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Casey's Pay

Railroad Unions Demand A Modest \$900,000,000

Casey Jones Said, "I want nine hundred million."

It somebody will please tell that guy over on the other side of the round-house to make less noise, we'd like to ask a few questions. Now as we understand it, the railroad brotherhoods and unions are demanding higher wages. You want a total of \$900,000,000 a year added to your wages and salaries.

available information (such as it is) at the end of the seventh week of the Russo-German war. Needless to say, both the Soviet and Nazi spokesmen have demonstrated their ability to minimize their own losses and to maximize their opponent's. It is therefore impossible to accept the admitted losses of either as accurate.

But somewhere between the ridiculous divergent figures there is the truth—a story of slaughter and destruction almost without parallel in history.

Some day, perhaps, will present an accurate picture of what happened when the world's most underrated army came to grips with that of the "master race."

Sequel

Judge Redd's Action Conflicts With His Implied Promises

The lawyers upheld Judge F. M. Redd's authority to fire Mrs. Sarah Ross Houser, Juvenile Court secretary, hence there is no question of legality. As to the reasons for her discharge so soon after the public complaint raised against Judge Redd for letting her go, which his court functioned—in the face of her five years of apparently satisfactory service—they appear to be capricious. Yet sometimes, we know, it is hard for an employer to put in words reasons that may be good enough for his own conscience.

What concerns us more at the moment than the secretary's job is the larger question of Juvenile Court procedure and practices. There was implicit in Judge Redd's statement at the time of the point public session of the City Council and County Commissioners a willingness to be guided not only by the letter but by the spirit of the recommendations drawn up, after thorough investigation, by the Children's Division of the Council of Social Agencies.

This had reference to case workers, we take it, rather than office employees, who are not prepared to contend with the satisfaction with the personnel of Juvenile Court. It seemed to convey in addition a tacit promise to seek the advice and the consent of the City Council and the County Commissioners before he took any such summary action as he has taken in discharging the court's long-time secretary.

In the light of that statement, delivered under stress, the dismissal of Mrs. Houser a few weeks later takes on a somewhat arbitrary appearance, and while we are not prepared to contend that the dismissal should be stayed, we do urge that the Council and Commissioners lose no time in appointing an advisory board of interested persons with which the Judge of Juvenile Court may confer and consult.

Experiments with wood as food have also produced an edible paper. Just the thing, we should say, for the trapped spy who must swallow the blueprint.

A Hitler mouthpiece compares the Fuehrer to our Abraham Lincoln, but gives no date for an emancipation proclamation.

Losses

There's Spice, Agree Berlin And Moscow, in Variety

Table with 2 columns: Losses and Values. Includes entries for RUSSIAN LOSSES, GERMAN LOSSES, and MODERATE.

Russian Britain's Bully Hypocrisy

By Hugh S. Johnson

APPARENTLY the Russians are going to pay for the supplies we are to send them to "beat the aggressors." May-

We started out to help "brave little Finland" against the aggressor and restoring democracy and restoring aggression against this same Soviet Russia. Now she is against us. We with England and America encouraged "democratic" Poland to her help and she is now the aggressor and an equal partner in the aggression turned out to be the same Russia under Comrade Joe Stalin. We are shocked and wrung our hands when one day she has the nerve to invade the Baltic republics. Now that she and his fellow thief, Adolf, are taking the spoils of civilization, who has the nerve to stand up and fight against an aggressor of this kind?

LET US NOT MARRY THE COMMUNITARIANS. In pure colored realism and in view of the perils we are assumed elsewhere, it cannot be assumed that we are going to have Hitler and his kind over some dispute in the division of the spoils of civilization, who has the nerve to stand up and fight against an aggressor of this kind?

One of the reasons why the war-minted men in this country and their British associates have been disappointed in their appeals to our people for overwhelming unity is that they are not transparently sincere in some of their appeals—of which "defending the better life" and "defending the aggressors" are prime examples.

WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH ARMS IN OUR ARSENAL. This is not more a matter of sleep with our hands in our pockets than it is a matter which should be discussed in the open. It is clear to me that we are going to have to supply Stalin's "democratic" army with arms and what-not. We haven't enough for our own army, much less available supply outside of the Pacific. But is it to our advantage to build up a strong solvent force in the United States provinces? It was only a year ago that one of our chief worries was to do this in any way whatsoever close to our shores in the North Pacific. All these recent gestures of ours seem to be the lack all the desirable evidences of sincerity on the one hand or prudence on the other.

All Right You Dogs, Cut It Out, Now. Let us try in the Winston-Salem Sentinel.

"I lady telephoned me the other day and said 'I want you to do something about the dogs barking in this here Ardmore.' This is not my business, I did not say to the lady. 'That's really said, I shall be glad to do it.' 'It's hard enough to go to sleep on a night with no dogs barking and barking you called, too' she complained.

The lady is exactly right, and this column goes on record hereby to say that all dogs in Ardmore who bark at night in any way whatsoever they would be glad to enforce the telephone.

All of this the lady told me on the telephone. 'I have said, and I train him so that he doesn't bark all night and annoy people. Dogs will be trained and all this noise out here ought to be stopped.' The lady is exactly right, and this column goes on record hereby to say that all dogs in Ardmore who bark at night in any way whatsoever they would be glad to enforce the telephone.

Cotton Ed Smith And His Youthfulness. Columbia Review.

LONDON — (By Wireless) — At a luncheon time in the Ritz, the British and Soviet leaders and officials. They say Prime Minister Chamberlain had a bad dinner. They say they surrounded himself with personal friends. They say that he has had a trade union in charge of labor who doesn't push the workers hard enough. They say he has failed in some branches of service.

WHY THE COMMONER LOVES WINSTON CHURCHILL. But the man in the street not only has faith in the Prime Minister, he loves him. He loves him because he speaks the King's English; because he is very brave and because he never lets a word slip from his tongue. The man in the street and in the provinces loves the Prime Minister because he has his eye on Adolf Hitler, and because he is doing his best to keep the English soul, weight the odds with the war. He wants everybody to do his best. He is not being done that ought to be done, but he is not an Englishman, with his eye full of hate, but an eye that takes full appraisal of the enemy. He expects him suddenly to draw his sword in his most casual speech the one and only thing that comes spontaneously. Of the Nazis he takes the stand with blithe confidence. He takes the stand with blithe confidence. He takes the stand with blithe confidence.

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Letters to the Editor

Report on County USO Activities

Editors, The News: In behalf of the Executive Committee of the United Service Organizations for Airmen, I desire to express to you sincere thanks for the generous support The Charlotte News rendered during our recent campaign.

Our total cash collection to date amounts to \$13,068.88; unpaid pledges, \$511; or a total of \$13,579.98. Our expenses to date amount to \$4,792.00. We have retained a working balance of \$100, and \$12,507.98 has been remitted as follows: 30 per cent to the Charlotte Defense Recreation Council \$3,752.39, and 70 per cent to headquarters, United Service Organizations, New York City, \$8,755.59.

TO THE CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY Chest, its officers, and especially its director, Mr. Fred Huffman, who rendered such valuable assistance; to Radio Stations WBT and WSOB for the time allotted by each on the air; to everyone who helped in any way whatsoever, by a word of encouragement; and, last, but not least, to the contributors, those who put their hands down in their pockets and shelled out that our boys might have the moral support of their citizens—we extend grateful appreciation.

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The Silk Situation

Mr. Roosevelt went away and left OPAC and OPAC still giving the inflationary industry conflicting orders about curtailment.

NO COMMON CLEARING HOUSE NOW EXISTS. When the old Defense Advisory Commission was appointed more than a year ago, it met once a week with the President, where conflicts could be talked out and the table. No such meetings occur now. Each defense operator runs his own show and there is no common clearing session around the Presidential Council table, a serious defect of the present operation.

These general statements can be documented by almost any interested official in Washington. They all know how chaotic the situation is. They all say that Mr. Roosevelt will find time and strength when his returns to take hold of this chaos and put some order in it.

Visitin' Around. Down—And Out (Arcadia Item). Lexington Dispatch.

What We Stand Today

Another meeting... President Roosevelt... We are being made in South America. We are being made in South America. We are being made in South America.

OUR TWO-FOLD PURPOSE. TO DEFEND AND TO SUPPLY. Our function as it is seen here, continues in the past to be twofold. First to protect our outposts and to extend them somewhat so that no menacing power obtains a foothold for a jumping-off place against the Western Hemisphere. With that goes the protection of our raw materials in the Far East and the protection of the Philippines. Second, we are a principal arsenal, or expect to be, for those powers ready to attack. These are the two functions—to block any move of shore and not wait until an enemy is approaching our own shores, and to fuel the war effort against the Axis.

THERE WAS NEVER SO MUCH AT STAKE BEFORE. He takes the entire savings of a man, walks up and down on the green lawn somewhere in the country, twenty paces down, back and forth. Such a stake! There were such stakes in the past. In the Russian steppes, the covering men and women in Poland, in the mud-walled villages, the disarmed and the helpless—praying silently to the Anglo-Saxon world to "rescue us" and the price of all this suffering... Our transitory lives... No all of us will grow old.

OUR ABSOLUTE WORK LEAVES MUCH TO BE DESIRED. As to our armed work, there is much to be desired. While dissatisfaction still exists here among businessmen, New Dealers, the Army and the Navy. Here I think President Roosevelt has fallen short. His chronic carelessness in administration becomes a serious handicap. Affairs are frankly in an appalling state. We are saved only by the enormous resources and industrial strength of the country and by the common purpose to produce.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT. He took a child and set him in the midst of them—Mark 9:35. He mutters something to himself and breaks away from the deliberate walk. That speech, he says, "I must finish it."

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