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### Chinamen's Chance

The anglophobia in China is over. The Japanese invasions, for the moment, didn't matter. It was the end of the Chinese year, and tradition decreed that everybody should pay his debts before the new year began. The Chinamen have kept alive that old Chinese custom.  
Almost everybody did pay up, for the Chinamen are bound for tradition. But others didn't, and the tradition took its toll. In the end, the day and night, the streets were full of the Chinese people. While the Chinamen stayed inside, looking their debts by the hour and the day, those whom they owed remained outside, picking what they would, and crying for their lost money.

### A Curious Policy

The director of Information Service of the North Carolina WPA, a part of present federal relief work, has been in town last week discussing with local administrators plans to put up posters in public buildings. The posters would not, as one would assume, inform the unemployed how to get on the federal relief rolls. No, the posters would show the unemployed what "grand things" had done for North Carolina.

### Unkept and Unsung

Tennessee's "press gag" bill, which the nether branch of the Legislature had passed earlier, has been vetoed by the governor. The bill was tabled after a hearing at which the intent of the bill and its sponsors was given the measure decried.

### Slackers

Declared dead, in the way of marriage, was the bill which the Legislature had passed earlier, has been vetoed by the governor. The bill was tabled after a hearing at which the intent of the bill and its sponsors was given the measure decried.

### There's a Reason

Here's something that is hard to explain. At a time when unemployment stalks the land, as 1923's orators were wont to say, the supply of farm labor in North Carolina is less than normal. The demand for labor is less than normal, by about the same percentage as the supply; but back in 1923 the supply was more than twice the demand. The figures are from the Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh.

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## A Drama Of Our Slums Is Suggested

Mr. Charlotte Citizen Could Be Tried Publicly For Criminal Negligence

Dear Sir:  
This is simply a personal letter of thanks for what you are going through your series of articles in opening the eyes of the people of Charlotte to our slum conditions. The facts which you have gathered, the stirring way in which you have presented them, should lead to energetic, constructive action on the part of our citizenship.

I have the suggestion which I am going to ask that you consider for what it is worth. Could you not present your amazing facts in dramatic form? Perhaps a good idea to carry out might be a trial scene in which Mr. Charlotte Citizen is indicted for Criminal Negligence, with the prosecuting attorney calling various witnesses who testify on the basis of the facts you have discovered.

Such a trial could be staged in the Armory with admission free. Either prominent citizens might play the various roles or, better still, get the Little Theater group to cooperate. Of course this would involve some expense. I believe that every church in Charlotte would count it a privilege to take an offering to cover the expense of staging such a production. It suggests the possibility of the church last only because I do not want it to appear that any of the ministers are trying to "bargain in" on a splendid undertaking initiated by an another organization. I personally, however, am keenly interested in seeing the much needed changes brought about.

LEE F. TUTTLE, Minister,  
Breard St. Methodist Church,  
Charlotte.  
(An excellent and original idea.—Ed.)

## OUT OF THE SLUMS AND THE SLUMS OUT OF THE PEOPLE

Dear Sir:  
I have been much stirred by Mr. Shipp's courageous and strongly written articles in The News about the slum situation in our city and desire to express my sincere appreciation of what you are doing to bring to the attention of the public the terrible conditions which have been portrayed with such graphic realism. He has written with great ability out of first-hand knowledge, and his pictures are indeed most realistic.

It may be that some people may think the conditions of the slums are overdrawn, but I know they are not exaggerated. I myself have visited some of the worst of these hovels, and with my own eyes have seen the unspeakable squalor described. Some of them are so wretched that no words are adequate to picture them.

You are rendering a great service in these articles, for nothing can be done toward cleaning up the slums until public sentiment has been thoroughly aroused, and what you are presenting will surely achieve that end. It is a big task, and getting the slums out of the people—but it must be done. I am grateful that you are doing your part so well.

RICHARD L. OWNEY, Minister,  
Myers Park Methodist Church.

## Airview of Erosion

(Clifford Pinchot, Washington Post)  
Do you want to assure yourself as to how far erosion has gone already? Then cross the continent by air in daylight, as I did, recently, and you will see, as I did, the future of a great nation suffering from the results of a long train of neglect and disaster, but that because it has been too busy to think even a little way ahead.

You will see, yourself, if you have the seeing eye, how little waters have washed the better soil from little elevations in uncounted fields; how, where the land is rolling, great gulches have been cut into the hillside, how stream beds are choked with the sand and the gravel that remain after the fertile soil has been carried to the sea.

## Visiting Around

What's Her Name, T. A. Jr.?  
(East Side Item, Western Carolina Tribune)  
T. A. Drake, Jr. of the Red Cliffs of the West got up in town last six days last week. Mr. Drake says if there had been another day he would have come back that one.

## When Day Is Done

(Headline in City Sentinel)  
AMHERST FIGHT  
DAY TONIGHT  
Kaira: Man Does Not Thumb His Way  
(Morehead's Rounder)  
Mr. Bruce Stoop spent the week-end in China Grove and Concord. He has asked us to state definitely that he did not hitch-hike.

## Why Not Try Some of His Neighbors' Wood?

(Tyro Item, Lexington Dispatch)  
Stanley Fitzgerald is now trying some of his neighbors' ideas. He has asked us to get up in town last six days last week. Mr. Drake says if there had been another day he would have come back that one.

## WORST SORT OF TACTICS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The drum-fire barrage being laid down on the residents' judiciary message is like the London campaign which so effectively elected Mr. Roosevelt to the White House. The tactics are the same, the same aim, the same end.

Because of its deafening volume, it is producing the same initial newspaper reaction—"view, halloo and talleyho!" "this is the kill." Maybe in a day or so my much admired, but never met, Mr. Madison will come out his column to join Mr. Roosevelt's ragged, Mr. Madison is going to speak. It's just exactly the way they gave the President the greatest victory in the United States Republican campaign in American politics.

The election proved that, in addition to congressional Democrats, there is a big bloc of voters for thirty or forty million people who don't reach the public prints, but who feel very emphatically on the question of these particular canons versus Roosevelt.

They regard this household artillery as their enemy, and Mr. Roosevelt as their friend. They may not be very alert on complicated constitutional questions, but there is one sure-fire way to turn them out with blood in their eyes—just let these particular people and these particular papers begin to pan the President.

This is a very important issue. It deserves deliberate debate. But it would be a swell idea for the opposition to stop screaming and jumping up and down and to keep the debate on the issue and off Mr. Roosevelt's personal character and off the Constitution, the Republic, Mother, Home and Place. What that dramatizes is the "tremendous power of the forces of entrenched greed attacking the protector of the poor." It is bone-deep strategy and royal tactics.

It is rumored that the lawyers, in several states of state, city, county and national bar associations, are charging forward with hardly a gasp in their line to smash the center of Mr. Roosevelt's prepared position. That would be just like the Fraternal, Benevolent and Patriotic Association of Lawyers, who is taking mobbing to keep death from taking a holiday. It would also be reminiscent of the Liberty League's mobbing lawyers to write a round-robin avowing that AAA was clearly unconstitutional when only a day or so of the Supreme Court was in session. In fact, most of this suddenly whirling scene looks exactly like the Liberty League winding up to knock itself out again.

STICKER FOR LEFT  
To the great mass who can't afford many lawyers, any charge of the legal light brigade is likely to get just what it got at Hakakawa. It is the writer's own profession, but in situations like this you can count on it always to lead with its tail.

This isn't a lawsuit. It's an incident. To the average man it looks precisely as though the very forces of "wealth and privilege" which tried to beat him and Mr. Roosevelt on exactly the same issue, and which were themselves overwhelmingly rebuffed, are trying to pervert the election and frustrate these popularly approved policies within a month of his inauguration.

This seems an impudent and cynical contempt of the American democratic system and a purpose to mislead it not by Mr. Roosevelt, but by the very people who accuse him of such designs. It is what we wish. If they win, they lose, because the idea that the deliberate decision of a great and solemn referendum can be honey-combed by the Jews is the stuff of which real, serious, big-time trouble is made.

The constitution precisely provides for what the President proposes. Even some who admit something more than a liberal labor and agricultural policy say "submit it to the people" by constitutional amendments. But that requires a 3-to-1 majority—a virtual impossibility. We can't wreck our constitutional system of property rights against the rule of the 25 pay cut, and we are so lucky rugged that they don't know the blasting crew when they see it coming.

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## ON THE RECORD

BY DOROTHY THOMPSON

To My Valentines  
For Governor Murphy: "Between Two Worlds."  
For General Hugh Johnson: "The Sound and the Fury."  
For Walter Winchell: "Private Lives."  
For Clifford Odets: "Return I Dare Not."  
For Mrs. Elizabeth Biddle: "Elizabeth and Her German Daughter."  
For Mae West: "Gray's Anatomy."  
For Peggy Hopkins Joyce: "Mins Old Men."  
For John Barrymore: "What Every Woman Knows."  
For Shirley Temple: "My Life in Art."  
For Leon Trotsky: "Condemned to Live."  
For Dr. Townsend: "Over the Hills to the Poor House."  
For Upton Sinclair: "This Believing World."  
For the Dionne Quintuplets: "If I Had Four Apples."  
For John D. Rockefeller, Sr.: "No Quarter Given."

P. B. It is not necessary to send this column "My Ten Years in a Quagmire" or "Leave it to Jeeves." We have copies already.

## Another Glance at Southern Slums

(Norfolk Virginian-Pilot)  
It is a monstrous discovery. The Virginian-Pilot was saying a few days ago, when white residents of Southern cities wake up to the realization that in their own Negro slums they have a problem which calls for all their resources of social science and community statecraft.

Charlotte, North Carolina, is another city which shows signs of making this discovery. There the Business and Professional Women's Club, sorely disturbed by the slum situation, has organized an inquiry and a photographing for a week. The result is a series of articles and pictures which for years are not often bettered in Southern journalism.

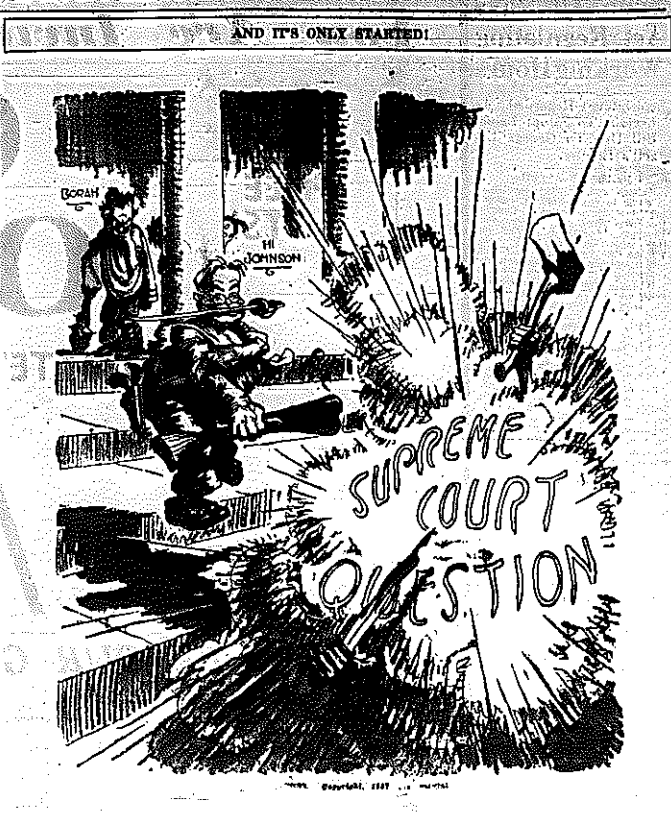
Perhaps, if by virtue of long delayed enlightenment, the Southern press should really attack this problem with something of the vigor and continuity with which many Southern newspapers have for years attacked the doctrine of mob rule and lynching, a comparable achievement in social progress would result.

## A Nifty

(Chattanooga News)  
They are objecting to the new stamps of General Sherman, although one would think General Sherman would welcome the chance to give Sherman a good licking.

## Same Old Drudgery

(Baltimore Daily)  
You may have noticed that calling it agriculture doesn't make farming any easier.



## Out-of-State Students

(Asheville Citizen)  
The Charlotte News seems highly incensed at what it claims to be a growing habit with Northern boys, that of coming South for the purpose of picking up "bargains in education" at comparatively cheap Southern state-supported institutions. Talking as its horrible example one family with a Latin sounding name from Oneta, New York, which has already sent several sons to the University of North Carolina, the Charlotte paper proceeds to read a rather scolding lecture on the subject of residents of wealthier States seeking learning in colleges and universities of the South, where the fees are necessarily low because of the thinner pocketbooks of the poorer local inhabitants.

According to our understanding the tuition rates for non-residents of the State of North Carolina are fixed higher than for residents. Presumably the difference in price is large enough to take care of at least a substantial proportion of the added costs of out-State pupils. If it does not touch the matter should be looked into and changed made. But it is a very provincial and short sighted policy to discourage students from other sections of the United States and abroad from attending North Carolina colleges, whether they come for the low cost of tuition, the milder climate, or for the sheer high quality of instruction of such universities as the one at Chapel Hill. This newspaper is concerned enough in its patriotism to believe that many of its delusions for the latter reason.

Whatever their registration molasses may be visiting students are an asset any State or nation. They are ambassadors of goodwill and understanding when they go back to a life of service in their home communities. Returned students from the United States are building the new China. Mussolini is giving scholarships and has cut free tuition to let college foreign boys and girls to study in Italy. The Rhodes scholarships were founded for the purpose of creating an understanding of English civilization throughout the Anglo-Saxon world. Even if it should cost a bit to help to educate Northern and Western pupils in Southern colleges the added understanding of the problems faced in this part of the nation would make the money well spent.

The South certainly needs nationwide sympathy for its own special complexities. If it wishes to obtain its share of the benefits from an increasingly centralized and powerful Federal government.

[The News would have appreciated a little less heroic treatment of its editorial by The Asheville Citizen. It was not "nifty" on the contrary, it was deliberately cheerful. It did not dare even to hint that these out-of-State students were undesirable in themselves, but merely pointed out that they came from states better able than North Carolina to educate their sons and daughters at the public expense.]

[The last estimate of the difference between fees paid by out-of-State students and the cost of their education to North Carolina taxpayers was made by A. J. Maxwell when he was running for governor in 1921. Cost per fee was \$228.70. Tuition fee for out-of-State students have gone up since then. So have University costs.—Ed.]



## Legionnaire Will Speak Before Vets



**L. M. Ogilvie**

A member of the Foreign Legion will tell his personal story of that famous military outfit at the meeting of Hornets Nest No. 8 American Legion, Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

At the age of 18 years Mr. Oghlan, a native Armenian who has been a resident of the United States for 15 years, enlisted in the Foreign Legion in Egypt and was with the first contingent under General Al-

Although under 17 years of age and in the service only six months, Mr. Oeluekan was promoted to adjutant which is comparable in rank with second lieutenant in the American army. He served for six months with the Legion during the World War.

program chairman at the meeting arranged for the appearance of Mr. Oghislan.

All veterans and members of their families are invited to attend the meeting and to hear Mr. Oghislan's story which is expected to be one of the strangest and most interesting ever related to Charlotte legionnaires.

## Chamber Joins Slum Campaign

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that is a matter of prime importance.

It is not realistic for the city to engage in an elaborate city planning program at this time

The Charlotte News a week ago today began a series of factual stories and pictures presenting day after day one phase and another of slum existence.

one-third of the city's population live in creaking, wind-beaten huts, few of them supplied with running water, few of them with toilets.

Most of the outdoor toilets freeze in cold weather. Most of the houses are overcrowded, occupied by six to fifteen persons in three rooms.

Charlotte responded immediately, by letter and telephone to the

newspaper, and in terms of the city council. This government was acted quickly, and has ordered an investigation by health and safety authorities according to a plan by Councilman Claude L. Allen, chairman of the health committee.

This investigation is due to make a  
vicious raid this

### 300 Die In Fire In Manchoukuo

Tokyo, Feb. 14. (Humphreys) — The newspaper Asahi reported today more than 300 women and children died in a vicious bombing raid on a fire in Antung, Manchoukuo.

Japanese troops were ordered to burn the paper mills and distinguished themselves by saving many lives.

(Antung is on the Yalu River, about seven miles above its mouth in the Bay of Korea).

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**By C. A. Paul**

This is one of those times when my fingers insist on hitting wrong typewriter key every time, and nothing is worse for my neglected thinking, although I know very little about that. A head and a slightly wavy forehead—like that that is coming down on something or another... The Charlotte boys will be seen in musical school this week at Broadway and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward will probably be on hand bright and early tomorrow to see them unless their exuberance last week has faded. Most people look at me as if I were a mild-mannered fellow, but I feel like pointing to the fact that I plan to remark that I belong to organizations... 3 capsule in old black glass and the food consists they aren't as much fun as all in one of grandma's plum teaching for the ripest.

Teachers will be in their rooms from 1 to 3:30 for conferences with parents.

which required several stitches close, was inflicted.

Weaver was arrested by Officers Finlayson and Alexander and held on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Both were injured slightly, receiving minor cuts and bruises. More on Page Six

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