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Wrestling With The Demon

The County Commissioners are deeply and properly concerned with the wide-pread drunkenness that seems to conceil every public event in Mecklenburg to a Donnybrook. The latest evidence rives from the Fair and the Auto races, both of which produce a missioners well know. Another factor may be that Fairs and other public events simply serve to concentrate the drunks who are with us always, making them noticeable and easier to apprehend and thereby swelling the volume of business in Recorder's Court. and properly concerned with the widespread drunkenness that seems to conspread drunkenness that seems to be vert every public event in Mecklenburg into a Donnybrook. The latest evidence derives from the Fair and the Auto Races, both of which produced im-pressive quotas of drunks, many of whom were also moved to hur! a bottle or two and wound up facing charges of assault and battery.

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The idea of the Commissioners that the problem can be solved by shutting off the beer taps at all temporary public gatherings is the problem of the pr

the Commission is to acquire such au-thority.

Then we have an idea that the fact that beer is sold openly has led the Commissioners into an obvious error. There are few citizens with atomachs so sensitive they can acquire from beer alone the bright red give inhanction of panies mayhers. A support of the drunks who have inhanction of the drunks who have ripping away at a bottle of land stuff, acquired readily

The Differential

Every set of figures relative to wages brings home a depressing reminder that North Carolina, along with the other Southern states, is still down in the lower income brackets. We were, for instance, in 64th place in 1944 in the average weekly wage of workers covered by State Unemployment Laws, which means virtually all industrial employees.

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Our average weekly wage of \$28.87
doesn't look too bad, although it was
considerably inflated by the war, but
it is only half of Michigan's. We doubt
if the man who puts automobiles toif the man who puts automobiles to-gether works harder or with greater skill than the man who tends a loom, but he continues to be paid much better for it.

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Although our industries, under the pressure of the Federal Government and the pressure of the Federal Government and the labour of th

The steady climb of the Federal mini-The steamy climo of the recerai mini-mum wage is already having the de-sired effect. The proposed 65-cent rate may be too big a jump to make at once, causing painful maladjustments as the textile manufacturers claim it will, but it is certainly a step in the right direc-tion. And it will work peculiarly to the benefit of the total economy of the South

Avoiding Trouble

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In this peculiar time, when we are holding an olive branch in one hand and a sword in the other. Senator Balley comes forward to register a protest against our becoming involved in the settlement of Jews in Palestine. The British, according to the Schistor's information, are willing to admit 100,000 European Jews into the mandated territory, as President Truman has recommended, if the United States will assume a share of reaponshilly for the consequences. The consequences, of course, may be open warfare with the Arabs, who are bent on keeping Palestine a restricted neighborhood.

The Palestine problem is some forty years old, and has been debated at length. The Zionust have always been storing for immigration but other Jews have a longer than the project, fearners is some dead to the establishment.

have argued against the project, fear-ing it would lead to the establishment of a sort of international ghetto. Sena-tor Bailey's opposition, however, has

to apprehend and thereby swelling the volume of business in Recorder's Court.

None of these arguments of ours except the deportable conditions that prevailed at the Fair Grounds, nor are they intended to But we do contend that the decision to solve the problem by removing the open and legal source of alcohol is a snap indement which ignores a good many pertinent facts. You keep precious few drunks on the straight and narrow by shutting off one source of supply, while many others, legal and otherwise, remain open to them. National prohibition, if the Commissioners recall, didn't have a marked effect on public drunkenness, and that was a conscientious. If futile client, to shut off all the sources. The drinking pentry are a resourceful lot, and, whether beer is sold at the Fair Grounds or not, they are likely to remain a police problem. The root of the trouble does not lie, as the drys contend, in the availability of drink, but in the temperament of the drinker, a factor over which the County Commission has little control.

nothing to do with the basic argument. He simply wants to keen his own comhottning to do with the basic argument. He simply wants to keep his own country out of trouble. "I wish this country to avoid any undertaking calculated to lead to war," he wrote Secretary of

try to avoid any undertaking calculated to lead to war," he wrote Secretary of State Byrnes.

In another, happier time, the Senator's objection might have been valid. But right now it has a strange, wistful ring. If we pursue Senator Bailey's reasoning we will have to bring home all our occupation forces, scrap all our mutual-assistance treaties, share the atom, and forget the President's request for universal military training. Almost every undertaking now on our calendar is calculated to lead to war.

We have a clear obligation, to the Jews of Europe, and to all the other victims of our late enemies. The Palestine Solution, actually, is an essy way and the state of the solution, actually, is an essy way the other alternatives. We can restore the German Jews to the place they cocupied in the German economy before the Nazi terror, and stand by to guarantee that their Aryan neighbors won't gang up on them again, Or we can open up our own borders and invite them to move here to the land of the free and the brave.

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them to move here to the land of the free and the brave.

But we cannot, as Senator Balley seems to be suggesting, forget the whole thing and let the Jews make out as best they can. We probably will, as we become more proficient. In the practice and theory of power politics, eventually dull the edge of our national conscience. But we haven't done it yet.

New Word

The lawyers and judges we sent abroad to arrange the trial of German war criminals are exploring strange legal territory, and they have found that even the normal judicial vocabulary is inadequate. The third count of their was indictment charges that the defendants "conducted deliberate and systematic genocide, viz., the extermination of racial and national groups, against the civilian populations of certain occupied territories..."

and including scores against our certain perfect that professions of certain occupied territories.

The new word derived from the Greek genos and the Latin cidere is the contribution of Professor Lemkin of Duke University. It might, in time, enter into usage as common as that of homicide, the favorite of the police blotters.

We hope, however, that genocide is a one-shot word, making its first and last appearance. We have an idea Professor Lemkin would be the first to vote his brainchild into oblivion on that great day when it no longer has any application. For the high purpose of the court that midwifed it, beyond the extermination of Germany's practicioners of genocide, is to outlaw this ancient crime forever.

Statesmen At Work

Scrious facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

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By Drew Pearson

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He declared that a new deal had been undertaken in the Ford empire, with many organization of the planned to make friends with union labor, definitely putting an end to the company's union-baiting of the past.

the company's union-batting of the passive company's union-batting of the passive company's union-batting the would do all in his power to protect this right of labor in future was negotiation. Most important of all, he confided to Schwellenbach that he was ready to agree to a 22 per cent increase in the search of the 15 per cent top increase he has been advocating. "I want to meet labor half-way." He auto chief asserted, pointing out that the United Auto Workers' Union has demanded a 30 percent pay hike. He said chief asserted, pointing out that the United Auto Workers' Union has demanded as 50 percent pay hike. He said contains the could be supported by the supported by

Company Responsibility

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Young Ford also has no affection for the hard-

Company Responsibility

bitten Bennett, whose operatives used to guard him when a child and even made reports about his comings manhood. Each Ford sho had to put up with Ben-nett's shadowing, and hitterly disliked him for it. Bennett was finally ounset from his job by Henry II and Bennett was finally ounset from his job by Henry II and office in Detroit, though still nominally a director of the company.

Treasury Watch-Dogs

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They received almost no publicity for their work, but Representatives Harry M. Jackson of Washington and Herbert Bonner of North Carolina this month saved the their state of the Carolina this month as well the state of the certain that the Senate Geant give away the money they have saved. They are ready to keep up their fight in order to make certain that the Senate Geant give away the money they have saved.

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The Right Key Must Be Around Somewhere



What Happened To All Those Ships?

CAN the current, critical ship-ping "shortage" be blamed on the transfer to the British of the Queen Elizabeth and the Aquitania, on dock strikes in the U.S., and on storms in the Atlantie?

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Or, is redeployment delayed because the War Department has failed to utilize all of America's mammoth merchant marine in the Priority I job of getting soldlers home; because it has miscalculated shipping needs; because it has failed to act aggressively in meeting these needs; because it has failed needs; because it has failed to needs; because it has failed to act aggressively in meeting these needs; because it has ing these needs: because it has failed to order freighters converted to troopships; because it has not pressed into service idle ships; because it has not pressed into service idle ships; because it has not enlisted the aid of the world's greatest Navy in redeployment; because in general it has been neglectful of its most important job since V-J-Day?

Are the ship transfers reasons for the month delay—at least—now promised us in redeployment from the ETO? Or are they just excuses?

"All right, whose fault is the latest redeployment crisis?

The army newspaper Stars and Stripes presents the views of the unredeployed

Aguitania. The U.S. was allowed to keep one Queen for the real of the year. And the German Europa is now ready to replace the Aquitania. S. had used only 600 of the waitable total, making only one trip per month. They could have returned every would leave more than enough ships for its with Pacific redeployment and abs vital commerce and the vital commerce and the country of the

relief.

"5—Operable U. S. ships are today resting idly in U. S. harbors
'source of facts: Time Magazine,
Oct. 15, page 27.) A photograph
shows five good new ships laid
up in a single small port, (Mobile).
There is no shortage of shipping.
There is a surplus.

There is a surplus.

WHY NO CONVERSION

"6--More than enough time has passed since either (a) VE-Day or (b) cancellation of Lend-Lease to convert countless freighters into tronsports. Nobody can plead (a) lack of time or (b) lack of ma-

Suppiards nav undergone, terrine cutbacks; cutbacks; spokesinen now blame the latest redeployment crisis on a loss of the British ships, the storms in the Atlantic and the English Channel, (c) strikes in English Channel, c) strikes in English Channel, c) strikes in the Atlantic and the English Channel, c) strikes in the Atlantic and the English provided to cover up negligence and poor planning.

"It is outrageous to suggest that redeployment has been slowed jupped by the company of the strike of the country of the supperson the strike of the country. We have plenty of Queen, Mary, We have plenty of

ships to turn over without taking any out of service.

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"High Army and War Department officials have Just talked men of the service of the se

STARS ANR STRIPES' VIEW

Points."

Thus far, there has been no explanation satisfactory to soldiers in this theater of the shipping shortage. But maybe there is such an explanation.

explanation is.

All that we can do is ask that some one put the questions to the War Department for us and that, in any case, newspapermen in Washington seek to find the full answers to them.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Ah . . . Snodgrass, we admire your zeal, but we've had complaints about your dramatization of the need for insurance!"

A Look At Reality

By Dorothy Thompson

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NEW YORK

A WEEK ago President Truman
addressed Congress on the neceasity of universal military training in peacetime.
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which formally
brought the world
ination into being,
calling it a "memorable day for
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There is something strangely fronte in this combination of events. On one day it is proposed that the United States train all its male youth for war; on the next the United Nations of the world solemnly covenant to live together in beace.

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The President says, "The suncerity of our intention to support the World Organization will be judged partly by our willianness to maintain the power with which to assist other peace-loving nations to enforce its authority."

whom?

The only nations not counted among the "peace-lovers" are utterly vanquished and unconditionally surrendered. The victors are about to put on trial as criminals those who resorted to a war of aggression.

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Power for what purpose? Power for what purpose? "Until we are sure that our peace machinery is functioning adequately we must reientlessly preserve our superiority on land, and sea, and sure the sure of the sur

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Its provisions applied to any nation weak enough to be builted.

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result be mutual annihilation.

THIS IS FEACE

This Is our peace, for which the youngest and nobletel died.

Immense and crushing military interests and crushing military interests and expectation, "defending an ethical vacuum and an intellectual widerness, insluded by tered promises, abandoned principles, rule-of-thumb policies, rule-of-th

People's Platform Our Farm Resources

By J. R. BAILLIE

Charlotte

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