The Settlement Of Utility Strikes

THE threatened strike of Virginia Elec-tric Power Company production em-ployees failed to materialize Sunday, and some 1,700,000 persons in the Virginias and North Carolina were spared the dangers and discomforts of a complete black-out. Governor Tuck, of Virginia, who moved promptly and vigorously to pre-went the strike, is receiving a good many plaudits, but he is also receiving some de-

served criticism.

A Even though the negotiations that
eventually led to a settlement were already scheduled, the Governor declared of emergency on Thursday, and used his executive powers to begin the draft of VEPCO workers into the Virginia This, as The Richmond Times-Dispatch points out, was accompanied by a display of animus toward the union, and

display of animus toward the union, and his act and his words combined to make the final settlement much more difficult.

Moreover, the Governor invoked executive powers that were, at best, only technically legal. There is good reason to suspect that the courts would not have upheld him; as The Times-Dispatch says. "It is hardly open to doubt that such a move contravenes the original intent of the law."

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Still, however dubious his method. Governor Tuck was meeting a definite obligation of his office when he invoked extraordinary powers to head off the VEPCO strike. There is reason to question his judgment, as The Times-Dispatch does, but there is no reason to question the need for postitive action of some sort.

We are of the opinion that compulsory arbitration of public utility labor disputes

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might arise with the management, could not later charge, as the union charged in the VEPCO case, that he was being forced to work against his will. There is no such understanding now, of course, and the public utility worker properly considers his right to strike as inviolate as that of

public utility worker property considers his right to strike as involate as that of any other worker. In recent months we have been treated to the spectacle of a half dozen mayors and governors struggling with public utility strikes that threatened to paralyze whole communities. In every case they had to make up methods of dealing with these strikes as they went along, and in every case they suffered severe and just criticism. (Mayor O'Dwyer's shutdown of New York during the tugboat strike is a notable example.) It is clear that responsible public officials cannot allow the disruption of such absolutely essential services as electric power and water, but, because there is no adequate body of law to cover utilities strikes, they are forced into such evasions as Governor Tuck's "draft." It's a situation that does not make for orderity government, and is should be cleared up without delay. without delay.

George Stephens Was Also A Pioneer

THE term "pioneer", we suppose, should properly be reserved for the colonists cleared the forests of Mecklenburg in the name of Queen Charlotte. But we also like to apply it to the men of vision who

like to apply it to the men of vision who forceaw a city growing out of the sleepy village of their youth, the men like George Stephens, who died yesterday in Asheville. Mr. Stephens lived the last 28 of his 7 years away from Charlotte, but he leaves behind him here many enduring monuments—Myers and Piedmont Parks, which he developed; the American Trust Company which he helped found; The Charlotte Observer, of which he was once cowiner; Queens College, which he, as a trustee, helped rebuild on its present alte; the TMCA, which he, as director, helped establish in its present building; Independence Park, for which he, as charman of the old Park and Tree Commission, obtained gitts of land.

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Mr. Stephens, successful as a banker, a publisher, and a public official, was always proudest of the real estate developments to which he devoted so many years of his life. When he was asked to describe his career in an anniversary edition of The

News published in 1938, he wrote: "My interest in real estate has always been from the standpoint of development, believing that it is the greatest single material influence, when properly handled, in the development of a city and the happiness of its people."

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Mr. Stephens' contributions to the de-velopment of Charlotte, and to "the hap-piness, of its people", were considerable. And, as he himself, said, they were usually part and parcel of his private financial ac-tivities; he believed that Myers Park, his greatest work, must be something more than a collection of streets, lots and hous-ward developmed it as he said, "with a view steakes wolk, must be solutions in the na collection of streets, lots and houses. He developed it, as he said, "with a view to supplying in an intelligent way not only the need for space that a growing city should have in a residential area, but to ... spillst the wholesome individual interest of people who live there in such matters as pride of ownership, beauty or surroundings and healthfulness."

The residential areas he planned stand in marked contrast to other congested areas that are our heritage from the mushroom growth of the Twenties. They offer adequate testimony to the vision of George Stephens, ploneer.

Photographers, Sir, Are Also Gentlemen

SOME years ago Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur wrote a sprightly libel of the newspaper business called "The Front Page," dredging out of their capacious imaginations the characters of Hildy Johnston and Watter Burns. These two fictional journalists established a precedent that still holds on stage, screen and the slick pages of the popular magazines—reporters are alcebule; unexprusing, mittigle, lech-

still holds on stage, screen and the silck pages of the popular magazines—reporters are alcoholle, unacrupulous, untidy, lecherous, cynical and wear their hats turned up fore and aft; managing editors are alcoholle, unacrupulous, untidy, lecherous, cynical and wear their hats turned down all the way around.

Measrs. Hecht and MacArthur, in recounting the events of a routine evening in the Cook County Courthouse, did not, as we recall, include any photographers among the journalists, escaped prisoners and sentimental ladies of the evenins who chased each other through the press room. The press photographer, however, has atained a standard identity in the publicing as the result of a series of lesser travesties. He is popularly supposed to be a vulgar version of Hildy Johnston—more alcoholle, more unaccrupulous, more lecherous, and wearing his hat turned up in the front and down in the back. In addition to magnifying all the vices popularly ascribed to his reportorial brethren, he also has a unique weakness of his own; he is aupposed to be lillterate.

With no real hope of exploding this myth, we call attention to a gentle little Ariockney Vecane.

incident of the past week. Ray Howe, sports editor of THE NEWS, decided his department editor of The News, decided his department had published far too many photographs of golfers gazing down the fairway, post-ing their scores, or examining their putters. The Charlotte Open, he decided, would be an utter failure unless The News carried a picture of a completely relaxed tournament player. He thereupon escorted one of our photographers (young Don Martin, who doesn't wear a hat of any kind), into the Myers Park Clubhouse and eave him his assignment.

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Mr. Martin discovered Chick Harbert, weary after an arduous round, sound asleen in a chair in the Club Grill. Did he aim his camera, fire his fliashbulb, and leap through the nearest window while the startled Mr. Harbert hurled a number six iron after him? He did not; he located Mr. Harbert's pretty wife, bowed from the walst, and requested permission to photograph her sleeping husband. Having received it, he patiently waited until Mr. Harbert closed his mouth, took his pleture, bowed to Mrs. Harbert and departed.

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It may be that our lensmen are exceptional, and that there are backward areas in this land where grave courtesy like Mr. Marlin's is unheard of. Be that as it may kee feel that the handsome portrait of the sleeping Mr. Harbert demonstrates beyond debate that the photographers of The News, sir, are penilemen. Anvhody who says they ain't is likely to get slugged with a flashgun.

Another Voice

Out Of A 20-Year Rut?

E think it only fair to call attention to The Charlotte News that the "young" Solicitor for this district is doing a mighty fine job. Already, and in the Mecklenburg courthouse, we have heard

Macklenburg courthouse, we have heard many fine and favorable comments on the manner in which Basil Whitener is handling the affairs of the court.

He has gone at the job with a determination. He has gone at the job in a methodical manner, a manner which proves that he has devoted much time and study to the docket. The Very fact that he is cleaning up the docket and height the cases up to date proves conductivity that he is the man Governor

Cherry should have appointed.

The one thing that strikes us as a declaive factor in Mr. Whitener's tuture success is that he is not a hard-bolled, go to the devil type of solicitor. On the contrary the new solicitor has a great heart and above all the ability to judge character. He will, we are sure, give everyone the proper chance but at 'the same time will make every effort to see that "crime does not pay" in this district. We predict a bright future for him and suggest that all those who have fought the Solicitor of this district rouse themselves out of a 20-year rut of one thought and go after somebody else for a while—Belmont Banner.



People's Platform

Legal Or Illegal, It's Bad

ST. PAULS

LEAVE it to you as to whether I am agreeing with
or taking issue with your editorial, "The Great Dry
Victory in Rockingham" in your March 25 issue.

I am opposed to the sale of whisky "legally" or otherwise, as the ABC variety will make a man just as crazy drunk as the so-called "stump variety,

I am opposed to the sale of whitaty "legally" or start as Sunsering State of State o

A Late Convert

SINGE leaving the service and returning to Charlotte

On These found your editorials very interesting and
enlightening. Before I entered the service I cannot
remember when I turned to the editorial page, as I
considered it something for the older folks to do during their spare moments in the evening. Perhaps I
there was no the service I seem to the entered the service I
to the service I seem to the service I seem to read it now. As Is stands, I gives a very clear picture of what makes this town tick, but certainly not
relick."

tunior high schools there would put Central High to shame.

No, legalized liquor can't give us everything we need in Charlotte, but it will give us the financial foundation necessary to start us on the road to the control of the start of t

-SIGNATURE WITHHELD,

'I Was Appalled ' CHARLOTTE

I was appalied...

CHARLOTTE

I was appalied when I realized I'd innocently been giving my children Grade C milk to drink. There are the control of the cont

WARMINSTER. PA.

Military Toehold

ETTER to a Senator:

Dear Senator:
The Army has been temporarily successful in resuading the Senate Atomic Energy Commission provide formation of a military committee to review y action of the scientistic—a distinct military toe-

to purchase the scientists—a distance and the scientists—as distance are you will be scientists. Let me earnestly ask you, Senator, are you willing to have the military take your job copicy making) right out of your hands (where we people have just concerning the movement and the concerning the movement and the scientists are the Franco kind of government and the scientists are the Franco kind of government and the scientists.

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obseently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tus Naws.

Marquis Childs - 128 217 1872

Sudden Ray Of Hope

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Atomic by-products could be used for scientific research in the abovatories of the world. Here are unforceseable possibilities in field after field of medicine cannot with radio-scitive substances might jeld the solution of this terror. If the suggested plan were to be accepted as a national policy at

WON'T ALTER STATUS

"But these discussions and these plans," says the raport in regard plans, and the result of the plans, and the result of the control of the plans, and the result of the United States. They will not move its slock piles at uranium or of flastonable mails-rials or its bombs, or its operation plants, and need not site the operation of the plants, and need not site the operation of the plants, and need not site the operation of the plants, and the plants, and the plants of the plants, and the plants of the plants

COMPROMISE REFORTS
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time to time, for no discoverable
reason, the lemmings have been
known to swim out into the sea,
in great masses and die. Perhaps
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the same kind of instinct fee
man. The two paths are so clear,
the signposts so plain.

Samuel Grafton

Notes On UNO Crisis

NEW YORK.
MOST of the full-dress editorial articles on the UNO crisis
are depressing. We are not at the
stage at which any commentator,
however gifted, can do a fullfiedged, formal treatment of UNOcompenders. At best we can hope
for small glints and glimmers of
light, little flashes and indications,
and to find these is enough; this
is not yet an issue which can be
editor, and he who tries it will
very likely say words he will regret.

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walk-out erials by eaying that the
Council would have "stutistifed" it:
self and "subdicated its authority" it
considers that if a small nation's
request for a hearing is turned
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Times is remarkably like one between dying and dying; and one
wonders how much "confidence"
can be developed by an institution which deadlocks and bloss up
on its first big issue.

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Charter which prevents diplomats
from being skillful before a crisis
as well as after, or which ordsins
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The Security Council is not as
yet a well-enough established
institution for any member power to
dare to place all its bets on its bylaws, and to be willing to go blindly wherever they lead; for each
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obligation to show that the moves
it has made, however stubborn,
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cussed here only because they are representative of a particular view was boasting that the "firm stand" of the West had made Russia back down; why does it find ask for "still" instead of for more 'irm stand'? Neither the "firm stand" nor barren legalism can save the peace; these are not approaches to the problem of making the that to the problem of making the that to the problem of making the time to the problem of making the time or the problem of making the time of the problem of the problem of the time of the problem of the

TIME FOR BENDING

It must become part of the ethics of the United Nations life to try to tame down this inevitability:
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Drew Pearson's: FDR OK'd Argentina's Admission To UNO Merry-Go-Round:

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At one time Secretary Byrnes swore that such a document did not exist. He told Nelson Rockefeller, former better than Rockefeller and that he was convinced Roosevelt could not have okayed Argentine recognition.

But Rockefeller produced the document and Byrnes had to admit that the signature was authentic. This column is the state of the secret Roosevelt with the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the signature was authentic. This column he had been such that the such that

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Thills formule was sent by radio to FDE, then aboard his
culter en route home from Yaita. Harry Hopkins, who
was with him, was opposed. He did not believe Argentins
should be recognized. Admiral Leahy, also with the President, had the opposite reaction. He favored recognition.
But there were hitches in Mexico City. Argentina felt it
was then too late to declare war. Simultaneously the State
Department received word that the Russains were making
overtures to Argentina and contriving with the Pacids citwas to leave the door open in the Chapullepee Agreement
for Argentina to sign up later.
Following this, Brasilian Foreign Minister Pedro Leso
Velloso frew to Washington from Mexico City and far further
mule was devised by which Argentina would Join the United
Nations at San Francisco.
After it was drafted and declare docements, Nelson
Rocketchier took it to President Roosevelt. He read it and
expressed the approval. Then young Rocketchier suggested
that the document be initialed. FDR compiled. It was one
of the least official documents he very Sugnessant to
Warm Springs, Cia, and a few weeks later the American
used the document as a besis for the admission of Argentina
- The formula bearing Roosevelt's initials in the margin
follows in full:

Articles 1, 2, 5 and 6 by their nature and purpose con-

"It shall be acknowledged that the Argentine nation has accepted the invitation implied in the above articles when her Government shall have:

(a) Declared by decree the existence of a state of war "(b) Expressed confirmity with the principles and fee-larations of the final set and compiled with such principles and declaration." (c) Signed the final set of Mexico City at the PanAmerican Union.

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"The Argentine Government will then:

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"(a) Be recognized by Luc Covernments of the Will request that Argentina be invited to sign the joint declaration of the Luck Argentina be invited to sign the joint declaration of the Covernment of the Covernment of the declaration of the declaration of the declaration and its will undoubtedly influence their attitude toward recognition of the Peron Government.

UNRRA Merry-Go-Round

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FTRR Mayor La Guardia was appointed to take Governor

A Lehman's place, delegates of hungry nations at the
Atlantic Gity UNRRA conference wiscracked: "We akked for
500,000 tons of wheat and you gave us a 'little flower'

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the Without Hard of the Conference of Forcetis, once
the Missouri Mule . Some UNRRA delegates tried us
sell the Russians on Churchill as Governor Lehman's successor. They told the Russians: "He is only half English; the
other half is American." Beyind the Russians: "We will take
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tried are still being treated and field as emissary comtoning sequal to the five years they suffered under Eliza-