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#### Cale and the Kaiser

Just why the churches should hern their pulpits over to prohi-bitionists, as some of them do every new and then, is hard to understand. Here is a purely secular matter, saving, no connection at all with Diristinsity. There is no com-sandment or even any injunction is the Bible that touches upon the point. Not all wets are lost sinners any more than all drys, because of their seal in the half of one and only see method of dispensing liquor, are saints.

At any rate, the Tabernacle Bapt

"The fight against liquor is not a matter between you and me. It's a matter between you and sod. He's calling, my friends. Are you going to may, "Lord, here am it, use me?"

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### Smoke of Fortune

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Yes, we have probed the great heart of America, and it is throbbing in the lap of speculative luxury. Most anything could happen now. West surprised anybody even read the Su-

#### Three-Way Approach

"The Health Department," said Dr. H. M. Rea in Mr. Shipp's story yesterday on Charlotte's slums, "has the authority to condemn insanitary are authority to condemn insanitary houses, to make the people move out of them — but where would they go? They would be forced to find other houses in exactly the same condition.\*

other houses in exactly the same condition."

These breeding places for communicable diseases of all kinds have been on Dr. Rea's mind for a long time, and we shouldn't presume to advise him precisely what ought to be done about them. But lan't it reasonable to suppose that if a house which had been producing rerenue for its owner were to be condemned and its occupants ordered to vacate, the owner of the house would lose no time in complying with the specifications of the health department? We think it is, A condemnation proceeding or two might serve to show what would happen, at any rate.

rate.

A city's absolute authority to eliminate menaces to public health has been pretty well austained over long years, by court declaions and ready compliance. Along with that exists a city's unquestionable authority and the country of the coun thority to condemn buildings and houses that structurally are unsafe for use. A further municipal authority is over fire hazards, a stitch-in-time process which Fire Chief Hendrix Palmer will tell you has awared this city a great deal of money in property preserved and fire in-surance, rates lowered. Parenthelically, though, most of these hovels Mr. Shipp is writing about are uninsurable, the rest of us pay for the risk in our own premiums. Obviously, then, in any consideration of the problem of slums and how to get rid of them, the City Council has a three-way approach. That is through its authority over all conditions endangering public health, public safety in respect to the health, public safety in respect to the shandards and public safety again in respect to structural weaknesses. By all means let the Health Department's Rea and the Building Department's Reinance he celled in Pepartment's Reinance he celled in Pepartment's Reinance he celled in

### First Things First

The Chamber of Commerce is fortunate to have induced Mr. Coleman W. Roberts of the Property of

has increased and its finances are in good shape. It has benefited under the Roberts administration from the energy and the helpfulness of many of the city's leading hustness men, who have pitched in with a will to work through the Chamber for the betterment of the city as a whole. In fact, that has been Mr. Roberts' greatest accompliament, that he first made the Chamber representative of the city.

### One Who Missed Fame

The remarkable part of the career of Charles F. Crisp, former member of Congress from Georgia, is that he died without great fame. This may be said of him fairly and not un-kindly despite his membership on the Tariff Commission, which is a

the I arm Commission, which is high place.

But back in the dark days of 1932, little Charlle Crisp came mighty near being a man of the hour. Congress was Jussing and fuming over the federal budget without ever the federal budget without ever actually finding enough nerve to balance it when one day down to the well of the House walked Grisp, acting chairman of the ways & means committee. To his scared colleagues he turned and said:

colleagues he turned and said:

"I have burned every bridge behind me. No matter what the period of the period of

economic recovery reis is a batanced budget."

The House, to a man, cheered and
applauded this speech. And it would
have been a fitting climax to the
occasion for the House, then and
there, to have balanced the budget.
It did no such thing, as everybody
knows, and the budget is still unbalanced. Later that ame year
Crisp was even defeated for the
Benate by former governor Russell
of Georgia.

Nevertheless, here was a man
putting country above self. He may
have been mistaken, he may not
have occuprebended the facat maje
which laker, enablied Rocewelt to
produce prospective out of a hat that

wasn't even paid for, but at the moment Representative Crisp was on the verge of becoming a hero. He died an also-ran.

### OLD LINERS OUTFLANKED



by HUON a JOHNSON

NEW YORK OTTY—The President's
mensage on the juddeary is one
of the most adroit, documents of recent year. No lawyer will be slow to
applaud most of its
proposals—such as
those for speeding
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of the injunctive
over, securing nation—site uniformity
of judicial ruling on
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Also, three can be little quarter with
the proposition that if a judge more
than seventy years old elects more
telle on full pay, an additional judge
be appointed to supplement his failing
powers — in the Supreme. Court up to
as many as six. The throny of that,
stated just that way, is hardly open
to argument. The howl will not go
up over that theory—but over its incidental effect—its political by-product.
It betonic Mr. Roserett over-

cidental effect—Its positions by-product. It permits Mr. Rosevelt over-whelmingly and aimost immediately to pack the court with gentlemen whose "old glasses" have not become "blurred to new facts"—with Richbergs, Tugwells, Frankfuriers, et various other kinds of New Deal als.

It is a curious situation. The

results of the election has probably rendered Congress—for the moment, anyway.

The arithmetic of the President's anyway.

The arithmetic of the President's proposal adds strength to this apprehension. There are now nine judges, four of whom are certainly on the New Deal side. The President saks to be permitted to appoint as many as aits additional if six do not retire. If nobody retired there would be filtern judges of whom ten would be filtern judges of a 2 to 1 liberal majority except in the abourd conjecture that Mr. Roosevelt would appoint conservailves. Now this just happens to be the result of the operation of an excellent theory as applied to the present slarting point. If the plan had been in operation, asy for leventy or thirty years, there could be no more assumption than under the present arrangement that it would result in a New Deal Supreme Court or a court particularly subservient to the incumbent Executive.

### THREE BRANCHES IN ONE

Of course, neither this circumstance, nor the excellence of the general plan, nor the almost overwhelming logic of the document itself will stand the blainor that the effect, if not the purpose, is to dominate and subvert the independence of the Court and to give us for the present to all practical purposes a one man government. There is no gainsaying that it is true. But what can the objectors do about it? They can't do anything. The whole plan is constitutional beyond a doubt. In the present completion of Congress it will go through on greased skids.

Arida.

Taking it by and large, including the absolute accrecy with which it was prepared, the alashing surprise of the presentation and the adrollarse of the document lister, it was the elevered and most astanishing political flank-more in recent listery.

In this writer's opinion, the financial siarm that followed this coun d'eat is

In this writer's opinion, the financial siarm that followed this round citat is nothing short of silly. Mr. Booserell's program is sufficiently clear from all his actions. In early 1933 he had more power than he will earl have again. He did not misuse it and he has no intention of misusing this relief from a rapidly growing judicial super-Congress. The constitution still stands.

## Visiting Around

The Shanghal Guetars (Idamis Mahaffer, Porest City Courier) In Forcet City the other night an old man like I am was a mite surprised to see two little hasters of about eight years each walking a step behind their mothers, meet and szchiange gittes then each put thumb to nose and waved derisivity at seeds other. Goahl maybe they were skying helio or goodbre, but whost I was that age when you did that you had not be ready to petit.

## Everybody's Going To Be On Easy St.

The Legislature Is About to Take a Firm Grip on the State's Boot Straps.

Our statutory boys will bring us fame And make us all feel finers

We'll spend two hundred grand each

THE PARADE:

THE PANADE:
Trs. la, trs. la,
Trs. la, trs. la,
Trs. la, trs. la,
We're the gayest kids you've seen!
The State is goin' to buy our books,
So now we spend our poppas' jack
Down at the school canteen!

O, dear! O, dear! Here come the teachers

O, boyl O, joyl
Hipl Hipl Hooray!
The State has rathed my husband's payl
Now we leave the seething mass,
Step from Chevry to the Packard class!

Plabby and obese,
"Its really a pleasure to thew your purse Inlo a spot of grease.

Now we learn from our prospectus That John B, would help to feed us, But the Pharises will not consent, For that, you see, would lead us To know their natural bent.

THE CALLIOPE: Hush, little Sales Tax, Don't you cry! You'll be the Whale Tax By and by!

#### PHOTOGRAPHERS IN FLOOD ZONE COMPLIMENTED ZONE COMPLIMENT FOR THEIR FINE PICTURES

Dear Sir!

A genius of the lens, who has a keen insight into human nature and the ability to catch a moving scene, is apparently assigned to the flooded areas, for some of his pictures as have been carried in The News are as fine as any newspletures. I have ever seen. The photograph of the trekking refuger whose family was piled in a filver and whose belongings were heaped on a vagon, with a fortion fog trudging along behind, and the one showing a mother revealing an old man holding a aleeping behy and resulting a newspaper were splendid delineations of humanity under stress and reached heights of artistry in photography.

Charlotte.

ARE LIQUORCRATE TO CONTROL NORTH CAROLINAT HE ARES SEVERELY

Dear Sir:

Again an old resident of Steel Greek Township, living here, has felt pride and satisfaction in Old Mecklenburg's Senahas atood like the Book of Gibraiter for all righteous causes—for temperance and Democracy in the Blaisevide reference and Democracy in the Blaisevide reference and the Butterine Blaisevide reference and the Butterine Blaisevide reference and waste. E. L. Mayhew is conjusted as one of the best in the House. He, ton, votef for the Blaisevide referendum on the Butterina Blai to make the Blaise and for Democracy. The Blaise faces the Louise: Are the Liquorcraise or the Democrate to control 127 A muzzied people fon the farm I drove an oxi or a free people?

Mateliah. WILL BROWN.

(Payetteville Observer)
Representative Lacy McBride's bill to make 45 miles per hour the speed limit in North Carolina if passed and enforced will save at least three hundred lives and one thousand limbs per 588 on North Carolina's far-flung highway

WE are starting on a thrilling stretch of history. But it will take a young-er man than I am to see it through. —Part Reynaud, French sisteman-

# BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley



HE IS EMPLOYED AS A STOREMAN BY THE WALDONF-ASTOR

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

ON THE RECORD

### The President's Message

MATION is a delour to arrive at comes with as much shock to a great man," said Nicisache. A who have been advocating chang delour is a way to arrive at a Supreme Court, says Roosevelt.

The President's message on the reorganization of the Pederal Judiciary is 
not forthright. It is not candid. Instead of meeting what is the most insportent issue before the American 
people, it seeks to skirt it, and to substitute advoitness for clear-cut policy. It does not redefine or seek to limit by law the powers of the Suprense
Court, but it moves to subject it to 
the personal will and leadership of the
Executive.

Executive.

There is a constitutional issue in this country. It has come out clearly in the last four years. The magnitude and nature of the election victory was an indication that the country as a whole whists to move in certain directions which have been impeded by repeated Burnera Court decisions. There has been a growing feeling, not among Democrats but shared by many Republicans, that the rourt's power to block legislation desired by an overwheiming majority of the nation's representatives, mught to be cubed. Many sutherities on the constitution have advanced various proposed, for instance, that no statute may be defared unconstitutional except by a greater vote of the majority than a four-to-five decision. Bone have demanded a two-thirds or four-of-the-majority. Benefar and at ported such an amendment.

others have proposed laws apeclically giving power to Congress to legislate in certain fields. Benator Ashural, for instance, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has a seven-word amend single Congress power to requisite agriculture, commerce, lindustry and labor. Others—notably Morria Ernat, in his book "The Ultimate Power"—have advocated the adoption of an amendment once proposed by Madison; that Congress shall have the power to override a Supregue Court decision on your constitution of the Congress of the Maddon amendment in principle but give Congress voto power by two-thirds vote only over decisions on which the court itself ability.

All these proposals—and I have

All these proposals—and I have mentioned only a few of many—are honest attempts openly on meet what supputs to the property of meet what attempts on the supputs to the supputs of the supput of the supput

of the first, beatering the leadership of the later when the later with later wit

The method pursued is in sharpest contrast to that taken in proposing contrast to that taken in proposing the reorganization of the executive de-partment of government. In the latter partment of government. In the latter case, the President appointed a distinguished committee of recomment remains after careful inguitization. Their did so in a considered document bearing their own names, which the President made the basis of his message. But we do not know who were the President's advisers in this integration document, and it would greatly interest this entities those whether the cabinet ever considered or discussed it.

What the President is really doing with this proposal is seeking a change of venue for New Deal legislation. This is an old trick of lawyers— This is an old title of lawyers— untably in radicod recognizations— whereby they shop around in the various states among all the courts which might have purshiction, until they find the one that they think most favorably in-clined to their point of view. The habit has had most unfortunate effects on justice. The President cannot change his rourt so he changes its personnel.

The suddenness of the message suggests that there are serious emergencies lurking in the background that must be met at once. It is probable that he pending decision on the Wagner the pending decision on the Wagner Labor Relations act, at a moment when serious industrial strife is upon us, is the real explanation. But if such emergencies exist, the people of this country ought to be told about them. It is perfectly fulfit to attempt to mask the real issue behind physical infirmity of some of the judges.

But a way ruit of the impasse which we are in must be found. That is the printed resulty. The Pentient has a committee from the propiet of accompitation certain things. The demand for their accompissument as pressing with unformittent momentum. Hostile forces are limite up, which can be brought or compromise only by public action. If the possibility of public action is inhibited, or may have private action, also litrgal and inhibited only by force.

The issue is here. This column would prefer to have it met by courage rather than by aubterfuge.

### A Pleasure Yacht, Eten

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)
The sister liner of the Queen Mary is
to be named the King George. Hand:
suppose a happy little tramp séamer
we could call the Duke of Windsort.

#### Page Leane.

## Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

# FEBRUARY 9, 1882 TS YEARS AGO HOME EFFICIENCY

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Rilles. A few days ago we were shown
one of a number of rifles furnished as:
the 8. C. Armory here. Altogether a think it is the handsometal specimen
of small situs, rifle or musket we have
rever seen.
Plous. Bee the adventisement of Mr.
Bryan Tysion, of Moore County. Let
our farmers use plows of home manufacture.

our farmers use, plows of nome manu-facture. Sievers. We have seen a first inte-sieve made by Mr. Curits Olibert of Samson County, of which he brought a parcel to loss and sold them to Mr. W. N. Tillinghast. Instead of wire they are made of horse hair.—Payeteville Observer.

THE CAPTURE OF ROANOXE ISLAND Norfolk. Lieutenant A. P. Bouth brings dispatches here to Gen. Huger from Roanoke Island of the engagement of the theorem of the tenancy three of the enemy's vessels, steam and sail, hove into sight and ratectary at ten oclock rommenced the engagement. The renegate same within two miles of our batteries when they opened fire. The renegatement was terrific. They had perfected their arrangements eatly in the engagement for landing troops but found the resistance much greater than they apprehended. Our shore batteries continued to pour fire upon them withconsiderable success. The general impression was that we could hole on. The renery first upon several of the residences of the bland and set them on fire-engagement series. THE CAPTURE OF BOANOKE ISLAND

the residences of the Island and setthem on fire.

Later. A correspondent arrived in
the city praierday from Naga. Beeds
and Rosanoke Island where he had leftat one project on Saturday. It was the
impression that the enemy were forced,
to retreat. Our little fleet rendered
good assistance to the hand batteries.

Later. Rosanoke Island has failen into
the hands of the enemy. The surrender was made shoult It octock Saturday night. All our forces were made
prisoners of war.—Fayetteville Observer,

FERRITARY 9, 1837

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A GOOD REVIEW AND AGO
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