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#### Cock-Doodle-Doo!

interiously the poorest soldiers in world, the Chinese are putting up an astonishingly valiant and sucul resistance around Shanghai seem suddenly to have found tions and they are so tickled very that they really can fight that they are hopping on so nient fence, flapping ngs and crowing a good, loud crow fem to General Sun Yun-lian nonanding the Chapet defenses:

"We have found the Japanese infantrymen poor fighters, and it widom requires much effort to defeat them in hand-to-hand combat."

told wet this low opinion of the Jan againing men is of a piece with H. Ir. Misnicken's hypothesis, previously re-commend here, that the Japa might or might not be first-rate scrappers by that they had never had to prove it against a first-rate adversary. In many case, it is something to hear the Chinese boast of their superiority, and we take at that Russia is listen-thig with intervet. men is of a piece with H. Ir.

#### Straining at Gnats

One way for the occupants of a midding to get the fire insurance specious in a great state of agitaa is to stor tion is to store ten gallons or so or paosition on or above the surface of the ground. There is a City ordinance against it. And common sense is against it. The insurance, poole are rabid on the subject. Which seems to point to its utterly sound judgment of Fire Chief. Bendrix Palmer in moving for an ordinance controlling the basiting of quantities of gasoline. The part of the control of the c

Seas, through the City streets.

Gasolins is a powerful explosive,
and for confirmation of that are
the claims of any oil company. It
is highly infiammable, and it several thousand gallons of it caught
for in the heart of Charlotte there
would be the devil to pay. To would be the deril to pay. To embed and strictly enforce ordinances which concern the storage of small emantities of this liquid fame while at the same time permitting 500 thems as much of it to be moved at fair speed through the intrest is an abundity in public safety sufficient to fair any cittlen—provided, by the grace of Providence, the samine document fair him first.

### There She Is

It is curious, as we have remarked own time to time, how in any table t the 48 States in the order of their salth, wealth, behavior and general nd culture, North Carolina is be found in 42nd place or close by It is almost invariable; hence it is

his a imnost invariable; hence it is or surprise, upon receipt of a table litting the Biates in the order of their per capita life incurrance, to died this Brate in dist position.

The average North Carolinian carties 186575 insurance on his life. For all our heralded progress, for a vasuated ambitton and well-being, for our firsts in the manufacture of the control of the contro ar, mice and kaolin clays, \$386.76 She value which we are able to E upon our lives. This is no ping the life insurance business. North welloisns, we imagine, buy as set insurance as they can afford, d.H. comes to \$386.75 apiece.

forty-first place.

Do we deride? Heaven forbid! We merely point to where we're at. When we realize that, we'll know where to start up from

# Sour loke

For a half-hour or more Saturday morning an Associated Press teletyper rattled out except after except from newspaper editorials on Mr. Justice Black's foot-to-the-fire that of the night before. From New York, Miami, Richmond, Buffalo, Springfield Chiesen Tarents New York, Miami, Richmond, Buf-riao, Springheid, Chicago, Terre Isaue, Detroit and dorens of other blaces these comments rame, and the remarkable thing about them was that they were unanimous in deprecating the whole business of his nomination, confirmation and Klan atatement as lamentable. Their tenor ranged from outrage to sheer embarrasament.

imbarrasiment.

It is probable that there are a see newspapers with no slight obection to Black and the circumtances of his appointment to the
impreme Court, and beyond that it
as been demonstrated before that newspapers, for the most part representative disfavor toward Black is proof, un-deniably, that he takes office today on the Supreme Court and the coun-try, with the result that a Supreme Court Justice was made the butt

#### That Extra Something

City Treasurer L. L. Ledbetter went to Boston last week to at-tend a convention of the Municipal Finance Officers, and while up in that neck of the woods he decided it would be a good thing to run over to New York and do a little over to New York and do a little missionary work for the City of Charlotte. Four days he spent making the rounds of the bond houses, banks and financial reporting services, exhibiting the City's financial statements, telling aware.

ing services, exhibiting the City's financial statements, telling services, exhibiting the City's financial statements, telling every-body what good shape it was in and how well run, answering questions and in general, we take it, calling the attention of these men of the money center to the City's bonds as an A-1 investment. This we consider most only good business but downright smart. It will probably save the City some money, and when you save on bond issues of any size, you save a lot. "Charlotte?" these bond brokers and buyers will say to themselves when a new issue cross out. 'Charlotte?' these bond brokers and buyers will say to themselves when a new issue cross out. 'Charlotte?' these bond brokers and long was painting such a pretty picture of. Better look into this." This lant't the first time Mr. Led

picture of. Better look into this."
This lan't the first time Mr. Ledbetter has endeavored to advertise the City's credit, nor is it likely to be the last. Evidently he makes a point of handling the City's business as shough it were his own, which adds the quality of 'estineters' of frequently lacking in the administration of everybody's business. We think he and his associates down at City Hall deserve a hand.

### Hard, and Perhaps Fair

It's a good thing the localities had to take over direct relief from the Federal Government, also Mius Lillie Davia, welfare officer of Harnett County, would be called on the carpet. If FERA were still functioning under Messer Harry Intelligian, and Mias Lillie were playing jet to Harry's carburelor. The lady undoubtedly would either have to awaltower wurkaday nibitosonly or looke the work of the lady undoubtedly would either have to awaltow. vorkaday philosophy or lose her

would either have to awallow her workaday philosophy or lose her place.

This hypothetical situation comes about because Miss Lillie subscribes to that ancient Southern doctrine, Root, hog, or die. Among the relief cilents, present and prospective, of Harnett County she found a number of human razorback who would not go into the fields and pick cotton for less than a dollar a hundred libs, who'd pick a couple of days and live on their wages the rest of the week, who were on part time work relief and refused to bestir themsackyes, further. O. K. said. Alies Lillie, outdone; but "these same people will run to the Welfare Department for food and clothing this winter and will get nothing, because we will not help them under any circumstances."

The hard-and-fatness of this at-

comstances."
The hard-and-fairness of this at-The hard-said-fatimes of this stitude will appeal to most of us who are acquainted with the shiftlesomes of the farm labor supply and who know how important it is that the cotton be pited and how little the cotton be pited and how little there is a nother side. Poor things, there is a nother side. Poor things, they haven't got very fee under their countries of the countries of managing to get by on relief, why, they are still in Bulkacter. At any

rate, we aren't sure that either Mr. Harry or Miss Lillie has precisely the right ides, and we're glad we don't have to solve the problem ourself, not today, anyhow, for it's a siumper.

### LET'S KEEP ON WRITING

By ECOR 8. JOHNSON

NEW YORK CITY.—The policy of
Secretary Hull in these undeclared
wars and flagrant violations of what
might now be haughtneyly called international law is to protest every outrage
and keep this country's position clear

national decency. not like Woodrow

mot like Woodrow Wilson's protests to Cermany which all contained a velled 'or else' rucked away as members in the writing. There were so many 'or clear before the series was complete that snything short of a good gunning would have made this country ridiculous. The Wilson notes themselves left us no other out but war. That was possible. There was a tikes

left us no other out but war.

That was possible. There was a place
in France to fight, enough protected
transportation to get there, and at least
a fair chance of winning after we arrived. Mr. Hull's problem is different.
Mr. Wilson's "or else" notes began to Mr. Wilson's 'or clies' notes began to look sity before he was through with tham. If Mr. Ifull went in for 'or-claing,' it would look slily before he be-gan. We have no good place to fight Japan, no way to get to the poor place there is, and no fair prospect of win-ning declaisely if we were ever saps enough to start.

works BOTH WAYS
Seven thousand miles of sea-water is
a great protection for the "little Jags,"
as we used fondly to call the adfron
pets when they were fighting Russia.
Gettling an army across the Allantie with
the German Navy bottled up and all the
toose shipping of the world turned over
to us was bad enough. Trying to get a
sufficiently large army across the Pacific to fight Japan would be impossible.
You can simott see the southernmost

cintic to fight Japan would be impossible. You can aimost see the southermost island of Japan from the northermost pland of the Philippines. My distunded classmate, Philippine Pried Marshal General MacArthur, desert, astrong the word of the Philippine Islands to make fifth of the principle of t NOT, THAT!

Of course, we could out Japan of from all shipments of American goods, including cotton—and when you say that, amile. Mr. Wallace's farm policy has already deprived the South of for eigh marketa for 3,000,000 bales of cot-ton. Japan is one of its principal re-maining export markets. The agricultural South is still geared to cotton and almost as dependent on its export as a seal is on fish. That would be just like getting so mad at a man that you bits

There remains the single slim altern tive—a naval war on commerce. Per-haps the United States alone rould start a sort of world-wide rat hunt for every merchant ship that flies the Sun flag. Maybe England would help us but that it is not likely because Hitler is Japan's ally and Mussolint's bedfellow and England needs all her Navy to watch the Mediterranean and the Balti she did help us she would want a fer billions on lick, as she did twenty year ago. It would be chraper to buy

Japan has a nice, nest navy of he unpain mas a rire, neat many of her own, almost as large as ours. Our world commerce compares with hera as three to one—three times as many targets on the water as Japan offers. There is no percentage in that. It would be interminable and indecisive. Let's just take it out in writing notes.

### A Great Convenience

Now that the State Highway Patrol-men have been given radios, they will not have to stop in country filling stations to listen to the ditto:

# Visiting Around

Can He Bull Over 2007 (Cliffside Rem, Forest City Courier)
We hear there is a champion cotton picker in Alexander.

RGH a Little Wysk in the Base Sec-tion, Though
(Rutherford County News)
Our church is growing in member-ship and our singing is improving.

No Need to Explain Why She Liked (Inquiring Reporter, Western Caroline Tribune)

Question:

Who are your favorite movie actors?
Kate Dotson:

I like Robert Taylor and I like the
Marx Brothers. I think they are numer.

### Skeptical Of A Census By Post Cards

He's Afraid That Five Millions More Are To Be Spent For No Practical Purpose.

Dear Sir: John D. Biegers, who has been an

pointed to conduct a census of the un-employed in the United States between now and December 1 speaks in contra-

tess," he says. Then he says, "The Post Office Department will handle the disto 21,000,000 families." There will be no compulsion or administration of oaths. Anyone unemployed will simply drop the government a postal card letting it know of that sad fact, and when

Mr. Biggers was right in saying that it will be a "real challenge to our system of government if we can get people to do something voluntarily." But \$1,000,000 heart been placed in his hands to challenge our system of government. He is supposed to take a census of the unmiproyed. Imagine taking a census of population by mail. It would seem that \$5,000,000 its going to be spent in vain.

C. N. POGUE. Charlots.

#### To Paste in Your Hat

(Baltimore Evening Sun)
In his Bonneville Dam speech yester-day, kir. Roosevelt made a passing refer-ence to a subject which though dull is mportant.' Said ha:

mportant. Said he:

Under our laws the President submix to the Congress an annual budget—a budget which, by the way, we
hope to have definitely balanced by
the next fiscal year.

This is not the first reference to simiar hopes which the President has ex-

pressed. Back in 1934, in the middle of his first term, he told Congress that

By September, 1934, that plan was be June 20, 1937.

Last September, fust a year ago, it became evident that the date of the balancing was again to be postponed. The balance was still "In atght" but the balance was still "in sight but the cropping up of a certain number of rather important "ife" made it neces-sary to postpone the actual balancing until the fiscal year in which we now find ourselves, which will end June 30,

So you can see that the President's hope, expressed yesterday, really means that the balance will not, after all, be attained this facal year but that it has

attained this faces, year but that it has been postponed again until the fiscal year which ends in June, 1939. Well, there you are. If your faith is still unshaken, you can tear out the dates you have previously pasted in your hat and paste in this new one.

### Hunters and Trespassers

Hunters and acceptance (Farrat City Courier)
"I don't like this hunting season coming on," said one of our farmer friends the other day—asys the Oaffney Ledger. "Not that I object to hunting," he considered "I like to hunt myself, But it "Not that I object to nuture," as con-tinued. "I like to hunt myself. But It seems as though these so-called aporta-men are getting worse and worse. The figure that their hunting iteems gives them more rights on my land than I have myself."

have myself.

We've heard other farmers tell about losing positry, about cattle being injured with nns shot, about the fellow who shot a rabbit almost in the barnyard, and about broken fenera, gates left open, and damage of conaderable amount following rach expedition of hunters. Fortunately it is only the few, the very small minority of hunters, who are responsible for these depredations. But the sorry part is that all hunters are blamed.

It is these violations of the rules of common decency, this wanton disregard of the farmer's own land that have prompted the appearance of thousands of "No Hunting" signs. Hunters who

of 'No Nunting' signa. Hunters who find the country closed to them have only some of their own kind to bisme. To those of our readers who like to hunt we therefore suggest extreme care in reepasting upon the property of someone else. Before you go across a field be sure that you first secure permission. Before you wander through woodlols, you had better make some in-quiry as to the ownership of the land.

### Early Training

Rufe Pickett, Moore County News)
Bennie told me about a conductor who would write such long messages that the dispatcher told him to be more brief. Well, the dispatcher saked him about a dosen things in one meanim about a dosen things in one nea-sage, and he wired back, "Yes." The dispatcher wired, "Yes, what?" And then, remembering his early training.

# BELIEVE IT OR NOT & a Printer Come. By Ripley on request, such statement and statement



AN IRIGUMAN BURNED WASHINGTON—Major-depres Robert Ross of Restreem, Ireland (1778-1818) commanded the English brigate which was victorious in the battle near Bladenshung on August 44, 1814. He took Washington that same verning, and burned all its public buildings. Including Congress Reperter Control Washington and the White House, He was mortally wounded in the battle near Baltimore, where he died on September 12, 1816.

### IT SEEMS TO ME

"EVERYBODY talking about Heaven I see, "Armed Band Wrecks Strike and "grine there." So runs the Headquarters," "Mayor Bans Outlake spiritual. And so runs the world, for Addition," "Olde Wann Police Against there are those who prate of liberty, ex-



spiritual. And so runs the world, for there are those who piral of liberty, excitol freedom, dedicate themselves to democracy and yet more precisely in the composite direction. Some of these days long to piral to piral or dock chilium are going to piral to piral or dock chilium are going to piral to piral or dock chilium are going to piral to piral or dock chilium are going to piral to piral or dock chilium are going to piral to piral or dock chilium are going to dock chilium are dock the must fear those who would lead the way.

And most of all we must fear those who gwill are docked to the fight and the piral or docked particular to chark docked the western world caused the appartitions of their own creation to chark deletably and then cried out. "We alone can exercise these evit subtles." eried out, "We alone can exercise these

### RIS VERY WORDS

And practitioners of the same sort of black magic parade before us in America. Oh, yes; they hate Hitler and all his works, but they use his very words and generously adopt his devices.

words and generative acopy in aggres.

Hardly had I expected to hear again about "the nationalization of women."

Fastism has made its women no more than kine set to the task of hearing calves for the munitions market.

There was an Hallan mother who lost here there are in the carried to have

her three sons in the crusade to I rivilization to Ethiopia, and Muss

her three sons in the criticade to bring eivilization to Ethlopia, and Mussolini honored her in the cruise of a great rective. He patied her check, Pathapa he gave her a lump of augar.

The Faschi leaders flightened the middle classes by pretending to believe that the trade unionists were about to murder each praceful citizen in his bed on the first infairt the morn disped below the clouds, And here we have those who profess to subor this Nasti chief and all his works, and yet play his game, by labeling every progressive inovenent in labor as a Red menace. The very spinal column of democracy lies in the faith that government must serve the needs and necessities of this masses of maintend, I am not contend from the contend of the consistency of the third words of the many, the men and women who celebrate such rule as Facilitation and women who celebrate such rule as Faciliation and women, who celebrate such rule as Faciliation and women, who celebrate such rule as Faciliation and women, who celebrate such rule as Facilitation and contends to the many, the men and women, who celebrate such rule as Facilitation and the contends and

Strong Hand." Are these a proper part of the record of democracy?

There have been those who stood in crowded halls and carned applicate by baring the breast and declaring against all "foreign isms," and many of these very men are the instigators of "citizens committees" and espionage and "flave

committees and successful and save America" societies. But the masses of America want democracy and will have it. God's chillun will put on their shoes and dance all over God's heaven. Some of these

### She Flew Through the Air

(Fayetterille Observer)

A fall story told often enough event-ually becomes accepted as fact and if one can only wait long enough he's pret-ty apt to see said fall story repeated in

ty apt to see said tail story repeated in fact.

One is reminded in this connection of the story about the little gith thirty-forty years ago at Morehead City. Her father was about to buy her a balloon, when the peddier in making change or some nither sufficient reason handed his big bunch of gas balloons to the little gith, the knotted attrings became tangled about her wrist, came a gust of wind and up in the air and out to sea went. hall game, gitt and all.

And all would have been lost had not been some sufficient of the suffice of the raging main the canoe was directly beneath her.

This was "Big News" at the turn of the century and to this day there are those who are not convinced it was a hoaz. We wish we had the names and hoax. We wish we had the names and further details available, but without doubt they will be in the next mailing of exchanges ably supplied by our elders who were in on the ground-floor of this magnificent piece of piotiering in im-aginative press agentling.

aginatic preas agenting.
And why do we mention it now?
For no other good reason than that
it replica actually happened resirring
at Old Orchard, Maine, when a news
photographer, was suddenly bottle slott
in a 30-bag balloon, only to be brought
back it safety by the greek shooling of
Rev, James J. Muller, a Oatholje priest.

### The Test

"(Norfolk Virginian-Pilat)
Although the rain beat down on his face during his speech at the outdoor reception to Mussolini, Hiller finished it without a change in expression. Them his of whache, after all, must be real.

# Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years
Age From Files in the
State Library at Raleigh

OCTOBER & 1862

There is no very startling news by the papers this morning. What there is is good.

We are very sorry to say that We are very sorry to any that the telegraphic dupatches received at. Raleigh, report disaster at the flouth, report disaster at the flouth presenter form Raleigh this morning report the reception of a dupatch that form. Yen Dorn has been defeated at Corinth. And a gentleman at Raleigh adds the following to a telette received by one of the editors of this paper this morning.

"But news from the Bouth. Van Dorn has been bedly whipped. Very great staughter."—Fayetteville Observer.

### TRIED REGIMENT UNFORTUNATE

The Third Regiment has been po-cultarly unfortunate, in the loss of both officers and men. At Hichmond Con-Gaston Meares was killed; he was sucreeded by Lieutenant Colonel this prother-in-law) William L. De Rosset, heather-in-law: William L. De Roaset, and in the very next bettic, that at Sharpsburg, he too fell, wounded in the high, it was hoped not mercially but we regret to hear that he has alnce died at the wound. They were both excellent officers, brave and skillful. The samilies of both have been deeply affected; two brothers in each family have failure, to asy nothing of the loss of near relatives—Bayetteville. Observer.

#### MCCLELLAN ON HIS AND OUR LOSSES

On the 29th uit. General McClellan aent a long dispatch to his governments stating his losses at Boonsbore and Sharpshurg, on the 18th and 11th of September at 2.443 killed and 1.122 wounded and Life missing. Total LEPAS, III et lets this in a few lines and then devotes three or four times as must space to the Confederate locace which be stime up at 4500 killed, 18,742 wounded and 5000 pronones, Including 1,200 wounded, "It may be safely concluded, therefore (says he list the rebal army, lost at least thirty thousand of their best troops during the campaign might space of the confederate rounded and Lill missing. Total 14,798,

Maryland."

All this may be very satisfactory by the Yunkees last wender shelder they will not be winder the store entire entire entire entire entire entire to eat the store entire the table to eat this are the store entire to eat the store that the store entire the store that the sone white the lost 100,000, why, we, say like the tool action; enough to attack the gain; at winchester! His sature to follow on a decided a stature stress the follow up so decided a victory gives the life to his whole story of lower, which might be more nearly correct if reserved, vis: Yankee lose, 20,000; Cupie fadequale lose, 14764—Physichyttis Cupie factors.