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You've noticed, of course, that fellows who are always losing their tempers, manage somehow to find them again.

And while we are making our best bow to Finland's fighting men, her weather man deserves a pat on the back, too.

And speaking of reward for party service: Even a dog will stand on its hind legs—under promise of a bone.

Another reason why this is a phoney war: This time the belligerents have nobody to help them pay for a real one.

Business of admitting that every time a man loses his liberty shooting the rapids of love, it serves to make the sport more exciting and inviting.

Thirty Years of Service

Representative Robert L. Doughton's service in the United States Congress has been so embracing of all of North Carolina, that our people are inclined to forget that he was only the servant of the citizenry of a neighbor district, and to regret equally with them that he has elected to retire after his present term.

Thirty years ago Bob Doughton went to Congress, equipped with only a meager education but with plenty of good hill-country common sense and honesty, and there by constant and persistent application mastered the details of his job of representing, and now he retires from a position probably in all respects the most important that the House of Representatives offers.

And he retires, mind you, for he is not being shelved, as the sincere urging of every county chairman in his district to reconsider, readily shows. There are dozens of able men clamoring for his mantle—not one of whom would have been reckless enough to try to snatch it from him. True, Jim Rivers, of Boone, had already announced his candidacy in opposition to Mr. Doughton, but one can understand now that he must have had advance information of Mr. Doughton's retirement, else bent on committing political suicide. For the voters of the Ninth district were in no mood to swap "Old Muley" as Mr. Doughton was lovingly referred to by his colleagues in Congress, not even for the fastest stepper politics could trot out.

Mr. Doughton deserved his high place in the estimation of his people and of the members of Congress. He was a tireless worker, a straight-thinker and a square shooter, and the humblest citizen of his district cannot complain that Mr. Doughton did not act promptly and reasonably in every request made of him.

Congressman Doughton counts as two of his leading achievements in helpful legislation the social security laws which he sponsored and the Blue Ridge Parkway which he helped tremendously in shoving into his native hills, and which will remain a monument to his energy and efficiency. But we are remembering, too, when he stood, alone, and battled a national sales tax that was about to be placed on the already bent backs of the poor—battled and won.

Here is hoping that Mr. Doughton finds the contentment and peace that he so richly deserves after thirty years in harness.

A Significant Advertisement

Last week's issue of The Tribune carried a very unusual advertisement that told of the successful campaign to "clean up or close up" disreputable beer "joints." It was unusual because it recited the accomplishments, the wholesome activities of those who are supposed to covet the profits of a maximum volume of beer sales, without being picayunish about where and how these sales are made.

But here is something new under the sun! Colonel Edgar H. Bain heads a campaign by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors to either clean up objectionable beer outlets or close them up. It is significant we think that Colonel Bain has gone even farther than county and State officials who granted license to outlets that were known to abuse their privileges. Colonel Bain simply saw to it that unless these places were respectable, license or no license, beer was not available to them. Which is to say, in Colonel Bain's own words, that "those who sought to hide liquor selling and other illegal activities behind the respectability of legal beer licenses," were brought up with a jerk.

Our notion is that the public has revised its opinion of beer-drinking; that it is no longer looked upon as a major evil to be classed with drunkenness and general dis-

order; that it is first-off a beverage that can be converted into an intoxicant only by the hoggish.

It required some vision for the brewers and distributors to draw the line of demarcation between beer drinking and liquor drinking, and for their own part, take steps to keep their own doorstep clean. And we are persuaded that that had something to do with the fact that revenue collections from beer have grown from only \$183,102.37 in the calendar year of 1933 to \$1,410,893.02 in the fiscal year which ended last June 30. And that, by the way, is revenue that will be considered as a separate item, if and when the State develops another prohibition conflict. And at the risk of being accused of heresy, we are daring to think it should be so considered.

None to Take His Place

Yesterday one of the nation's most colorful and influential statesmen was discussing national issues and counseling with his colleagues in the United States Senate. Today he is no longer a part of the picture, except to the extent that the influence of his sincerity and inherent honesty remains. Such is the way of life—and death.

Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, was respected by friend and foe alike. He was a power in debate because he marshalled his facts and presented them forcefully, but first he sought what he thought to be solid ground and stood there, undaunted by any wind that blew. Sometimes he was wrong, but more often he was right; when wrong it could not be charged that he was that way through consideration of political expediency, for he subordinated politics to what he considered was for the national good. He measured issues by that yardstick and seldom if ever resorted to sectional or selfish consideration in efforts to solve national problems.

It is admitted that Senator Borah was more of a balance wheel to the Republican party, than one of its driving forces—and balance wheels are as essential as valves and pistons, if the machinery is not to run away with itself. In national conventions where candidates and policies were determined, Senator Borah was a factor that demanded consideration, and measurement of both was undertaken with more care and caution because of him.

He was definite and determined in his views and fought without compromise. It was even so in his battle to keep this country independent of foreign affairs which was back of his fight against our participation in the League of Nations, a fight that he captained and won. He was an uncompromising foe of trusts and monopolies and was hated, yet respected, by them for the pain he gave them.

Senator Borah's death removes the most colorful figure from the national picture, and there is no one in sight to take his place, and more's the pity.

On the Way Up

The Wall Street Journal, recognized authority on economic relationships, and with a world-wide family of readers, recently carried a special section devoted to a "Southern Industrial Development survey," in which will be found this from Leigh S. Plummer, one of the Journal's staff writers:

"Solutions of most of the economic problems facing the South, long sought and difficult to effect, are gradually being worked out. Capital is being invested, plants are being built, crops are being diversified. The groundwork for higher farm incomes is being laid, conservation of natural resources is being fostered. The South is on the way up."

And in support of this conclusion, the Wall Street Journal carries page after page, setting forth the details of Southern progress—column after column of interesting data that emphasize the fact that the "South is on the way up."

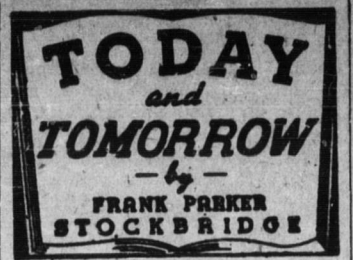
And in this march of progress chemistry is taking an important role. Within the past decade science has harnessed much of the South's by-products, and put them to pulling the economic load: The lowly pine is being made into paper; the sweet potato into starch that competes with importations; the soy bean is being converted into automobile equipment. All of which adds up that the South some of these days will be asking for a divorce from cotton—with good prospect of receiving alimony.

But why this national interest in the South and her progress? Well for one thing, the thirty-seven million people living here provide the greatest potential market to be found in the country; a market for the goods produced in other sections. One need turn only to the automobile industry, whose expanding sales reflect very definitely the rising buying power in the South, for the twenty-seven Southeastern states account for 27 per cent. of the automobile industry's 1939 volume against twenty-five per cent. in 1938.

And add to this increased and increasing buying power, the fact that the South is a field for stagnant capital, plus the source of raw materials needed by industrialists in other sections, and you have a big part of the answer, not only to the problems of the South, but to one of the major problems of the entire nation.

And while national attention is focused on the South it is well that an interested and influential group is trying to keep this progress to an even keel—dedicating their time and talent to a "decade of balanced prosperity"—with emphasis on balance. A group that includes our own Clarence Poe and Frank Graham, backstooled by Southern governors.

Yes, indeed, "The South is on the way up."



RULERS force

Looking back only a few years, who remembers that in 1918 the German Army and Navy rebelled against the German Kaiser and forced him into exile? Or that a year before the people of Russia had deposed their Czar and sent him to his death? The peoples of those nations were taking their governments into their own hands. That was hailed by the believers in democracy as a great triumph for the principle of self-government.

Look at what has happened since. The German Republic lasted only seven or eight years before an unscrupulous gang of politicians got control and abolished democracy entirely. The people's government of Russia, under Alexander Kerensky's leadership, lasted but a few months before it was overthrown by another political gang, which has ruled by ruthless murder of all who have opposed its policies.

The German people and the Russian people are far worse off than they ever were under the rule of Kaiser or Czar. Instead of gaining freedom, they have lost whatever vestige of liberty they once had. They are dominated by force in the hands of unscrupulous scoundrels.

DEMOCRACY bosses

Historians of the future are bound to write hundreds of books explaining why democracy failed in those two great nations. To me the basic answer is clear enough. Neither the German people nor the Russian people had ever had any experience with individual liberty nor any understanding of the processes of self-government. They had always been subjects of an all-powerful state, trained for generations to be subservient to authority. Only a few thinkers had ever dared to dream of self-government, and they were speedily suppressed.

It was easy enough for the political tricksters and gangsters who now control those two nations to nip the democratic idea in the bud. The people weren't ready for it. It takes years, even centuries, for any group of people to master the principles and work out the methods of successful self-government. We in America succeeded only because we had a hundred years and more of experience in running our own affairs as colonists so far away from our rulers that they couldn't discipline us very severely.

The Germans and the Russians merely exchanged one set of bosses for another, and continued their old habit of taking orders from the ruling group.

HISTORY Bonaparte

It took the people of England several hundred years of trying to endure the oppressions of the Crown before they got up courage enough to cut off their king's head and take the government into their own hands. That was the beginning of democracy as we know it. It took them another 75 years or so, in which they nearly lost the liberties they had gained, before they finally learned how to operate the machinery of self-government.

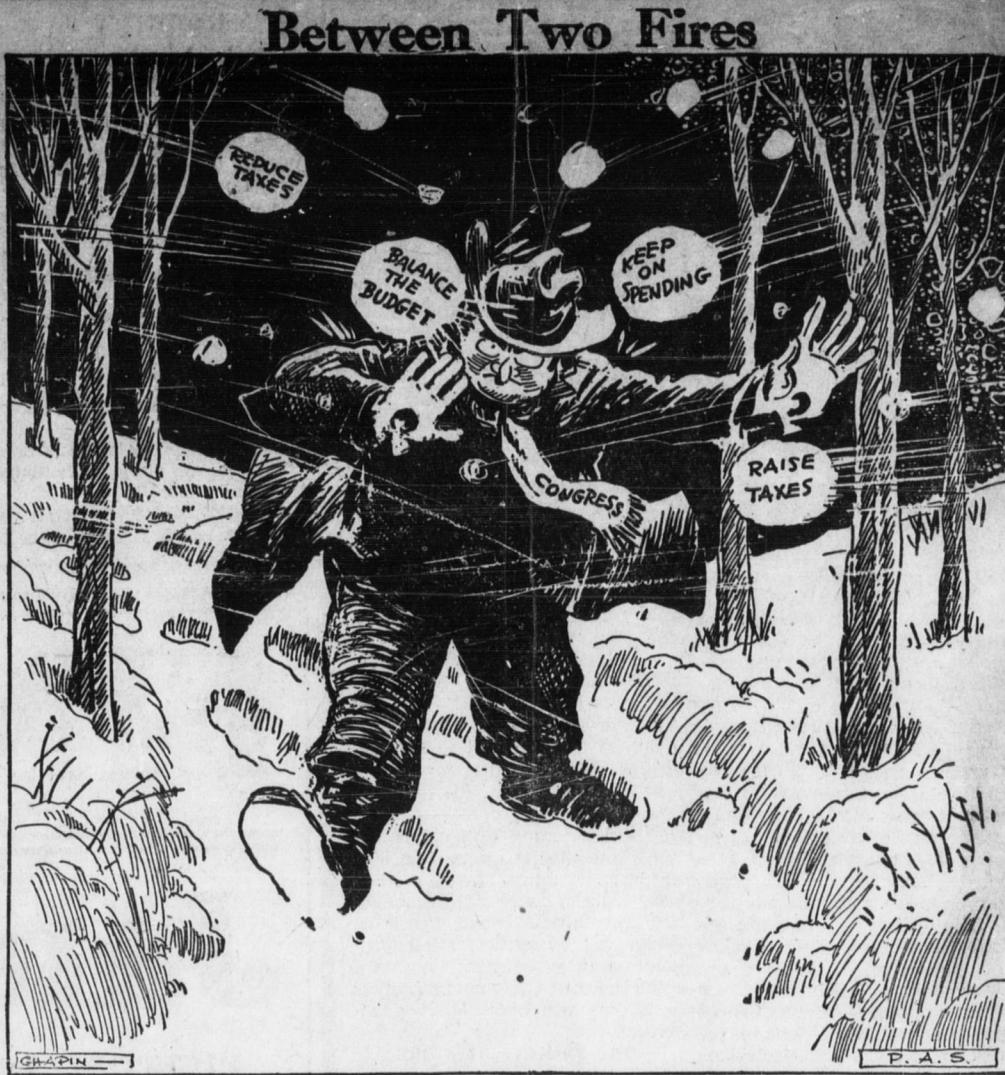
The French people were a hundred years and more working themselves up to the point of revolution, and probably would not have tried it if they had realized in advance that they would have to kill the king to gain their liberty. They, too, almost lost all they had gained when an unscrupulous adventurer named Napoleon Bonaparte gained political control. It was half a century after Napoleon before the French people developed a workable system of democratic rule.

The best way to get a clear understanding of what is happening in Europe today is to read the history of the French Revolution and the life of Bonaparte.

MORALITY gangsters

The issue in Europe today is one of morals, in the broad sense. Civilized people cannot live in a world threatened by gangsters. However imperfect may be the systems of the nations which are founded upon human liberties, democratic in principle, they are at least based upon the essential moral principles of honesty, recognition and tolerance of the rights of all men to live and worship as they please and of preventing or punishing any infringement of those rights.

This whole moral basis of civilization has been discarded by the nations which are threatening the liberties of the rest of the world today. They have proved themselves dishonest, pledge-breakers, and aggressors



Marijuana Cause Of Great Worry In This State

Raleigh—Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, state health officer, who was responsible for including marijuana, sex stimulating drug, in the same category with morphine and other harmful drugs in the North Carolina anti-narcotics law, which was made to conform to the Federal law, expressed grave concern over the statement in the Raleigh News and Observer by the Rev. M. J. Adams, Baptist minister, of Rutherford county, who was quoted as having told the Baptist State Board, "The greatest menace to the schools of our state is marijuana (spelled mara huanna in the state law) and it is present in all the high schools I have visited."

In a statement issued in Raleigh, Dr. Reynolds said: "The fact that this statement was made by a minister of the gospel gives to it such weight that it should be thoroughly investigated by both Federal and State officials. I think that Mr. Adams should inform these officials, confidentially, if he wishes, in just what schools he observed the use of this dangerous drug and that the officials should get at the bottom of the matter and clear it up, heaving to the line and letting the chips fall where they may."

"I need not at this time go into the horrible effects of mara huanna, as I have done this in previous warnings against the use of this nefarious drug, but I reiterate that there should be an immediate investigation of the minister's charges. The penalty for the first offense in violating the anti-narcotics law is a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment not exceeding three years, while persons found guilty of a second and subsequent violations may be fined \$3,000 and imprisoned not exceeding five years or both."

And my personal feeling is that the United States, as the most powerful nation of the world professing adherence to high standards of morality, should not fail at the end of this war, as it did at the end of the last war, to take its seat at the head of the table of whatever world group or alliance may be set up to maintain the peace of the world.

DOUGHTON

Mr. Joseph G. Woodruff died at his home near Doughton, January 15. He leaves his wife, one son, Mr. Paul Woodruff, Rock Springs, Wyo., a son-in-law, Mr. Leonard Roupe, Sparta, one sister, Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, two brothers, Mr. J. N. and Mr. Bynum Woodruff, all of Thurmond.

The funeral was held at Roaring Gap church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Grant Cothren. He was a faithful member of Roaring Gap Baptist church, and will be greatly missed in the church and community. The bereaved have our sympathy.

The Roaring Gap Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. J. N. Gentry Friday afternoon, January 19. Miss Harriett McGoogan, our home demonstration agent, was in charge, and presented a very helpful and interesting program, which was enjoyed by all present. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Woodruff.

MRS. JAMES IS ADULT EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Mrs. Robert James, of this city, has been appointed as supervisor of adult education in Surry county and has entered upon her duties. Mrs. James also instructs regular evening classes for enrollees at Camp Hancock, CCC camp here.

Mrs. Willie Moore Gentry, who formerly served as Surry supervisor of adult education, and who has been engaged for the past several weeks in conducting a class in Red Cross training, announces that out of a class of 31 WPA officials who enrolled for training late in November, 26 have been graduated. Two classes were conducted each week.

NOTICE!

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Elkin-Jonesville Building and Loan Association will be held in the City Hall on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, at 7:30 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting. This is the 17th day of January, 1940.

PAUL GWYN, Secretary.

WANTS

Hurry for details about our special Royal Vacuum Cleaner offer. You get two cleaners for less than the price of one. Just a few left. Harris Electric Co. 1tc

We buy scrap iron and metals. Double Eagle Service Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Two good used Kelvinators for sale cheap. They'll give you plenty of real service. Come in and see them. Harris Electric Co. 1tc

Wanted to repair — radios. Our expert thoroughly knows his business. Prices right. Harris Electric Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tc

When selling or buying produce see Early Combs, in the old city jail building. Telephone 308. 1tc

Special! New genuine Frigidaire just out of the crate! 6 cubic foot size. Five year guarantee. Extra special price of only \$129.75. See it. 1tc

Permanent Waves, \$1.00 and up. Shampoo and finger wave, 40c. Modern Beauty Shop, Louise Vestal, Ruby Gray. Telephone 340. 1tc

One used RCA Victor cabinet radio and phonograph combination at a very special price. Harris Electric Co. 1tc

Do you want plenty of eggs from strong, fast growing young chicks? If so feed Panamin. We have it. Abernethy's, A Good Drug Store, Elkin, N. C. 1tc

Wanted to buy all kinds of cattle, calves and pork hogs. See Bub Price at Basketeria. 1tc

Come in and get details about our Thor Washer with lifetime guarantee! It's a real washer at a thrifty price! Harris Electric Co. 1tc

For Sale—32-volt light plant, complete with fixtures. Good condition. Sell cheap or trade. E. W. Pardue, Yadkinville, N. C., Route 1. 1tp

Pedigreed registered wire haired fox terrier puppies, five international champions directly back of them. Price reasonable. Mrs. Charles Burwell Van Horten, 430 Union St., Wytheville, Va. 1tp

For rent: 75-acre tract; 1.8 acres tobacco allotment; new 4-room house, near Clingman. Cash or share rental. See Arthur Renegar, Route 2, Yadkinville, N. C. 2-8p