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**BELIEVE IT OR NOT** By Ripley  
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ANSWER—A COFFIN

MINTON DALE THE FIRST BUFFALO, N.Y.  
RESEMBLED LINCOLN SO MUCH THAT HE SHOT HIMSELF TO DEATH FOR FEAR OF BEING CALLED—"LINCOLN'S GHOST!"

ADOLPH HITLER WITH A MIDDLE FINGER  
TED LEWIS STAGE STAR HAS BEEN WEARING THE SAME BATTERED HIGH HAT FOR 20 YEARS

HE HAS SPENT NEARLY \$200 KEEPING IT IN REPAIR

Today's Cartoon Self-Explanatory

**ON THE RECORD**  
The French Crisis and its Meaning for Us

The state of affairs in France is not encouraging, and that state of affairs is not only extremely important for Europe, but it is of peculiar interest to us. Because one sees in France, in a far more advanced state, the operation of certain economic sophistries which have become the credo of a large part of our own population.

The experience of France would seem to demonstrate with great clarity that government spending, devaluation of the currency, and the raising of wages with the idea of creating purchasing power, will not of themselves create property, nor even keep the production mechanism functioning. France also has a "crisis of confidence." The "capital strike" of which we hear in this country has become much more acute there than here. Undoubtedly there will have to be some sort of exchange control to keep capital from rushing out of France at the present disastrous rate and to force it back. This will have to be done if the franc is to be saved. It has been said that 70 per cent of the working capital is being kept abroad, some of it in this country and some in London. This is perhaps an exaggeration, but that the condition is grave is not open to question.

In France the same accusations are made against capital that are made here. It is unpatriotic, it is letting the country down, it is controlled by 200 families—in contrast to our present situation, where light on the situation must be conscripted. The conscription of capital, however, leads one a long step farther toward some form of fascism.

A study of a few charts indicating what has happened to France production and costs throws more light on the situation than is created by political moralizing, particularly if one compares the course in France, where the fundamental bases of the economy have been extremely sound and healthy, with the course in Great Britain or Holland.

After the general devaluation and the settlement of the currency and banking problems in 1936, production in most European countries showed a more or less strong upward trend. The League of Nations report, however, which dates 1929 to 1937, shows that throughout 1938 there has been no improvement in basic production in France, despite the devaluation which occurred at the end of September, 1936, and despite the enormous budget deficit and government spending.

There is a general feeling that the devaluation of the franc has done little to help the situation at home. In fact, it has done nothing to help the situation at home. It has done nothing to help the situation at home. It has done nothing to help the situation at home.

**Visiting Around**  
Speak for Yourself, Brother (Stoney Creek Item, Cassell Messenger)

The Best Little Pig, We Take It, Go to Hime's (Adv. Marshville Home)

GOOD SAGAUGE IS GOOD. Bad mity was bad. We sell the good good, mity seasoned. W. T. Hime

Scattering His Shot (Morie Chat.) Lexington Dispatch

Book Young brings a different girl every time.

We Sure Are Glad We Live Down South Here in Charlotte (High Point News 1 Item, Asheboro Courier)

The oldest weather of the year continues to be the most blessed which passes through this community early in the week. It was of short duration and melted rapidly while falling, but some snow is still in shaded spots.