

A Lady In A House Divided

OUR old pin-up girl, Democracy, has had a hard week in Raleigh. Somehow she got caught right in the middle of the wet ruckus as the liquor referendum hearding the same old disheveled, with the taint of the grape on her breath. When it was over she looked not unlike The Lady Known As Lou. She had been badly used, in that tug-of-war.

witness likened this thwarting of the Dry spirit in the State to the Hittite resentment of North Carolina. He made it clear that the principles on which State and Nation were founded made a referendum imperative. Most listeners agreed they made out a pretty good lady turned up in company with the Wets before the same committee—though in a smaller room. This time she was hailed not quite so loudly, but with equal fervor.

One More Vote Will Tell

THOUSANDS of Tar Heels, we suppose, have already concluded that the General Assembly is anti-labor. These citizens, chiefly soldiers in the ranks of organized labor, had only to note the quick message of the anti-closed shop bill by the House and reflect upon its likely approval by the Senate. These had more reason than anyone else to be suspicious of House pro-labor legislation.

When it came to a new round of the old prohibition fight which has raged intermittently in North Carolina since 1715, the spirit of freedom, with all man's inalienable rights throbbing behind her, was inevitably enlisted in both camps. We have not only the law stack no winning blows for either side. We're afraid that the liquor question, as always, will have to be settled on some other basis. Principles of Democracy and precepts of religion are not the proper weapons for the problem we face at the moment. As a substitute, how about horse sense, of which Referendum Author George Popenky is usually such an ardent and outspoken devotee?

People's Platform The Mayor Answers Critics

Editors, The News: YOU have had quite a few letters in your paper from members of the Air Reserve Association criticizing the City of Charlotte for its operation in providing facilities at Morris Field for the Air Reserve.

you have to leave your buggy occasionally to look around for other items. I had put my dry cleaning bag in the bottom basket, and when I went to check out and pay my bill my dry cleaning was gone.

Brotherhood

Editors, The News: EVIDENTLY laboring under acute misapprehensions, Mr. A. W. Black's recent surreptitious attempt to direct a "racial" slogan and subsequent uncomplimentary reflections upon "liberals," who, by way of inference and innuendo, he sought to associate with Communism, is the sort of crass enormity typical of Fascist thinking, and is but another contributing factor to sustain evidence supporting the fact that the monstrosity of Fascism is not dead, as mistakenly assumed, but is very much alive and active, manifesting in various and diversified forms.

Liquor, Liquor

Editors, The News: QUINE one Elva M. Horton has written me a personal letter, sending it through your good paper's editorial staff, asking me to write a small space that I might answer. Now Elva, you say my statement was unfounded. I have the facts that Good Old Westmoreland has twice, not more, voted, not majority against that old dem "whisky" or else there would be liquor stores all over Charlotte.

Who You Say's Delinquent?

IT has lately become the fashion to go behind juvenile delinquency, and blame the failure of the modern American family on what goes by the name of parental delinquency. Judge Marion Reed of Charlotte's Juvenile Court was an early and ardent exponent of that theory—and clings to it yet. The notion is spreading and growing.

when uttered by some fat-jowled "expert," some wrinkled old roue, or some old gal who has been a little behind her. "The gals of today are all right. They will marry you, and you'll have a family of four youngsters, and every time they will have to change a pair of diapers they will send for me and I'll have to change them. Things we want 'em to think about and talk about now. Then they will grow old and expect us to take care of them behind her."

Another Voice

Chore Boy, Of Course

THE people of the country have wondered how the standard, State-like Oregon, a United States Senator, does not sneeze when the Plunderbund takes snuff. The answer is that Professor Morse got in on the Roosevelt wave because the Standpat Republicans didn't know they could elect him. They believed Morse would forget his excursions into New Deal measures, as had most Republicans who went out with TR in 1912. But the Oregon Senator seems to have been vaccinated by keeps with when Morse spoke out against some reactionary—near-Fascist—policy most National Congressmen were favoring.

That sounds like George Norris when he learned that the Republican Party be grandpa. Why don't they admit we were crying in the wilderness. Norris found that the only hope for serving the masses was to vote for Roosevelt and cooperate with him to save Muscle Shoals and electric monopoly rule. Morse is due to follow that course if he sticks to his declarations. George Norris was repudiated and kicked out of office by the Republicans because he did not take orders from the Plunderbund. That will be the fate of Morse if he persists in opposing the control of government by the big grafters who contribute to Republican campaign funds, Raleigh News & Observer.

Advice

I WENT shopping yesterday. I got my dry cleaning from the shop, and then went into one of the big grocery stores to do some shopping. Now you know

Remedying Spilt Milk

THERE is no use crying over spilt milk, unless you can save the milk. There is no use crying over the tragedy of Greece, plus warnings of what was to come, was spelled out during the time on S. message to the Senate, and we should review carefully those we did in the past.

WASHINGTON THE other day a Middle-Western manufacturer was talking about the problems he faces in this postwar period. He is a partner in a family business with a pay roll of about 1,000, and he has been under great pressure to merge with one of several large corporations.

He likes his independence. Merger is the last thing he wants. Yet he has to give in and accept one of the very handsome offers that come from the big works of the loyal and active Republican, Middle-Westerner was defending the proposed 20 percent across-the-board income tax cut. It is essential, he argued in a sincere and somewhat aggravated fashion, to give some relief to the man in the upper tax brackets. He is being squeezed, so the argument ran, and is surrendering to the insistent pressure to merge.

WHAT HE FEARS In the course of the conversation, the man mentioned the independent industrialist really feared was the inheritance tax. He foresees his death with the force of the sale of his stock in order to pay that tax. This, in turn, might mean loss of the bottom basket, and when I went to check out and pay my bill my dry cleaning was gone.

So much depends upon the aggrieved industrialist, "on the interrelations of the various items of the budget" in Washington. For example, I ought to be able to sell my stock at a profit of 25 percent, and thereby accumulate sufficient liquid capital to meet the inheritance tax. But I'm not at all sure I can do that under the present nature of the Internal Revenue Code.

THIS discussion points up the process some obvious things swallowing the little fishes—that has been going on as an end result of the war. But it points up even more clearly the nature of our Federal tax structure which, like an idiot Topsy, has just "grown" here, there and everywhere. Periodically in the long since forgotten days of the New Deal, subject of taxes would come up at President Roosevelt's press conference.

WASHINGTON THE name of Yorktown, Virginia, sits the blood of every patriotic American. It was there that George Washington led his army to George Washington's decisive victory over the British in the next step was to write a Constitution and establish a new country.

FOOTSTOL MONUMENT Now, however, this monument to Washington and his army of soldiers in grave danger of being converted into a footstool to the proposed new high-level bridge across the river.

2 MILLION SAVING On the other hand, the suggested low-level bridge near the mouth of the river would cost to build \$2,000,000 in addition to about \$500,000 for approaches. The cost of the high-level bridge would run close to \$3,000,000 plus an undetermined sum for the approach to the river.

ATHENS—'A Conquered City' THESE seeds of turmoil sprouted until U. S. tanks, loaded to the British, were ridding the streets of the city. At the time U. S. Ambassador Alexander Kirk called the State Department an unscrupulous and unprincipled power. He said the British, perhaps the most amazing orders ever sent regarding a nation which fought with us as an ally.

THE Secretary of State Stettinius was so stumped by the United States of Great Britain during the war that he issued a public statement divorcing the United States from British meddling in Greece—just the reverse of what President Truman is doing today.

Drew Pearson's : U. S. Will Foot British Bill In Greece

WASHINGTON PRESENTED TRUMAN is planning either a special message to the nation asking for between \$250,000,000 and \$350,000,000 to be appropriated for him and which he will pass on as a direct loan to Greece.

Merry-Go-Round

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