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Echo Of 1918 What's This?

When The Boys Are Away The Drys Seize The Day

The Baptists have now joined the Methodists in calling for a statewide referendum on total Prohibition in North Carolina. Despite the fact that as mat-

ter day, the Demon- stration in legalized form is confined to those laxer, more tolerant provinces lying east of Raleigh that the counties which

have them by of outlawing at the same stroke the man- nage it, beer and light wines.

The timing of this drive, whether by accident or design, is strongly reminiscent of the means by which national Prohibition, inaugurating one of the most violent and bloody ever outlived by the United States, was foisted upon the country.

It was in December, 1917, almost mid-war, that Congress submitted the 18th Amendment to the states. The process of voting on it, despite the absence of millions of young voters in the service, was begun in haste. So rapidly did the states fall in line that by the 16th of January, 1919, but two months after Armistice and well in advance of demobilization, the necessary three-fourths of the states had ratified. The Noble Experiment was safely embodied in the Constitution. Under 20 in a CIO organizer in the textile field. And there is Margaret Knight, daughter of a prominent Greensboro physician, University graduate and ex-

Overhauling Congress Gets Ready To Stir Its Stumps

Congress is trying to make up its mind to take a face-lift. A significant by-play took place at the first Cabinet meeting after the election. It may be the handwriting on the wall regarding the future of certain Cabinet members.

Compromise Dr. Clark Has Solution To University's Puzzle

When the President persuaded his three resigning members of the War Labor Board to remain at their posts until the war with Germany was done and the labor relation crisis had passed, he posed a problem of sorts for the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Graham, by presenting his resignation, tacitly agreed with that stand. And when Mr. Roosevelt found him willing to go with his colleagues in Washington, there was the possibility of complications. In the first solution offered to that problem, by Dr. Dave Clark, it is evident that the attitude of some of the trustees at least is wholesome and sane.

Dr. Clark proposes an acting president of the University, to allow Dr. Graham freedom to remain in Washington. Whether the trustees will agree, Dr. Graham it at least indicates that one of his most implacable foes recognizes the compelling necessity of completing the work of the War Labor Board, and that the way was first call on the services of North Carolina's most heavily-burdened public official.

What About The Closed Shop?

By The Editors Of The News

The right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or non-membership in any labor union, or labor organization, provided, that this clause shall not be construed to deny or abridge the right of employees by and through a labor organization or labor union to bargain collectively with their employer.

With those words the people of Florida inserted into their Constitution a bright line of the closed shop; and in addition, the wartime labor policy of minimum membership, Arkansas, at the same time, passed a similar amendment; another was deferred in California. In both Southern states which passed these anti-labor amendments, the voting was close. Florida passed it by a majority of about 15,000 votes, of a total of about 250,000. Arkansas squeezed in by with a 7,000-vote margin.

Regardless of the justice of these attempts to legislate labor practices in detail, Americans—and Southerners in particular—must realize that we are in the presence of a social phenomenon. The incorporation of the vast activities of the labor movement into law. And this is neither the beginning nor the end of this process. It is only the first time states have attempted themselves to ban practices which are recognized by the Federal Government.

This is what happened: The people of Florida and Arkansas looked upon booming new industries in their midst—aircraft industries. They saw them organized under contracts with labor unions, and they had to be hired, and the unions provided them, but hundreds and thousands of these workmen were not skilled at all. In many cases, the union men them in rural and small-town communities, when they possessed no skill at all.

Many of them were jack-of-all-trades. News readers are asked to express their opinions on this vital question recently presented to the South at large. Letters on the subject will be published in the People's Platform, and given the prominence we think this important discussion is due.—Editors, The News.



The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

A SIGNIFICANT by-play took place at the first Cabinet meeting after the election. It may be the handwriting on the wall regarding the future of certain Cabinet members. Speculation is red hot as to whether FDR will retain James H. Doolittle, who has been the anti-Roosevelt factor in Texas, also what he will do with President Wallace, James H. Doolittle, who was FDR's chief support during the campaign.

At every Cabinet meeting, the President always uses the names, asks each Cabinet member to resign, and in this moment he hands down to Constitutional bedrock. One thing is certain: The proposals are at least a generation into the future. If this trend was inevitable because of the call for leadership in today's complex world, it also developed because executive agencies were organized to cope with modern problems—while Congress lagged along under 19th century procedure.

There have been a number of complaints and proposed remedies. There are too many committees—33 in the Senate and 47 in the House. In addition to a couple of dozen special investigating committees, there are a couple of dozen special investigating committees, there are a couple of dozen special investigating committees, there are a couple of dozen special investigating committees.

The Toughest Job In Washington

By Marquis Childs

PERHAPS the most thorniest of all wartime jobs here in Washington is that of William W. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board. The breakback and from ever since have come at him waves. It is an awkward job, submitted by resignation and meant to represent the public in the war between labor and employer. Davis has shown the patience of a "Assistant President" James H. Doolittle had been using all his persuasive powers to get Davis to stay on, at least until European phase of the war is ended. And Doolittle had a good argument on the basis of his own decision. He, too, had made up his mind to step out, and was persuaded by the Office of Price Administration has done a pretty good job. It seems to me, in keeping the cost of necessities down, food and rent have shown very little change in the past year and a half, and they are the two biggest items. Certainly, it would be difficult to find anyone else who could live on \$10 a month. It is hard to get inexpensive clothing and work clothes. But Charles Doolittle, or CDD, as he is known, has done a pretty good job of it. He has been able to keep the cost of necessities down, food and rent have shown very little change in the past year and a half, and they are the two biggest items.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith City Hall Today



Any red hot gossip at the card party? If I can't write something exciting to Sonny, he might think the old town's too dead to live in when he gets out of the Marines!

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spagh, D. D.

CHERISHED Bible returned to Church After 81 Years, headlines an Associated Press dispatch from a Chattanooga, Ga. In the midst of this war which is bringing so much sorrow to the world, we need to be reminded that Almighty God has never removed His Book from the reach of man. It is men who have removed themselves from its teachings.

The Old Testament gives us the history of a people who persisted in periodically turning aside from the Word of God, each time to be punished and finally to their dissolution as a nation. In the dark days of the War Between the States, Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase placed upon the shelves of the land our national motto, "In God We Trust." A contraction of Psalm 118: "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

Men and women in this country today who have forsaken the teachings of Jesus Christ and His church are pronouncing the word of God as the source of sorrow and misery which has engulfed the world. The church to have a national motto, "In God We Trust" on our currency. The essential motto of our country is God and follow His teachings.

Platform Of The People

Case Against Charlotte Given Praise

I have been living in Charlotte for fourteen years, and have worked practically all over town. I have even earned a paper route for The News—which is known practically all over the world as a splendid paper.

But my question is this: Can't the Charlotte people do something about entertainment in Charlotte for the general public as well as for the entertainment industry? Since I am now in the service and stationed at Fort Jackson, I am home at week-end and bring soldier friends along with me. But they never want to come back here.

They say, "Well, I have heard a lot about Charlotte, but there is no place to go and the entertainment is terrible. There is no place to go and the entertainment is terrible. There is no place to go and the entertainment is terrible. There is no place to go and the entertainment is terrible.

Let Us Remember God Leads Us All

Let us all remember that we have a father in Heaven and that He leads us all. We must trust in Him as our leader.

A UNITED NATIONS PRAYER Our Father, we thank Thee for the privilege of being members of Thy holy family. Strengthen our faith that we may live Thy more. Enlarge our vision of Christian brotherhood, that we may unite with all men in peace and work that will bring the kingdom may come. Amen. WYESTER, McMANUS, J. Waxhaw, N. C.

Groton School Founder Dies

GROTON, Mass.—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody, 87, founder of Groton School, died here for more than half a century its headmaster died yesterday afternoon.