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EDITORIALS

=: Unrolling Of The Panorama :=

LO, THE POOR BOOTLEGGER

The sad news is being circulated that the poor bootlegger will have to go out of business because, on account of war conditions, the distiller is charging \$10 a gallon where he used to get only \$2.

This forces the distributor or the retailer or the bootlegger to have to raise his price to where people won't buy. Thus there becomes nothing in it for the poor bootlegger.

At least the above is the line being put out by the poor bootlegger who, however, hasn't yet quit.

Now for the facts:

The blockader gets \$10 a gallon for his sugar-head. The poor bootlegger takes the gallon and fills 12 short pint bottles with it and sells each bottle for \$3.00, making a clear profit of \$26 a gallon.

His stock goes like hot cakes. He has not been known to supply the demand.

His profit soars like a sky rocket.

Lo, the poor bootlegger.

They say in Winston, where the thirst is proverbially keener, the short pint brings \$5. This would yield the poor bootlegger \$50 a gallon profit.

Lo, the poor bootlegger.

GOLD DUST TWINS—THE TWO GOVERNORS.

The tobacco warehouse holiday was a swell ruse. The psychological effect was galvanic.

We'll have to name the two Governors the Gold Dust Twins. Tobacco is back with a bang. We heard of one farmer yesterday selling a grade for 91. Burley Mabe pocketed a roll of \$800, the proceeds of a load.

The farmers had already pulled a smooth one by selling two-thirds of the crop before the slump. They slumbered for half a week and slammed back to 41 averages.

The Governor of Virginia is almost as fine a guy as the Governor of South Carolina. When you hook up a Tar Heel Governor with either a Sore Back or a Sand Fiddler Executive, you've got a team.

PICK UP THAT PISTOL, MAMA

A New Jersey legislator will introduce a bill to ameliorate the penalty on mothers who shoot adventurers who marry their daughters only to live with them a few weeks and then disappear or desert them.

The court dockets have never been so full of divorce cases or indictments for abandonment. A snappy uniform often covers a multitude of worthlessness or crookedness. A smart good looking scoundrel can easily impose on the credulity of a dainty damsel, and soon to disappoint her for life.

The New Jersey legislator's theory is right. Let the laws be lenient on pistol-packing mama who protects her gals. Not only pardon her but award her a gold medal.

THE QUALITY OF MERCY SHOULD NOT BE STRAINED

The civilized world is being memorialized to use its influence to save Rome from bombing.

The Holy Father says it will be incredible that the Holy City should be blasted down. Save the Holy City, the home and seat of papacy.

Frankly, the Protestant world is not impressed by the reasons advanced by the Holy Father.

The civilized United States sincerely respects the magnificent relics in Rome left by the Caesars, etc., the imposing monuments, the beautiful statuary and all that.

But we would not give the life of one noble Stokes county boy to save the whole outfit, which few of us ever saw or ever will see.

It is a certain fact that if the Allies are driven to a street-by-street and house-by-house battle to conquer the Holy City, the cost in our blood and treasure will be appalling. And the delay of the siege would be of tremendous consequence to the Huns.

The Germans are encouraging the sentiment floated by the Pope and His Holiness' argument to save Rome from bombing because it is the Holy City. To stay the Flying Fortresses would be copious water on Hitler's wheel.

But the air forces can save many thousands of American and British lives by pulverizing this ancient city of conceit, corruption and religious bigotry, oppression and prejudice.

We do not recall having seen any extraordinary gestures by the Catholic world to save London and Liverpool and Coventry because so many Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians had their homes and churches in these cities.

To make Rome an "open city", which would mean the moving out of Nazi armies and equipment, would be a most advantageous thing for Rome and the United Nations.

But to spare Rome because it is "holier than thou" does not appeal.

The answer should be block-busters.

Let the quality of the Allies' mercy be not strained.

The art of conversation is a most useful and delightful gift. And a good listener is a gorgeous sort of person who is welcome anywhere. And this reminds us that, did you ever stand telling a friend about something, you feeling a conscious pride in your entertaining way of telling it, when your friend would suddenly abruptly turn away before you had finished to give ear to some other fool just come up with a different subject? If you haven't your magnetism is superb, else you never lived in Stokes.

We often wonder what has become of our old friend Zoom. A few years ago Zoom was ever present. Never an airplane went over mountains or sea that it didn't Zoom. But we never hear of old Zoom any more now. Zoom's place is being filled by Roar. The fortresses, the assaults and the fighters Roar a plenty but never Zoom any more. Goodbye Zoom, and all hail Roar.

ROOSEVELT HATE GETS A BREAK

In an off-year election Tuesday the Republicans elected a Lieutenant - Governor in New York, Governors in New Jersey and Kentucky and a mayor of Philadelphia.

Of course the result means a rebuke to the hated New Deal and President Roosevelt, and is the forerunner of a clean sweep of the country by the Republicans in the general election next fall.

Roosevelt was said to be backing the Democratic candidate who was defeated in New York, but the Associated Press says Roosevelt's backing of the New York man consisted in the President's going to the polls and casting a vote for him.

The Democrats it appears were almost apathetic in these races. Not much interest was shown by them, but the Republicans had made a great fight and spent much money. They wanted the victory for its "effect", and to get a bridgehead.

Among those who huzza very loudly or see the Republican victory as a protest against the "long-haired bureaucrats at Washington" are the National G. O. P. Chairman Spangler and the National Disappointee Jas. H. Farley of New York, the Union Republican and Mayor Coan of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Thus do the Roosevelt-haters sometimes get a break.

ALIBI

The following news story appeared on the front page of the Oct. 28 Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript:

"Concord, New Hampshire (A. P.) — A collection to send Christmas gifts to Japanese children was taken by the Methodist Conference Women's Society. The women voted to send the collection directly to Japan, where gifts can be bought for distribution."

The Danbury Reporter don't know nothing about it, but we are willing to be sworn that in our best knowledge and belief Mrs. Frances Marshall, Mrs. Jessie Christian, Mrs. Mollie Martin, Mrs. Tom Preston, Miss Nannie Jones and Miss Laura Ellington didn't have nothing to do with it.

Quite often we hear: "O consistency, thou art a jewel." But consistency is no jewel. Inconsistency is a jewel. A man who adheres to old fallacies simply because he fears to be inconsistent, is stubborn and unreasonable. All of us are only sometimes right in our convictions, and our opinions. If we thought a position right yesterday and said so, and then find today we were probably wrong, but stick to it so we may be consistent, we are not only dishonest but belong to that ilk which, convinced against its will, are of the same opinion still. Do not try to be consistent. Try to be right if the heavens fall. Truth is what we should try to attain, not consistency, which is often paste.