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# Political Fate

Armstrong's Record Overcome By His Background

By His DECRE OFFICE.

It was by pollities, plus a bamp-up received as Collector of Revenue, that Jim Akmaticng worked his way up to City Manager in the Douglas Administration. He found matter in apple-ple order, the City organization functioning efficiently, its finances in A.1 shape. All this was a heritage from the former City Manager Jim Marahall, but it may be

shis was a heritage from the former Giy Manager, Jim Marshall, but it may be said to the credit of Mr. Armatrong that he maintained this excellence. Silli, he was by instinct and training a politician. Come elections and the City Manager would virtually double as campaign manager. If he had eschewed gostiles and concentrated his initiative upon city management, he might have intlasted the faction with which he was

That, instead, he has been removed That, instead, he has been removed as no reflection upon his character or his services. It is simply the inviviable in-sand-out of politics, and a reversal of the initiate of the previous administration in enseoncing a politician in the City Manager's chair.

As to the wisdom of the Citizens Group

es to the wisdom of the Citizens Group Councilmen in discharging him now rather than waiting until his successor maner than waiting until his successor had been found, that can be argued wither way. It is embarrassing to have an employee around while you are openan employee around while you are open-ity looking for someone to take his place. Its equally embarrassing to have to like thim his allp before you have found

But as to the essential necessity of changing city managers, we think there was be no dispute. It was of no great consequence that Mr. Armstrong had consequence that Mr. Armstrong had worked against the Citizens Group in the last municipal election. What eliminated him from consideration was the last that he had worked in the last invalidate election. The boundern obligation of the Citizens Group, inherent in all its stands for, was to divorce the thy managership altogether from politics. It has taken the first step.

#### Metamorphosis

Bob Reynolds Enters His Third (And, We Hope, Final) Stage

There are so many tempting angies to Senator Bob Reynolds latest romance that one is apt to be confused by the very wealth of editorial subjects con-

Bat one is apt to be confused by the very wealth of editorial subjects con-bained therein. News that Bob's be-twohed, Evalyn McLean, will receive the Sabulous and ill-omened Hope diamond as her wedding present might well give pause to those skeptics who scoff at the legend that the great stone brings mix-fortune upon those who possess it. Or you might hark back to that not-self the stone of the stone of the beautiful that back to that not-self the stone of the stone of the man stone of the stone of the size in also, one of the stone of size in the stone of stone of the stone of part any of these subjects would infant son of Charles A Lindbergh. But any of these subjects would indicate that the editorialist who used them was taking unfair advantage of Our Bob. Despite the Senators politi-end career, over which we have a deal as many lears as the next one, we are in-clined to take a rather symmathetic at-titude toward this 57-year-old groom as be walls at the altar for his 26-year-old tride.

ed, we see a tiny ray of political Indeed, we see a tiny ray of political hope for the Senatorially misrepresented people of North Carolina in the forth-coming nupitals. For it appears to us that Our Bob, in his political metamorphosis, it now emerging into the third and, we hope, tinal stage of his design.

The political career of Robert Reynolds night be scientifically catalogued as fol-

The leather-lunged showman and the bufford The campaign against the bufford The campaign against Cam Morrison. The poor mountain boy in the rattle-trap jalopy. The distriber against a man who married a wealthy woman. First days in the Senate. The Estang of assorted movie stars and other woman. The clgarette testimonial, The woman the beautiful the woman the state of the woman these retains of the woman these retains of the woman these retains and the same that the same that the woman that the same that t gag-man of the upper house. Itching

2. The world stateman. It was shortly after a trip to Germany in 1938 had heynolds emerged into the second—and most dangerous—phase of his career. He became one of the Third Belch's most voluble admirers. He praised the German Army, the German way of "getting things done." He devisioned isolationist, anti-silen, and anti-Semilic tendencies. Within the last frew weeks he fought shoulder to shoulder

of the Senate Military Affairs Commitof the Schales Military Affors Commit-tee and as, such he assumed the pro-portions of a national menace. Only a few days ago, despite the obligatory duties of the chairmanship that he was so unwittingly sillowed to assume, he announced that he was going to inspect conditions in Iceland. Everybody who knew Bob could spot this junket with

knew Bob could spot this junket with his eyes shut.

3. But following his first announcement of the leclandic expedition—and coming right on the heels of his engagement headdines—it is revealed that Reynolds expects to caused the trip and spend today with his finarce in Massachusetts. It's almost too good to be true. And do we not see the Senutor emerging into the third stage of his metamorphosts—The Playboy?

Plenty of money, social contacts, big cars, the Hope diamond for a tie-pun, butters, footner, mansions—can Bob resist 13 We doubt it.

And while we hold no brief for playboys in general, who can deny that, should Bob Reynolds join the Tommy Manwille fractrifty, this nation would be thrite-blessed. For playboys are relatively harms to the stress of the stre

is a nice, long rest—and plenty of re-lexation. Take a month off. Take a year off. In fact, take off all the time between now and 1944.

#### Blue Division

The Deluded Youth of Spain Goes To Die for Adolf Hitler

Those 20,000 unfortunate Spanish youths who have cast their nitiful lot with Adolf Hitler against Russia call themselves the Blue Division. We learn this from an article entitled "The Spanish Crusade" in the current issue of a despicable slick-paper magazine, Spain, published in this country by the Spanish Library of Information. The writer tracted in devious ways from the stricken populace of Spain, continues:

m populace of Spain, continues:

Now that Communism is at bay in
its lair, they will be in at the death; the
Blue Division is bound for Russia.,

"Foreign service is no novelty to a
Spanland. The strong right arms of the
youth of Spain earried the Cross and
the Sword the length of the Americas
from Colorado to Tierra del Pueco, to
clamorous cause has emisted the sid of
Spain.

Glamorans cause Indeed! It is diffi-cult for us to imagine anything more unglamorous than the bloody, unpria-cipled, altogether vile struggle between the legions of Stalin and Histor. It is a battle between Mammon and Beetze-bub. That any human being should im-agine that it is glamorous to the for Adolf Hitter and he in bloated and mute defusion upon the black mud of the Rus-sian steppes is an indication of insanity. Not that we hold any brief for Joseph Stalin and his gaing of cultivoats. He is no better than the man who assaulted him. But. his army is the only force Glamorous cause indeed! It is diffi-

him. But his army is the only force remaining in Europe that is capable of dealing with an even more dangerous enemy of mankind.

The hapless, misled youth of Spain The hapless, insided youth of Spain must add its drops of blood to the tor-rent rising on the Eastern Front, criminally ignorant that they are merely dupes, sold down the river for propagand apurposes. What are 20,000 Blue Legiomaires in a struggle involving millions of soldiers on both side. The shosts of Congulatadores—Cortex, Pizzaro and all the rest—they could tell the truth. But mortal Spaniards may not. To tell the truth in Spain is a crime against the State and the Nazi Gestapo.

Refugers settling in New York are urged by a famed sociologist to get out and see something of America. After crossing the Hudson, one gets quickly into the native quarter,

. Who remembers an older, simpler age, when the farmer didn't pause while pulling turnips to remark, "boys, we can't sell these. We haven't elected a ruta-

The democracies are much relieved to note that Pal Joey is pitching to the Fuehrer-as well he might. A dozen

# 'Too Much' Sacrifice?

By Hugh S. Johnson



THERE is a fan letter: "I hate to say this but I feel that you have let us down in not insisting the defices be one of the construction of the con

"NORODY TOLD US . . . WE FEEL FOOLED"

"The pres did not tell us. Our representatives in Congress didn't tell us. Even you didn't tell us. We feel fooled," etc.

We feel foolest," etc.

There is not space to quote this
letter in full. It is echoed in one
way or another in scores of let-ters, but I chose this one because
in its entirely it is so well-rea-cound, temperate and shierer that
it would bring tears to the eyes
of a brass Buddha.

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Core and one against this column warned of the places sit you want to call them that in all the service bills to the effect that. If Con-tended the places of the places and the service bills to the effect that. If Con-tended the places of the places and the service of the con-laid interests to be imperfilled," all classes—Bullanian Quard, receivalst and selectors could be held indefile interests to be imperfilled, and the interest could be held indefile the interest of the places of the con-tended the service of the con-tended that the second in the second that the second interest is imperfilled, when the second interest is imperfilled, the multiple of the second the second interest is imperfilled. The second interest is imperfilled to burdens.

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# THERE IS NO DISCHARGE IN THAT WAR"

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When war draws near, and once span I quote from ecclestastics, there is no discharge in that such that the such that the

Hence are best fitted to render II.
This may be tough, bitter and
unipopular reading to such young
firings as my correspondent but
it is the truth, sithough it comes
with the bark off. If I know our
younger generation—and I have
four of them in my own family—
that is the way they want II.

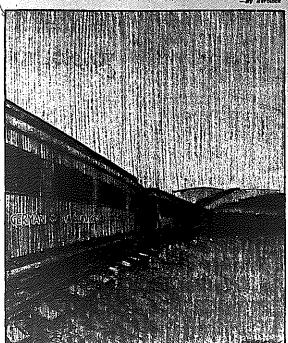
#### A High Poir in A Bundle for Britain

The New Yorker,

The New Yorker.

A Bundles for Britan outpost recently by the Junior League recentred by the Junior League recentred by the Junior League rematten of six dress shirts, immaculate and in excellent condition. 
Note of your soft fronts and atsaid neckbonsts and rigidly starched 
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said neckbonsts and rigidly starched 
support close ceanitation being 
the said of the said of the 
turned out to have a pocket behund the starched basem, reached 
by an openlies at the side. In the 
pocket were two playing earls—
the ace of diamonds and the sec 
of spadies.

Bringing Back the Ukraine Harvest



# Letters to the Editor:

# Plain Talk And The People

Editors. THE NEWS:

I had just about given up hope of ever finding a man who had been to school that had any understanding of the great mass of the property o

and counting under of a diamend-back rattler.

Yes sir, I am glad you cut loss and told the world that the common folks have a soul. The little that the furth of the knowledge of the loss knowledge

T. J. BAGWELL Route 1, Forest City.

#### The Freedom To Criticize

W. QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

No. 1 - An Uptown Theater-Auditorium

No. 2 - A Separate Court District
No. 5 - An Uptown Rest Room

No. 4 - Street-Widening

irento interact to disquise-site in-teract to monopilize freedom, in its literal sense.

C. Hemdricks is one of those distributioning patients who cannot been for see anyone but incredit and those who color best incredit and those who calls upon all Carolina women to help upon all the carolina women to help upon all the patients with the same and the carolina women to help upon a support the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the carolina women to help upon a support to the support to the

note, which runs about like this: The interventionists own this country, body and soul; it is they whe will dominate and dictate its policies. The first per cent of American the per cent of the per cent of the cent of the cent in the depicted of their civil rights. A hundred million Americans shall not be permitted to speak, except to say "PES." Denotary a La Hiller.

in speak, except to say YES." De-morracy a La Hiller!

Mrs. Hendricks is one of those
who believe that freedom is a very
drestrable thing—for the Zuroreach
should be the property of the conshould be present with Amertean blood. But for the overshelming majority of Americans,
freedom is not to be followed by her
shelming majority of Americans,
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leveling majority of Americans,
freedom is not to be followed by her
Disperson to the control of the
Like all interventionists, Mrs.
Hendricks knows that America
cannot be pushed into war untiminered. Sich knows that America
cannot be pushed into war untiminered. Sich knows that steeninet impose her will to long as
there are free speaking Americans
to oppose her. Witch is not a
followed on the necks
of 80,000,000 Clermans. And they
are made to worship Mr. Hilder
are followed by the followed by
To criticise our President to out
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have us worship Mr. Roosevelt. To criticize our President is our democratic right, but to attack our Convernment is nonething else would tolerate. The United States convenient is an institution of the people, the best in the world. The convenient is an institution of the people, the best in the world. The convenient is an institution of the people—not their masters. This Dovernment is at far above any Administration as the state of the people—not their masters. This Dovernment is at far above any Administration as in the state of the people—not their masters. This Dovernment is at far above any Administration as in the state of the people in It was a going concern long be-fore there was a Roosevelt, and it will continue to be long after this Administration has followed its predecessors into oblivion . . . if we stay out of war.

When the time comes that we can no longer criticize our pub-lic officials, we will no longer be a democracy—we will have degen-

erated into a dictatorship. And if we sit quietly by and let the interventionist destroy our democracy, we shall not deserve one-mell. DIXSON RUSSELL.—NELL DIXSON RUSSELL.

(126 Clement Ave., Charlotte.

#### "Mrs. Townsend Is No War-Monger"

No War-Monger:
Editors. The News: Aug.
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In a recreasible and aged lody. Mrs
Metis. Polger Townsend of Lenoir,
war scathingly and unjudity actownsend. an invalid, sidous of one
Methodist minister and mother of
another, deserted on such rebuic,
as that meted out to her by this
political beliefs are well known.

Townself read Mrs. Powstends

person whose anti-Administration political beliefs are well known. I myself read Mrs. Townsend it was a second of the second of your caliber, in three days peril.

—MRS. EDNA C. HENDRICKS.
Dallas.

## TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

After all God has a plan for humanyly and us: God is our refuge and airength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the modutations be carried into the midst of the sea.—Psalm 46:1, 2.

#### Side Glances



# England's Plymouth

By Dorothy Thompson



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Di-ThOUTH Regland (by Wireless)

—It seems a shame to lineppe;
your dancing her's in the open air above
the sea, for the twellight is passing and
soon it he hadrons will come and we
must all disperse. It
seems better that
you dance, as you do
evening a firer estning, than that you
listen to speeches.

When I have gone
away and think heat
on this day I will

away and think back
on this day I will
think of the dily
where when it was larelled to the
ground the people-young and oldcame out upon this lovely hee (Note;
What heel—Editors, The Naws) over-

dust, sevens
together.
When I had walked where the streets
once were and stood where homes once
were and had seen the tangled, rusted
heaps of steel where factories and shops
once were—when I saw St. Andrews
"" " " " " sked whether anymether anymether anymether anywhich destruction did not touch.

I was brought here to see the Mayllower steps and the Mayllower monument, which destruction did not touch.

EMBARKED THE PILGRIMS THE SPOT WHENCE

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THE SPOT WHENCE

From these steps 300 years ago a
band of Playtims set out for the New
World. You have commemorated their
going with a modest monument and,
bronze inacciption. And over there
across the ocean is another Plymouth
with another inacciption upon a rock.
That inacciption says asmething like
this: This rock marks the first landmig place of the Pligrims of the Mayflower. In hunger and cold, butting
Indians and the wilderness and burying likelr deed in common graves lest
the Indians should know how many
had pertained, they here laid the foundations of a state in which through
countless ages men should have liberty
and freedom in their worship of God.
The rock admeniathes all who pass
to remember the Pligrims and not rets
'until liberty is established throughout the earth.'

THE NEW BATTLE

THE NEW BATTLE
AGAINST SAVAGERY
Now you, too, have battled savagery
and in the wilderness of rock and
rubble that your city has become, you,
too, have buried uncounted dead. But

too, have buried uncounted dead. But you too, are building out of seltns a world in which through countless ages men shall have liberty. Between the Mayflower steps and Plymouth New there was once a sen that only the adventurous threed cross. a channel spanned by planes Today a channel spanned by planted in a few hours separates the steps from the took, and behind the rock lies a continent, and the Piggrim band has grown into 120,600,000 people who live in liberty.

The wilderness did not attife the Pili-

The sudderness did not state the Piligrims, and the grase that gree over
their graves did not blot out their
memory. In the generations that passed
men came to Join them from all the
nations of Europe as today free meti
from all nations of Europe come to
Join you.

Daily French inhermen, Jesious for
ilberty, slide into your ports under German gunt to Join the fighting forces
of all land of free boats that come to
England and carry not only guns and

of if land of free boats that come to England and carry not only guns and food, but Dutchmen, Poles, Norwegiaus and Creeks who are the Pulgrim Fathers of today. They come to fight from here for states in which through count-iers ages men shall know liberty.

#### THE STRONGEST BRIDGE IS

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NEITHER PLANES NOR NUIDS

1, too, come as Pigetan returning
the come as Pigetan returning
the property of the company of the company
to such thousand primes are not the
only bridge between there and there.
The strongest bridge is instable. It is
built of hopes blasted and reborn, of
dreams forgotten, and the returning
of bodies buried, but remembered—of
heroes for whom the bell always folia.
Drake's St. Andraw's is basted, but
its bell still rings. It rang in the
victors of the Aminda and will ting
in the victors again—for those who
nghi with the whole would of free men
on their side will come home at last
in triumphy.

in triumph:

Then we must build together from the effer and from the rock the world that is always unfinished.—a world in which there is bowl for all of us, and a churrl for all of us, and freedom for all of us. We must build a new Plymouth here above the rea, a city of churrher, factories and sown and homes as a monument to the steps and the rock—to the dream of the countless aged to the rey for liberty that has been heard and that has been granted.

### Visitim' Around

(30 Years Ago Hem, Lexington, Ditpatch)

Lexington, Ditpatch)

P. Spanola has purchased a flashy
new automobile—a Hupmobile.

Anyway You Put It 21 Was Tough Luck

(Ash item, Biate Port Pilot)

J. H. Phelps happened to the misfortume to lose a fine Guerniey bull and