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False Prophet

Our Wrong-Horse Friend Is Back With More Free Advice

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A man named La Foliette, a Senator from Wisconsin, was sounding of in the news yesterday. It appeared that he had some pretty positive ideas about Britain's cenduct of the war in Burma and the political policies which Britain must needs formulate in order to consumat needs formulate in order to consume the political politic wert India into an active military ally.

His advice, doubtless, would pass, and yet we wonder at the cool effrontery of his presumption in giving advice to any yet we wonder at the contribution of this presumption in giving advice to any nation, to Britain of all nations, on how to fight a war or how to manage relations with an ally.

tions with an ally.

For the pre-war record of this Senator named La Follette marks him as a man who either couldn't recognize what was coming or else wanted it to bear down heavily upon the British Empire. On bill after bill, which now we see to have been the shadows of coming events, this man La Follette was aimost invariably in the wrong saddle, galloping off on the wrong horse in exactly the wrong direction. direction

Advice is chesp and Benators, from the nature of their cailling, can always command some sort of audience for their stripping of wisdom. But Heaven knows that there is no computation upon any of us to listen to, much less to act upon, the voluntary counsel of so discrediled a prophet as La Follette. The man's beating been extended so far.

Dr. Tom Wright

The Parallel Between Him and Another Physician Is Plain

Only long-time friends and old ac-saintances remain to mourn Dr. Thomas Wright, who died yesterday. For sars an incurable and painful malady ad borne down more and more heavily pon him, and while in the earlier stages agon nim, and while in the earlier stages of his invalidism he managed to main-tain a part of the associations which he had formed, these too began to be broken up, and others knew him not.

broken up, and others knew him not. That was their loss and his Scholarly and witty, reserved yet with a quiet reliable for companionathy, Dr. Tom Weight was in every way an estimable man, a faithful practitioner of the healing art to tong as he himself remained whole. And surely, during the long lilness from which he knew there was no hope of recovery, it must have consoled the, physician to recall the ministrations it had been his privilege to bestow upon sufferers in other days.

Sacrifices

The Administration Prefers To Keep the 40-Hour Week

To Keep the 40-Hour Week

If it was atraight talk the American
people wanted, Price Administrator Leon
Renderson gave it to them at the Overseas Press Club banquet last night. The
Russian Ambassador, Maxim Litvinoff,
had just delivered one of his sily and
trenchant diplomatic addresses, all of
which, the Ambassador admitted, usualby contain more references to military
strategy than to diplomacy.

Mr. Litvinoff had reminded his audience of the avdul and terrible sacriticry
being made by his Soviet countrymen.
If was, in a sense, a challenge to America. And Leon Henderson answered for
his countrymen:

"America's strategy is production— not production superimposed upon business as usual—but production at the expense of our standard of liv-ing."

This standard of living, he declared, vill in a few months fall below its low-at point during the great depression of my

Here were sacrifices the American peo-le could understand. They were going

Here were sacrifices the American people could understand. They were going to be required to do without more things than they had done without in times that were still haunting their memories. Mr. Henderson, unfortunately, was not specific. He might have added that under the common of the common

As he spoke, America was still fighting the war largely on a 40-hour week. True, bills had been introduced to modify this mow obsolver statute. But the labor leaders and the labor lobby were fighting any readjustment of the law. And the very Administration for which Mr. Henderson was speaking also had previously served notice that it would restat any attempt to increase the length of the work week.

It is fortunate for Mr. Henderson that the Russian Ambassador did not stand in rebuttal. It is all too likely that Mr. Litvinoff might have told how long Rus-Litrinoff might have told now only Rus-siam workers were standing by their machines. He might have added that the workers of the Soviet Union realized that they are fighting for their very ex-istence as a people.

And it would have been Mr. Henderson's unfortunate lot to admit that real-ities of war have not yet been brought home to the men and women who op-erate the Arsenal of Democracy.

Spurned

War Industries Give Charlotte Cold Shoulder

Unbeknowingly the Government's rules of censorship regarding the placing of wer industries have spared Charlotte from realizing the worst: that while other cities of comparable size were akimming off the cream, the Queen City was drinking akimmed milk and precious little of that

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Perhaps if Charlotte cilizens knew
what was bappening in other cities of
comparable size their collective concern
at the consequences of being virtually
excluded from this vast program of industrial expansion and conversion would
ignite an all-out effort to catch up
before it is too late.

There have been a few intimations of
what was happening. Charlotte knows
something of the airplane plant to be
constructed in Burlington—an Industry
that will employ more than 3,500 skilled
workers. But the full picture remains
obscure. The Government forbids publication of reports about new war plants
except those within a radius of lifty except those within a radius of fifty miles of the local newspapers.

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Therefore we are not permitted to locate exactly the great long-range bumber factory that will be built at a cost of \$35,000,000 in a certain nouthers' city less than 300 miles from Charlotte. To provide workers for this glant lindustry alone, the Government will train 3,300 men and women every ten weeks until adequate personnel is available.

A single plant of such proportions in Charlotte would have turned on the light at a time when the outlook for purely civillan business is none too bright.

purely eivilian business is none too bright. But Charlotte, worse luck, hasn't come through, And, if it is five that most of the major contracts have been placed, it may be too late.

Over and above patriotic consideration hangs the cold fact that any city which is unable to fit itself into the nations war production program stands to lose its buying power, much of its industry and even a great deal of its population. And these assets, once lost, can only be regained slowly and painfully over a long period of years. We need, to recognize the character and terrible alignificance of what is hap-ferning to the whole nation's industrial system. That is an almost inconceivable expansion and redistribution of industry. expansion and redistribution of industry.

Half a dozen reasons why Charlotte fell behind suggest themselves. Certainly fell beilind suggest themselves. Certainly the present City administration has been singularly ineffective in whatever efforts. If any, it may have made to bring war industries to Charlotte, But Jinding a scapegoat won't help, Indeed, the slakes in the same are loo high to permit any distraction from the task at hand.

The Job, as we see it, is to begin now where former Mayor Ben Douglas left. off, to make one tremendous organized effort to get Charlotte into uniform for the duration. This is going to be a long, hard war-and, for some cities on the sidelines, a most awfully lonesome one.

Whatever the outcome, this North African war is the greatest exhibition of base-stealing since Cobb had the catchers throwing to center field.

Another household issue, for the dark months ahead; whose week's allowance of sugar is to be used in the strawberry shortcake?

Key Letters in the War Effort

"Soon" By Paul Mallon

FDR Said



PICK THE WEAKEST SPOT-AND STRIKE

SPOT—AND STRIKE
All the superiority you seem to
need is at the point of contact,
centeral mass superiority of air or
land forces is no guarantee of anything, especially if spread all the
way around the world. The problem
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planes and tanks than he can get
to that spot.

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SHARE-UP ON Q-T
The War Department reorganization is being conducted as quietly
as if this heartening new was a
military secret. Excuse is that details were not completed. You may
be sure, however, that it is not a
multistry terror as face-brid send
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The waste-rimination drive is
being organized by a Southern Senstor. So far tongue-wageing has
been the only action noticeable on
the subject. Thrue, Senator Tydings
has a provided selection of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions
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ment units.

But the chance for real action will come when the billion dollar independent offices appropriation bill comes before the Senate, It carries founds for a swarm of miscellaneous non-defense agencies next year.

About limison Series:

Finding Francis

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The Lowcountry "Lord-God"

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One of bur city readers has written with some astonishment to the effect that he recently has heard one of the woodpeckers referred to as "Lord-god!" He say that the same what I mean by such a term what I mean to the pleated woodpecker, the largest of the family in this country that the same way to be a limit. The pleated woodpecker is found ready commonly in this locality recogning the heavier woods in the wood of the wood

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Letters to the Editors:

Holding FDR Responsible

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Editors, The News:
When there are reverses in their national affairs the English call upon their head man for an accurate to the second of the

country are on the alert and mean to see that their business is run as well as it possibly can be run.

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have never demanded that the President explain.

Before our sevenist be cleared, and, it is my opinion, the only way it can be cleared, and, it is my opinion, the only way it can be cleared is for the President himself to stop ducking behind imaginary "Amorican Cluster Parasities" and "Gilb Boys" at his press conference, and give out with an explanation for some of his bad errors in Judgment. Until he gets and its running order he can't expect the stockholders to be overly enthusiastic.

espect the Mockmonts of the conminustant times propagation as a trying to sell the American people an amarchical to prevent their uttering the name of Roosevell when they go of into denunciatory delititums. This amasthesis is latering the name of Roosevell when been desired to the concent You're a Trailor!"

There are weakings who never know what It's all about anyway and are always ready to try anyting the New Deal medicine menhave to offer. Some of these have have to offer. Some of these have read and preventiably, have adopted the theme song, "We Won't Talk About That."

About That."

But all twenty-eight hundred of the paid New Deal publicists couldn't make me smallow a single does of that foreign curroction. I'm stein the special of American scientific the special of American the special of American translets the special of American translets the defense preparation and practically weated eighteen monita of preclous time. During that time it blasted holistimists at home while it coursed Japan was the course of the special translets of the special translets

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one of the first steps is to squarely place responsibility where it belongs and hold that person to an ac-counting. If the Commander in-clifed of our samed forces and the Executive head of our Government is not the one to hold that respon-sibility, then who is? —MIS. UNA TAYLOR foat Wendover Road

A Funeral for Old Man Buttermilk . . ."

"A runeral, for Old Man Butternuilk..."

Editors, The News:

Kindly allow me to forther express myself in the matter of butternilk. They limitly let this seven mile rest needed but they save gave the small butternilk man both burrels, and with the man both burrels, and with the man both burrels, and with the for it the new proposed milk ordinates of this law to the form of the men proposed milk ordinates each into effect about all, that is left for the producer of hold a funeral for old man butter milk and let the people of Charlotto were over his peasang. It looks like they see going to pass the new ordinance so I might show the ruth I. can't do any harm and not much good unless the proposed milk. I can't do any harm sent of Charlottot get the fact and tell the City Authorities what they reposed milk ordinates. Bectlen P, this is what they call Butternilk! Butternilk is a product resulting from the churring of milk or constitute of milk, askinment milk, responsed of condensed milk, or aktimed milk or milk or aktimed than a per cent or milk saliment on the fact."

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-By Herblock

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Route 5, Charlotte,

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT.

Avoid ellly superstitions; build on the rock of fact and faith: But let worldly fictions and old wives tales alone.—I Timothy 4:7.

Side Glances



"There's a bright side to things, too—much to my sur-prise. I had no trouble persuading my wife it would be unpatriotic to buy the new fur coat she's had her eye on!"

Ships Are Needed Now

By Raymond Clapper ₩AREINOTOR

THE cry for merchant ships is be-

HE ory for merchant ships is becoming loader. Energetic action is died to save the United Waterns remained to save the United Watern remained to save the United Watern out waspons it we can't carry them to the distant fronte-mand that is becomming the big question. The United Nations are suffering slow at was a way to the same united to be cause there was no loader to the cause there was no loader to the cause there was no loader.

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-- *ha most serious increase Prime Minister Churchill advises Commons of the most serious increase in shipping losses. The same concern exists here. Production officials are devoting much time in conferences now to finding ways of increasing imme-diate merchant-ship output.

VERSELS ARE NEEDED

The long-range program is in good drape. But the cry is for ships now, Next year may be too late, literally, if we can't deliver fighting weapons this

Reverses in the Far East have in-Reverse in the Far Faul have In-creased the length of bast incre-sary. The shartage of fighter planes cannot be overcome without more ships to deliver them. Long-range bombers can deliver themselves, but but everything else must go by ship and the haufs are fantastically long, most of them some 12,000 miles.

Some ships are completed except that they can't get diesel engines. Some ways have had to stand idle recently be-cause there were no places. Within a short time it is thoped that situation can be cured.

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One trouble was that under old specifications, plates were of auch width that the standard strip mills which have turned not automobils wheels could not be used. Specifications are being changed so that smaller plates can be used, and three additional mill facilities can be utilized. Biortages of turbines, of shatts and other items of equipment are holding up completion of ships long after the hulls are in the water.

Part of this trenble goes bork to machine-tool chortage. There ap-pears to be drastic need for increas-ing machine-tool production: It has expanded greatly but not enough. Only a small percentage of the machine-tool industry to welling three shifts—probably about fifteen per cent. Since last July the in-crease in three-shift operation has been but one per cent. Some offi-cials think a little turpentine is needed there. Part of this trouble roes bark to

Also, prodding of the Maritime Com-mission is being talked of more and more. Some aid priorities need over-halling. More use of the automobils industry in pre-fabrication work is be-

ing ured.

Officials here are thoroughly awake
to the situation. They know that we
can neither hold the lines this year nor
take the offensive next year unless the
cargo ships are to be had.

NAVY PROCUREMENT COMPLETELY OVERHAULED

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That is the most favorable factor,
And it is the new factor that has come
into Washington during the last three
months, particularly since President
Roosevelt, after months of delay, gave
Donald Nelson full power. The inside drive has increased trumendously
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through the red tape and bureaucratio
obstruction that slowed down action.

obstruction that slowed down action. For instance, Navy Department pro-curement has been completely over-hauled as a result. A hide-bound little group of aperate autonomus bureaus each controlled its own procurement, Efforts to break down that system failed repeatedly. But when Congress passed the Overman Act, and when Mr. Roose-velt gave Nelson full powers, it became possible for Under Severteary Forrestal to reorganize this archaio system.

Visitin' Around

(Upton item. Lengir News-Topic)

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Mr. Homer McLeen and two sons,
Carl and Bela, killed a nice mink last

One Company, One Crowd

(Manns Harbor Rem, Dare County Times)

Wilburt and Mut Hooper and Donald-Midgelt of Blumpy Point visited Martha Hooper and Lillian Callop Tuesday att-

The Boys Been Drafted?