

Humpty-Dumpty NRA Many Damocles Swords **Biggest** and Fastest **Gangster Ingenuity** Refusing to admit the resemblance

between NRA and Humpty-Dumpty, that "all the king's

Washington



ly said to his friends, "Not only Arthur Brisbane have I put it together, but I have quite a number of pleces left over that I do not need."

The Weyerhneuser kidnapers, however "hard-boiled" they may be, must feel nervous when they hand out one of the \$200,000 ransom bills, knowing that the number and series of every bill are in the possession of government detectives.

It will not make spending the money more agreeable to learn that thirty from the attorney general's office will devote their entire time to hunting for those bills and tracing the spenders of them-\$200,000 worth of Damocles swords.

The giant French ship Normandie is here and pleasing to Americans who like superlatives. She is the biggest liner ever launched, the longest, broadest, heaviest, costliest. And, crossing in 4 days 11 hours 42 minutes, she is the fastest. She is built, not for profit. but for glory and to advertise French supremacy.

England will soon send her Queen Mary after the Normandie's record doubtless, Mussolini will soon enter the race.

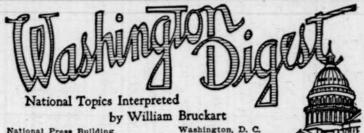
Uncle Sam? Well, he is busy with other things, very busy, just now.

In the line of viciousness, modern gangsters show ingenuity. Police give these details of the death of Danny Walsh, head of a bootleg-rum syndicate who was kidnaped, ransomed for \$40,000, later murdered. Enemies took him to sea in a boat, made him sit with his feet in a tub of wet cement, and watch while it hardened. He was then thrown overboard with the tub of cement hard around his feet. Several times, while he watched the cement harden, it must have occurred to Danny Walsh that a criminal career is not profitable.

To say, "Man is half tiger and half monkey" is sometimes unjust to the monkey. At High Point, N. C., J. R. Riggs, middle-aged, operating a filling station, was found, with tenpenny nalls driven through each hand and each foot, fastened to a rough wooden cross. The man, having been nailed to the cross only for a short time, will probably live. Riggs admitted he had engineered the crucifixion to regain his wife's affection.

Sometimes gangsters show signs of intelligence. Volney Davis, arrested in Chicago in connection with the Bremer kidnaping, was "flown" to St. Paul, and, arriving there, confessed complicity in the kidnaping, saying to the judges: "I knew I could not get away from the 'G-men.

Land ownership is the best founda-



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did not extend to re-

It is the principle involved here that

It takes no stretch of the imagina-

hardly know from day to day when it

was abiding by the law or when it was

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Several months ago, I recall, I re-

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would become better

ported to you in these columns some-

AAA Comes of a prediction that Next the Supreme court

known to the general public before the current Administration had ended than

Blow

Washington .- What of the future? | resentative Lemke, both of North Dakota, was designed to give purely Where are we going now that one of the keystones of the temporary aid to distressed owners of What to Be New Deal-the Namortgage farm lands. The things Done Now? tional Recovery ad-ministration - has which apparently neither of the coauthors foresaw was the effect the temporary arrangement would have as

been largely outlawed? to the future. By this I mean that, The national capital never has witnessed such confusion, even in the for example, if a farmer wants to buy a home and had only a small amount midst of the World war, as has preof cash, he must borrow money from vailed here since the Supreme court of the United States had its final say someone else. If the holder of that money were made to feel that at any as to the constitutionality of the NRA time during the life of that mortgage and Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage moratorium law. The lack of constitucongress could pass a law telling the lender he could not force payment of tional authority for the Frazier-Lemke the debt few there would be who would law was recognized by many but until the highest court in the land had be willing to lend their money. It is not human nature to lend money unspoken concerning NRA, views were less there is a reasonable assurance divided and the Blue Eagle continued to fly, albeit in a lower circle. that it will be repaid.

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Thus, it seems to me the Frazier-New Dealers generally were con-Lemke law contained elements of fident to the last. They appeared to danger that were overlooked in the expect some unseen force to guide the Supreme court in upholding the fanstress of depressed conditions, As laws now stand, lenders of capital will tastic program which they had devised have some assurance that the security and which the President made a part they take will continue to be security of his New Deal plans for economic and that the individual who borrows, recovery. The adverse ruling made whether he be the owner of a farm or them sick at the stomach. Most of them have not yet recovered. Hence, the owner of a business in town, either will make payments on the principal confusion continues to reign.

or surrender the property. You have heard much discussion in the past two weeks as to how the Perhaps the worst blow dealt Presbreath of life may again be breathed dent Reosevelt personally was the Suinto the Blue Eagle. As far as I have been able to gather from authoritative The Worst which held that the quarters in Washington, there is nothing left to do but perform the funeral ceremonies for the ill-fated bird and noval of a Federal Trade Commission the so-called national plan which it member except for the reasons prerepresented. The reports of Presiscribed in the law itself. It will be redential conferences, of meetings of membered that Mr. Roosevelt forcibly statesmen and executives of the Adousted the late William E. Humphrey ministration, of this plan and that plan from commission membership because, and statements and expressions of it was openly stated at the time, Mr. opinion respecting the future course, mean absolutely nothing. When the Humphrey was a conservative republican and he, therefore, did not see eye Supreme court said that the congress to eye with the President and his New had unlawfully delegated to the Presi-Deal plans. Mr. Humphrey sued the dent power to draft codes of fair pracgovernment for the salary for his term.

tice and enforce them upon private After his death his executors carried business, it took away the heart and on the litigation which has just now nerve centers of the NRA structure. been decided in their favor. On top of this body blow, the NRA principle is looked upon in many is important. The Federal Trade Comquarters, and by men who know and mission was set up as a quasi-judicial body, one endowed with powers to regunderstand the problems of govern-

ment, as being thoroughly discredited ulate against improper business pracin the public mind. It is not too much tices and to determine the propriety to say that when a national law does of general business dealings where not hold the confidence of the bulk those dealings affected country-wide of the people its usefulness has ceased. So it was with the prohibition amendbusiness or the interests of the public. ment. Equally, I believe it can be tion to see how Presidential interferstated, if opinion of statesmen of long ence with the commission personnel training can be trusted, no attempts would result in changes of commission to revise the NRA will get to first base. Even the Brain Trust movement policy. One business practice might to obtain amendment of the Federal be held proper by a commission whose majority was conservative while that Constitution making such laws as NRA same practice would be considered ilproper can win country-wide support. legal by a commission dominated by a

liberal or radical membership. It be-Enough indications already have becomes obvious then that if the Presicome visible to warrant a statement dent were permitted to disturb the that the summer More Hope months will see chispersonnel of the commission, especially judges, there could be no continuity for Future eling, price cutting of policy and business itself would and other nefarious

and improper business practices going on and that these will be disastrous to countless business interests. The congress will strive in a half-hearted fashion to offset the loss of strength and prestige suffered by the New Deal at the hands of the Supreme court. But the effort plainly will be only halfhearted. So it is made to appear that the country must submit for several months at least to a bad condition. After that, if the opinions of experienced men are worth while, there ought

it had been known since it rendered the famous Dred Scott decision in civil to be a substantial change for the better. Careful surveys, close exar var days. It was a perfectly obvious

not.

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Philippine Independence Won After Struggle of Centuries



Quezon, President of the Philippine Senate. Inset, Emilio Aguinaldo, Who May Be a Candidate for President.

Hawes-Cutting bill. This By WILLIAM C. UTLEY N 1898, when Admiral Dewey's that, subject to the approval of the bill by the Philippine legislature, the isguns had hardly concluded their lands would be allowed to draw up a pronouncement that America had become a world power, and the

and to the President of the United States. Then, after a period of ten years, the islands would be granted complete Independence. During the ten years, exports and the number of Philippine immigrants to the United States would be restricted. After that the islands were to be outside the

January 13, 1933, on the grounds that it had been selfishly planned to protect American agriculture against Philippine labor and products; it did not satisfactorily discharge American re-Philippine independence has not alsponsibility towards the islanders, who ways been our worry. The struggle had its beginning centuries before the were unready for independence ("Economic independence of the Philippines

must be attained before political independence can be successful" was the way he put it); and it would lay the islands open to the dangers of turbulent conditions in the Far East. Congress overrode the veto four days later. The Philippine legislature rejected the bill nine months afterward.

having depleted their food supply to the extent that the dinner menu con-McDuffle bill, which was passed by the sisted of fricassee of leather riggings last congress and signed by President Roosevelt. Its chief differences from the Jones act are in the manner in which it allows the islands a gradually increased dosage of economic divorcement from the United States for their people to taste before they decide finally to cut away all ties on July 4, 1945.

At present all Philippine exports to ery. He was killed by natives on the the United States come in duty free. Island of Mactan. And what remained The Tydings-McDuffle bill provides of his stout-hearted crew continued that in the sixth year of the ten-year commonwealth period a duty of 5 per When the boys got back home they were pretty much the toasts of their cent will be levied. This will be graduated annually until at the end of five respective communities and were inyears the duty would be 25 per cent. vited to address the local Kiwanis and Economic experts are generally of the Rotary and the Iberian equivalent of opinion that this would cut terrifically what we call the Hot Stove league. into Philippine exports, some even con-Egged on with bribes of hot tamales tending that the islands would be ecoand rare Castillian wines, they were nomically ruined even before they not above spellbinding wide-eyed segained their complete independence. noritas with reluctant admissions of

their daring deeds. Mixed in with A congressional committee headed their revelations there was probably by Senator Millard F. Tydings of a little truth and the word eventually folks in the metropolitan centers of Maryland, co-author of the bill, has the states might believe, a nation of got out that there were Philippine is just returned from the islands with lands somewhere in the Pacific, say elevator operators, bus boys and prorecommendations which will probably about two mutinies and three famines fessional ping-pong players. They provide material for a study of their raise great quantities of cane, hemp, manila, coconut, corn, tobacco and maguey. Their forestry, fishing and mining is important. They manufacture sugar, cocoa, coconut oil, cigars and cigarettes, chocolate and In 1895, before the American market was opened up to them, the exports totaled about \$19,000,000. In 1929 it had reached \$164,000,000, although everything but sugar slumped to a considerable degree during the depression that followed. While only 3 per cent of the exports reached the United States before the islands became

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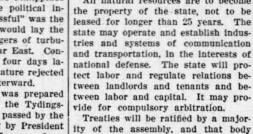


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alone may declare war.

Although the plebiscite on May 14

was a landslide in favor of the new

constitution, it was held in the wake

of an uprising which was the bloodiest

the islands had seen in 15 years. There

were several actual battles. Constabu-

Dissatisfaction with the trade re-

Economic Future.

There will be only one legislative

other great national emergency it

body, the assembly, In times of war

can vote to make the president a dic-

tator. The Supreme court will have

eleven justices, automatically retired

at seventy, who can declare a law or

treaty unconstitutional by a two-thirds

Women to Vote on Suffrage.

Literate men over twenty-one will be allowed to vote. A plebiscite will be held in two years on woman suffrage, and if 300,000 women vote for it they will be given the right of suffrage. All natural resources are to become

or

majority vote.

provided

The new constitution was prepared under the conditions of the Tydings-

and boiled tongue (of shoe), hailed the islands with delight. The native rice and sugar, which would have been just another Tuesday night dessert at Mrs. Gomez' Seaman's home back in sunny Spain, must have looked to them like Senor Magellan is still there, but not because he fell in love with the scen-

lary officers ultimately quelled the uprising, but not until 61 rebels were déad and 54 rebels and 10 constabularies wounded. Quezon and Murphy were in the United States at the time quirement of the Tydings-McDuffle bill was one of the things upon which the revolt was blamed. It is thought in many circles that the Filipinos will not be so anxious for independence as they are now, when 1945 rolls around, if the bill is followed to the letter. Varied Resources.

The Philippines are not, as many

republican constitution which would have to be acceptable both to them echoes were still rumbling over Manila bay, the 10,000,000 inhabitants of the Philippines were already demanding complete political independence. Ten years from this coming Fourth of July they may get it at last, after a long struggle, both physical and diplomatic. President Franklin D. Roose velt signed his name in ink to the con-American tariff wall. stitution of the new Philippine gov-President Hoover vetoed the bill ernment. So did Manuel Quezon, president of the island senate. Six weeks before that, members of the Philippine house of representatives signed it, one

tion of prosperity and security, under just government.

Those seeking to establish refugees from Germany in Palestine decide, wisely, to begin with land ownership. A fund expected to exceed \$5,000,000 is being raised for that purpose.

The ground under your feet cannot run away, cannot be stolen.

King George, seventy years old, celebrated his birthday reviewing troops, wearing the uniform of colonel-in-chief of the Irish Guards. He rode to Buckingham palace on horseback, all four ns riding with him, while thouof his se sands cheered. Recently the queen celebrated her sixty-eighth birthday. It is desirable that the husband be a little older than the wife. That gives him an excuse for complaining. He can always say, "Walt until you are as old as I am and you will understand."

A Brooklyn girl, ten years old, paid \$1 for a sweepstakes ticket, won \$30,-000. It will cost other little girls and big men and women many dollars for every dollar accidentally won.

Uncle Sam is presumed to get his share of the winnings in income tax. He and his country would be richer if he could find a way to prevent the gambling invasion.

The United States has important work to do outside of NRA and its revision, work with which the Sureme court would not interfere, and that is the control of floods, protection of population against them. Two hundred and fifty are reported killed in southwestern Nebraska, following flood

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tions of the problems at hand and candid thinking has brought to unblased observers the conclusion that there is more hope for the future now as regards the economic situation than there was while the Blue Eagle continued to soar and ballyhoo artists continued to preach about its powers to restore prosperity. I believe this statement which is the consensus ought to be tempered with one suggestion. There is likely to be a restorn tion of confidence generally if the Administration turns aside from Brain Trust theories and employs the practical instead of the theoretical method

of government.

To the agricultural community the decision invalidating the Frazier-Lemke mortgage

Just an moratorium law pro Idle Dream ably has greater in-terest. It should not

be so. The Frazler-Lemke law from the first was an idle dream and was predicated upon shortsighted understandings of basic economic laws. Byerywhere I have inquired concerning the probable end or result of the work ings of that statute, informed persons declared it meant eventual destruction of credit for agriculture.

Supporters of the Frazier-Lemke Idea cannot lean, as do supporters of the NRA principle, upon an accusation that the law was badly administered. It was administered, according to the Farm Credit Administration, in the spirit and letter of its intent. Yet be cause it was fundamentally unsound it never could succeed. My own guess is that the Supreme court by its ruling in this case has rendered a great service to American agriculture. Simmered down, the law which was

proposed by Senator Frazier and Rep-

circumstance. Sooner or later the questions of a constitutional nature involved in the New Deal procedure obviously were going to be tested in court.

Now, I feel warranted in reporting that the highest court again will be in the public eye. The next mome tous decision likely to come from the bench of the nine austere justices will e a ruling affecting the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and therefore of vital import to the American farmer. There will be other cases involving New Deal plans, of course, but their importance cannot possibly be as great as any decision affecting the AAA, because it is an integral part of the New Deal program for recovery. There is no possibility of a ruling on any AAA questions before next October. No test cases have yet reached the Supreme court for argument but there are balf a dozen wending their slow way through minor courts. Consideration by the Supreme court eventually is, of course, certain because they involve constitutional questions. Notwithstanding the fact that a Supreme court decision on the AAA is considerably distant, it is to be noted that after the NRA was outlawed, there was considerable scurrying around among AAA officials. Fresh consideration was given to many points of law over which there is doubt. Amendments which the AAA have asked congress to enact to strengthen the original Adjustment Act were suddenly withdrawn from the senate floor by those who sponsored them. The reason given was that there were imperfections which should be corrected. The real reason for the action was fear of sudden development of litigation over the

controverted points. C Western Newspaper Uni

Bullied the Natives.

out from Barcelona.

of them in his own blood.

United States ever existed.

a banquet for the gods.

around the globe without him.

The story really opens, so far as the

white race is concerned, in the year

1521, when Fernando Magellan, that

most irrepressible of all gadabouts,

"discovered" the archipelago of the

eastern Pacific. It may be well im-

agined that Skipper Magellan's heart-

ies, with many moons on the open sea

At any rate, Spanish sailors of the next generation again found the Philippines, and began bullying the natives into submission in 1565, gaining complete control in 1570. It is doubtful if these Spaniards knew, or any

body else knew until the Rand-McNally map makers got busy, that their new colonial holdings included 7.083 is lands-two of them, Luzon and Mindanao, 40,000 and 38,000 square miles in area, and nine others more than 1,000 square miles aplece.

However, Filipinos, like elephants, never forget, and the idea of complete independence kept rankling in their minds for quite a spell until in 1896 it swelled forth in open revolt under Emilio Aguinaldo. The Spanish rulers pacified Senor Aguinaldo with

threats, promises and goodness knows how many pesetas, and he and his principal henchmen retired to the heterogeneous obscurity of Hong Kong in 1897, there to plan their subsequent revolt of 1898.

In that year America won the way with Spain and Spain ceded the islands to the United States for \$20,000,000. The Filipinos thought they ought to be given independence at that time, and when they failed to get it they broke out again and were not pacified until July 4, 1901.

The United States still later arrested an independence movement by granting them an autonomous government under the Jones act of 1916. The islanders were quick to offer their aid to the United States in the World war, and as soon as it was over began a consistent petitioning for independence which has never subsided.

Must Wait Ten Years. They made some headway in Decem-

an American possession, 61 per cent of them are today sold in American markets.

The present agreement is not what the Philippines have long hoped for. but in their enthusiasm they have apparently decided it is about all they will get, for in the island plebiscite which followed the signing of the constitution by President Roosevelt, they approved the document by an overwhelming vote. Women voted for the

first time in the history of an oriental country, as the result of a bill passed by the legislature last December signed by Gov. Gen. Frank Murphy, former mayor of Detroit.

The new Philippine constitution, which now becomes effective as soon as the existing government is terminat-

ed by a proclamation of President Roosevelt, is much like our own Constitution, with the following important differences:

The president may serve only one term, six years. He can veto any part of any bill. The legislature, with two minor exceptions, cannot appropriate more money than his budget calls for. The vice president is a member of the

cabinet, and cabinet members may ber of 1932, when congress passed the speak before the legislature.

economic future. The bill calls for conference on that subject one year before the commonwealth period expires, but it is probable that this will take place at an earlier date.

The final outcome, it is thought, will result in one of the following possibilities:

(1) Complete independence, exactly as proposed, which will involve (according to most authorities) economic ruin and probable absorption of the Philippines by "an Oriental power." (2) Independence, exchanging tariff preference to the islands for free en-

try of American goods. (3) Dominion government of the islands, allowing them trade preference, but keeping a political string attached to them.

The islands are determined to have independence, complete and at any cost, according to Quezon, who has fought for it in diplomatic circles in this country for many years, served as president of the Island senate since 1916, and will in all likelihood be its first president.

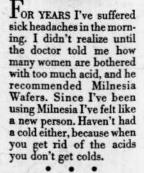
The dapper little diplomat, somewhere about sixty years of age, ad-mitted that his nation was setting out on a great adventure and would probably make mistakes.

"What nation does not?" he asked. "But we have been prepared for our adventure by a great republic. We have trusted you in the past and have been rewarded for our trust. We have depended upon you and we have not been disappointed. We know that we can count upon you in the future." Mentioned as a possible candidate to

oppose Quezon for the presidency is Aguinaldo, the same Emilio Aguinaldo who led the revolts and guerilla warfare more than thirty years ago. Quezon then was his trusted lieutenant. © Western Newspaper Union,

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