

Sounding The Depths

By BILLY VAUGHAN

THREE BRIEF TOPICS

New York and Chicago have evidently attained the apogee, to put it rawly, of dumbness. A more literally correct term, possibly, would be indifference; but the result of this indifference gives the impression of the essence of dumbness. The situation would be ludicrous were it not so "damnable outrageous," as Governor Roosevelt puts it. New York seems to revel in its reputation for gangsterism until some atrocity is consummated. We refer to the recent murder of a five year old child and the injury of several others.

The reaction has been what one would expect. Public opinion is indignantly "slicing" on the police, and demanding to know what has become of law and order. The people fail to realize, apparently, that they, and they alone, are responsible for the child murder. If they did not tacitly condone and secretly enjoy gangster wars, such things would never happen. They delude themselves, however, with the lukewarm belief that the gangsters are killing off themselves and failing to bother innocent people. They get on juries, and, bewildered in a smokescreen which they miscall romantic outlawism, render "not guilty" verdicts in the face of convincing testimony by the state and perjured evidence on the part of the defense.

Thus a background in which crime may propagate and thrive is constructed. As long as the gangsters confine themselves to ordinary murders, nothing is said except in newspaper editorials. Then when a serious massacre (it may correctly be called that in spirit) such as the child-murder occurs, the people raise a great hullabaloo and blame the police department. They would do well to practice a little serious introspection and wonder why there was no indignation over the previous gang-war. The police cannot function efficiently in the face of adverse public opinion. There is no excuse for this attitude of condonation of gangs in large cities, and when such atrocities as this child murder are perpetrated, the inhabitants of the city are more to blame than the police.

If they had the "internal fortitude," to borrow a phrase from Mr. Josh Horne, to no longer countenance corrupt politics and to force their political parties to nominate able and honest men, then we would not be sorrowing nationally for our lack of police control, not to say the cold-blooded murder of a five year old child.

The Legion Convention held here at Morehead some weeks ago was singular in one particular. It has, within the last several years, become conventional for all Legion meetings, from the national gatherings to the smallest post, to pass resolutions demanding that Congress redeem partially the certificates of ex-service men. Now that this has been done, it was expected that the Legionnaires would request the complete redemption of these certificates. North Carolina should be proud of her post of the Legion, for it reviewed the question sanely and hooted down a suggestion that full payment be advocated.

To delve further into the question, no one will deny that Frank Grist, Legionaire candidate for Senator, is correct in declaring that the Legion expects no gratuity from the government, but the payment of an honest debt. He is incorrect, however, when he says that the government is able to accept the certificates at face value now. Washington is faced with a deficit of over a billion dollars, and I believe this does not include bonds and long-term debts. Furthermore, the Midas-touch of "Uncle Andy" Mellon is evidently off balance slightly, which, one would suppose, is a much worse calamity than the deficit, however large.

All this the North Carolina Post of the American Legion realized. On the other hand, there is Mr. Grist's statement that the American debt to the Legion is not a gratuity; the fact that individuals are suffering; that this suffering could partially be alleviated by the redemption of certificates; and that the Legion has patiently waited a long while. But it is impossible that such action be taken at present. Individuals must suffer that the preservation of a democracy may be expedited. It was always so; it will be always so. The Legion sacrificed itself during the war that nations might be saved; it, with the pronouncement of the last convention, has announced its intention of so doing again. I do not mean to say that this crisis is as surfeited with political and economic dynamite as was the one in '17 '18, but the foundation for such a situation may be constructed now very easily if the Federal government were to become embroiled in any serious financial difficulties. The true test of heroism is the ability or inability to utter a self-sacrificial "No" in a crisis; the Legion has proved that it has

the ability.

PARADOX

A black bird soars into the evening sky,
Onward through the illimitable blue his pathway shows;
His spirit thrills; he asks not why,
Content to trust in Him who knows

I am a black bird soaring in the evening sky,
Onward through this life my pathway shows;
My spirit thrills; I'd fain ask why,
And yet do trust in Him who knows.

The Layman and Law

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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Thurston is a business man who has had nothing to do with college for twenty-five years, and nothing at all with college administration. He knows the price of steel and how eye-beams are made, and something of the methods of transporting these commodities from one part of the country to another. He could probably design a bridge if he had to, but unless

cornered would assign the task to some subordinate and then criticize the design with a semblance of intelligence when it was presented to him. He has managed an office force of draftsmen and has given a few sales talks to the fellows who go out to dispose of the products of his plant; and that is as far as his administrative duties have led him. He could manage the largest educational institution in the country with ease, however, and without further experience; and he admits it to me modestly, but with assurance. The less he knows about the work of a department, the more certain he is that if he had his hand on the steering wheel he could guide the intellectual machine swiftly and smoothly over the rockiest roads. He can't be made to see that he is a joke and that he could no more manage my job, simple as it seems, than I never having had either mechanics or mechanical drawing, could execute a bridge design.

It was Socrates who through a long life having associated with all sorts of people discovered that every man was willing to admit that he knew his own business thoroughly whether he was a philosopher or an artist, a teacher or a common laboring man; but he observed further, also, that they were sure they knew about every other man's business as well and felt quite competent to offer criticism on the way it was being conducted. The wise man, Socrates concluded, is the one who knows most about his own business and who trusts the other man to run his, since he really is likely to know little about it.

It is curious how much the inarticulate know about art and the layman about law.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We sincerely thank our friends who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of our loved one, Mr. James M. Congleton. We also appreciate the many floral tributes and the use of the cars at the funeral.

Mrs. James M. Congleton and family.

FISHING WITHOUT LICENSE

H. B. Maxwell, Jr., S. P. Hooks and Edward Bland of Goldsboro were arrested last Friday by Clyde Mason, Game and Fish Warden for Carteret County, and tried before Frank L.

King, Magistrate, for fishing in inland waters without a license. Fines and costs amounted to \$9.10.

WILLIAM D. WILLIS DIES

Willie D. Willis, well known citizen of Harker's Island died there at about four o'clock Monday morning. He had been sick for several months suffering from some form of heart and kidney trouble. He was fifty years old. He is survived by four daughters and a son.

BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hill of Otway, Saturday, August 8, a son.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Taylor of Marshallberg, Tuesday August 11, a son.

Read The Want Ads

"Young Tommy" Opao



"Young Tommy" Fernando Opao, the new Filipino flyweight boxer whose sensational battles since his debut less than two years ago, have led his own countrymen to call him a successor to that other great Filipino boxer, the late Pancho Villa, world flyweight champion, has arrived in the United States. He came by way of the Hawaiian Islands, where he stopped long enough to defeat all comers.

SENATORIAL CONTEST WILL BE INTERESTING

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unless present signs fail, Governor Gardner will be a supporter, quietly probably, of his appointee. All admit "Cam" will be hard to beat and many doubt if he will be forced into a second primary.

Long Campaign Ahead
Earlier entries and spectacular entrants in the Senatorial race will have the effect of forcing out the candidates for Governor from two to four months earlier than the usual first of the year starting time. It will mean

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a long and sustained gubernatorial fight, with headquarters and managers and travel and expenses for a longer period. This is a prospect which none of the prospective candidates, all with modest fortunes, relish. At best, not one of them could begin to bear his own expenses without seriously crippling his financial condition, and it may have the effect of causing some of the present prospects to drop from the list.

Another interesting development in that race. A movement is under way to bring out Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the State University, as a gubernatorial candidate. Whether it is friends, trying to do him an honor, either by actually getting him out for the governorship, or getting him in line for the presidency of the greater University, or enemies trying to "muddy the water" for the latter position, is not known. The assertion that the State needs a "liberal" governor, indicates that it is friends, but probably without his knowledge or consent.

Friends of A. J. Maxwell are more insistent that the Commissioner of Revenue will be in the race, and with in a month or two. This week, in an address at Selma, he took definite issue with Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, who had stated that local self-government is being usurped by the State. Mr. Maxwell stated that the Local Government Act, most assailed as usurpation, is in reality giving back to the people some of the power they originally had under the Constitution and which has been lost by court decisions. The commission, he said, stands between them and local officials who might be and have been induced to spend bond money needlessly. Willis Smith, speaker of the House, had previously taken issue with Mr. Fountain, referring to the "ancient shibboleth" and "fetters" of local self-government.

Among other political moves is the announcement of Stacy W. Wade, former insurance commissioner, for Secretary of State James A. Hartness' job, and prospects of B. F. (Fritz) Smith, Senate reading clerk for several years, entering the contest for Commissioner of Labor with a dozen other prospects.

The State Board of Equalization, in session last week, finds that the budgets submitted to it by county officials indicate a requirement for about \$22,000,000 to operate the public schools next year, when only \$17,000,000 is available for that purpose. The board will find it necessary to trim the county budgets an average of 20 per cent or more which is expected to include the 10 per cent cut in teacher salaries. Salaries are not to be cut more than 10 per cent, and not to that extent if funds are available, the act of the General Assembly provides.

City Officials in Trouble
Ed Hugh Lee, Raleigh tax collector for several years, has been indicted for embezzling city funds over a period of years, his alleged confes-

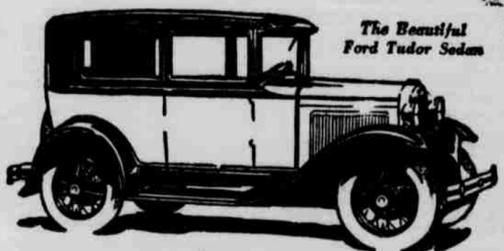
sion placing the amount at about \$30,000, while auditors state it will exceed that amount. He waived preliminary hearing and is held for Superior Court under \$3,000 bond.

Another Raleigh development, of interest to the State, is a hitch in the preparations for erecting a city auditorium on the Centennial School site at the south end of Fayetteville Street. Payment for demolishing the burned auditorium and for removing the school building on the new site, and for plans for the new auditorium, out of the insurance money from the old building, are causing trouble. The last legislature enacted a law directing that the in-

sureance money be turned over to the new building commission, but a part of it has been spent. Just another temporary snag.

Miss Annie Ruth Draper, Davidson county, and George H. Moose, Jr., of Catwba county were crowned king and queen of health at the meeting of more than 700 4-H club members, representing the 30,000 in the State, at State College last week. The club members spent the week in study and recreation, devoting much study to pig, corn, calf, home and other club activities. They followed the farm men and women here the week before.

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