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Dear at the Price

The Tokyo War Office has been casting up its accounts for a year of undeclared war on China, and boastfully reports that its accomplishments are:

- 1-The occupation of 775,000 square miles of Chinese territory.
2-The infliction of 1,300,000 casualties on the Chinese, the reckoning being based on 510,109 Chinese corpses claimed to have been counted on battlefields.

The price paid for all this, the report goes on, has been only 36,629 Japanese soldiers killed in action.

In point of fact, of course, the territory actually occupied is a good deal less than is claimed, and the number of Japanese soldiers really killed hardly exceeds that number.

In a single day on the Yellow River, the Chinese killed some 30,000 of them. But let us grant Japan the claim to her accomplishments, and what has she herself in for? Why, for the loss of a hundred thousand already one year old and getting older by the day.

Defender of the Law

Mr. George Reyer, police superintendent of New Orleans, proposes, he says, to take a leaf out of Boss Hague's book, he has himself been destroying law right and left by suspending the civil rights of the CIO.

First, he raided CIO headquarters and arrested as "vagrants" all the street cab and truck drivers he could find. Then he invaded a CIO meeting and locked up the leaders for "inciting to riot."

And yesterday he once more raided CIO headquarters and arrested 60 strikers for "creating a disturbance."

Wherefore the CIO is fighting mad. Its chief in New Orleans, one Brandt, has instructed his men to meet hereafter behind locked doors and to resist "by force of arms any cop who comes within government jurisdiction."

That is the counsel of passivity, and it is ill-advised. But as the law stands, it is undoubtedly their privilege. As everyone knows who knows anything about the development of English and American liberty, the constitutionality of laws that the people shall have the right to bear arms was laid down precisely with an eye to their right to resist, and if necessary kill, invaders who ignore their rights under the law.

But Mr. George Reyer just hopes they will, he just hopes they will. He'll show 'em!

Mr. George Reyer, like Boss Hague, is assuming to make law and order equivalent to what he wants them to be. And he just wants to be in charge. He just wants to be in charge. He just wants to be in charge.

Tory's Progress

There are stories in the current news at which we feel inclined to look again, as there were stories last Summer which made us do the same thing. They concern a man named Myron C. Taylor.

Until a few months ago he was president of the United States Steel Corporation. And if you had asked us two years ago to name offhand three or four persons who perfectly embodied our notion of what is meant by "economic royalists" and "puffed-up aristocrats" most certain to include the name of Myron C. Taylor.

Didn't everybody know that U. S. Steel was one of the most crumbly companies in the land? Didn't Taylor in the shoes of old Judge Gray, that hard-boiled boss of the right of the owner of

a great factory to run it exactly as though it were a blacksmith shop? Yet this man Taylor quietly signed a check for \$100,000 to the CIO last Summer when all the other steel companies were following the lead of Tom Girdler and roaring defiance at it. And now, at Evian-de-les-Bains, he is acting as head of the American delegation to the conference of the nations for the relief of the Jews exiled from Nazi Germany.

And the other day he made a speech in which he bluntly put the case for civilization and democracy in Germany, practice - naming the country - as barbarian. And such practical schemes as the conference has evolved seem to be largely his handiwork.

It sets us to rubbing our eyes, but as an indicator of the man's looks, a liberal, and, as anybody at all does, he seems to be making a swell job of being a humanitarian.

Compulsion in Reserve

At Covington, Ky., the President and his cabinet members, including Senator Barkley but tempered them with compliments for Governor A. B. Chandler, opposing Barkley.

Thus the celebrated Associated Press and indeed you might have taken it that way. For what he mainly said was:

Your Governor, my Governor Lehman in New York, and I like to go before this people and announce proudly that they have balanced budgets! More power to their arms!

But if you think that is a compliment, go back in that speech and observe that immediately before he had said:

In the six years that have intervened since the states, because of that help from the national government, have got back in the game again - my own state of New York and your own state of Kentucky among them.

Governor Chandler has been going up and down Kentucky and bragging that he has balanced the budget, and very prettily contrasting that with the national budget. And two or three days ago Governor Lehman of New York, who has fallen out of the New Deal camp since the election of Roosevelt, has announced for the Senatorial seat of the late Doc Copeland, was proudly pointing to the fact that his own budget was balanced whereas Mr. Roosevelt, as Governor of New York, had left it in the red.

Comment? What the President was really saying was: Don't let these bums kid you. It was I, with my own little projects, who balanced their budgets.

Defining Sidam

The great Nazi re-appraisal of all values which promise, on the Nazi's own word, to snatch the human race from the slough of barbaric stupidity, proceeds apace.

First, they clarified treason by showing us with great lucidity in the cases of Dr. E. Schacht and Baron Rothchild that it consists of (a) any attempt to defend the sovereignty of your country when the Nazis want to take it over, and (b) the lending of money to your country without always getting it back, when the Nazis want to confiscate your fortune.

And now it is sidam which they have made crystal clear. Last week at Klagenfurt, they sentenced Joseph Wunsch, a former major of Austrian troops, to three years in a concentration camp for having "indistinctly beaten and otherwise maltreated" 100 Austrian Nazis under arrest in 1934 when the party was illegal in Austria.

Everyone knows, of course, that the law against "treason in government" is one of its platform planks, and a praiseworthy one. If in all South Carolina, or in North Carolina, one were to question any person, candidate, voter or whatnot, he could find no one publicly opposing the goal of purity in government, and very few privately to do so.

But unfortunately, the people themselves will not allow purity in government. Suppose a pure person were to be elected, sitting in the seat, and with his thoughts except to be pure, and purer and have everybody else be purer and purer. What would happen? The very day he was elected people would try to drag him from his seat while he was sitting in it. Suppose a pure person were to be elected, sitting in the seat, and with his thoughts except to be pure, and purer and have everybody else be purer and purer. What would happen? The very day he was elected people would try to drag him from his seat while he was sitting in it.

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Our best people are not above asking for things to which they are entitled, and they generally want the best too. Officials are what we people make them. Doesn't every one go in on a platform of reducing taxes? Yet once he is in office the very people who howled for lower taxes demand things, more jobs for friends, "improvements," things that cost more and more money. What is the pure one to do? He has to run against them.

There will be "purity in government" when voters become pure. You know when that will be, but you won't be there.

MR. BARTON'S MILLSTONES

By Heywood Brown

MORE than a year ago I ventured the columnar guess that Bruce Barton might be a good bet in the Winner books for the November election in 1940. It is still an open race, but certainly the odds on Mr. Barton have shortened. He is in the fortunate spot of being by nature just about as liberal as the Republican Party cares to go.

And if there were nothing else in his favor as a candidate for Governor, the attention of the party leaders because he has a good radio voice. Judging by the selections made in all recent campaigns, OOP conventions have paid no attention at all to this factor.

Governor Landon, for instance, had no slight acquaintance with the microphone technique that it was necessary for him to be coached during the campaign. It can't be done as rapidly as that, and some leaders never learn. Even after years of practice Herbert Hoover, as far as my ear goes, has not mastered the trick.

HE LOOKS LIKE THIS

AND USED TO WEAR THIS

But Bruce Barton faces two handicaps, the most of them, he looks too much like John D. M. Hamilton. Now, even Mr. Barton's bitterest enemies must admit that he is better than that. Still, Hamilton has a passion for public appearances, and if both men take to the stump in the same campaign one should see the people tremble and the other the black to that casual spectators, well back of the simple arena, can tell which is which.

But the most potential handicap to Bruce Barton is the circumstance that he used to be a syndicated newspaper columnist and a voluminous contributor to the magazines. As a contributor he was largely inspirational and extremely sound and worthy in its moral precepts. But even the most orthodox author may let his pen slip as he faces the deadline.

Some years ago in a magazine piece Mr. Barton did eulogize Mussolini in a manner which he may live to regret in a tight campaign. This material was used against him when he ran for Congress. In the Seventeenth, without apparent effect, but the Seventeenth is largely silk stocking, and many of the voters there are impressed by the rumor that the Duke has made the train run on time.

As yet the fine-tooth comb process of research has not been applied to the works of Barton, and when that is done no one knows what may be churned up. Even Mr. Barton cannot possibly know. A columnist's own words often seem alien and unfamiliar to himself after a lapse of years.

AND HE SPOKE RASHLY ON SOME OCCASIONS

I do not suggest it as a major blot, but in an old scrapbook I have just come across an item by the Republican dark horse which will not help much with the housewife vote. "Conventions," he wrote, "are splendid, but they are too important matters; they are a public nuisance when they provide a row over a petty detail!"

As a specific instance of what he means Mr. Barton mentions two and one-half minutes. Against three-minute speeches the man makes violent protest. "This," says the GOP columnist, "is silly, since thirty seconds can never make much difference."

Let Mr. Barton stand as silent as he can in his room some morning and tell off thirty seconds. He may find the period of excess which no committing of time or energy can be committed to. It is a very good thing that he has a stop watch and an eraser.

Visiting Around

Three Guesses What They Used for

(Hanson Herald)

Randolph Airbase purged all over the place. Pasture areas were bare on Thursday afternoon in winning a 11-4 victory.

Doubtful Gain

(Smithfield Herald)

The breeze was the recipient of two beautiful birthday cakes with candles, and also a lot of other useful gifts.

Letters To The Editor:

Bicycles Are A Big Traffic Hazard Here

Unlucky Pedestrian Hit A Chance Against Automobile But Not The Two-Wheelers

Dear Sir: Boy! That was a close one. The pedestrians' light was green, and I had started across the street. By the time I was half-way to the opposite curb, I was beginning to feel confident that I had made another safe crossing. Zing! Something shot around the corner and very nearly cut the crease from my trousers. When I regained my equilibrium, the "something" was still close enough for me to tell that it was a boy on a bicycle.

Not only once, but many times, have I had a similar experience. Automobiles are well enough regulated to give a pedestrian some indication of what they are going to do. But bicycles? It's every man for himself.

DOGGER.

Charlotte.

Charlotte Should Copy Boss Hague, He Says

Dear Sir:

The CIO will visit Charlotte July 10-11. But one man, John A. Lewis, will be making; he will stay away. Millions of Southerners have never seen him in flesh and blood. CIO union leaders will come from nine Southern states. . . there will be newspaper publicity aplenty. Charlotte will be turned over to the CIO for two days. But let's go back to this question: "Why can't John L. Lewis come to Charlotte?"

New Orleans police, June 24, 1938, raided CIO headquarters and arrested 84 persons, including six girls.

Mud broke up the CIO rally at Clarendon, S. C. May 29, 1938.

Socialist leader Norman Thomas, was hauled down in a barrage of rotten eggs, dirty vegetables, brickbats in a Newark, N. J. park.

Jersey City, where Frank Hague has been mayor 25 years, breaks up every CIO meeting, sends union organizers and speakers up the city.

Not to mention the fact that the CIO will break up the CIO conference. Nothing will be done to drive the CIO out of the town. CIO officials will not suffer any physical damage, they will not be sent to the hospital, will not have any doctor's bill to be paid. The CIO finds welcome, kind, pleasant and friendly reception. CIO Charlotte cops are sweet men, kind-hearted folks, gentlemen. Charlotte politicians will welcome the CIO. Charlotte does not have a machine like Frank Hague's, it, ha, ha, ha! The CIO says that is fine. But if Charlotte does not build up Frank Hague's methods and tactics, the CIO and the American Labor Party will someday dominate, rule, overturn the whole town.

THOMAS W. HARRICUK, Shelby.

A Last Year's Editorial

(From The News, July 9, 1937)

BOARD:

For whatever great consequences that may ensue, the North Carolina Railroad Company, which, as you vaguely know, is North Carolina's own railroad, has gone through its quinquennial shake-up and, reorganized, it all set for a new administration.

V. D. McGuire is the new president, an appointment of Governor Clyde R. Hoey. He gets \$600 a year, as compared to the retiring president's \$800. Editor Lee D. Weathers, of Shelby, the Governor's long-time personal friend, gets the secretaryship, but he only gets \$1200 a year as compared to Governor Ehringhaus's Elizabeth City editorial friend who got \$1,500 a year, and if we were Heiler Weathers we'd join the CIO and go on a sit-down strike right in the middle of the railroad tracks until that was fixed. And then Lawyer E. B. Denny, of Gastonia, gets the attorneyship at \$1,000 a year, which is strange, for Governor Ehringhaus's Member of the House, Henry E. Fisher did all the lawyering necessary for the State-owned road for \$800 a year. But the strangest part of all is the appointment of J. A. Bolch Jr. of Winston-Salem, as expert. That is the job of our own Attorney General.

There is a lot of money and labor on so faithfully during the past administration. But we started out to reveal a surprise and so far have only succeeded in showing that some very fine gentlemen have been rewarded as their jobs were given them. Such an outcome is a surprise, indeed so. Mr. Dolch is a genuine railroad man.

The Unforgetful One

(Statesville Daily)

Anyhow, remembering the volume of last month's shipments to him, it can't be charged that this Robert Taylor fellow is afflicted with amnesia.

Silly Query

(Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch)

North Carolina farmers are reported to have found a number of fish among their corn. Any pink elephants?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

QUINTUPLETS MEANS 5 BABIES BUT WHAT WOULD YOU CALL 9 BABIES? Answer Monday H.L. FERRIS Hutchinson, Kansas HAS NOT BEEN IN BED IN 45 YEARS. HE ALWAYS SLEEPS IN A CHAIR. Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

The Dime Taxi Mystery

BY DICK YOUNG

WHAT I can't understand is why, if the Council was going to adopt the new liability protective ordinance, it had to adopt the insurance regulation ordinance. Under the liability ordinance, which previously had not only three votes.

The ordinance, which was passed on two readings Wednesday with Mayor Douglas breaking a five-to-five tie in favor of the ten-cent tax, providing that these cabs will not be required to adopt this ordinance, which previously had not only three votes.

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As a judge somewhat fretted FEELINGS OF A LADY Over in the Domestic Relations Court a married woman was telling a story of woe and injustice that resulted from a mistake at the hands of her husband. Judge Heald mistakenly referred to her as "Miss." She hotly replied, "Don't Miss me. I'm no Miss because I ain't missed a damned thing."

As a newcomer was complaining to me the other day that Charlotte's street signs are in terrible condition. He said that older residents may not have noticed that most of the signs are turned out of position and it is not possible to tell the street designation. He said he drove almost to Pineville because he had gotten on the wrong street, which he supposed was properly marked but was not as the sign had been twisted out of place. . . . Why weren't the signs displayed on the City Hall lawn on the fourth of July? . . . Miss Anne Hargett, assistant in the City Tax office at the hands of the City Council, which operation at Meyer Hospital this week

China's Portion (Macon Telegraph) A researcher points out that 90 per cent of the automobiles, 80 per cent of the oil, 90 per cent of the copper and 40 per cent of the pig iron used by the Japanese in their slaughter of the Chinese, though he might have added, "To be fair, though he might have added, that the Chinese has the United States sympathy, if she can do anything with that."

Back to Puerility (Chattanooga Times) For a time the average mental age seems to rise. Then an Ohio speeder tells a court he was hurried to the filling station before he ran out of gas.

Nazi's Progress (Atlanta Constitution) In Germany a woodworker has manufactured for himself two artificial legs and an artificial arm. It is as far as they have gone with an Ersatz German.

Peculiarities Of People

By F. Romer

DAVID GARRICK ENGLAND'S immortal actor was a man of great vanity. He sat for more portraits than any other famous man. Sir Joshua Reynolds alone painted him seven times. Criticism he could not bear, and he published pamphlets attacking himself before the critic could express his acting or decide a play.

