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### A Tragedy

Able Mack Hobson Begins His Career Badly

Tragic is the case of Mark Hobson of Dunn. And the judge who sentenced him to four months in jail must have had a tussle in making up his mind as to exactly what ought to be done with him.

him.

The boy has hung up a brilliant record at the University of North Carolina and had every prospect of a brilliant career before him. He was undoubtedly laboring under the influence of powerful embiguous when he entered the since and pulled out a gum — to shoot himself, he said, in front of the girl, Alease Tart; ahe says to shoot her if she hadri grabbed the gum. And, by some frontie quirk of fate, it is precisely the brilliant who are most liable to violent emotional. who are most liable to violent emotional

On the other hand, and accepting his an account of his purpose (as the judge sen account of his purpose (as the judge seems to have done), his act had endangered a large number of people and re-sulted in the wounding - painful if not solied in the wounding — painful if not dangerous — of two innocent bystanders. And to let him go simply because he is spilliant and because of understanding of the stress under which he operated would be grossly unfair and would set up a peritous precedent. There will be many people, indeed, who will think that the four-mount full term imposed on him was quite inadequake.

him was quite inadequate.

However, it is possible to hope that he will have learned his leasan, which is the main thing. And his punishment is actually far greater than the length of the prison term indicates. He has not perhaps absolutely estopped himself from the realization of his future prospects, but he has certainly loaded himself with a tremendous handlesp to because with a tremendous handlesp to be gin with. For four months in jall is a hard thing to forget or to be forgotten.

### In Checkmate

Japan's Plans Come to Grief On British-U. 5; Agreement

One of the most important results of the Rooseveit deal with Britain is that if frees our hands for a strong policy loward Japan. Since the British may is not to go to Germany under any cir-comstances, we may feel secure in the Atlantic and extend the range of our may's, operations in the Poelle.

Aircady Secretary Holl has taken a firm stand with regard to French Indo-China, and the Japanese are said to have withdrawn an ultimatum to that the province under which they would occupy it while prefending meetly to use it as a passageway to attack China. Our interest in the Far East is much

Our interest in the Far East is much less to protect our possessions and financial interests there—they aren't worth the risk of a fight—than to see that we are respected in the world as a people able and willing to act when necessary, and which means what it says, and to see that the Japanese din not succeed in creating the great Far Eastern slave empire they hope for. Such an empire could and would fitted the world with goods so cheap we could not hope to compete. And it would suarantee that we would have to gight in the end, to keep the Japanese out of South America, upon which they have guite as definite designs as the Naxis themselves.

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Nais themselves.

If we must fight, it would be better to fight before this empire came into existence, not afterward. But chances are we won't have to fight if we move with the vigor and the decision which how seems to be developing.

Japan is actually at our economic mercy. In 1938, for example, the percentage of essential war materials which she got from us was:

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	Scrap iron and steel	90.4
	Ferro-alloys	82.7
	Aircraft and parts	76.9
	manufacture and medicate	85 B
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4	Lead	45.5
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But can accure these things nowhere size, now that England is at war and the continent of Europe is blocked off from the seas. More than that, we are her main customer for her silk, which he must sell in order to raise forcian exchange with which to buy war ma-

errais.

What Japan has counted on has been a swift Nazi knockout of England, remailing in the hasty removal of our navy as the Atlantic. Meantime she has a combed on anti-war sentiment in the

country to insure that the ground for the rapid building of her empire, after England's fall, could safely be prepared by grabbing indo-China and afterwards the Dutch East Indies and Singapore.

the Dutch East Indies and Singapore. The outlook is now a great deal different. And if ahe is faced with the clear understanding that we will set, if necessary, it is not likely that she will try to go ahead with her plans. An encounter with the American many is the last thing Japans wants, for the odds are that ahe would lose. And it the Japanese nany were destroyed Japan would sink back from her present existe of a first-ranking mallon to that of a group of lalands no more important than the Philippines.

### Minority Bule

House Truckles to Pressure With Election in Mind

It is sometimes said that the House is more immediately responsive to the will of the people than the Senate. We have said it ourselves. But the fact is proba-bly only that it is more immediately re-sponsive to organized minority pressure errous.

sponsive to organized minority pressure groups.

Reports out of Washington indicate that the letters and telegrams opposing the draft are reaching Congressmen in larger numbers than those favoring it. That is in direct conflict with the vari-ous opinion polis, the close accuracy of which has been demonstrated, and which indicate that popular sentiment in favor of immediate conscribtion is more than o to one. re is something else which indi-

There is something else which indicates that it is minority pressure groups which are responsible for this—the fact that so many of the letters and telegrams have identical wording.

These minority pressure groups are of many kinds. Bome of them have Communiat and Nazi backing. Others are made up of honest enough but chuckleheaded people.

Is the House soolish enough to believe that they actually represent the majority will? Of course it isn't. Merely Congressmen know that these minority pressure groups will rigidly hold it against them if their will is defied, whereas the unorganized majority is nearly always aure to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always aure to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. In short, for the lineary always are to forget within a few days or weeks. surance of their re-election at the poils in November, it is far safer to flout the

in November, it is far safer to fout the unorganized popular opinion than the organized minority opinion.

And it is precisely on the cynical basis that the House yesterday amended the draft bill to defer conscription for 0 days in favor of the voluntary system which has aiready been tried and found sadily wanting. The 60-day period, you observe, will be just long enough to get the Representatives over the election burdle, after which they can go back to consulting something besides politics for a while.

a while.

It is exactly the sort of thing which has made so many nations abandon the democratic system in disjust.

### One-Job Mars

Post Office and Party Under New Management for a Spell

The name of Frank C. Walker, New York City lawyer and theater-owner, has been sent by the Presidency to the Senale for confirmation as Postmater General. Mr. Walker, a former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, will bring to his new job some of the political aptitude which distinguished Jim Fartheresers, the solors.

apititude which distinguished Jim Parley's carreer in the place.

It is likely, too, that he will make about an good an executive head of the Post Office Department as Jim made, although he may not be quite so inscribing at explaining away the perennial deficits.

But in any case, for the moment at least the country may enjoy the univasual circumstance of a Post Office Department being run by a man who is not at the same time bis parity's political overseer.

With the suggestion that war veta be pressed into home guard duty, let any potential inwader be warried. Hell hath no fury like a ban of water dropped from an upstairs window of a convention betel.

Though scarcely more than a youth, Mel Ott celebrates his fifteenth year with the New York Chants. He is commonly believed to be the first white child born on the Polo Grounds.

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St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Potes) With the view expressed in this editorial. The view, as its raders have, is not in agreement. We do not think required to the properties of the view of th Mr. Robsevelt today committed act of war.

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Secretly, his Secretary of State, Mr. Hull, entered into an agreement with the secretary of the secretary negotiated agreement and consummated yesteroly, Spet. 3.

Today Congress is informed of the agreement, Note well the secretary of t

SAY MOVE WAS

Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

He hands down an edict that may eventually result in the agedding of the blood of millions of Americans; that may result in transforming the United States into a goose-stepping, regimented slave state.

slave state.

Under our Constitution, treaties with foreign powers are not legal without the advice and consent of the Senate. This treaty, which thatory may define as the most momentous one ever made in our history, was purt-over without abting the Senate either for its advice or its consent.

vice or its consent.
The authority which the President quotes for his fâlal and servicel is no opinion from the Aitomey-General. Whatever I earl the property of the destroyers is not only investigation of American laws, but is also in violation of the Hague Covenant of 1997, spicinary stuffled by the United States Senate 1998, it is no outright act of war.

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war debts owed to us by France and Britain.

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# Letters to the Editor:

# Raps County WPA Deal

Dear Bir:

It is noted that Mecklenburg County, by an act of the County Commissioners, goes into partner and the County Position of the County Position of the County Position of the County Position Population in the County Position Population of the County Position Population of the Pederal taxpayers of \$3,100.

WPA found it necessary only a week ago to terminate a some what similar postnershould the County's Health Department had been using wPA above for months and months, unlawfully, in digging pits and resutting pristed over the county, reporting them county in the County's the County of the County Position County Position, almost in its entirety, covered simple maintainance, for which no provision under the law existed.

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where the pression that the designation of the state parents in code of either exists between times contracting parties. Ordinarily it is customary for one party to be reluctant to enter time a second contract with an other times as expected to the state of the sta

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### An Open Letter to Robert Reynolds

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feelly as the wild flerce ilon from the forest would, have done. Since you are on the Millary Committee I feel that you will remain the flerch to the press, but the press to crowded it may not have room for it; but the reporters will put it in and the poople will get it to them. The man the poople will get it to them. The millar to the press that the poople will get it to them.

### Judge Howard Praised For Weighing Evidence Dear Sir:

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With all due respect to all officers, let, them beware that all
judges will charge their juries
shat the defendant is entitled to
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when the officers take the authority to abolian the homerable courts' decision, then there is no need to tax the County with juries and judges and use the Counthouse and judis for both the counthing where they cased them. Judge Howard does not use partiality or prejudice with any criminal. Peachland, N. C.

### A Tribute to David F. Houston

David F. Houston

Dear Sir:

North Carolina and the nation mourn today the passing of an eminent and distinguished public servant, David Franklin Houston.

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New York City.

Whether therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Corinihians 18:31.

### Side Glances



"Mom, if we're put in the world just to help other people, what are the other people here for?"

# On These?

By William L. White

in peace time. Our arms industry, when we get one, will be that portion of America's total industry which can be converted to manufacture armanents, probably about 25 per cent will be relatively unaffected by the war proparations, while a profit must spend piles of money valooling and take a protty big fake on wer contracts which may look piley for the moment, but which will be instantly canceled the minute peace looms

in sight.

## WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER IS PER CENT?

OTHER 18 PER CENT?

In this heardons 12 per tent is our peacetime aviation industry, which must retool to make bembers and fighters. It includes our peacetime sited industry which must retool to forge artiflery, and our peacetime submodule industry, which must retool to make tanks. But now what about the other 78 per cent of American industry, which, which must retool to make tanks.

Dub now what socks the doubte-per cent of American Industrial-likelity, will probably set increased busi-ness due to general war activity. In-which won't have to do must restoring the probable of the probable of the This includes the hard part of the which will be willing men and mus-terial business and the sec-tive utilities, cost, gas, all, the tood industry. One clothing industry, and dozens of others.

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No American butiness will remain completely untouched by war. Due to the general increase in activity which war brings, atmost every industry and butiness in the land would do an increased volume. The lucky 75 per cent can handle it without much plant expansion, and so stand to drag down a sweet little profit. Bince they don't make plantes, tanks, or artillery, restoring is unnecessary. Hight now they are being very quiet about this. They stand curiously sight hoping to excape notice while every half-baked reformed itsulinit in the land is baviling furtously against the "Merchinis of Death," by which he means the remaining 25 per cent of our findustry which will be forced to restori

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MADE TO CONTRIBUTE
Now I am for the "conscription of wrestlin," whatever that guidy phrasemans. To me it desert mean forcing 23 per cent of American industry to beer all the expenses and risks of plant contression for our defense needs, with other 15 per cent of an quiety place in the dought. I am for wrestly the cole and risks over all american business and industry through uniform plott texation.

I am for "conscription of wellin" into several week base been conscription to the constitution to provide for a Federal income loss, since which date breathers have been a phaged nickel or a long paper dailer in the land which couldn't be called into public service at the rook of these Sam's finger.

Of course, in that 25 per cent of our industry which will make numiticate of war, there are scalawags and profileers. They can be dealt with through the Covernment's implied powers to condem third plants. But what is so pure about the remaining 75 per cent why cent they halp carry the load?

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### When It Began

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"Unless the practice of women drinking at bars is supposed it may bring about
a revulsion of public feeling which may
result in a return of prohibition," declaras a New York judge who ham't heard that it was during problidition that women learned to drink at bars.

### Visitin' Around

(Finger Item, Concord Tribune)
Theims Mauldin spent the week and
with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milas
Mauldin.

### Advantages of Higher Education

(Churchland Hem, Lexington Dispatch)
To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Koonis, a
daughter, Clenda Carrol. Mr. and Mrs. daughter, Glenda Carrol. Mr. and Mrs. Koonis have several other children, two of them through high school.

### Yesh, and It Will Do Concord Good

Yeah, and it Will De Cencerd Good Pfunger Item. Concerd Thisma).

The "Old Fathim Mother." a three-sat play, was given at Millingpor Kiph chool Setudday night. A large queed attending the play yave lots of fun and lengther as well as many jeers. It was a religious pily and we have heard that it is being lasten to Concord and if any-one arer gate the chance to see the play, don't lum it down, as it is well worth more than it coes to see,