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Paganini

The story goes that Paganini, most renowned of violinists, stood as a young artist, almost unknown, before a sophisticated and critical audience, about to launch one of his programs with a Bach aria. He touched the E string of his violin and it snapped. The audience was tensely silent. He touched the A string and it snapped. The audience laughed. He drew his bow across D string and it, likewise, snapped. The audience hissed. There was an electric pause, and Paganini drew his bow across the sole remaining string, the G, in the first note of the aria; and he played, as only Paganini could play, the entire selection on that string.

The aria thus was immortalized as Bach's "Air of G String." And Paganini by his artistry, courage and resourcefulness likewise was immortalized, with an ovation which still rings down through history.

Men of resourcefulness and courage and ability can still carry on and accomplish marvels of success in the face of obstacles that would sweep the unfit into the discard.

In the halcyon days of superabundance our talents were scarcely tried. We lifted our bands and chose from the fruits so lavishly showered upon us. Those fruits are still to be had, but now they must be sought and worked for. Men need insurance today—and they need it more greatly than ever before.

We must ignore the handicaps of sales resistance put forth those latent abilities with which Americans are so amply equipped, and sell our goods as we are capable of selling them—not only for the sake of ourselves, but for the sake of our friends and neighbors who so vitally need the products we dispense.

Treatment of Jurors

Not infrequently, mention is made in the press of scathing criticisms hurled at jurors by Superior court judges. No blame can be attached for the publication of these denunciations for they are obviously news of the first importance.

That juries sometimes bring in a verdict that is not in tune with justice is unquestioned. That they make mistakes is also agreed. But what right has one man to sit in judgment upon the verdict of twelve men who are sworn to do their duty as they see it under the evidence and the law in the case placed in their hands?

Serving on a jury is a patriotic duty and few men have any desire to sit in judgment upon their fellowman. It is only because they wish to fulfill their obligations as good citizens that they enter upon jury service and then only when the state of North Carolina requests their time and service.

And then for a Superior court jurist to attack them and question their integrity and intelligence is a rank injustice. It is an attack upon defenseless men. If judges continue to engage in this practice, public opinion will demand a change in the law that will permit jurors to defend themselves.

The courteous treatment of jurors by Judge G. V. Cowper and Judge T. B. Finley during the recent four weeks of court here impressed court attendants. Jurors were treated as men and if these able jurists had opinions different from the verdicts rendered by the juries, they kept silent.

We commend them for their attitude. Our opinion of a representative of the state's judicial system who will attack men who have been called into service and discharged their duty as they see it, is entirely different from that which we hold toward the judges who presided here.

We might add that our local attorneys and others who came here from other counties treated the jurors who sat in judgment upon their clients with the utmost kindness and if they resented the verdicts, it has not been heard on the records. Such is the spirit manifested by members of the legal profession in this section and we hope it will be maintained to the bench.

Congratulations

The Journal-Patriot congratulates the North Carolina Department of the American Legion Auxiliary upon the selection of Mrs. W. R. Absher as president for the coming year. In our opinion no wiser choice could have been made and her record for the year, we are confident, will bear out this conviction.

North Wilkesboro is familiar with her various contributions in the past to the civic life of the city. It is not necessary to review here these accomplishments. But that record is sufficient to justify the belief that Mrs. Absher will serve the Auxiliary with ability and distinction.

The election of Mrs. Absher is not only an honor to her; it is an honor to North Wilkesboro and to the local unit of the Auxiliary. The Journal-Patriot congratulates her upon that honor and joins her in expressing appreciation to all the Auxiliary units of the state which supported her so liberally.

Death Penalty For Robbers

Solicitor John R. Jones' announced intention to place the Taylorsville bank robbers on trial for their lives will have the full support of everyone who holds sacred the privilege of owning and defending property.

Whether either of the two defendants who have already been arrested actually fired the shot which killed the bank cashier has nothing to do with a verdict which calls for the death penalty. The fact that they were, if they were, members of the party which went to rob and armed to kill, if necessary, is sufficient evidence for the death penalty.

The least that should be done with bank robbers who arm themselves to kill if need be to accomplish their purposes is to place them where they cannot continue their offenses against society. Only death in the electric chair or a life sentence would do that.

The NRA Spirit

Abundant evidence that North Wilkesboro business leaders are not only adhering strictly to the agreements they entered into when they signed the blanket code, but that they are also going beyond that and are living up to the spirit of the NRA is seen all around us.

One firm, which we take for the purpose of illustration, not only increased the pay of those who did not receive the minimum wage, but granted wage increases to all their men who were paid the higher salaries. That is the NRA spirit at work.

Merely cutting down the number of hours without increase in pay and without hiring additional help—provided, of course, more help is needed—is not in keeping with the NRA spirit. But the willingness of local business leaders to join the movement for economic recovery is commendable and North Wilkesboro, we believe, takes its place in the front line of the President's army of supporters.

Relaxation of the Sherman law has already been effected in the case of the Brain Trust.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

SAUL

Lesson for August 27th. 1 Samuel 9-11, 15. Golden Text: 1 Samuel 15:22.

What a splendid beginning Saul made! A huge, shy cowboy, simple and wholesome in his habits, conscious of his unworthiness, and wholly unambitious, he is very winning and attractive. Most appealing and romantic is the story of how he stumbled, as if by chance, on the kingship. He was searching for his father's strayed asses, and was about to abandon the hunt, when his servant suggested a conference with Samuel, who met them as he was journeying to the high place to sacrifice. At once the seer knew Saul, for the Lord assured him that this man was to reign over His flock. And we read, with breathless interest, of how Samuel told the young man that the asses were found, informed him, greatly to his surprise, that he was to be king, and anointed him to that royal office.

The early days of his kingship, too, heighten this favorable impression. But all too soon the clouds gather thickly, and Saul, his dreams shattered, his hopes crushed, falls in dreadful ruin. He is the most tragic figure in the Old Testament, whom doom follows relentlessly. Human and divine forces are marshaled against him with such invincible power that a breakdown is inevitable. His suicide at Mount Gilboa seems the logical end for so beaten a man.

But bear in mind that he was a capable leader, in an entirely new office, demanding back-breaking pioneer effort in the face of opposition both from within and without, for there was little real unity in Israel, and the Philistines had a stranglehold on her best lands.

But the cards were stacked against him! Many of his people opposed the idea of kingship. Samuel broke with him. He became the victim of nervous storms driving him, at times, into temporary mania. So Saul died a failure.

This Week In Washington

Washington.—The atmosphere of Washington as the "New Deal" begins to develop and take effect, is like that of an old-fashioned revival meeting. Nobody would be surprised to hear any day the strains of "We're marching to Zion," echo through the corridors of any of the Government offices. There is an atmosphere of zeal, amounting almost to a holy fervor, among those who are trying to rebuild the nation in three years. For the job must be done before the next Presidential election or there'll be a new crowd in Washington running things.

It is amazing to the practical, politically-minded observer, accustomed to a somewhat cynical outlook on the part of men who administer public affairs, to see hardboiled politicians joining with idealistic uplifters in the effort to change the whole system of business and industry, to remark the entire social structure of 120 million people, in a hurry. The immensity of the task does not dismay them. It has been done elsewhere, they say, as in Italy and Russia; it is being done now in Germany; why not in America?

This, the Last Stand

The amazing thing is not that they are trying to do just that, but that such an overwhelming number of men and women are agreed that this social reorganization is essential to the salvation of the United States. As has been said, there is something approaching the religious in the fervency of their belief that unless the country is "saved" it will collapse into utter ruin.

One of the stories that is being told here, which may or may not be true, but which illustrates this state of mind, is that one of the President's advisers remarked to him:

"Mr. Roosevelt, if you put this new deal over you'll be the next President."

"And if I don't put it over I'll be the last President," he is reported to have replied.

There are many others among the enthusiasts of the social revolution here who honestly believe that to be true; that if the present program fails we shall face anarchy, communism, armed rebellion, disunion, and all sorts of horrors.

One must understand the prevalence of that belief, and the spirit, almost fanatical in some cases, which prevades the whole Administration, to understand why methods which have heretofore been used only in war are being applied to the task of the reorganization of business and industry.

Registering Progress

The administration is satisfied that the program of re-employment and wage-rising under the trade association codes and the "Blue Eagle" agreement is going ahead as fast as can be expected, and is turning its attention to other phases of the recovery program. Three million men, it is estimated, will be back at work by September, but that is not moving fast enough, so inflation plans, to stimulate trade, are now being considered.

Business is picking up, but not fast enough to provide complete relief before Winter comes, so other means will be employed to get money into circulation and to make it circulate faster.

Devaluation of the dollar would do this, but the President is not yet decided as to how far he wants to go in that direction. One group of his intimate advisers is strongly for this; another group, including Treasury officials, is opposed to it. So it is likely that other means will be tried out first.

"Customer goods" are moving more rapidly than they were a few weeks ago, but not fast enough to make merchants feel safe in committing themselves to the purchase of large stocks for Winter and Spring sale. They want to see the buying of the public become more general. So it is talked here that a big "Buy Now" movement will be the next general appeal from Washington to the people of the United States.

It is sound enough advice, so far as it applied to goods not immediately to be consumed, for there is not the slightest doubt that prices will go up rapidly and to heights far beyond present levels, and that very shortly. But as to where the money is to come from, that is another question.

MISS ELLEN ROBINSON

Teacher of Piano and Voice Announces the Opening of Her Studio on

Monday, Sept. 11th

North Wilkesboro, N. C.

tion. That is worrying Washington, somewhat, since it would not sit well with the public to have prices rise faster than purchasing power. And that is why the talk of dollar inflation persists and grows.

See Hard Winter Ahead

Somewhere in the inflation picture silver will figure largely, but there has been no intimation as yet what form this will take. The President is negotiating quietly with all the other nations interested in the silver situation, and in the meantime is saying nothing about it.

The program of public works is getting under way, but it does not look as if more than a third of the three billion dollars authorized for this purpose can be got into action before next Spring.

So, among other things, Washington is looking forward to another hard winter for the unemployed, with the necessity of providing more money out of the Federal, state and local treasuries than heretofore, since private funds for relief are pretty well exhausted, and it is going to be harder than ever to raise money from the usual charity sources.

It begins to be pretty clear that the President's program of the social rebuilding of the nation—what Donald Richberg, of the NRA, frankly terms a "revolution," has for one of its major objectives such a redistribution of population between the city and the country as to put more people back on the land where at least they will not be in danger of starvation. Dr. Arthur Morgan, in charge of the Tennessee Valley reclamation, proposes to hire twice as many workers as are needed, working each shift half a week and putting them on small farms the other half of the week, where they will be taught to be self-supporting.

What such a program, generally applied would do to the cash-crop farmer is something else. The theory is that with ultimate control of acreage in all cash crops, prices will be high enough to make farming more profitable than it has ever been, even with more people raising their own food. And, naturally, the small landholder with his one-family garden patch, isn't going to compete very much in such crops as wheat, corn, tobacco, cotton and the other main staples.

DRIVER OF TRUCK THAT KILLED SIX IS HUNTED

South Bend, Ind., Aug. 20.—Search for the driver of a van which killed six persons in a collision near here turned to Michigan today with the report that a vehicle answering the description of the missing one was seen between Berrien Springs and St. Joseph, Mich.

Officials reported seeing a large truck which had been damaged and conformed to the description of the death-dealing van.

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Buick Car Sales Show Big Pickup

First Ten Days of August Are Better Than Excellent July Sales

Buick's sales success in July was eclipsed in the first 10-day period of August by a retail volume amounting to almost 159 per cent of the deliveries recorded during the first 10 days of August, 1932, according to W. F. Hufstader, Buick sales manager.

"The medium price market is showing daily gains in strength," said Mr. Hufstader. "Under normal conditions the sales trend at this time of year should be definitely downward. But Buick sales for the entire month of July showed an increase of 88 per cent over the same month of last year. And now, with the early days of August bringing a continuation of that improvement, it appears that a great deal of belated buying is coming

into the market and that the usual 'expectation charts' are being proved pleasantly wrong."

Mr. T. M. Foster, of Wilkesboro, spent Monday in Raleigh attending to business.

DIZZINESS

relieved by Black-Draught

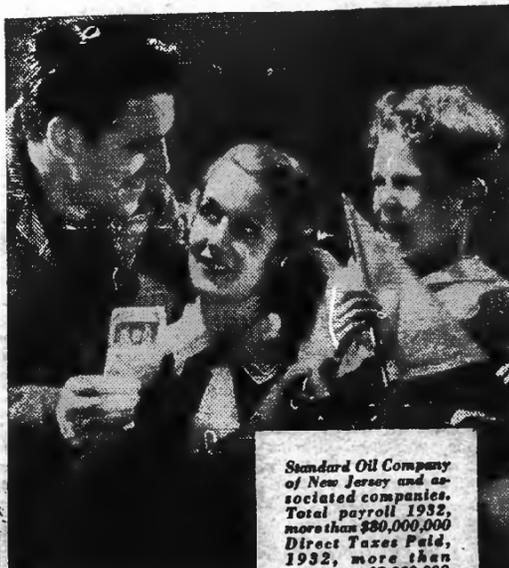
"I decided to take Theodor's Black-Draught, as I had been having bilious spells," writes Mr. Charles E. Stevens, of Columbus, Ind. "When I get bilious, I feel sleepy and tired and do not feel like doing my work. It is hard to tell how I feel, but I do not feel good. I get awfully dizzy. I know then that I had better take something. After I found how good Black-Draught is, that is what I have used. I guess it rids me of the bile, for I feel better—don't feel like I am dropping off to sleep every time I sit down. That, to me, is a very bad feeling." Now you can get Black-Draught in the form of a SYRUP, for children.

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