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Two Faces East

James A, Mills, Associated Press correspondent in China, reports that observers, who witnessed the Japanese attack on the gunboat Parney and four British gunboate, agree that it was deliberate and that flags were too prominently displayed for there to have been any mistake. The commander of the British ship Bee reports substantially the same thing.

'Yet vesterday the Institute of the Standard St

he same thing.
Yet yesterday the Japanese ampassador was almost abject in his
apologies and the foreign office at
follows. Naval Minister Yonai held

How to explain this curious contrast? It is perhaps not so difficult. Under the peculiar Japanese system, the brass hats in command of the army and navy in China are Under the peculiar Japanese system, the brass hats in command of the army and navy in China are be-yond the control of the government at home. Drunk with victory and at home. Drunk with victory and a law to themselves, they perpetrate whatever comes into their stupid heads, and leave the job of 'ex-plaining to the government. So far, that government has had no great difficulty, but yesterday it seems to have been gentinely alarmed, hence the humble attitude.

It Won't Break Him

Probably overlooked by a great many people in the Japanese. excitement was the Supreme Court's decision yesterday, êt o3, that the Treasury did not have to pay interest on Liberty Bonds for the six months' period between the calling of the bonds for redemption in devalued currency and the express maturity date. We must admit that the ethics of the transaction were arguable, and that we are torn between the majority view that it was justifiable because it was in the public interest, and the minority view, as phrased by the old reliables, McReynolds, Butler and Sutherland, that nothing excuses a plain breach of contract.

But there is this consolation: that the amounts at stake in the three

the amounts at stake in the three cases decided against the plaintiffs were picayunish. The first was for \$175; the second for \$1.07; and the third for \$1175,0 making a total of less than 200 bucks. To be sure, we know that the principle of the thing is what counts, and that there was enough of principle in these actions finally disposed of yes-ferday to divide the lower courts and to split the Supreme Court iwn-to-one. But there is oftentimes a harling distinction between printwo-to-one. But there is oftentimes a hairline distinction between prin-ciple and sheer contentiousness, and we are constrained to suspect that any man who carries a \$1.07 case all the way to the Supreme Court is carrying principle too far.

Every Inch a Candidate

We have a complaint to make of a headline in Sunday's News. It

HANCOCK PUBHING SENATE

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CANDIDACY, REYNOLDS
NOT YET ACTIVE
Reynolds not yet active? He was
hospitalized for a few days, it is
rue; and his presence, like Hancock's, is required in Washington,
which keeps him from getting
around among the folks at the
filling stations back home. But
Bob's campaign for reelection has
there moine on for veets. In fact, going on for years. In fact, an name the very day it was

egun.
That was July 2, 1932, when he was nominated by the Democrats of his state for the United States Senate. Every minute since that has been running to the has been running to the has been running to the base of a practising

been that it should be extended. We're afraid it will be, and that would make him Senator again, but not necessarily a good one.

Shades of the Farm Board

Senator Cotton Ed Smith and a company of Southern Senators, including that great advocate of economy and a balanced budget, and a balanced budget, and a balanced budget, and a balanced budget, but the pederal Government go that the Pederal Government go modify Credit Corporation and buy cotton until it is pegged at 12 cents—which would mean taking about 5,000,000 bales off the market, according to their estimates.

It happens that just that scheme has been-fried before - by the old Hoover Farm Board, Well, and how did in the Southous on spent by the Farm Board in an attempt to peg the process of the southous on spent by the Farm Board in the Southous on spent by the Farm Board in the southous on spent by the Farm Board in the southous on spent by the Farm Board in the Southous on spent by the Farm Board in the southous on spent by the Farm Board in the southous on spent by the Farm Board in the southous on the southous on the southous on the southous of the so cifically:

ficially:
"It can now be seen that the stabilization activities were fore-doomed to failure; but the Farm Board made its loans for price pegging without the benefit of the certainties which experience since has taught."

What "certainties" were meant? Well, for one, that surpluses, even though impounded by a government, still continue to affect prices quite

still continue to affect prices quite as if they were on the open market. With all that before us, then, it may be said of the scheme of Cotion Ed and his friends that it is simply a scheme to have the Government pay a fint subsidy of four cents a pound on 6,000,000 bales to the staple - totalling \$120,000,000.

Or, assuming the same ratio of loss as the old Farm Board's, about \$84,000,000.

A Governor's Bravery

Governor Olin Johnston of South Carolina is not, as we have been at no pains heroes. I ns to conceal, one of our His selzure by armed force heroes. His selzure by armed force of the highway department in the early part of his administration was one of those incredible performances which couldn't happen in a well regulated commonwealth; and of course he has been swinging on to Roosevelt's contralls with both hands.

But twice in recent weeks we have But twice in recent weeks we have felt a spontaneous admiration for Governor Johnston. The first time was when he replied forthrightly to a query of the Greenville Klavern of the Ku Klux as to his intentions toward CIO, saying that they were the same as his intentions toward any men who observed the law of the state. The second time was yesterday when we read of the Governor's courageous efforts to save the fibr of the prison captain whom desperadoes held hostage.

It took nerve, standing there in

desperadoes held hostage.
It look nerve, standing there in easy range of men believed to be armed and knowing themselves to be cornered. But for two hours the Governor kept talking to them, tyning to reason with them, exposing his own person to save a friend, It took nerve, and Olin Johnston had that nerve.

Dangerous Weapon

The evidence is that Guard Cap-tain Sanders of the South Carolina pentientiary was stabbed to death with an lee pick or an instrument sharppenel like an Ice pick. And here, messires, is one of the most lethal weapons ever devised for household use. Six inches of rounded tetal elegate, and fine-pointed and steel, siender and fine-pointed and

steel, stender and fine-pointed and held firmly in a wooden handle that just fits the hand—and you have a polgnard superior to that with which Italian bravess of the Cinqueento murdered so efficiently and insouciantly.

That the handiness of the ice pick has at last been discovered by those given to violence is palpable on all sides. To a considerable degree it has replaced the straight razor as standard equipment for quarrel-some ladies and gentlemen of color. It has flavred in any number of some latters and gentlemen of color.

It has figured in any number of
fracases which wound up in the
local police courts, and surely there must have been twice as many times when it has been raised threateningly or in defense of domestic tranquilility, only to be put down unbloodled.

unbloodled.

We think something needs to be done about the ice pick. We think its blade needs to be shortened or its handle removed and a button substituted or a pronged implement, which would do ugly but not necessarily fatal damage, used in its stead. As it stands, it pierces too easily to the human vital organs.

Compulsory Patriotism

Reverence for the United States flag nee he has been running to be described in the calculation of its end to the calculation of its end to the c

CLOSE VIEW OF TORY BEE

NEW YORK CITY.—I have been in New York observing spesimens of economic royalists at the Congress of American Industry. There is no better economic royalists at the Congress of American Industry. There is no better occasion for it because this is their swarming season. They flock here from all parts of the country and never in the history of the species have so many appeared.

Outside the hive.

Outside the hive, there was a continuous low humming noise. Speciment, showing every tation, dashed in and out of the main hive to smaller committee cells, rustling sheafs of typewritten paper. The humming noise was an intense discussion of a great danger the whole hive anticipates. The agitated dashings were part of a process of making a manifesto disclosing to the world how near New Dealub and liberal the whole species is after all. after all.

THEY'RE HONEST ABOUT IT

I have known most of these men for years. Many of them are my friends. Never have I seen them so deeply concrued. They are troubled about this slump, brincipally because they don't know what would happen in another deep depression.

deep depression. "Cooperation between business and government?"—you bet. They would like to do that but they don't know how. I talked separately to about fifty of the best of them and not one between the president sincerely wanta them to "cooperate" or honestly inside the Administration is exactly the same distrust of them. Government would like to add in business recovery but it believes all business wants is to destroy the New Deal. Both sides protest their sincereity. test their sincerity.

FUMBLING THE BALL

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The general American weakness for
wanting to state a case doesn't being
any. The Industrial Congress drew up
and unantimously adopted a platform.
Its heart was right but the diraftaman-ship was terrible. The new industrial
magna caria is shot so full of that
kind of stuff that labor is sure to Imtercers! it as anti-labor and the Adterpret it as anti-labor and the Administration as anti-New Deal. This is a pity because, in my talks with Imministration as anti-New Deal. This is a pity because, in my takes with important individuals, I could plainly see evidence of a most astonishing change in thirking. Some of the worst old hard-shells have softened up. Collective bargaining through outside unions is pretty generally accepted as inevitable. Farm relief and social security are taken for granted. I was told a Federal wages-and-hours bill, which would reserve the national market for states of the highest labor standards, was the real intent of the wages-and-hours plank in the manufacturers' plantform. I really believe all this is in the hearts

plank in the manufacturers' platform.

I really believe all this is in the hearts of most of these men, but read their too-carefully worded "platform" and see if you can get any such impression there. It can't. It would have been better to substitute plain words for cautious horse-trading language, and, best of all, to cut out all talking and do a little acting. That is good advice for the Administration, too.

What Dis Court.

What this country needs is a liquida-tion of pride and prima donnas.

Social Yardstick

(John Harden, Salisbury Post)
Swoop swoop: It is the custom in one
newspaper plant just heard about to reter to wedding stories coming up, and to
describe their bigness and importance, in terms of swoops. . . . For instance, the news editor will ask the society edi-

the news editor will ask the society edi-tor about a wedding story to come by asking "How many swoops?" . And she may reply that it's a "five swoope" or "Oh this one is just a single swoop," . And this system of grading ordi-pated when the rival contemporary was found to use this in a long and aborate wedding description: "Small as entwined the fixtures in the living room. There were three swoops of smillax across the fireplace, four swoops around the chan-deliers, and the swoops on the stairway." deliers, and five swoops on the stairway. Swoop 'em up, boys!

Visiting Around

Nice Going, Girls item, Catawba News-Enterprise On Saturday afternoon the Daughters of America, Mayflower Council, will entertain at a supper all the girls who worked in the baby contest recently sponsored by the council.

That Puts Ralph One Up (Chesterfield item, Morganton News-Herald)

Herald)

Roy Ciontz spent Friday with Ralph
Pecler at Shelby. He was accompanied
home by Ralph, who spent Friday night
and Saturday with him.

Any Kin to Eddie?
(Cid Item, Thomasville News & Times)
Well kids Christmas will soon be here.
old canta is getting ready to bring toys
to all good little boys and girls, so I
guess we all better be good from now
until Christmas - anyway, heart we.

Tieless Joe Is Like F. R., Thinks Jonas

Both Are Charming Fellows But Both Want To Rule With Dictatorial Power.

Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

I have just read your editorial, "Take
Tieleas Jor," in my afternoon Charlotte
News of even date. The last two
sentences do not quite fairly interpret
my position with reference to Mr.
Joseph Tolbert and his official position
in the Republican Party. You say "But
does that—make—him—(Mr.—Tolbert).—a
model Republican? Mr. Jonas doesn't
think so".

There is nothing personal about my

model Republican? Mr. Jonas desen't think so."

There is nothing personal about my opposition to "Tolbertism." So far as I know Joseph Tolbert is a good 'Republican, a good citizen and a gentieman. My grievance is not against him personality but against a system of machine politics which would do credit to the genius of Jim Farley.

Personally Joe Tolbert is a genial and ilkable geniteman. So is the President of the United States. Their political 'cred is simple and identical," I am the State. Drive 'em hard and show no mercy!" Joe Tolbert has not business holding three major Republican party offices in his state than the result of the president has trying to run the three great departments of our Federal Government. Both have yet to learn that the echo of their own voices is not the voice of the people.

Lincolnton.

CHAS. A. JONAS.
Lincolnton.
*(Editor's Note: Model, we said; not good.)

STORY OF BURIAL AND REVIVAL OF MOTHER OF LEE IS AN OLD HOAX

How hard it is to catch up with fancy takes with no foundation. That tale to which you referred in a recent editorial, about Robert E. Lee's mother being put in the family suit as dead and rescued alive after two days, was carried in the Charlotte Observer of November 1, 1931. I wired Dr. George Bolling Lee, grandson to General Lee, and asked for a statement. He said it was an oid hoax which had been published many times. Besides, the thing obviously would be impossible. One must have air to live. I sent a complete report to the Observer. All this may be had at the How hard it is to catch up with fancy

library.

J. M. NORTHINGTON.

Charlotte.

(Editor's Note—Well, we are not prepared to argue, in the face of family and medical testimony, that this particular tale or any of the others like it are true. The world, we know, is full of preposterous legends, and they die hard. But without prejudice to any of this, we cannot avoid thinking that the need of air proves little. For, as we understand it, neither oid-fashioned vaults nor old-fashioned coffus, unless scaled in lead, were commonly really sirtight.

In any case, we did not come by the

In any case, we did not come by the tale from the source referred to by Northington, and so were not aware his answer to it.]

Now We'll Tell One

(Wilmington Star)

The Lumberton correspondent sends a story that conjures up thoughts of competition.

Five years ago a Lumberton man lost his watch while fishing in Lumber river. This week he caught a frout and found his watch in the gills of his catch.

Movement of the fish's gills had kept the watch wound and it had continued running, losing but two minutes in the interim.

A Wilmington fireman tells a bette

fish story.

He says that when a boy he went hunting with but one cartridge in his gum. Sitting by the river he was attracted by a squirrel. Drawing a bead on the squirrel, he was distracted by a wild turkey, alighting on the limb of an adjacent tree. Before he could shoot the turkey a big buck deer wandered into view.

view.

In his excitement, the finan pulled the trisger. The builet split the limb on which the turkey was sitting; imprisoned the toes of the bird, deflected and killed the deer. The deer in failing impaled the squirrel on its horns. The recoil of the guntancked the hunter down, and in failing he killed a covey of 12 partridges, then slipped into the river. Scrambling up, he found eight perch in his pockets.

Rainy Day Larnin'

(Billy Arthur, New Bern Tribune) (Billy Arthur, New Bern Tribune)
Annway, Mr. Barnes was relating a
story about a young Payetteville lad who
registered in the law school at the University of North Carolina back in the
day, when a candidate for the law
school was required to have a substantial
high school and college education.
The head of the school inquired about
his preparation

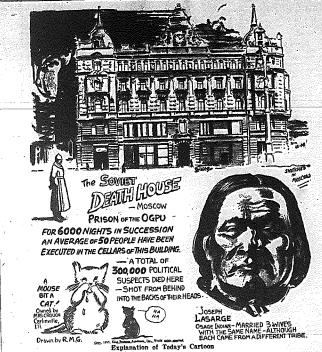
his preparation.
"Well, I've had a rainy day education," the youth drawled. ne youth drawled.

"Just what do you mean by that?"

"Well, sir, I went to school when it was too wet to plow."

BELIEVE IT OR NOT a Registrated College

By Ripley



THE HOUSE OF DEATH—The most dreaded building in all Russia is the prison of the Ogpu or OPU, tited at No. 2 Lublanka street in Moscow. It is the head office of the all powerful Russian secret service, mere mention of Lublanka impires terror in 160000,000 Russians. For 600 nights after its foundation 1918, it has been estimated a nightly average of 50 prisoners have been executed in the cellar of house of death. It follows that a nightly average of 50 prisoners have been executed in the cellar of behind in the back of the head, to make the victims face unrecognizable.

IT SEEMS TO ME

WENT to a meeting a good many years ago of Irish republicans. The chief speaker was Jim Redmond. According to the announcement, it was his intention to concillate the forces of

In announcement, it was his intention to conciliate the forces of Ulster. He bogan his speech by declaring, "I have never said an unfriendly word against the Orange men, misguided, bigoted and besotted though they may be."

In much the same spirit the National Association of Manufacturers has invited the government and labor to sit down in fraternal conference.

the government and labor to sit down in fraternal conference to iron out the ills of America. I have read all the many-pointed programs of the leaders of industry and listened attentively to the speech of Colby Chester, but as of industry and the speech of Colby Chester, but us 1 set it, the captains of business are saying nothing more than, "We are eager to cooperate if you will meet us wholly on our own terms."

on our own terms."

As far as I could gather, the offer to Mr. Roosevelt was simply that he could take a chair on the fringe of any conference if he would consent to metamorphose himself immediately into Mr. Hoover.

Labor was told that it could obtain tanding room tickets on the basis of consenting to play dead and keep its

mouth shut.

Most of the deliberations of the manu

Most of the deliberations of the manufacturers went on in secret acessions. It is possible that the views expressed in camera were more liberal than those given forth in public sessions. But that would hardly seem the way to bet. The lineup of orators, both in the front window and the back room, was not reassuring to the aspirations of labor. Practically all the orators, either for sorto voce or national hookup, are notorious as balters of trades unionism. A billing which included Guider, Welt, General Johnson and Dorothy Thompson was hardly one to encourage labor into a feeling that here was a haven where its rights would be respected. How on earth did the manufacturers happen to omit Pegler?

THOMPSON AND THE SMEAR

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Mr. Chester's speech boiled down to
an offer that Franklin Delano Roosevelt would be welcome as a consultant
of big business if he would forward all
the objectives to which he is committed.
Even the CIO would not be denied admission to the gathering for brotherly
love if only all its representatives would
agree to check their hats and cut their
throats before entering the conference
room.
Possibly the high point in unconscious

Possibly the high point in unconscious Possibly the high point in unconscious from was achieved by Poor Miss Thomps witten a book that perturbs many irony was achieved by Poor Miss Thomps witten a book that perturbs many son, who spoke against "amesting," atter a seasion which had been largely deby the voided to calling John L. Lewis everything from racketeer to potential dictor. It then expressed a plous hope he would cooperate.

Tom Circler had the privilege of introducing Dr. George B. Cutten, president producing Dr. George B Possibly the high point in unconscio

on broton

dent of Colgate, which did not have
as good a football team as usual. The
executive of the Red Raiders put Thomas
Jefferson in his place by declaring that
equality is "a dismal failure."

SANS CHOICE OF MEATS

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Mr. Chester's dinner address, which
came after Miss Thompson's pep talk,
was entitled "How Liberal Is Business?"
No vote was taken.
One listener got the impression that

One listener got the Impression that business is still back in the days of Mark Hanna and William McKinley. It is just too bad about child labor, but the States will have to attend to it. It is unfortunate that anyone should have to work through punishing hours for tragic underpay, but, again, the Federal Government must not interfere with the right of local communities to allow people to stave to death quietly and in good order.

Indeed, as far as I could judge, the liberalism of the Manufacturers Association lay in saying. "Bring me the regular dinner."

There was need of a Paul Revere to ride through the dinners and make the

ride through the diners and make the startling announcement, "You didn"

starting announcement, you down the last election."

At the moment the generous offer of these business men is simply, "If you will consent to do it in our way we will be quite willing to compromise with any man.

Gangway! -

Gangway!

(Letter to Editor, Western Carolina Tribune)

One of the false statements was in Tuesday, Dec. 7th, edition of the Times-News as regarding a certain dam away over. In eastern N. C. on the Yadkin river. Now this dam would in no way affect the people of this eection, but it seems that Mr. Editor has to have something to crab about. He goes so far as to say that there is no navigation on the Peo Dec river, never has been nor never will be. I can go so far as to say that the statement saying that there never was any navigation on the Peo Dec river is very much false. He either does not know what be is talking about or else he thinks he can again fool someone.

I am not but 41 years old, and I have stood on the treatle at Jee Dee Junction, S. C., and watched steamboate pass on their way to Cheraw from Georgetown and vice versa.

Georgetown and vice versa

HER Review . . . SHE Says (Such Is Fame)

(Montgomery, Advertiser)
Vittorio Musolini, son of Ben, has written a book that perturbs many Americans, although the book seems to be a sloppy bit of writing and think-

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

DECEMBER 14, 1862

15 YEARS AGO TROOPS AT FREDERICKSBURG

The conduct of the North Carolina troops in the field at Fredericksburg renders their bravery unquestioned and stamps their courage as of the highest order. Cook's brigade fought well, also

troops in the net a Freeze-souly troops in the net at t

DECEMBER 14, 1837

100 YEARS AGO CONGRESS

CONGRES

The proceedings in the last week have not been very important. A great deal of time has been occupied on the subject of Mexican affairs, and particularly on the overture by Mexico for the aminable settlement of the matters in dispute between the two govern-by some friendly power. Mr. Adams made a three hour speech on the subject in his usual disorderly manner; and was repeatedly called to order. The whole matter was finally referred to the Committee on Proveign Affairs.

Committee on Foreign Affairs. Mr. Calhoun has introduced a series of resolutions on the rights of the states (as a set off to the Vermont resolutions) for which we have not room this week. A debate arose upon these resolutions between Mesers. Calhoun, Preston, Switt and Strange, after which they were made the special order for this day.