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Evidently our continual reference to the Monroe Doctrine has given Japan an idea.

Whatever Joe Stalin is up to it won't be held against him over here if he keeps chugging along at his present pace.

In the light of recent events, a fellow can better understand why Nero would be content to fiddle while Rome burned.

"An apple a day, keeps the doctor away," any orchardist will tell you. But we know a surer plan: Fail to pay what you've been owing him since the first baby was born.

If the American and Japanese fleets, cruising around for their health, should happen to meet in the Pacific, we reckon they'd give a none-too-hearty salute and let it go at that.

The federal government is about the business of finger-printing all foreigners. But what's to hinder them from pulling a rubber nipple over their trigger-finger?

Anyhow you've got to call Hitler smart for carrying out his blitzkrieg while we are in the midst of a national campaign and can't drop it to come to anybody's aid.

Mussolini continues to follow the Hitler lead. When Adolf managed to rub General von Fritsch, Benito began to take note of how popular Italy's air ace Balbo had become. And dictators can't afford to have popular personalities around.

A Generous Gesture

Those cash bonus checks, totaling \$35,000, handed the employees of the Chatham Manufacturing Company last week was a fine gesture, to be sure, but the letter accompanying each check from Thurmond Chatham, the firm's president, is as important as the dollars. For this money soon will be spent, and the thrill of unexpected reward soon dulled, but the words of that letter which certainly must have welled up from a heart that was full, should not and will not lose their significance.

We are certain that Mr. Chatham meant what he said when he declared that "We are trying our level best to divide with you when our business prospers"—for the bonus check was ample evidence of that. And we are just as certain that he was not prompted by any selfish motive when he made his plea "to work more and produce more than ever before" for he spoke in terms of "we" and that meant that he and the entire management personnel would bend more earnestly to the same task.

We have long felt that so-called Big Business should take this attitude toward its workers. For each is dependent on the other. The trouble is that industry cannot ask labor to share its adversity, to bear a part of the losses in lean years. And so it remains for only a few big-hearted, humane employers, when success comes in the form of a favorable balance, to turn a reasonable part of the earnings back to those who have helped to make dividends possible.

But above all, at this time when the capitalist system is being tested, it is refreshing to hear men like Thurmond Chatham saying: "I pledge myself to work for a strong nation—to work harder than ever before," and to remind that here in America we are fortunate in our freedom; that we have the right to work where we please, the right to say what we want, the right to worship as we see fit. If those facts could find lodgment in the minds and hearts of the workers of this nation, there would be no need to fear Hitler's "fifth-columnists" or the most subtle propaganda that his Goebbels can spread over this nation. But these are precious rights that will cease to exist when a unified purpose is not the order.

"We have stormy days ahead," says Mr. Chatham. And he is right about that. And they may be stormier than some of us realize. For not all industrialists are as magnanimous as he, and not all workers as fortunate as his. And there is where disunity sprouts—and disunity is the only thing that can prize us loose from our ideals and our freedom, and make us slaves to a system that does not know the meaning of the word—bonus.

May As Well Face It

Perhaps you're saying that the small "country" newspaper should reserve its editorial comment for matters that have to do with local concern or interest and leave the decisions and conclusions on Europe's war to the big dailies who obviously are more

able to make appraisal because of information facilities and specialized study.

But, believe it or not, it is no longer Europe's war alone, and being in it up to our hips, it is right and proper that the American people be aroused to what they are facing, and for a certain sector of them, this arousing is a function of the so called "country press." If we didn't believe that we are jam up against the red light, and considerably confused in our thinking, we'd certainly be writing about something more pleasant.

For a long time we have lived under the protection of a "balance of power" in Europe—for so long that it is hard to realize we no longer are guarded from a Europe dominated by one man who has gone wild with his successes and resulting power. For in the past Britain has helped to stabilize Europe, and we have been the beneficiaries of that stabilization. That must be admitted. As it looks from here, Britain will not be able to continue that role. Which brings up a horse of another color, and the American people will be serving their interests best if they—look him over.

Do you remember how Adolf Hitler squealed that "Benes must go," and how Benes went and Czechoslovakia went with him? Remember how he warned England that Eden and Churchill must not be given high place in the British government, and how they were kept in the closet—until too late? Well, a Hitler spokesman in Berlin has just warned that if Uncle Sam tries to curb Nazi economic penetration of Latin America, Germany will consider herself "forced to secure and organize" Latin America, and this warning is accompanied by the assertion that President Roosevelt has "succeeded in making essentially worse American relations with Germany, Japan, Italy and the Soviet Union." So Mr. Roosevelt is to be the Hitler villain who "must go" in this newest German adventure.

The German Foreign Office spokesman who made that pronouncement probably didn't know the caliber of Wendell Willkie, or he would have taken pains to warn that he must not be accepted either. But he did know that Senator Wheeler and a few of his buddies are afflicted with that same "peace at any price" disease that made Mr. Chamberlain putty in Hitler's hands.

Hitler is not only telling us who we should elect as our President, but is about the business of "securing and organizing" Latin America. You would think that he has his hands full right now, but his economic storm troopers are in Brazil and other South American republics trying to head off that proposed cartel arrangement whereby the Americas would pool their products. And they are heading it off, too, else why would Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay be unrepresented at that meeting on July 20? And why should Mexico be constantly called upon to pester with Nazi agents?

Make no mistake about it. The push is on. Hitler is not even bothering to change his pace, and reveals what he has in store for us, when he hints that President Roosevelt must go. We may as well get ready for the push and in bigger doses. We are living under a new order—the Hitler era.

An Achievement

It has been announced that work is expected to start soon on the REA sponsored electric power project for the counties of Surry, Yadkin and Stokes, the project already having been approved by authorities at Washington. It is to be hoped that nothing will interfere with or discourage this undertaking, for any plan, governmental or private, that can manage to bring electricity into 1,500 homes on a basis that will not tax their ability to pay for it deserves the green light.

The convenience and economy of electricity is no longer a dream for a large and increasing portion of the farm families of North Carolina. A recent report of the State REA tells that electric service is being furnished to 115,000 customers in this State, practically all of whom are new users, and in most cases involve territories considered too "thin" to interest private power concerns, or individual investment for profit.

Add to these 115,000 new homes now enjoying the convenience of electric current, the new customers on new lines established by private power companies and you have a total that deserves to be called an achievement. For these private concerns have contributed immensely to the materialization of this dream for North Carolina, and they should have full credit for their share in this healthy progress.

Much has been said for and against federal activities in the electric power field, but the fact remains that these federal efforts have served to stimulate private business and to convince that mass use of electric power at a small profit, will earn as many dollars as curtailed use at a higher price, with the difference that more souls are made happy by the wider spread.

There was a time when private utilities established new service lines only when assured of profits from the start, or should we say imposed conditions, which, while reasonable from their practical viewpoint, either worked a hardship on the customers, or made it impossible for them to engage this service. Part of this changed attitude has come about by the prodding of REA competition and partly because of improved methods of transmission and lowered installation and operation costs. But that doesn't matter a great deal. The main consideration is that here is evidence of progress in this State, and there is plenty of glory in the achievement to go around.

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, July 9—The nomination of Wendell Willkie as the Republican candidate for the Presidency has strengthened the belief of political observers here that President Roosevelt will be the nominee of the Democratic convention.

There is general agreement, not only among Republicans but also among Democrats, that Mr. Willkie is the best possible man, from the viewpoint of practical politics, whom the Opposition could have named. That, as the shrewd lookers-on in Washington see it, makes it incumbent upon the Democrats to name their best possible man. And that man, all agree, is the President himself.

Nobody but bred-in-the-bone partisans of one party or the other is making any positive predictions about the outcome of the election. Too many things may happen between now and November to make soothsaying safe. But as matters stand now the smartest and most experienced political observers are inclined to give the two parties at least an even break, even if Mr. Roosevelt decides to run against Mr. Willkie.

Several factors enter into that line of figuring. There is the nation-wide trend against the New Deal, which has been apparent for two years or more and which seems to be still growing. No other Republican who could have been nominated at Philadelphia is in a better position to capitalize on that discontent than Mr. Willkie; for he is in the unique position of a man who was a Democrat up to two or three years ago and is now the leader of the Republican party. The best opinion here is that such an outstanding example of the breakdown of party lines is bound to influence some millions of voters.

Personal Magnetism
There is much more than that behind the feeling that Mr. Willkie has a good chance even against such a doughty opponent as Mr. Roosevelt himself. In his brief campaign for the nomination, which he personally did not begin to take seriously until early May this year, he has demonstrated that he has a magnetic appeal to the public, what the movie folks call "oomph." Of the other leading contenders in his party, only Tom Dewey has anything approaching that sort of personal magnetism.

But ability as a campaigner is not the only requisite. Wendell Willkie really won the nomination because the great, uncountable mass of voters had become convinced that he was not only honest, sincere and a fearless fighter but that he stood for the things in which the people believed, and not for the kind of facing-both-ways which they were accustomed to hearing from political candidates.

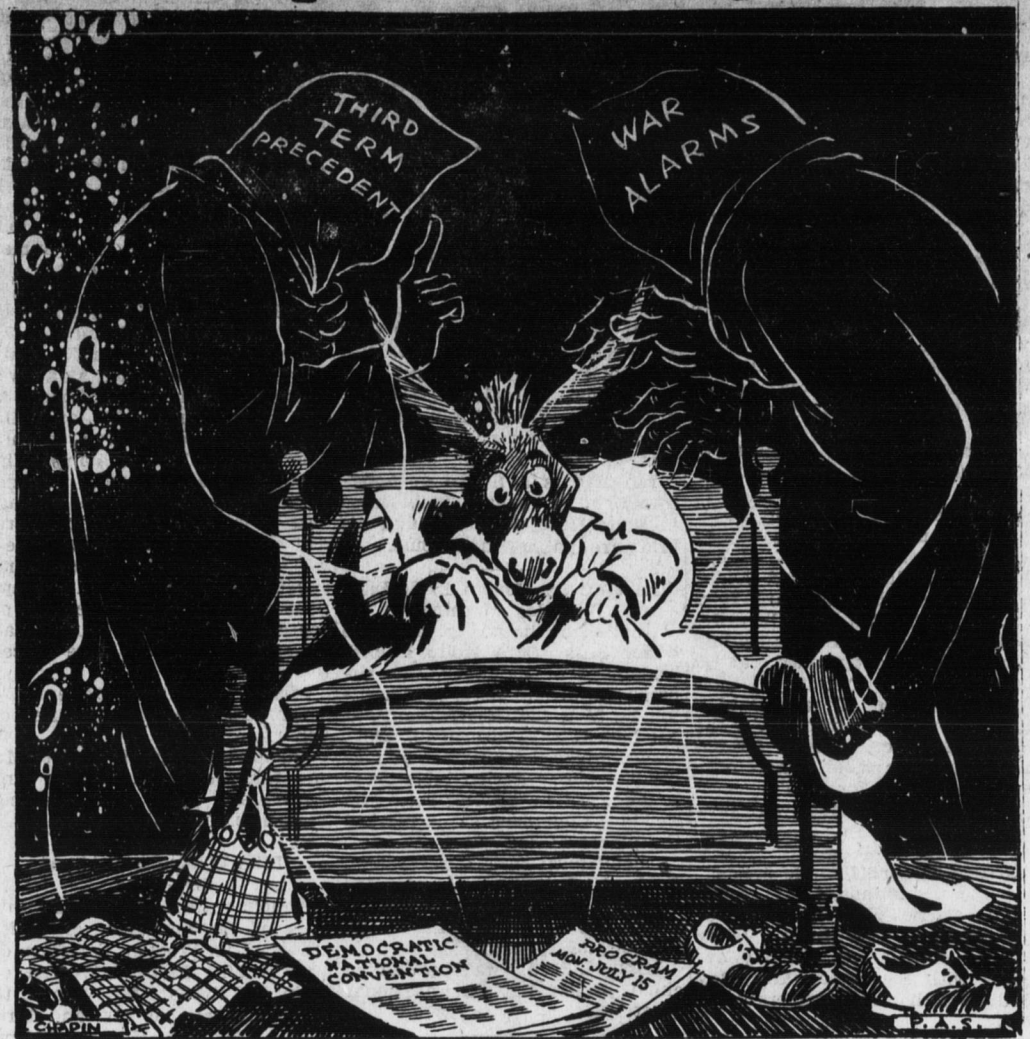
Washington, which has seen and listened to every sort of politician from the beginning, has become a good judge of political bunk. The old-time experienced observers here have been expressing themselves freely. Their general belief is that a candidate for the Presidency who says what he honestly believes, regardless of whether his hearers like it or not, will be at least a refreshing novelty.

Platform a Patchwork
The Republican platform is looked upon by most as being a patchwork of efforts to please everyone, as party platforms generally are. It is the work of politicians. Mr. Willkie, not being a politician in the common sense of the term, is expected to make his own platform. The belief here is that he will come a great deal closer to advocating assistance to the British Empire than the convention's declaration went.

He has been called an "interventionist" by some of the same politicians who have been accusing Mr. Roosevelt of trying to draw this country into the European war. It seems clear that he has no enthusiasm for the "peace-at-any-price" policy which was urged upon the resolutions committee by many Republicans. It is Washington's belief that in the matter of adequate provision for national defense and of aid without legal limits for those who are fighting democracy's war it will develop that Mr. Willkie and Mr. Roosevelt are not very far apart in their principles, though perhaps in their ideas of the proper methods.

War Not An Issue
If that surmise is correct, then the "war issue" will be substantially eliminated from the Presidential campaign. And with that out of the way, the battle of the parties will be fought on the fundamental issue which drove Mr. Willkie out of the Democratic Party and into the Republican.

Nightmare In Chicago



That is the issue between Government control of business and industry, and free enterprise.

All of the other differences between the parties, all of the accusations leveled at the Administration, hang in some degree upon the basic question of how far the Federal government is warranted in laying down rules for human conduct and how effective its efforts in that respect have been toward promoting the general welfare.

That, of course, is the precise point at which Mr. Willkie split with the party of his former allegiance. It was his fight, as a business man, against the Government's restrictions upon the very large enterprise of which he was the head, which brought him first into the public eye. It was his continued denunciation of the policy under which his own and other businesses have been subjected to Governmental control which forced a somewhat bewildered Republican convention to pick him as the fighting leader whom they could not find within the ranks of their own politicians.

BURCH

Rev. A. B. Hayes, of Mountain View, will begin a revival meeting at Little Richmond Baptist church Sunday, July 14, at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

C. C. Humphries and children spent several days last week at Westfield, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carter, of Winston-Salem, were the Sunday guests of Mr. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carter.

Mrs. Della Chappell, Roy Chappell, Miss Lucille Marion and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chappell and little daughter, Bonnie, spent Sunday at Harmony, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Flincham and children spent Sunday with friends in Pilot Mountain.

N. J. Martin is a patient in the Mount Airy hospital, his friends will regret to know.

Misses Lucille and Bobbie Marion are visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Mrs. Morgan Gentry entertained at a birthday party Saturday to honor her granddaughter, Miss Rachel Gentry. Outdoor games were enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon.

W. A. Brown, of Jonesville, spent several days last week the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Snead.

POPLAR SPRING

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Hayes will be sorry to know that he is seriously ill at this time.

Mr. Roy Gough, of East Bend, visited his uncle, Mr. R. M. Gough, and Mrs. Gough, and Mr. W. H. Hayes Monday.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Jim Eldridge has not improved since the last writing.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Mooney

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have as their guests this week and the latter part of last week, Mr. Mooney's mother, Mrs. Yancy Mooney, and his nephew, Thurmond Mooney, of High Point.

Mrs. Elizabeth Willcox, of Mt. Airy, is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Hayes. Mrs. Noah Darnell and daughter, Betty Jean, of Elkin, and Mrs. W. S. White, of Rusk, spent last Wednesday visiting Mrs. Celia Williams and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guyer.

The Poplar Spring nine defeated the Dobson ball team last Thursday in two games with scores of 3-4 and 2-3.

Mrs. D. E. Hinson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Gwyn Eldridge visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Collins, of Elkin, Sunday.

ST. PAUL

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wood, of Valdese, spent the week-end visiting his father, H. H. Wood.

Miss Dicy Myers, of New Hope, spent Saturday night visiting her sister, Mrs. Beveridge Reavis.

Miss Edith Walker visited her mother, Mrs. Sina Walker, over the week-end.

Mrs. Raymond Henderson spent last week near Harmony visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Critz, of Housatonic, spent a short while last Sunday visiting her brother, Reuben Allred, and Mrs. Allred.

Mr. Hugh Walker spent the week-end near Hamptonville visiting his nephew, Willard Swaim.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Myers, of Yadkinville, spent the week-end visiting their daughter, Mrs. Reuben Allred.

Mr. H. H. Wood and daughter, Eva Mae, spent last Sunday near Longtown visiting their son and brother, Calvin Wood.

ARE REMODELING EAT QUICK LUNCH

The Eat Quick Lunch, operated here on East Main street by Tom Shugart, is now in process of remodeling and enlargement, with the re-opening date set for either Friday or Saturday morning.

Workmen have been busy for several days widening the cafe so that much more space will be available.

Policemen are popularly supposed to be mostly Irish, but only about 8 per cent. of the police of New York City are Irish by birth.

Out of a thousand youngsters at the age of ten, 145 will live to be eighty years of age and at least eight will live to be ninety.

WANTS

For sale—a few white Plymouth Rock cockerels, good type, size, shape and color that will make high class breeders. O. P. Walls, Tel. 22F11. 1tp

For rent: two small apartments and one 4-room apartment at Will Willard home on Gwyn Avenue. 1tp

Lost—black and white spotted bird puppy. Black head, big black spot on side. Reward for return to J. S. Bumgarner, Elkin, N. C. 1tp

Wanted: Good tenant with stock tools and force to tend a good farm on Yadkin river. Corn, wheat and tobacco land. C. A. Dimmette, Ronda, N. C. 7-25c

'39 Small Buick Sedan, radio, low mileage, excellent condition. Priced to sell. C. V. Henkel, Jr., Statesville, N. C. 7-25c

For rent: 6-room house in West Elkin. Reich and Hunt, Realtors. 1tp

Kill destructive insects with proven insecticides. Arsenate lead, magnesium arsenate, Paris green. Turner Drug Co., Elkin, N. C. 1tp

For sale: one 8-foot electric refrigerator. Dutch Castle. 1tp

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. 1tp

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

Wanted: Refined girls for Beauty Culture Training. A complete course for only \$50.00. State accredited. Mae's School of Beauty Culture, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Mrs. Jake Church, Prop. 1tp

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

For Rent—Three rooms, furnished or unfurnished, will accommodate five young men. Shower, hot water, heat. New home. Available June 1st. Dr. Seth M. Beale, Elkin, N. C. 1tp

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