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The local metaprologiet, better known the Weather Man, may scotf, but we see discovered, tested and put into you a weather manim which deserves have in semebody's almenas. Nother library nor fronts nor updrafts nor pressure areas perturb this little axin, it just goes on working. Within the last week, for example, its world itself trustworthy on three occares, i.e., to wit and vis: (11 Sunday, (2) conday (Christman Day) and (3) unrelay. For those three days the satire Man predicted, according to a best selectific methods—

anday, Meetly cloudy and slightly warm-with accasional light drigate Sunday

ming.

senday: Considerably cloudy and easier occasional light rain.

nureday: Rain and rather cold Thutamering followed by mastly cloudier warmer in afternoon.

These warent, mind you, had predictions. They were merely incomplete. The three days in question were destiledly might, But if you pay as much attention to the wasther as we do up here itsel Ivery Tower, where we can look in graight in the face, so to speak, you are bound to have observed that where as Sunday, Monday and Thursday began timely, flow plankting the earth and executing the sun for the whole forsure of the complete of the sun for the whole forsure of the sun for the whole day.

In fact, according to our maxim, early meaning for its almost a certain augure.

Fog before seven. Sun before eleven.

Eastern Standard Time, of course, not war Time. War Time's corresponding mours would be eight and twelve, but they don't rhyme. And the essence of this meteorological maxim is that it not sals meteorological maxim is that it not saly rhymes but works. The Weather Man is welcome to borrow it some time the's stumped.

Man In A Hurry

Winston Churchill is in Greece besite pressure at home compelled him
as there. Though criticism of the
site policy with regard to Greece has
seen found and keen in the United States,
the most determined opposition to Mr.
Churchill has been voiced in London,
ise has faced vigorous opposition from
the British press, from members of his
sabinet and from Parliament. Almost
without exception the British Cabinet
is aligned against him. Under such pressure, he was forced to take action,
suickly.

The year fact that the Green and the pres-

y. very fact that the German offen-The very fact that the German offensive has broken through into Belgium
hasened his departure from London.
For, though military events would seem
he require his presence near the scene
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to be beadquarters operations, this offenere has turned the spotlight fully on
treece. There is a new questioning, now,
to why many British soldiers, using
a good deal of American equipment,
should be held about Athens, battling
directs natively in a serf of notificial year. Greek patriots in a sort of political war-sare, while the need for men in the West

s so great.
The feelings of the American public. we suspect, were pretty well expressed by Drew Pearson, when he wrote his open letter to Mr. Churchill back on September 19, saying in part:

"Your Governments insistence on Reping King George of Grosce on the Rarne despite the overwhelming opposition of the people he is supposed to rule will upset American opinion. Americans don't believe in using their armies, their war goods and their prestige, even indirectly, to keep kings in power. That 2s not why they entered the war."

The expression of that kind of sentiment, plus the coolness of the State De-partment and the President toward British actions in Greece, were likely in Mr. Churchill's mind when that va-lant old warrior hastened to Athens, resolved to effect some settlement which would remove an anxiety at a moment of military crisis. Until the Prime Minis-

ter has taken some action we cannot know what he is thinking. But his very presence in Greece intimates that he has been forced to change his mind, that he is preparing to admit to an error.

A Failure

In commuting the death sentence of Annie Mae Allison, the 14-year-old Negro girl convicted of the murder of a Charlott saxt driver, Governor Brought on fell back upon the girl's tendered to could not be thought to the saxt driver, Governor Brought of the could not be thought to the saxt driver, Governor Saxt described of her guilt, and believed judge and jury properly found her guilty and passed sentence. But his reason for extending mercy on behalf of North Carolina went deeper.

"Bociety does not appear to have met its responsibility in this case," he said. And that, above and beyond all other considerations in this case of murder, was a profound statement. It

said. And that, above and beyond all other considerations in this case of murder, was a profound statement. It should imprediately bring North Carolinians to reflect upon the numberless tragedies of which that damning observation might be made.

The life story of the Negro girl is bleak and grim. Born an illegitimate, orphaned as an infant when her mother was killed in a brawl, later adopted, she seems never to have been the object of concern by responsible persons. We don't know just how that unfuffled responsibility might have been mat by society, in this case, but we know well enough: what was in the Governor's mind. And the other cases, by the thousands:

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A Firm Hand

Just as work stoppages, civilian indifference, and the merry chase for money
are baffling and maddening to service
men who have fought overseas, so the
widespread black market operations in
France puzzle Americane back home.
The arrest of hundreds of soldiers
charged with stealing and selling Army
supplies on the French black market
curely seame as a shock in this country.
At first thought it is inconceivable
that soldiers, having worked and fought
so near the front lines, could bring
themselves to steal gasoline, food and
other supplies, Simply by interrupting
the flow of materiel to the fightling men
these soldiers have committed treason—
or something mightly close to it.
Among the soldiers convicted have
been four Carolinans. They were given
sentences of life imprisonment, 30 years,

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Among the soldiers convicted have been four Carolinians. They were given sentences of life imprisonment, 30 years, 25 years and five years for their offenses, which ranged from going AWOL aciling them on the black market, to selling 1,085 gallons of sacoline to eager Frenchmen. These things of course, not only meant that soldiers were abetting ruinous inflation in France. They were guilty of stealing Government property—and that was cause enough for the Army's severily in passing sentence.

We are not persuaded that Army service is going to reform men, or that it will even better all of them. Recognizing that, the Army Itself seems to have taken the proper corrective measures. Only stern dealing with this form of treason. Will article we trust that will continue to be an Army policy.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

CHATOR BAILEY (N. C.), speaking

apployees, made the point that it would
led to inflation, asying:

Mr. CLARK of Missouri, He lost Berlin
seven times.

Mr. BAILEY
My friend from Missouri
says he lost Berlin seven times. He was at seed to inflation, saying:

I am about to make the speech which I jave in my system.

Mr. WILEY. Hear! Hear!

Mr. CLARK. We all want to hear the Senator.

Mr. BAILEY. We shall have inflation and loss the war . . . we shall do precisely what aby BALLEY. We shall have inflation and the war, we shall do precisely what we done to the Allies in the Seven Years exp, man'ty 200 years ago, when the detected seman leader took advantage of division many his enemies, won his war, and established the German Empire, esting the experimental control of the control of the Comman Empire, setting the experimental than the control of the Comman Empire, setting the experimental than the control of the Comman Empire, setting the experimental than the control of the Comman Empire, setting the experimental than the control of the control of the Comman Empire, setting the experimental than the control of the control of the Comman Empire.

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Mr. CLARK of Missouri, He lost Berlin sweet limes.

Mr. BAILEY, My friend from Missouri says he lost Berlin seven times. He was at the utmost degree of desperation. What the says he lost Berlin seven times, He was at the utmost degree of desperation. What happened? Two events. The clder Pitt, the Earl of Chathan, resigned, and in consequence of Russia, Elizabeth, died, and in consequence of that there came a care, Peter, who took his samy out of the war and because the same of the war and because the same of the same of the war and because the same of the same of the war and because the same of the

The Merry-Go-Round

main objective. They have professed the wer by about six months.

Their objective undoubtedly was to get time to form 100 new divisions to be ready for lossed Sprints. They have the second of the se

War Notes

The Nazis have now done what the Dulch did not do in 1860—opened the dikea and flooded large sections in front of the British Army. This means it will take Dutch farmers 50 years to get the salt out of their soil in order to raise crops again.

in order to raise crops again and the same was a superior and believe to receive a purpled by the fact that the large limited by the fact that the large limited by the fact that the fact raise. It is a supple to the large from attacking in other cases. . . Meanwhile MacArthur is fitting Binders out as an escellent are base which eventually can accommodate B-28s for attacking the matistand of China. . The Samply of crititery shells. Not only have the Nazis capitured a lot of U. 8. store, but the First Army on the defensive has been using up shells at a rate equivalent to a major offensive.

Churchill's Grudge

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Re-Forsign Minister Count Storas knew all tee well what he was up against when he returned to Itely according to private latters he wrote to genebers of the Recepture of Responsive the Responsive the Recepture of Responsive the Recepture of Responsive the Recepture of Responsive the Recepture of Recepture of Responsive the Recepture of Responsive the Recepture of Rece

over the hurdies. In one place Sforza sald:
"Whiston Churchill, back from Antwerp, whither he
had gone to play the Napoleon, didn't know how to
define King Albert."

In another case, he told how Fech smiled at, "antiBolshevik expeditions dear to Churchill's heart."

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A Crust Of Bread For The Starving



Tightening Up At Home

By Marquis Childs

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People's Platform The

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Lating EdMa S. McDEVITT, Chairman Leg. Committee.

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1. Substitution of the terms now used in our laws with modern psychiatric terms.

2. Revision of statute (C. & 6369) which is estitled "Commit-

ment upon patient's own applica-

tion."

3. The adoption of law providing for a period of observation and study before commitment.

4. Revision of statute (C. S. 6212) which provides for temporary care of neutally ill patients in

care of mentally ill patients in,
Jaill. The adoption of a law providing for instruction and an acute cases to state hospitals
without court procedure.

6. Revision of statue (C. S.
6210) which deads with inter-state
C. S. Commonthy ill procedure.

7. Extended the superintendent
of Mental Hygiene.

8. The-appointment of a commaison to study the revision of
all statutes relating to psychiatric
problems.

A Newcomer'
Likes City
Editors, Tax News:
I would like to take this opportunity to publicly express my

gratitude to the entire population of Charlotte for the courtesy and welcome shown to a new arrival.

A few months ago. I moved here with my mother so that we could be with my father, an employee at Morris Field, He is the Chief of the Fire Department out there.

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We arrived here, and know mone, we feit very basyl to the common one, we feit very basyl to became known that we had just moved here our neighbors called to welcome us. The basyl to the common of the com

Charlotte, —JAMES W. FOLEY

SIDE GLANCES



"Gee whiz! can't the fact that it falls on a Sunday night be an excuse to just stay home?"

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

By Herbert Sp
Tus thoughtful and reflective.
What have we done with our time during the past year which will reserve the server of the server

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THE closing days of left find; is be in want of concretebility, so what have we done with our ut individual to have well of the with the way of constitution with the well of the well appeal year which will count in the light of certainly was to be well aspecially should sat themselves the well of the most important things we have no to not children. One of the most important things we have to most important things we have to the most important things we have the parents should give our children is the fire guidance of a stahere and or the well of a most need the sympaths to the continued the sympaths of the staher and content they get a belief the state of the the stahes and content they get the least of it. That period is adolescence, the teen-seed of the period is adolescence, the teen-seed of the stahes and state of the stahes and

A Jack-In-The-Box

By Samuel Grafton

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America in a bitter mood Let
us face it. Critica are mood Let
us face it. Critica size in the
center failed to give its warning:
that this is our second Pearl Harbor: that we are thort of suppless because we care cheer of suppless because we had a supplies many child
style: we are aggreed, and we
look about for something to hit.

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to forget the war.

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was well in hand, that the supply
problem had been met, that we
had produced our way to victory.

He ran on the twin plants that
the war was our great problem,
and that he had solved it.

He helped keep us down to earth, but
iddn't; they went even further

He ran on the twin planks that he war was our great problem. The Republican might have helped keep us down to earth, but didn't. they went even further than Mr. Recovered. The result of the second o

crushed. like a gnat, and tossed aside, and could now be forgotten, along with everything that had been a part of it. The world was our oyster, and we could forget about war, except maybe for having some kind of international organization functioning like after department on a side atreet,

having some kind of international organization functioning like a fire department on a side street. One reason the new German of the control of the control

Quote: Unquote

THE productive effort and morals of the civilian population can make the difference between victory and defeat for fighting troops. I saw that proved in Russia.

—Donald M. Nelson in Chungking.

Our pilota have alvays been far auperior to the Japanese and the pilots coming out today are heat as good as ever. I never saw anything like the spirit of the men who have been flighting the Japanese.

—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher.

In our society, becoming more and more unstable with the disruptions in family life and constant migration, youth is the friet casualty, and not one thing is being done about youth.

—Prof. Howard Y. McClusky of the U. of Michigan.