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Cursed Spite

Time Is Out of Joint For Willie's Campaign

Mr. Willie must grow famous at the untimeliness that makes his most vicious stabs at the vulnerable points of the New Deal go unnoticed amid the overwhelming events taking place abroad.

As it is in the welter of dismay at what is happening to Britain and what has happened to the United States, Mr. Willie's telling points like the following go virtually unnoticed:

What a piker was Louis XIV? And the Palms of Paris, with their diamonds, didn't seem so precious to those boys. The Roosevelt Administration has been on the most drunken orgy of spending that ever occurred in the history of the United States.

As though in token of the truth of this grave charge, the Federal debt was hitting a new high of \$44,000,000,000 almost as Mr. Willie spoke.

It is a serious and a justifiable accusation that Mr. Willie makes against the New Deal, but, let us not be misled by much attention. The lucky breaks that have always taken care of the personal political fortune of FDR are again coming his way.

In the Dock

But These Culprits Scarcely Deserve the Charge

Pullon Currier, the editor of Liberty, made a curious statement to the Executive Club in Charlotte Wednesday evening. He said that the vast increase in crime in this country during the Twenties and Thirties was due to the debunking biographies of great men which first appeared after the World War.

In point of fact, the debunking biographies never were read by anybody but the upper five per cent of society, at most. And not more than ten per cent of the people who read them ever took much stock in their notion that the former conduct of great men was of any real value.

Now then, in the case of a young man lately out of college, these books did tend to produce vast cynicism, of course. But it is the commonest knowledge that such bright young men did not generally end up by taking Calcutta for their model and landing in the big leagues, but that most of them are now enmeshed in "Who's Who" and other immensely respectable sites.

The crime population comes mainly from youths who never got far along in the public schools. And none of these ever read the biographies of great men. Nor did many of their schoolmates, save with exclamations of horror.

Mr. Currier is much too hard on the Rupert Hughes, the W. E. Woodwards, the Tom Brant, et al. If their theory of biography didn't last, they never had any merit. Nor did many of their schoolmates, save with exclamations of horror.

Robbers Racket Operator Still Avoid Stern Penalties

At Greensboro Judge Rivers of City-County Court announced that the penalty of operating a lottery in the future will be a straight road sentence.

With Method

German Brasserie Has Its Purposes in View

There are deaths of brazen effrontery before which the average human mind staggers and grows numb with incomprehension. Such was on view in Berlin yesterday when the Nazi stooge journals roared in tightest voice for the "unmistakable bombing" of England, for "more consideration for civilians" as the result of an alleged British bombing of a German hospital for epileptic children.

This is the people which has been incessantly bombing London in the last thirteen days, concentrating on civilian quarters and monuments—killing men, women and children by the thousands, destroying works of art worth more than all Germany—by way of spreading terror.

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There may be something else here, we hope—the probability that the Nazis are suffering so under British counter-bombing that the German people are beginning to ask questions about the propaganda on which they have been fed.

Early in this war Hitler himself shouted to one of his speeches that the German air force had been made so strong that not a single Allied bomber would ever penetrate German defenses.

The faces of Herr Goebbels and Herr Hitler are naturally a little red, and here some loud notes in cover their confusion.

It is possible also that all this uproar is a hedge against the receding chances of invasion of England. On Jan. 1, 1940, Adolf Hitler promised his people positively that he would not let the war last a year. Now he begins to talk of five years.

One hears nothing these days of hog-calling, as citizens with voices that loud are debating the national destiny at the top of some.

Numbers Racket Operator

Always a poignant moment in the affairs of the political out is when the gallant candidate gets his first good look at the farm problem, and shudders back away.

Among the accused in the French treason case, this birthday cake back at the well the trial of Madame X. We remember with the trial of Madame X. We remember with Dorothy Donnelly in the role.

Hitler Falters

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON—Informed opinion is unanimous in believing that the Hitler who has run into trouble and that a turn, unfavorable to him, is developing. The situation is shifting to the view that the war will not be decided through the Winter.

Hitler as is the damage inflicted upon England, and it does not appear to be enough to decide the issue. Threatened shortage of military supplies is about to be relieved. The House of Lords was told yesterday that a flow of highly skilled crews and pilots would soon begin to redress the balance in the air.

His CAROLINE MAY. Although Hitler thought Hitler was waiting for Fall to screen his attempted invasion, the more authentic view is that he has been delayed for other reasons, among which might be shortage of military supplies.

It is characteristic of Hitler that he does not move unless the chances of success are high. His preparation is careful and he does not move until the probability seems fairly certain.

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Doughty Champion

Prime Minister Churchill is also fighting a battle against superstitious winds in Government circles. He is not alone in this. He is not alone in this. He is not alone in this.

What He Forgets

Herbert's Commentator. An old-timer in the news has reminded me of a time when I was a boy and I remember with the trial of Madame X. We remember with Dorothy Donnelly in the role.

The Weather

By Herblock



Letters to the Editor

Says FDR Dodges Issues

Dear Sir: When there is a run on any bank with depositors fighting each other to be first to take their money out the cause is fear and loss of confidence in that bank.

People are afraid their money is not in a safe place, and the most effective and quickest method to overcome that fear has been to pile a great amount of cash in the lobby where all those in line could see it.

This country in '31 and '32 had very much the same thing happen to it. People had lost confidence in their country. Both were strong, but were being undermined by fear.

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Open Letter Urges Aid for Britain

Dear Sir: I would appreciate it if you would print the below as soon as possible.

Copy of letter to Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C. You are doubtless aware of the vast amount of support for your Administration that swept the nation recently upon the announcement of the trade of destroyers to England.

There is not the slightest doubt but that the large majority of the American people want peace and believe that this can only be maintained by giving the British nation all the non-military assistance possible, so that the conflict

can remain away from our shores. We ask you in the name of this large majority of citizens that all aircraft and other war material not absolutely indispensable be immediately available to the British Empire.

We believe that our American citizens are entitled to only that in fighting Hitler and that, owing to the many recent improvements in this line, our present armaments will be shortly obsolete, and accordingly it would be good business to sell them at this time.

This is strictly in accordance with international law and we are confident that no nation will attack us for it unless it were their intention to do so anyhow. There is no nation in a position to do so, even if it should so desire, unless England is first defeated, and even in that eventuality the more formidable she has been in overcoming the more incapable of immediate military action will the victor be.

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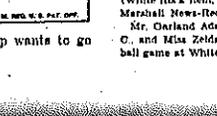
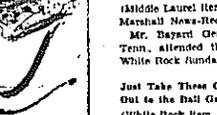
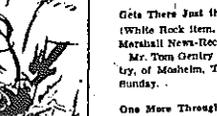
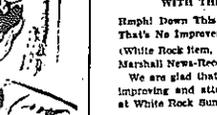
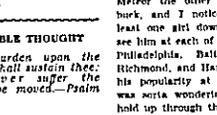
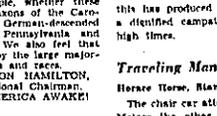
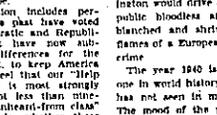
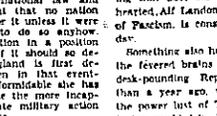
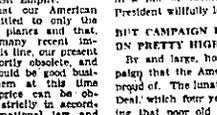
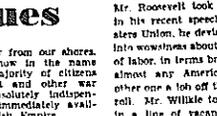
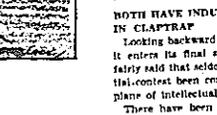
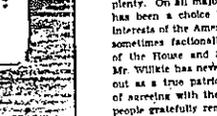
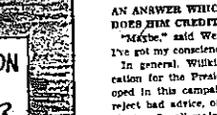
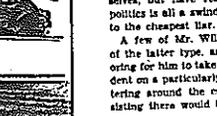
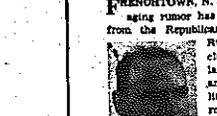
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Side Glances

Dear Sir: I'll cost you two quarters this time—pop wants to go to the movies with me.



Invitation Around

WITH THE GENTLES

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In Grave Mood

By William L. White

FRENCHTOWN, N. J.—A very encouraging rumor has drifted back here from the Republican campment, at

Rushville which included a large assortment of Democrats. For political amateurs fall roughly in to two sorts: they are either skinned-milk idealists with marshall-low hearts, or else they are ferocious and bitter realists, who have never received a vote themselves, but have read somewhere that politics is all a swindle, and victory goes to the cheapest bidder.

Some of Mr. Willie's amateurs are of the latter type, and they were clamoring for him to take a sock at the President on a particularly ticklish issue, centering around the conscription bill, insisting there would be voters in it.

AN ANSWER WHICH DOES HIM CREDIT. "Maybe," said Wendell Willie, "only I've got my conscience to think of."

In general, Willie's greatest qualification for the Presidency is his ability to reject bad advice, of which he has received plenty. On all occasions where there plenty, on all occasions where there plenty, on all occasions where there plenty.

NOTHING INDULGED IN. Looking backward at this campaign as it enters its final six weeks, it can be fairly said that seldom has the Presidential contest been conducted on a higher plane of intellectual integrity.

There have been occasional descents. Mr. Roosevelt lost one of them when, in his recent speech before the Teamsters Union, he deviated for a paragraph into wondrousness about the hated exploiters of labor, in terms broad enough to cover almost any man who after an hour's work has a job of the Government payroll.

Mr. Willie took a similar descent in a line of vainglorious prattle about the President willfully leading us to war.

BUT CAMPAIGN IS ON PRETTY HIGH LEVEL. By and large, however, it is a campaign that the American people can be proud of. The dramatic stages of the New Deal, which five years ago was jabbering that poor old harmless and kind-hearted, Alf Landon was a sinister tool of Fascism, is conspicuously absent today.

Something else has happened to elude the feverish heat of the psychopathic delirium of the Republicans who, less than a year ago, were convinced that the power lust of that Man in Washington would drive him to sack the Republic, bloodless and then shove her blanching and shivering body into the jaws of a European war to conceal his crime.

The year 1940 is obviously a pivotal one in our history, such as our nation has not seen in more than a century. The mood of the people is grave, and this has produced two candidates and a confused campaign worthy of these high times.

Traveling Man. Horace How, Manly N. & Frost. The chair car attendant on the Silver Meteor the other night was a young hunk, and I noticed that he had at least one bit down at the station to see him at each of the following places: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, and New York.

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