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IN APPRECIATION FOR THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Dr. J. N. Hill received a nice letter last week from Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner of North Carolina, in reference to the opening of the new telephone system here.

Undoubtedly Mr. Winborne did a lot of work to make the new system possible, and quite often we have the human failing of forgetting those men who make such things possible.

But not Dr. Hill. He wrote Mr. Winborne and thanked him for his efforts. "I rarely receive such a letter", Mr. Winborne stated. "In most cases when things have been accomplished, they are accepted as a matter of course."

We do appreciate Mr. Winborne's work and assure him that the people of Murphy who now have an adequate telephone system will not forget his efforts in our behalf.

HITLER'S PHILISOPHY

In five years Adolf Hitler has brought Germany from a position of military impotence to that of the most powerful and most feared nation in the world. This amazing result was not achieved by mere accident or good luck. It was planned that way.

For an insight into Hitler's moral and political philosophy, one needs only to read his own book, "My Battle", written for the most part while in jail at Landsberg, Germany, for an attempt to start a revolution 15 years ago.

Briefly stated, he believes that might makes right and that a nation is entitled to take whatever it can by force or threat of force. One or two quotations from the book are sufficient to make this clear. He says:

"No nation on earth holds a square yard of territory by any right derived from heaven. Frontiers are made and altered by human agency alone. The fact that a nation succeeds in acquiring an unfair share of territory is no superior reason for its being respected forever. It merely proves the strength of the conqueror and the weakness of those of those who lose by it. This strength alone constitutes the right to possess.

"Therefore, just as our forefathers did not receive the land in which we live as a present from heaven, but had to fight with their lives for it, so in future nothing will grant us land and life for our nation, except the power of a victorious sword."

So whatever may be thought of Hitler's philosophy, the rest of the world may as well realize just what it is, and be prepared to meet his aggression with the only argument he understands—military force.

BRITAIN'S CAPITAL

In the light of recent events, which have given rise to the question of whether England could be defended against the rising power of Germany, the suggestion has been made that Great Britain's seat of government be removed to Canada.

While the idea may appear fantastic at the moment, it is being discussed, though perhaps not very seriously, by some newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic. The time may come, however, when some such step might become desirable, or even necessary.

The London news weekly Cavalcade points out a notable precedent for such a move, citing that the Emperor Constantine, fearing Rome could not be defended against the barbarians of the north, removed his capital from Rome to Byzantium—later named Constantinople—in the year 330. The barbarians did, in fact, take Rome in the next century, while the empire based on Constantinople persisted with varying fortunes for another thousand years.

Naturally the proposed visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to Canada and the United States next year is linked with the suggested capital removal, but this is only idle speculation, although affording wide possibilities for discussion.

BRASSTOWN TRAGEDY BRINGS OUT QUALITIES OF FRIENDSHIP

One of the worst tragedies to occur in this section in some time was the injuries sustained by Thurman Painter at Brasstown last week. Mr. Painter is a reputable, hard-working man but his financial means are limited. Following the accident in which he lost both hands and the sight of his eye, a group of friends led by Mr. Fred O. Scroggs raised a fund for the family.

The spirit of cooperation and generosity manifest in this instance is one that we people of this section can long be thankful for.

If you want to be a friend in Cherokee county, you will have plenty of them to fall back on in time of need.

"MR. EINSTEIN AND THE CHURCH"

Many people have requested that we print the following editorial from the Asheville Citizen of Saturday, October 29:

MR. EINSTEIN AND THE CHURCH

From his retreat at Princeton University where he is now Professor of Mathematics, Albert Einstein, the one and only has made a pronouncement upon the subject of the Church which we think all the world should read. Because of the persecutions which religion is undergoing at the hand of the totalitarian states, Professor Einstein's comments should be pondered in the heart of every man, woman and child this lovely autumn week-end. Not every place is as safe and as happy just now as Western North Carolina.

Says the propounder of the theory of relativity: "Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany I looked to the Universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but, no, the universities immediately were silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks. Then I looked to the individual writers, who, as literary guides of Germany, had written much and often concerning the place of freedom in modern life; but they, too were mute. Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

This is exactly in line with Ludwig Lewisohn's contention made upon an Asheville platform that modern dictators well know that religion alone gives men courage to defy them. Hence the undying hatred of the new Caesars for the things of the spirit.

HE STOPPED ADVERTISING

Once there was a business man,
And he was wondrous wise;

Said he:

"We'll save the money it takes to advertise.
We've got the business going,
We'll sit and take the kale;
Why squander cash for printing?
Our income cannot fail."

Things prospered for a season,
And prospects rosy grew;
Then sales began to dwindle;
The why?—Nobody knew.
The boss was fretful, worried
His face grew pale and drawn,
The business "kept on going"—
—Going—now it's gone.—

"Ginger Rogers Stars in Having a Wonderful Time"
—Headline. Who wouldn't?

The rich and the poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.—Proverbs.

A headline says "Whales Are Used for Radio Station." We consider that a whale of a yarn.

Corrigan wasn't the first "wrong-way" traveler. What about Christopher Columbus?

A man may get along better attending strictly to his own business, but he misses a lot of fun.

There's an art in lying—Roberta Lyndon, Wrong, Roberta, the art consists in not getting found out.

Some of our "fat sisters" who are so anxious to reduce might follow the recipe Hitler used on Czechoslovakia.

STILL FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY



Pioneer Place Names Are Simple But Appropriate, Writers Find

"Pioneers named a place," it is said, "but to conquer it."

Southern Highlands' place-names may well be the envy of novelists, according to accounts noted by the Southern Highlands Recreation Committee, which is assembling information on the varied recreational aspects of the region, with the cooperation of the Federal Writers' Project, WPA. A large part of Eastern Tennessee and adjoining sections of Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Kentucky are embraced in the territory.

Humor and pathos found graphic expression in the Highlander's simple choice of a name for a town, village, mountain or river. Events now legendary were commemorated for posterity by a word or two unconsciously spoken.

Two towns in Tennessee were called Hardick and Difficult, and two others in North Carolina christened Suit and Vest, respectively. Among other names which tripped lightly off the Highlander's tongue were Dirty Butt, Ripshin Mountain, Fightin' John Creek, Picken's Nose, Mollie's Creek, Defeat Ridge, Hostility Branch, and Scratchbitches Mountain.

In Sayth county, Virginia, is Hungry Mother State Park—and in Mitchell County, North Carolina,

basks the town of Loafer's Glade. There are also such towns in Highlands as Young Harris, Nix, Times, Mountain Rest, Ninety-five, and Calhoun Falls.

Homely but appropriate, too, are Blood and Slaughter Mountain, Mammy and Daddy Creeks, Deater Patch, How Come You Got Chunky Gal Mountain, and Shag Rag Branch.

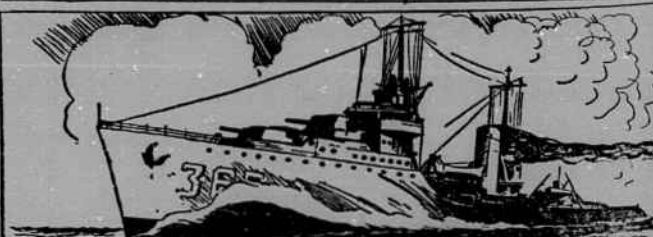
TREASURY REPORTS DEFICIT

Uncle Sam's master bookkeeper Treasury Secretary Morgenthau has another bottle of red ink according to the Treasury statement of November 2. Since July 1, the beginning of the nation's fiscal year, expenditures have been \$3,033,108,800. Receipts during this period have been \$1,754,168,647. Another interesting item is that the outlay this year exceeds that of a similar period year by approximately \$400,000.

BOTH SIDES OF THE STREET

The President supports Governor Benson (Farm Labor) in Minnesota while Jim Farley announces his support of the Democratic nominee. It is the first time in many decades that the ex-officio and the directing of a national political party have their support in state elections.

THE POCKETBOOK OF KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS



ON THE UNITED STATES NAVY, DESTROYERS ARE NAMED FOR NAVY MEN, CONGRESSMEN AND INVENTORS; BATTLESHIPS ARE NAMED FOR STATES IN THE UNION; CRUISERS FOR LARGE CITIES; SUBMARINES FOR FISH; RIVER GUNBOATS FOR ISLANDS; AIRCRAFT CARRIERS FOR HISTORIC NAVAL VESSELS OR BATTLES

WITH 6% OF THE WORLD'S LAND AREA, THE UNITED STATES HAS 75% OF THE WORLD'S PASSENGER AUTOMOBILES, 58% OF ITS MOTOR TRUCKS, AND 35% OF THE WORLD'S SURFACE-ROAD MILEAGE

BANANAS WERE SOLD AS NOVELTIES IN THE U.S. IN 1876! THEY WERE WRAPPED IN TINFOIL AND SOLD FOR TEN CENTS A PIECE

MORE THAN 45% OF THE 375,000 STOCKHOLDERS OF A LARGE AUTOMOBILE COMPANY ARE WOMEN

CONTRARY TO BELIEF, OSTRICHES DO NOT STICK THEIR HEADS IN THE GROUND WHEN FRIGHTENED. INSTEAD, THEY DO SIT DOWN AND EXTEND THEIR HEAD AND NECK FLAT UPON THE GROUND