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ly is inherent in Mr. Hamilton's criticism is the doctrine that inhere in all he has to say: that the republicans in the State should be a public enemy to be destroyed. And when it comes to that, it is common knowledge that, in all the years from 1920 to 1932, the Republican Party never once did anything serious about trying to make the State a better place or any other kind of agreement, that on the contrary, it steadily raised tariff levels, and that the trade barriers which exist abroad were mainly set up in retaliation for that. Why should someone seem to leave Mr. Hamilton hanging ridiculously between heaven and earth, with nothing solid under him.

Tydings' Record
Whatever else is true about Senator Tydings of Maryland, he is certainly one of the champion abstainers from voting in Washington. One of the 50 most important roll calls in the 75th Congress, he did not vote at all. The bills on which he refrained from registering a yes or a nay were such things as increased surtaxes on personal incomes, civil service reform and the National Youth Administration for relief workers, and the barring of jobholders from sitting as delegates in political conventions. Curiously enough, however, when he does vote, he is not much more than a nay-sayer as you might suspect. Thus in the two sessions, he checked up 22 yeas and against eleven nays. But there's a catch in that, for thirteen of his yeas were for restrictions on the administration of Federal lands, and only six of them were for measures which in part or in whole carried out Presidential recommendations. And of these six, four were for Federal measures, the Blinn-Thomas Act, the naval bill, and the taxation of tax-exempt securities. And, with four exceptions, his nays were all delivered against administration measures, his nays against the Supreme Court scheme, the Wagner Housing Act, the confirmation of Hugo Black, and the farm reorganization, and wage-and-hour bills.

Grab Game In Mexico
By Hugh S. Johnson
BETHANY BEACH, Del.—It was more than a catch, in this column, it was almost a cliché, to prophesy, as this column did, that the confiscation of foreign properties in Mexico would make an impossible condition within the republic. It is developing rapidly. Mexico is reported to have this gold- and silver-mining country, a sign of jitters. The printing press has begun to coin Mexican "money." The value of the peso has taken a nose-dive. A general strike has been threatened—and forbidden by political authority—in at least one State. Business activity is dying. The workmen, who look for foreign properties are not receiving wages and privileges as much as they did from capitalist employers. They don't like that—and the tale has just begun.
This government, in protecting the principle involved in the confiscation, uses the seizure of farm lands, rather than oil properties, as an example. It really addressed a large part of its diplomatic note to American bankers rather than to the Communist Party. It is unusual in such a protest to use so many words to tell how much we too had done along the line of the Mexican socialist New Deal. It was a sop to our own pink fascists.

Caesar's Hand
That Signor Mussolini is still working hard with his 44th Hitler, is plain enough from the announcement yesterday that General Franco has virtually declined to consider the withdrawal of Italian and German troops from his Spanish insurgent armies. What makes the Signor to take such a step, which amounts to the abrogation of his "agreement" with the astonishing Mr. Chamberlain, is the fact that Europe is absorbed in its jitters about the menace of Hitler's mobilized armies. The thing that nerves the Signor, we say. Since it must be manifest even to the most naive that Franco couldn't possibly keep Mussolini from taking home his armies if he chose. The dictator has not troops at all but the Duce's own.
But it has one use. It blows into a cocked hat the contention, of which Mr. Chamberlain has been a great exponent, that the Spanish fight is primarily a fight among factions of the Spanish people, that the insurgents have the support of the major part of the Spanish nation, and that they can and will win, even without Italian and German troops. This contention, we believe, has been taken this step, which is calculated to get his friend, Mr. Chamberlain, on an exceedingly hot spot at home. To save his face, Mr. Chamberlain will have to be on hand to try to pretend that the war isn't one of foreign conquest by Italy and Germany. But hereafter even his best supporters in Parliament are going to be hard put to it to see their faces straight when he says it.

Nice Kitty
It's a matter of utter unimportance, this of St. Looney's \$14,400 for a dull metal relief sculpture, believed to be a gift to Egypt in the fifth century B. C. of a cat; and how the people of the city, especially striking workmen and the unemployed, protested vehemently, some of them by setting the cat on fire, and the \$10 for a useless bronze cat—nothing for labor!
Directors of the museum defended their purchase as "the most important object of its kind in America—its only such strength." As to the cat, they wouldn't know, except that antiquity does frequently command a price

Wishing the Colonel Succeeds
If Colonel Kirkpatrick succeeds in building his uptown auditorium, he will have provided the city with a facility which it very much needs. Furthermore, self-liquidating as the architect says it is not, it is an asset to any hands to remain a useful asset and factor in the city's standing among cities. In another phase, the Colonel's project is desirable. It will give employment in the building trades at a time when there is vast unemployment there. And it will help the town's appearance immensely, too, which has remained more or less drab in the South Tryon section since some years ago.
Altogether, we hope the Colonel can assure the Commissioners that the major project would be safe from the standpoint of the money and the property involved. For town's civic standpoint, the auditorium would be desirable indeed.

A Rash Attack
Mr. John D. N. Hamilton, the wounding chairman of the Republican National Committee, has a singular gift for rashly getting himself into untenable positions. As when he broke the news to an unsuspecting and entirely skeptical world that it was really old Tom Patterson who founded the GOP. But he has rarely looked more foolhardy than in picking out Cordell Hull and his reciprocal trade pact as a new target.
For all we can prove to the contrary, it may be quite possible that the trade pact haven't done quite as much as their more enthusiastic proponents claim for them. But Dr. Hull has at least done his level best to give the world the best of his Hamilton does his argument by conceding that "excessive trade barriers do promote world unrest," and by adding, "the only way to lower them is through unilateral agreement."

BE BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley



Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

An Impossible Demand
By HERBERT AGAR
YESTERDAY I outlined the attack on the New Deal which Dorothy Thompson makes in her new book. She points out that the chief danger to the democracies, in their competition with the new tyrant states, is that the democracies have lost a clear sense of purpose. They do not know exactly where they are going.

Retort to Mr. Caldwell
(Thomas Lomax Hunter, Richmond Times-Dispatch)
I know the shareholder. I live close enough to him to hear his dog bark, and when the frosty fingers of Autumn come, I can lie in bed and tell what he is even when his roars in my woods and even when his paws dig his feet into my back. He may share the crop with me, but the room and the position are all his. He is a good Democrat. If you are minded to run, let us say for sheriff, all you have to do is pay his capitation tax in time and when election day comes hold him to the polls. Give him a shot of two of low-grade whisky and \$10 for his dog's work. Toss him in his friendly fashion, his political principles are beyond reproach.

They Won't Play Fair
(J. D. B. Mason Telegraph)
A Japanese officer complains that the Japanese armies are educated in orthodox German strategy, positional warfare, which overlooks the hit-and-run guerilla stuff the Chinese are pulling and that it isn't fair for the Chinese armies not to stand still and get blown off the map according to the book of rules. That's a war, though. You hardly ever hear of one in which one side or the other doesn't take a mean advantage if it can.

Below the Salt
(Greensboro News)
It appears that what with his salary, inheritance and investment income, the President's son-in-law is to get along with an average under \$45,000 a year. How do you vote for the man we thought best for that office. And if we could elect three progressive Republicans that would co-operate with Democrat Markey and Caiden, wouldn't they put old independent McKlenburg back on the map?

Three Words We Use
By ROWE WEAVER
HENRY
For many years in southern Spain, the Christians had their hands full trying to push a lot of tough Moors out of their country. One of the towns on the frontier was called "Jerez de la Frontera," and there a special sort of wine was produced. This wine was given the name of the town, "Jerez," and since the Spaniards of that age pronounced it "sherry", we have inherited it as the word "sherry" to identify wine of that type.

Peculiarities of People
By F. Romer
WILLIAM BLAKE
THE secret means he used to produce wonderful copper engravings of his drawings, Blake saved his dead brother's spirit communicated to him. He drew likenesses of people centuries dead by having them "lie in" for portraits as realities in his imagination.