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A Sporting Gift

For all that it's a torrid August, to fight our Hornets are playing Santa Claus to the poor kids of the city. Seventy per cent of the gross receipts goes to the News' Empty Stocking Fund as a nest-egg for the annual Christmas campaign.

Even so, it's a mighty good turn the poor children of the city. On their behalf and our own, we move a rising vote of thanks at some time during the game - say, along about the seventh inning.

Claim and Delivery

"Old Bluff and Blunder," reading from left to right, is what Edgar Brown, the third candidate in South Carolina's furious Senatorial campaign, delighted in telling Senator Smith and Governor Johnston. Brown was there who suspected that Brown was the New Deal vote. But if that was so, the gentleman concealed his mind so well, indeed, that there appeared to be an innocent risk in the vigor with which he assailed Smith of his dividing that worthy's vote.

Even so, the withdrawal Mr. Brown has still not taken sides between his two late opponents. Only one thing is certain: that if his estimation of Smith is no better than his expressed opinion of Johnson, Cotton Ed had best bet well enough - and Edgar Brown - alone.

Cheers and Regret

Both good news and bad news is on the menu today. Memorial Hospital's application for a \$40,000 grant has been approved, and that, meantime, marks the completion of the fourth phase in this concerted effort which began with preliminary work by the doctors, continued with participation by the Episcopate and boards and congregations, reached its point of greatest intensity in the campaign for funds under Mr. Woods' direction, and now has been approved in Washington. A fifth step remains to be taken - to carry the bond election.

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Visiting Around

And Girls is Still the Major Interest... School Items, Stately Mrs. & Pres. As was shown by the great amount of interest taken in an informal girls' social game played last Wednesday, softball is still the major sport among the girls.

These Words We Use

By ROWE WEAVER - HANDEKERCHIEF. Instead of putting this necessary moral accessory in your pocket, you might as well put it around your head. The French took the phrase "cooper-tive cap," "to cover one's head," and boiled it down to "coverture," which they used to mean a head-dress of any sort. They got our name "kerchief" and then when we started needing something to wipe a bad case of smilies or wipe people good-bye, we found ourselves using "hand-head-covers," handkerchiefs to you.

COMMUNISM, U. S. MODEL By Hugh S. Johnson. BETHANY BEACH, Del. - I got more than my usual quota of what West-broke Pegler calls "Dear-stay-you-our" letters for a recent issue of the Communist. I had said in effect that under our constitution, an American has as much right to believe in and talk Communism as to be a Republican if he confines his activities to voting and argument and not violence, and keeps his proposed changes in American government within constitutional methods. That column discussed the Communist methods of interior boring to stir class discontent and to try to point the thinking and action of all liberal groups towards collectivism, destruction of property rights and one-man government under the "dictatorship of the proletariat." It insisted that so long as even that form of activity abides by the constitutional rules already mentioned, you can't boot a citizen in or deport him for it. My angry correspondents say that this is "un-American" and "treasonable." One says that I must be a Communist myself.

NO RED IS HUGH S. JOHNSON. Passing the point that if that is un-American, then so is the Bill of Rights, I have had the honor of being commonly referred to in the Daily Worker and other Communist papers as also charged against numerous individuals and totally unlovely defendants, and in the trial of them, witnesses were intimidated, one was murdered, perjury flowed as freely as tobacco juice and the Government had to order agents to the scene to be sure of preserving order even in the courtroom itself. For the Government to call off the dogs from Harlan now would be to condemn, at the least to forgive and forget, what has happened in Harlan. The National Labor Relations Board has dropped its Wagner Act charges, admittedly in consideration of the coal operators' agreement to sign up with United Mine Workers. The Department of Justice has not dropped its charges, but it hasn't said that it isn't going to drop them. If it should, why, then it would warrant the indictment that all you have to do to obtain the remission of sins by the Harlan Deal is to play ball with John L. Lewis.

No More Appeasement. Chamberlain's policy of "appeasement," which he extolled as a means of averting the outbreak of a world war at least a generation, appears to have been put away on the shelf. The dispatches from London today are pregnant with the sense of a change in the official British attitude. His Majesty's ministers met today in three sittings, and the expectation, evidently well founded, is that they determined to stand toe to toe with Germany and prevent by any means necessary the carrying out of Hitler's notion to have a slice of Czechoslovakia, and to go on where his fancy led from there.

Across the Channel in Paris, the French Ministry held a longer, equally determined session. It was decided to match Germany's menacing mobilization with mobilization along the German frontier. The key social reform of the previous Popular Front, the 40-hour week in industry, was revoked for the reason, primarily, that it was curtailing the supply of munitions, and likewise curtailing the French economy, at a time when the nation needs its fullest productivity.

And that Germany has an inkling the British are not playing monkey with Britain, and it is thus being forced to courage of her ally, is easy to detect in the tone of the German press, which is no more than a mouthpiece for the government. The German press is deeply resentful. In fact, it is grinding its head off and accusing the British-French attitude of making mountains out of molehills. He that it may, it must be plain to all the world that Chamberlain's pro-williness to make molehills out of mountains has been the cause where but to Italian and German dominance of the sphere wherein Britain used to reign supreme.

Style Note. (Omniscience, Stately News & Press) Although the weather is somewhat warmer than it will be this winter, I am not being kind of organizing a Spa Club here in Albemarle. Almost everything else that a community of this size needs, except most of its citizens wearing space. If you are interested in becoming a charter member, please get in touch with me so that a pair of spurs is a good investment. You may find yourself without a pair of spurs some day.

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Letters To The Editor. No Doubt Has He That Smith Will Lose. Gotton Ed Has It Coming To Him For Opposing President's Program. Dear Sir: The eyes of the nation will be on South Carolina August 30. That it is the most important election in the state's history, not only for South Carolina but for the whole nation, goes without saying. That so returns Ed Smith to the U. S. Senate will be complete repudiation by the people of South Carolina of President Roosevelt on all that he stands for and for all that he has done, is plain to every one.

Knowing South Carolina people as I do, I believe there are no finer to be found anywhere, and I don't believe they will show such ingratitude, to say nothing of humiliation, to the greatest friend the people ever had in the White House.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.



General RADO PUTNIK. THE FIRST PRISONER OF THE WORLD WAR. WAS IMPRISONED 5 MINUTES AFTER WAR WAS DECLARED.

Farley On Patronage

By HERBERT AGAR. In the second installment of his magazine, appearing in The American Magician, Postmaster - General Farley makes some interesting remarks on the subject of patronage. And he makes a statement which I wish he would express usually more.

Mr. Farley, as is well known, believes in the patronage system - commonly known as the spoils system. He defends the system as "the most democratic way of all men, in the long run, the best way of getting competent people."

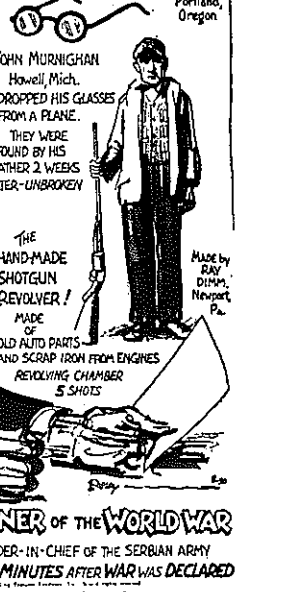
Ever since the time of Van Buren, when the spoils system was favored upon the country, we have been told by its defenders that this system is "the most democratic way of it." Why?

Mr. Farley admits that "the great army of clerks, stenographers, telegraph clerks, etc." should be under a permanent civil service. But aside from this "great army" he insists that Federal appointments should be made with two qualifications in mind: "First, is the applicant qualified? Second, is he loyal to the party and sympathetic to the program of the administration in power?"

NOBODY IS TALKING ABOUT POLITICS. The argument seems thin. In the first place, by choosing appointees only from one party the standard of competence is likely to be lowered. The possible choices are cut in half by such a system.

Also, the ordinary patronage jobs outside of the President's official family are not party-making jobs. So why should loyal party men be preferred in order that these jobs shall be competently done and in order that the administration shall run smoothly?

JIM MAKES A REMARKABLE POINT. The usual argument for patronage (and I think the strongest argument) that can be made for patronage is that without it there would be no way of holding together the political machines. Democratic government means party politics; party politics means political machines; political machines mean party



Explanation of Today's Cartoon. THE FIRST PRISONER OF THE WORLD WAR - General Radosmir Putnik, Chief of Staff and Commander-in-Chief of the Serbian Army, who led his country's war forces in two campaigns prior to the outbreak of the World War, was arrested, within 100 hours after the outbreak of the Austro-Serbian War, while he was leaving home from a bathing resort, where he had been spending the summer. Although he was known as an enemy of Austria and the designated leader of the Serbian forces, he was captured by special order of Emperor Franz Joseph, and permitted to return home. Putnik led his country's armies in the World War for two years.

Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh. AUGUST 10, 1843 75 YEARS AGO.

A LESSON FROM SACRED HISTORY. Saul reigned KING over the Israelites for many years. At his death, his son, David, succeeded him. One day, David and his men were out hunting. Both these leaders were tall, strong, and brave. Saul was a good warrior and a good king. David was a good warrior and a good king.

A Little Bird Told Her. Billy Arthur, New Bern Tribune. This story is being around about W. P. Dowdy going to Farmville on a night speaking engagement recently. Mrs. Dowdy wanted to go to the baseball game in Tarboro, but Mr. Dowdy had the speaking engagement and was busy and couldn't make it. That's what he told her.

It requires a braver man to advocate peace than to make war. It is easy - to win battles requires an effort - to win wars requires a manly spirit. It is easy - to win battles requires an effort - to win wars requires a manly spirit.

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