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## Escape Made Good

Six prisoners in the South Caro-lina penitentiary may rest fairly sure of one thing. They wanted to seagae from serving out their years behind the bars—and they have made it fairly certainly certain that they will. Yesterday they selzed a captain of the guards, locked them-selves in the warden's office, threat-ened to stab their prisoner to death unless they were given an auto-mobile and free egress, defied an appeal of Governor Olin Johnston, and eventually made good their threat of killing the guard captain in cold blook

in cold blood.

Then tear gas got them, and they are back in their cells now. They may take comfort. They won't have to serve out their sentences. For even in a country where the vengeance of the law is ordinarily as uncertain as in this one—well, we fancy that they are already tuning up the electric chair at Columbia.

### Excellent, Regardless

Harided a Government check for \$109.20 — his share of the \$220.000 appropriated by this Congress to cover the mileage allowance of the members at 20 cents a mile — Senator Balley handed it back. "My travelling expenses." he said, "couldn't be over \$200, and Til waive that."

Call his motive political if you will—and still we say we like the action. Whatever the motive, it is consistent with the Senator's professions in favor of economy in government and of integrity in public affairs. And consistency in a Congressman is no common jewel. Integrity — well.

Take, for instance, that great foe

Take, for instance, that great for of graft, that champion of integrity and economy in government. Hi Johnson. Hi gets \$1,298.80 for his silowance, though the fare to Cali-formia and back is only \$217.50. But has he ever once in the thirty years of his sitting in Congress handed back the difference of \$1,081.307 He

hann't.
Take Tydings, take William E.
Borah, take George Norris, take
Barry Flood Byrd, take even Glass—
take any and all the great champions of integrity and economy in
government, and has one of them
errer felt it necessary to hand back
the velret? It so, we've never heard
1. 80 far as we know, Senator Baitey
14 the only member of the present
Senate who has' taken the step,
hough there was a freshman Rephough there was a freshman Repthough there was a freshman Representative from out West some where who got on the front pages that way last year. Let Bailey have the credit that is properly his that his action squares with his professions.

## Genesis of Parlor Pinks

Frederic March, the movie actor, Frederic March, the movie actor, is accused by a former officer of a longshoremen's union, himself, fixed on a charge of swiping 874 out of the terasury, of devolting a large part of the eartings to advancing the same of Communium "by guile and jubberluge" and interesting national selectrics in that radical cause.

Without regard to the truth or falaity of the allegations against Ac-tor Marsh personally, we do not find impossible to believe that a highimpossible to believe that a high-garled movie star might be playing und with Communism, paradox ough it may seem on the face of Communists in the United States, seds fall almost wholly into three

2—The disgruntled underdogs who high the world has not given them fair break, and who hate their their with personal spleen.

and in nearly all cases enjoying very pleasant berths in the world.

What explains these last? Well, maybe they have some kinship with the first group. They often do — furniture men are talking good econotten exhibit a genuine if misty and longer — on pollities. and in nearly all cases enjoying very pleasant berths in the world, What explains these last? Weil, maybe they have some kinship with the first group. They often do— often exhibit a genuine if misty and unrealistic sympathy with the plight of the underdor. But more than anything else, we suspect, it's simple human vanity. The notion of Com-munican is accordated in their minds with the ideas of advanced thought. with the ideas of advanced thought and penetrating insight. And by subvasing it they can give them? selves a pleasant sense of intellec-tual superiority without actually possessing it.

Since my own mail agreement of this hot corresponds the salutation "Deer filt."

Since my own mail agreement of the management of the dissatisfied management management of the dissatisfied management manage

Pedro, halboa, or Newport News, and destroyed it there!

And yet—the channes are against lour poing to war this time. We have learned restraint since 1898 and as a people, remembering the Creat War, we are very determined not to fight. Still, the fact becomes interestingly plain that we are going to have need of all our restraint, and all our determination—and that perhaps in the end they will not suffice. For when we add up the Japanese destruction of our curboat, the Japanese shelling of a the Japanese destruction of our cum-boat, the Japanese shelling of a British gumbaat and killing of a British sallor. Mussolinis and Rit-ler's increasing aggressivence, the seconds clearer and clearer that he so the only thing the new bandin nations are prepared to re-spect.

## Dividing the Blame

The blame for this sharp "recession" Axistant Attorney General Robert H. Jackson places directly at the door of Big Business. Addressing a consumers' protest meeting in New York Saturday night, he said:

"Big Business jerked prices up as soon as volume beam to gu up. It acted on the theory that the company of the system business are the system what the market could bear. Re-sults show that Big Business mis-turfeed the market and charged more than the traffic could bear.

bear."
We believe this is an accurate appraisal, as far as it goes; but it decent go far enough. Take the case of the railroads, for instance. There is one Big Bustness which didn't raise its rates, for the very good reason that the Interstate Commerce Commission atood in the way. Even now, in the midst of re-cession, the railroads are petitioning for higher rates; and they make out a pretty good argument

They say that materials and sup-They say that materials and supplies have sone up 00 per cent, which substantiates Mr Jackson's contention. But they also show that fazer have some up 20 per cent: that they are paying 27 of their payrolis for unemployment insurance and that, come January 1, the rate will go up to 37. They are paying an anditional tax on up avoids of 21/4" on naveount of the Baltroud Beltrament. account of the Raltrand Reltriment Act, and they are paying it on pay-rolls that have gone up about 18 per cent as a result of the impetus for higher wages applied by the Federal Government. With this additional information in hand, Mr. Jackson's theory of what caused the recession can be made airtight. It was: (1) Big Buttingst's exercisive charges and (2)

Business's excessive charges and (2) the Government's excessive charges

## They'll Need Furniture

If the current houring agitation results in the actual large-scale construction of houses, two important problems will face that part of the population which moves into the new house. One of them will be the paying the control of the construction of the invasilments or reptal charges. And the other will be that of obtaining furniture and equili-

a in that radical cause.

It regard to the truth of the ellegations against Act he personally, we do not had be recommended by the paying here to the believe that a high-movie star might be playing with Communism, paradox in may seen on the face of the may seen on the face of the paying the paying with Communism, paradox in may seen on the face of the paying the paying that the paying the payi

ON THE ART If The Pretties Aren't Growing Prettier Each Day, Then Age Is Upon Us.

# OF CUSSING

NEW YORK CITY-When I started

TWO ON THE TELEPHONE.

Hecause I said that Mr. Landon was something less than a paragon of lead-ers—and me a natire Kansan—I am a lick-spit. e-comonic rogalist if don't quife get that), traitor to the West, measer (2), skink, rerulle and an abomination unto the Lord. How could I comment on his saying "stacted"— when I myself, say "controvers-1-al" and numounce senurge "skorge,"

Two min called me up clear across the Continent—it happened on the same day—and they said they could only satisfy their lithidos by telling me in my own ear what a heel I am. It In my own ear what a heel I am. It could him thirty or forty dollars. The voices of each shook with emotion, Both Fore among the most interesting performances I have heard aince I worked with a packenule train of the old Army. Of course, nothing can compare with that.

PORTRAIT OF A CHAMPION

The Army Chief Packer Daly, parkmaster in the best mule train in all the
indian campaigns since before the civil
War, was rewarded by being made instructor in packing at West Point.
Every cardet had to learn that art.
A stately Congressional Pleard of
Visitors' came down at graduation and
had to see the final lest of the prize
cardet upont. This cold Reminsion moden platoman had taken one scort too
many. His instruction began:
These issuality see how to get forty packmover taight year how to get forty packmules not of a both-view book, Mules

never lambit yee how to get ferty pack-nules not of a belty-deep bog, Mules understand only one languidge." And then he began. I have heard talk among stevedores that smuld make a pirate pink like a peony—but I have here! Reard such profane improvidly as that. It drove the axigmized Benators to cover and only 50 years of distin-misted service saved old man Daly— Ood rest his soul.

## BUT HE OVERLOOKED BETS

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I thought, from all this expetience, that I had heard the high point in cussion, but in coming the culting from my own correspondence that I collected to write this column, the poor old innocent didn't beaf no suspect some of the minners of delicate distribe that I have collected lines. Of course, as a sustained performance. Off course, as a sustained performance, Chief Packer Daly's effect is tons. But he overcooked so many individual gens that I am almost glad he is drad. Some of this would have sent him into an roturns sudners of environ decline and I loved the old utee of whang leather. The pily is that I can only paraphrase insich of this. But in my early and youthful edulication of multi-akunera, horse-aranglers, longsheremen, salions bouncers, soliters—and especially Spaniola. Medican and Pilipine solitiers who are virtuosas—i never drawned I would are virtuosas—i never drawned in virtuosas—i nev are virtuosos-I never dreamed I would encounter such perfection.

# Visiting Around

For Insomnia, We Rerkon (Valdese item, Morganton News-Herald) , night foreman at the Valdese Manufacturing company, was taken to Richard Haker hospital in Hickory Monday to undergo treatment.

We Take 1t. Then, There Wee Enough
Red Fars in Go Round
(Heaserdom Hern, Canton Enterprise)
One of the Sect parties this winter
was given by Meare Rest at the home
of his mother, Mrs. Role. Best, up at
the "Water Sheef" last Prickly night.
Many games were played and about 9
clock, temping referabments were
served by Kate and Pred Bist, besides
to being a beautiful mooningth night. of note and red best, bester g a beautiful moonlight night, reported something over 100 of corn shucked, and about 30 d girls had a mighty good time.

## Ode In Praise Of Something Of Importance

Dear Sir:

I state it categorically—the girls are gitting prettier every day. And it seems to me that this is a matter of importance, and has been a matter of importance, ever aince Zeus descended as show-

to woo the lovelles; and ever since Heler of the fair hair launched a thousant of the fair hair faunched a modulan ships and a wooden horse; and ever since olive-akinned Cleo with the Hollywood coffure entranced the great Romano, and ever since a king gave up the Hritish Empire for a lady.

Yes, wise sir, pretty women are news.

Figure sir, there isn't any more important news in all the world, nor will there

I see by the papers, too-and mos emphatically and most tiresomely by your own enterprising paper—that there

is still a war in China, and a revolution in Spain, and a Congress in Washing-

is still a war in China, and a reveitition in Suin, and a Congress in Washington, and I deplore them. Bir, three things are not news. They have always, been, like the weather, and they do not matter. 80, too; have women always been, but they do matter, and they are nower the same. Yes, brother, they are pretty things, and they are getting pretty. Look at Queens-Chicros. Look at Veyy dove counter. Look at the 64 W metal loaf hot table. Look at the Little Penda, look of the Little Penda.

ing? Pardon.

And so—power to you in your efforts to criebrate Brauty, fine and astute air. You know news when you see it. Let that news photographer of yours rove with that camera of his and take ple-

tures of things people are interested in. Avast with those civic club and conven-

Ah yes; the girls are getting prettier.

Or am I gelting older and easier to please? Out, damned thought!

ARE PROBABLY NEARING END

Many Christian people wonder at the

Many Christian people wonder at the amazing grace and patience of God. They wonder how present day apostacy with all its ramifications can much longer escape divine punishment. They see the fulfilliment of many signs of the nearness of Judgment.

LEGALIZING LIQUOR IS LIKE LEGALIZING MURDER, AND WE

Dear Sir:

ling of an eye.

the head of acoustics.

Decibels in the Back Seat

# BELIEVE IT OR NOT ... By Ripley

will furnish proof of any



Explanation of Today's Cartoon

COUNTING BY EAR.—No matter if you buy six or 600 postcards through the stamp window of the Prescott, Arizona, post office, George Krauss doesn't count them out for you. He merely graba a bunch of cards, triffes them past hat right set, and hand you the exact number saked for. Business men of Prescott have tried time and again to catch him in error, but Mr. Krauss has been correct every time, counting as many as 400 cards a minute, fined by a top watch.

## On The Record

Cooperation or Submission

brother, or I'll bash your head in."

nearness of Judgment.
Christian people know of the abundance and pienty for all to live in confort, peace and happiness. They believe that here in our own nation. If political arms, hatred, greed, selfashiness, were all thrown drawn by both sides and all hands cooperate with our Chief Parcuttles, we would have immediate prosperity and happiness.

Again, Christians and happiness.

Again, Cristian people do not see how God will continue to bless and prooper a nation or state that will pass dishonest and unjust laws. If we were to pass a law urging all Methodist, Bantist and Presbetelans to commit murder, and legalizing them to do so for proofs of the season and sensitive them. "workable" form of ever-normal granty, a "sensible" labor program cheep credit, and capital through a "nealthy" securities market, provision of government capital to carry the burden when private capital faths, and the continuance of Secretary Bull's responsal trade treaty program for the revival of world peace and world trade. profit and gain, and exempting them from persecution and punishment and

from persecution and punishment and at the same time providing for the per-ecution, punishment and destruction of all other people for the same crime of murder and death, we would have a similar situation to our liquor trust laws and the ABC racket. and the ARC racket.

You heedless, Indifferent, Agunken, Immoreal, agnostic, pagan, harbarous, warelen, murebrous, world today—a thousand times more wixed than in the days of major and pining profiber-less lit not time that you paused, and pounter your disbookingtone and apontary? The Gespel has now hern prearched to every pation. The power tight made, you and America can destroy both in the twink-line of an every R. L. GODWIN.

This column was, I believe, the mast to say—somewhat tacliessly—that the atock market break was the beginning of a genuine business recession, and, unless certain policies were changed, of a depression. That depression has developed. It is not the 1820 depression. (Winston-Salem Journal)

The secret of the back seat driver's power to annoy is mit. Scientists have delived into the matter and emerged with the information that it is all a matter of decibels, and it comes under of a depression. That depression has developed. It is not the 1920 depression; It was brought about by totally different factors and certuinly among those factors are, very prominently, the accumulations of bad reculting accumulations of bad reculting accumulations of bad reculting accumulations of bad reculting the factors and extendition. Sormally, the realization of this would imply that government review its policy to seek to correct its mistakes. But instead it appeals to business to take it at its word, to trust the government, and go shead alba-levels money and re-employ men, "otherwise we will do it." It is reminiscent of Opering announcing to German industry that it must produce this, or that—or else; or Goobbels demanding from German awtiers that they produce a new Nazi culture, right away quick; or the Soviet criticipe. The production within actually, what paralyzes all intelligent cooperative extent is the threat of a general earth-quake, no one will take any at all. Demanding peace, on the ground that it is morally destrable, without making a sincree and whole-hearted effort to remove the cause of way, is like calling She—the species known as the back seat driver is usually considered to be of neat driver is usually considered to be of the feminine gender—can talk to the driver on the front seat while he cannot talk back, and that, as everyone knows, is a madiening aljuation. It's all been determined by scientific measurements. Here is the way science has it figured voice to a soind increase of only two decibels. The back sent driver goes up two decibels to "make herself brand at fitty intiles an hour. But, if the front sent driver, wants to talk back to the back sent driver, the must get up consider sound pressure, eighteen decibels at sixty miles as hour.

As a slinging refort usually loses most of its sting, when it must be practically shouted, the front sent driver just reals his case.

saying, "Be my | the Brussela conference. It gets us no

workable" form of ever-normal granary,

So far so good. But the program is accompanied by the further suggestion that if it is not carried out government that if It is not carried out government, with have to rash into the breach and take over a great many more activities than it has thus far touched. So that consideration of the program occurs in an atmosphere of the litters. Again here is the emphasia on the necessity of precipitation, and nowhere is there any admission that the resent dilemma in which we find ourselves it, as it is the direct result of the breakdown of previous, too hasty planning and regulation.

brother, or 11 hash your head in."

Some of the emanations recently from
Washington recall it. The appeal for
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washington recall it. The appeal for
eroment is accompanied by threats or
what will happen if industry doesn't
cooperate.

Mr. Henry Wallace, the Secretary of
Agriculture, recently advanced a sevenpoint program. It is a resumble program. It includes taxation revision, a

Head of the results to date. What is
program? Hardly the one laid down in
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program. Hardly the one laid down in
workship! Good not ever-normal granary;
whether is mon dever-normal granary;
whether is mon in the result of the shawer to some of these pro-

The way to get out of our differents is to find out what is workable, but ithis government has in no size resourced the mechanism for finding out. Quite the contrary. It has introduced inquisitorial features into the public hearing. It has detegated the initiation of legislation to anonymous secretarists; it has loosed properants on the uniton through media never before existing in American programment. existing in American government.

The job of Congress is to call au-The job of Congress is to call authorities on questions like the regulations of labor and hours by government. There are people who have spent a lift-time studying auch questions. Mr. Given and Mr. Lewis are not labor economists. They are labor politicians. If I want to know the value of an advertised cure for the common coid, I don't comail the boys who write the advertising.

Great Britain did not rush to present a plan for the governing of India, even with Gandhi shivering his threats in London, it took four years and a Royal Commission's Investigation, And Gandhi. at the outset, was not going to co-operate. But, in the end, he did.

Maury Maverick suggested the other day that Congress establish the practice of calling exhibit similar quantum House and Synale to answer questions. It is a good idea. We need new methods of probing for intelligent opinion. More afficient finistruments for the instruction of Congress. Cooperation implies intelligent consent on the basis of trason.

## Chacun a Son Gout

(Greenborn Record)
The Memphia Commercial-Appeal, in an entitle editorial, emplores the cutte capressive and formerly culte presalent Southern mountainer saying: "Some likes one thing, and some liken smother," on a some annient Latin, probably the originator of the axion, had it: De quittons non ent disputandium. The Irizhman put it another say: "Eveny man to his even notion"

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

VICTORY AT FREDERICKSBURG The great battle of Fredericksburg heen fought and won. Tonight the of our victorious troops who have e caped unharmed from battle, bullet ar their well-earned laurels, whilst near all, if not all, our wounded are in con fortable hospitals, where, as far as it possible, let us hope that human ski

and attention will be readily afforde and attention will be readily affords them.

The departure of the Yankees give unmittatable evidence of panic an instea, about the town are found larg numbers of guns, knapactas, haversack crackers, sail park, and at least 100% rounds of good cartridges. They all left behind them in and about the tray let the very least, some 600 of the dead. There are 100 of these dead to dead, There are 100 of these dead to a space of irsa than an acre of ground as the notice trays than the faith, an

As the mist rises from the fight, an the clouds clear away from the hattle the extent of our victory, and the Vankee defeat, begins to show itself. In Vanker defeat, begins to anoughtent. In telligent citterns of Fredericksbug as that the Yankees admit a great defea and a loss during the whole engage ment, beginning at the passage of the river, and ending with Sunday's grea-inght, of 15,000.

nght, of 15000.

General "Stonewall" Jackson, who many almost believe, leads a charme life, had a very narrow eccepe. H was awaiching the battle and stancin, at the time near an oak tree, when bullet struck not more than two inche from his head. The old hero con though the observation, summer by thindident.

—Pavetteville Observation.

-Payetteville Observer.

DECEMBER 13, 1837 100 YEARS AGO THE PRESIDENT AND THE EX-PRESIDENT

EX-PRESIDENT
The old-Chief of the Hermitage bimself appears to have lost all hope of
Mr. Van Burnel's auccess in 'treadin
in the footsteps of his flustrious prede
cessor." An Intelligent and responsible
correspondent communicates the facthat on his recent visit to Nashvillel
General Jackson remarked that Mr. Van
Burnel's administration must be deem
that he knew that Just so soon as Mr.
Van Burnel's administration constant. Van Buyen called Congress together; is September and thereby admitted the he might possibly be wrong, his rai-was sealed; if he had refused to con-verne the extraordinary sealen, he sould not be in a missoity. Although the President must go down, he will fal-in a glorious cause. We do not pre-tend to give the exact words said it have been used on the occasions re-ferred to, but have stated the sub-stances of the remarks.