington of strong power at Washington and the power in the prolonged tenure of one man that Rocarell to the company of the power in the prolonged tenure of one man that Rocarell to the company of the power in the prolonged tenure of one man that Rocarell to the company of the power in the prolonged tenure of one man that the constitution of the company of the same control of the power in the same control of the same control o

today, will be said the leasons of child-hood were the preparation for democracy. They were and still are. Modern parents are still trying to pound these standards into the hard little heads of their children, with the same percentage of failure, no doubt, that rapiler generations of parents endired.

DEPRESSION REGAN WITH HOOVER, NOT ROOSEVELT Wilhout those standards it Without those standards it is difficult for any society to live, and especially a democratic soci-

difficult for any society to live, and especially a democratic section, and especially a democratic section. It is wasn't because people had lost their childhood ritrues that silerbert Hoover was driven to set up the RPC and thus forward by the third the section of the sectio

Slight Embarrassment

Raleigh News & Observer

Coffeyville, Kan., was selected for the formal beginning of Will-kie's campaign because the Republican candidate once taught school there.

item candidate once taught school has controlled to the things of which it is proud. In a list of those things printed on the back of the program for Willie's speech allowed the program for the program is to work the program for the progr

Damb. Eh?



Letters to the Editor:

Tears That Come Too Late

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

orde that people sometime don't realize how good a sing is until fat too late? Then all the tears they can sir up and abred won't bring it back. Why can't they learn to enjoy so the stand of waiting until they feel they've come to a dead end and then looking back at the good things they failed to enjoy? Fer wouldn't be no remorated later. Beautiful things are so transient. They seem too good to be true-and sometimes are "for yeaterday but a vision." Yet they must be enjoyed if we are to benefit from them—enjoyed while they are present, not after they have passed. It's the same way with right.

them—enjoyed while they are present, not sifer they have passed away.

It is the same way with friends. Side they see don't really appreciate a good, true friend until the properties of the same way to friend the same way to require the friendships and enjoy them the second time as much and enjoy them the second time as much and their is no fixed formula—we much learn our leaven, that good things is not fixed formula—we find the same its too lake lare its too lake.

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Says Naval Experts Err in Judgment

Dear Hir:

Dear illr:

It is very regrettable to have been elightly misunderatood regarding my letter of constructive criticism, concerning the recent manual cuttoger deal. Although leading nasual authorities have universally agreed that the destroyer deal was a decided gain in our favor,

Mr. Billopp:

Fruit Trees

Fruit trees are most decorative and give abundant shade. They are superior to a good many other and they are superior to a good many other and they are superior to a good many other and they are superior to a good many other and they are they are the superior to a good many other and they are the they are they are the they are they ar

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and station.

—CHRISTOPHER BILLOFF.

it must be remembered that international military experts heartly segred that the now totally destroyed Mandon Line was an impact of the control of the cont

the undertaking if they are right. It is their fall, not mine, in the event that their recent step is proven an ultimate failure. They deserve praise for the invaluable deprese which the may lot a rendered down to the present time. But, unless some of the lighter suffering to the lighter suffering the property of the

may, will survive use present de-—Wen, Malett Carpentier, Maxton, (Note: It is true, of course, that naval, and millitary experts cus sometimes make mistace. But the better that the Magdon Line wil-better that the Magdon Line wil-created even among Freinch military men. Weygand, tike his old master, Fech, was wholly against the "pure defence" theory of warfare. Incl. formally, it was that theory, and

Line proper, which brought about France's fall. That is the same theory which is now held by those who are reposed to the naval deal with England.—Editors, The Newst.

After You, Good Sir. After You

The Tough Breed

seccusions News.

News comes from Finland that the Fions are not only stilling to fight Russla again, they are sure they can put up a better fight and would expect to win. Poor judgment, maybe but there is no argument as to who is in the finals with the British for the pluck medial.

Prescription

Street, pitton

Natewille Daily

"Thry say for a new synthetic,
Cardiard, lint it fills in lapses of
the memory—if you can remember
where you let the bottle,—Charlotte News. But, brother, wouthit
a counter-tactic synthetic be powcrift conforting in helping to forset some of Cardiotes recent gaet some of Cardiotes recent ga-

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days,—Psalms 90:14.

Side Glances



"Doe is reading the only copy of that magazine we have—if you come back in a couple of hours I'll be able to sell it to you."!

What Got France

By Dorothy Thompson

(HARACTERISTIC of the typerficial,
century middle-class civilisation,
which collapsed so disastrously in
phase on security.
Indeed, in France,
the idea of security
had reached its
height. It permetaded the whole of lifefiniteial security.



WHERE POILUS LIVED

The Maginot Line—looking at it with hindsight—was an ominous indication of the lengths to which the idea of comfort could be carried. A fortune was sunk in constructing as a defense what amounted to being an underground luxury hotel

First of all, it was made soundproof, in order to spare the nerves of the fightin order to spare the nerves of the fightest ha horror of noise. I was in the Hockwold Fortress on May 18, during the Battles of Belgium, when for the first time in the history of the line, this creat fort was in action. Except for the actual run turreds, the fort was doubtless the quietest place in France. The children of the fortress, Colonel M., had been resident in it for eight years. It had become for him a quiet and even luxurious home. It contained measurement of the children of the contained measurement of

THE FAT CATS SOLD

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OUT FRANCE FIRST.

To attack the Left Wing of France—
the unions of the industrial workers—
for seeking to translate into their tires,
the most insecure to France, the values
that dominated the whole middle and
upper class society which dominated the
very preparations for war—war without
disconfiort and war without tears—is
preposterous. The values of the masses
are invariably those of the ruling classes,
into whose ranks they aspite to come.

Again, the lendency to blame the
masses or the lenders of the Left for a
spitt of appearement, which is only the
desire to recase last consequences, is
preposterous. The classes were the people who first tired to appease Hiller,
The masses wanted active interrention
in double The classes supported France,
and in supporting him made every argument for Francism. In the asions of
Paris in the Winter of 1935 I heard only
the most fullame praise of France. the most fulsome praise of Franco.

BETRAYAL LOST LEADERS FAITH OF THE MARKES

TRYMAYAL LOISY LANDRAS
FATTH OF THE MASKER

The French people are hitchly intellectualized and very locical. The leaders
of France sprached anneasement one day
and war the next. The men who collaborated to hand over in the Germani
of divisions at Munich, the secrets of
the Masined Line, the Schneider-Cressot
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factory for the whole of southeastern
Europe, and the Bushan silance, rare
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preparation could not begin to replace.
For "safely first" at the moment, ther
save wave the pseudodred security of
the French masses. When the war fimily came, the Gerermannt lumediately
channel ptot jall or concentration camp
at the Communitia, all the Certagan all the Communists, all the German refugees, including thousands who had lost all through Hitler and were his implacable enemies, at the same lime leav-ing in positions of power the Bonnela and all those who had consistently filried with the Hitler regime.

finied with the Bitter regime. This produced a wholly paradoxical silmation. The men at the front did not believe in the Government behind them. They believed they had been sold out isslem—in Spain-and in Green-Blowskia —and that the spain gentlement would acil them out again. It was not, therefore, the Communists who sowed in their imids the sectife of soulds. Bather, the Communists were able to do no because what the Communists was appealed to their experience and topic. And the men behind—the men who were leading—did not trust their own masses. Many of them were more afraid of Freichs Socialism than they were of Hilling. Well do I remember the remark. French Socialism than diey were of his-ler. Well do I remember the remark, "I'd rather see Hiller in the Champs Elysses than Leon Blum." Well, they got their dreadful preference.

Visitin' Around

Oh, Mer

Marshall News-Records

Mrs. J. B. Tweed has had five guesta
and her slater here with her the past

Ob, Illm

(Hot Oprings | Item, Marshall News-Receive)

Mr. Lusk is spending several days here's with his family, and Mrs. Lusk,

They Can And They Dens It

(Upton Rem, Lenoir News-Tople)

Host of the folks are about dons sansing berries in this section.