Smoke on the Horizon

### THE CHARLOTTE NEWS And Evening Chronicle

legger. But the ABC authorities are ob-viously out to put them down with a stern hand, if the thing is humanly

neem name, it the thing is intensity possible.

One thing is clear, at any rate. Under the legal set-up, there is an agency which is actively concerned with lighting the growth of illielt trade. In so-called dry territory, the local police are, supposed to be similarly concerned, of course. But, with other and generally more important taxis before them, they are invariably inadequate to the taxic. Can you imagine a round-up of \$30 bootleggers in Chiertotter Certainly not, though there are handred of them

though there are hundreds of them

And if you really want to appreciate

And if you really want to appreciate the working of the two systems, just try to imagine Fort Bragg located near Charlotte—with the flood of new botleggers super-imposed on the army which has already had so sinister an effect upon the life of the clty. If suybody seriously supposes that the local police could cope with that situation, he supposes that Mrs. Partington had a simple and easy task in conquering the Atlantic with her broom.

He Becomes Increasingly

Open Game In Charlotte

The body of the woman killed in front of the Selwyn Hotel Tucsday night was picked up fitteen feet beyond the crosswalk at West Trade and Church. So was her injured son.

The man who struck them at first denied that he was driving the car, ad-mitted he was only after extensive ques-

soning.

We have no disposition to pre-judge the case. Possibly, the dead woman and the boy were jaywalking, though no evidence to that effect has appeared. And perhaps the driver of the death car was just unduly frightened in his details.

denials.

Nevertheless, it is clear under any view that the car in queation was being operated at a speed which was wholly mompatible with the safety of pedestrians. Even jaywalking on the part of a pedestrian does not give an automobile driver carte blanche to kill him. On the contrary, the driver is under the duty of constantly bearing the probability of jaywalkers in mind.

But it is not only jaywalking that endangers the pedestriant's life in this town. It is worth his neck to step into the street at a proper intersection on the green light, though he is legally supposed to have the right of way.

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A practice has grown up under which impatient drivers apply a burst of speed just as the light turns, and whips around the corner to head off pedestrians. Then others follow, bumper to bumper. Result is often that the pedestrian cannot cross the street at all or must cross it by leaping and jumping like a kangarou-usually to find himself caught in the middle as the light turns again.

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The Bupreme Court of North Carolina has explicitly defined the automobile as a deadly weapon. And anybody who uses it in this reckless fashion is poten-

Snide Game Republicans in Congress

Put Their Politics First

With the exception of Senator Austin

and a few others, the Republican Party is pulling on an exhibition of obstruc-

tionism in Congress which more than justifies the impatience Mr. Clapper ex-pressed in his column yesterday.

Among them, as among the Demo-crats, are a few honest isolationista-fe, men with a vested interest in the localionist position or pacifials-radicals from the Middle West, who have now jurned appears and want to buy Hitler off by betraying Britain.

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- But the overwhiming majority of them are simply bitter-end partisans who are out to sabolage the polley of the Administration, who would be out to sabolage any possible polley of the Administration. They are toolationists and appeasers simply because the Demoratic Administration is not.

They know, quite as well as anybody, that what they are doing is giving active aid and comfort to Adolf Hitter. They know well that these resolutions are not going to pass. They know that the sole purpose they will serve is to delay of fective aid to Britain.

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But if that course wrecks the Admini-stration, they apparently don't mind if it wrecks the nation also.

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when he would have exited himself, is when he in turn ordered the crew fearry out the job, no man could tase under penalty of being charged in mutury and treason.

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## toad's End

### Fate at Last Catches Up With Confident Espositos

Reposito brothers may still nour-hope, but the chances seem to be they are near the end of their road. Under adolescent and adult lives had tired by robbing and marker-aind had somehow got away with it out suffering any great penalty, they wared too confident and over-themselves bet January when they

ities wared too confident and over-itiemiselves last January when they de up a payred in the elevator of a ware middown building, dashed out to the street, killed a polloceman and approvally wounded a taxt driver and bank employee who had couraspeously with to grab them. See the street of the New after that they were still con-ferent. The mouthplece, they boasted, ould aprise them. And in court they and and stormed and screamed and bearing the street of the convince the try that they were insane. But pay-itatrists know well what insanity is and told the jury that these men were d told the jury that these men were ity faking, unconvincingly. And so were sentenced to die, as they rich-

Bren then they seemed to have re-Even then they stated and yester-sized hope and confidence. And yester-sized hope and confidence attempt, when the police were removing them sing sing they staged a flerce attempt of threak away—only to be clubbed into similation and dragged inside the gates, flow they all in isolated and separated both cells waiting for the electric chair

entimentalists sometimes argue that men are purely the victim of cir-Stimen are purely the victim or cir-mistances (these were slum products), at that may be so. Certainly society in the responsibility in the case. But imad dog is in some sense the victim discumstances, too. However, nobedy guies that, once he has developed, he use to be gotten rid of with decision of the succession.

### Busy Agency ABC Forces Have Active

Recsons To Get Bootleggers

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# Our Radio Problem

By Derothy Thompson

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will be accused of trying to "take
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But the problem needs thinking through. What is a take in the interest of the broadcasting companies. They ought, if they were wise, to sak the Government to releve them of this responsibility. An organization under the State Department, with proper safeguards against partiann politics, and take over short-wave, establishment of the same of the same

in a war of nerve, and a war of tiers, and we are on it under the most adverse possible continuous. It is neither the business of private companies to decide what goes and, nor their responsible to the companies of a private companies in a manual continuous and the conduct by private companies is illusional.

Today's Riddle

Dear Bir:

The Citizens' Committee and its candidates with to thank The Charlotte News for the splendid coverage which it gave to that effort in the recent primary and election campaigns. It is our opinion that, your presentation of the motives and aims of our group was a potent factor in the complete success won at the polls.

Your split writer, Mr. Bridgen, the polls of the presented both facts and objectives in our favor. I do mean to say that he presented both facts and objectives in a manufer to serve and government.

Letters to the Editor:

-JNO H. SMALL JR. Chairman of Publicity.

Some Reflections In a Cemetery

In a Cemelery

Dear Sir:

"The 'perfect poem of her life
was set to celestial music." What a
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ME QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST

- An Uptown Theater-Auditorium No. 2 — A Separate Court District
No. 3 — An Uptown Rest Room
No. 4 — Street-Widening



My friend's pocket contains \$1.15 in silver. Yet he cannot change à dollar; cannot change 56 cepts; cannot change a quar-ier, and cannot lend me fifseen centa. How is the silver divided! (Answer to this riddle will be found on the back page of this baue of The Newa.)

(Note: Ta Fred F. Fleicher, Box 1932, Charlotte, one deliar in payment for this riddia. The News will pay a dollar for each riddia accepted for publication in this space—Editors, The News.)

II England Falls. All Is Lost.

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Richmond News-Leader
Britain could lose the Mediterranean and so long as also rerenean and so long as also rerenean and so long as also rewhence her dominion spread, she
would not be beaten. If Emaland
be lost, all is lost, except as the
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piles sent, in some instances, ten times as far, times and the commerce desirogers of time Central Powers were opposed.

Revised Version

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TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

And he spoke to them a para-ble; Behold the fightee, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, we see and know of your own selves that Summer is now nigh at hand. — Luke 21:23-30.

### Side Glances



"Hey, you guys! We lose ten minutes of work every time that girls' school lets out for the day!"

TOO MANY PROPER

Our bember program is slow. OTH. has falled to utilize, after almost is year of intensive defense offert, a considerable supply of product me-shine teals. These which are being med are not all remains ares

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President Roosevelt is trying, in this
effort, so he Woodrow Wilson and
Bernard M. Baruch combined. This
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madequate to carry supplies to England. it is going fast enough. Shipping is in-adequate to carry supplies to England. HE APPEALS TO LOGIC.

The doubts about the outcome of the war come down to these considerations — the question of whether we can do the job in time.

President Reserval is paying the American people what seems to me to be a very high compliment. He has thus far made his appeal to the nation's intelligence more than the nation's intelligence more than is its emotions. True, he talked about the siab in the back. He fired a shet 

It is possible that President Rossewith believes the job can be done short of war. He is showing much reluctance to propose action that might mean shouting although he must be under considerable pressure for it from the British because they are increasingly dubious whether our effort will be sufficient without direct use of our nays.

American presidents usually have been alow to take the irravocable step. Lin-coln hesitated for many weeks. McKincoin hestated for many weeks. McKin-ley was driven to it by a chanoring, press. Witten waited until the Germana-gars proveation that could not be ig-nored. Thus far Roosevelt and Courch-ill have been quoting poetry back and forth, the first time in history that two leaders have used this means of writing out a tack 'silance in public. We are equally indirect about implementing it. For us preservation of British sea-strength in friendly hands is the prac-tical immediate yeal. We are directing

tical immediate goal, we are diverting equipment from our army to help hold England in the war. Once the British have survived the critical period, and American resources have come into play, the impossibility of German victory will

the impositionty on various be clear.

From then on, as many here see it, the military plane would become less active and Germany would be subjugged to a long wearing a rangels of economic yearfate. That's reasoning out into a vaye shadowy realm. Of immediate concern is that the Zertish fleet.

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### Visitin' Around

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kines Beam's boy friend sent her or
Easter. He really knows how to signal
the ladies.