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At least Al Smith won't be bolting the Democratic party in order to help Wendell make the grade.

Jim Farley, we reckon, wouldn't be against his Yankee ball club winning the rag for the third time.

They'll take Mr. Willkie seriously only when various and sundry get to arguing who was first to suggest him for the presidency.

Counting Al Smith's walk and the splurge the Liberty Leaguers made at the last national election and what resulted, it wouldn't seem very encouraging to Senator Burke and the others who have packed their satchels and headed for the choo-choo train.

#### Our Contribution

Of the more than two million dollars worth of contracts from the Army and Navy during the first six weeks of the national defense program, \$723,750 comes to Elkin, representing the largest single award among the contracts that go to make up the total.

The Chatham Manufacturing Company has contracted to deliver wool blankets valued in that amount.

Of course in emergency one can't stop to choose, but it is pleasingly significant that none of the two million dollars involved in the contracts in North Carolina has been expended or made available for the purchase of something with which to kill and destroy—no powder, shells, bombs and such. In Elkin's case Chatham is contributing to the comfort of those who will be expected to share the real hardships of war, or the less grinding experiences of peace. For in either peace or war, when the cold of winter comes, some strong-hearted fellow is going to thank us for those blankets.

Somebody somewhere, of course, must build the things that kill and destroy and bring misery but it would bring a bit of pleasure and satisfaction to North Carolina, if here we were called upon to provide only those things that bring comfort rather than pain to humanity.

#### Europe's Spectre

The news columns carry this significant paragraph: "If England still is blockading the continent by winter, all of France's millions will be dependent on Axis aid and relief from such outside agencies as the American Red Cross." And that comment has to do only with France. There are those eight other smaller but equally miserable countries under Hitler's iron fist. Only one of them can be considered normally self-sustaining, and under conditions that have been forced upon them, they all face the coming winter with the gravest apprehension.

And how, pray, can these people expect aid from the Axis, when already Hitler is confiscating their food to feed that super-race that must not go hungry—else it might perish from the earth. Dutch cattle are being slaughtered to send into Germany; Polish prisoners are slaves on farms whose products will go to the Reich. Belgium is being combed for whatever may lessen the hunger in Germany, and France is being exploited to the point where farmers sent into the fields to speed up production of foodstuff come to the cities complaining that they can't plow on an empty stomach.

Granting that some of this talk about hunger and famine must be discounted, it cannot be waved aside, because dependable appraisers are agreed that the emergency exists. There had been much talk before the war started that Germany was short of food and supplies. But it has been amply demonstrated that her soldiers are well fed, and there is equal evidence that Hitler means to keep them that way, even at the expense of his neighbors.

It is obvious that with millions of workers in all these countries diverted to the battlefields, the production of human necessities has been curtailed, and it is reasonable to assume that hunger, and want, and the disease that goes with it, is not only a possibility but a probability.

And that raises the question: "What will America do about it?" If we feed Europe's hungry we will be aiding Hitler in his unholy ambition to rule or ruin. Food and supplies sent under the banner of the American Red Cross, may scrupulously be distributed without a spoonful of anything going to Germany, but that would be relieving the Reich just as surely as if the aid were direct. And how would embattled England feel about that?

If we are so meticulous that we will not

send our ships to bring British children to safety, can we consistently drape the banner of the Red Cross about them and fill their holds with food for Britain's indirect enemies?

These are questions that soon we may be called upon to answer; decisions that we will have to make sooner perhaps than we think.

#### Comes Back Home

The League of Nations, or the fragment that is left of it, has accepted the invitation to come to America and make its headquarters for the duration of the war. But when Joseph Avenol, Frenchman, handed in his resignation as secretary-general of the League, declaring that "realities" of the times made his office unnecessary, his action was generally looked upon as the death sentence of the league as a political body.

It is ironic, yet fitting that the League should come to America either to die or for rejuvenation. We daddied it, didn't we, and then laid it gently on Europe's doorstep for the kicking around that it was sure to get after its desertion by the one nation that could have helped it grow into a lusty young manhood.

The League of Nations, functioning as Woodrow Wilson, expected it to function, would have made the Japanese snatching of Manchuria and the Italian rape of Ethiopia impractical if not impossible, and Adolf Hitler never would have had the encouragement to even begin his program of conquest, for League laws with teeth in them, would have made German rearmament impossible.

But in spite of Woodrow Wilson's sincere and earnest advocacy of sharing responsibilities of the League, an advocacy that cost him his life, we let him down. Or should we say a small group of willful men in Congress let him down by scuttling his program. Henry Cabot Lodge, pleading against European entanglements but more interested in political sabotage, was able to gather enough of his fellows about him to defeat our membership in the League, and sent to the grave one of the greatest statesmen this nation has ever had in the White House.

"European entanglement" we have in plenty, and of a tragic sort. And in the main it stems from our refusal to stand up to the rack and be counted. Isn't it a pity that Lodge is not here to see the result of his handiwork? We are wondering if his spirit will hover over the League offices in nearby Princeton—in utter dejection?

#### Calling the Shots

In this presidential campaign we hope to enjoy the game from the sidelines without getting unduly wrought up about it, but that doesn't mean that we won't be doing any drug-store quarter-backing and calling the shots of the big-timers.

Right now we are taking note of Republican strategy in dishing out every day or so the names of Democrats who have packed their satchel and signaled the Willkie bandwagon, which very obligingly pauses to pick them up. "Bolters" these are called, yet in the main they have either been Republicans all the time or renegade Democrats for so long that their "desertion" doesn't count as a loss to the Democratic party.

North Carolina's John W. Hanes voted for Alf Landon at the last presidential election, which establishes him as an independent, if mixing in considerable Republican votes justifies that classification. True, he was given high place in the Roosevelt administration, but that was because Max Gardner called the President's attention to Mr. Hanes' ability. Why he preferred not to stay put is Mr. Hanes' own business.

Senator Burke owed his election in the first place to Mr. Roosevelt, and when he forsook the New Deal the voters shelved him just for that, so one can't take his "bolting" too seriously. And on down the entire list: count 'em and look 'em over: "Alfalfa Bill" Murray, Al Smith, Lewis Douglas, Jouett Shouse, Vance McCormick, these and other smaller fry who claim their party left them. If they are "bolters," it is only reasonable to look upon them as professional status of strikebreakers.

But there is this other interesting angle. In the formulation of this "bolt" stunt, the newspapers of the country, the big ones we mean, have become accessories before and after the fact, in the publicity they have given the matter. To the neutral observer the part played by the press is a disturbing foretaste of the bias that may be expected from the metropolitan journals and their yes-yes cousins throughout the country. These papers avoided mentioning the background of these loudly-outed bolters and nearly all of whom are bitter enemies of the New Deal who either "took a walk" years ago or stand repudiated by the Democratic party.

And so the skirmish which starts the battle of ballots, reveals one thing very definitely: Mr. Roosevelt will have the big newspapers against him again, just as he had them against him in the last presidential election—yet he made the grade. There is this difference, however. In 1936 the Republican candidate was not what you would call a wow. He was honest and sincere, but he didn't know what to do with his hands when he was speaking, and didn't get people excited about him. This Willkie chap—he is different. He is glamorous and has the "come hither" in his eye, and is as smart as they make 'em, as appealing as he is inexperienced in politics. Maybe with these qualifications he will be able to restore the newspapers to their reputation for power in molding public opinion.



Washington, July 29—Coming back to work in the steaming, miasmatic swamp which is Washington in the dog-days, the members of both houses of Congress are taking stock of the political situation and reluctantly approaching the big job which the President had dumped on their desks in preparation for making the national defense program effective.

It is no exaggeration that all of them wish they were somewhere else. Few of them see that they can do much in Washington to further their own political prospects or those of their respective parties; and most of them are afraid that if they don't stay on the job something will happen overnight to give the war situation an entirely different aspect, from the American point of view.

The biggest Congressional task is that of tax revision. The country has committed itself to expenditures for defense almost as great as all that we spent in the World War, and the question now is where to get the money. The Ways and Means Committee of the House, where all revenue bills must originate, has had a staff of financial and tax experts working on the problem for weeks. So has the Finance Committee of the Senate. Thousands of proposals have been offered by representatives of the Executive departments. Only two facts stand out clearly so far.

First, every department or bureau of the Government which has to do with spending public money is prepared to resist to the bitter end any reduction in their respective expenditures. Second, no matter how successful Congress may be in reducing unnecessary expenses, the new taxes that will have to be imposed will be staggering in their immensity.

Debt Limit Raised No doubt remains here that an increase in the borrowing authority of the Treasury will have to be voted. A national debt of 50 billions or even more by the time the next Congress meets in January and the President to be elected in November is sworn in, seems to be on the cards.

However the new taxes are disguised, they will fall ultimately upon the consuming public. That is axiomatic. Every effort will be made in Congress to tell the people otherwise, but privately every Senator and Representative admits that when the war spending really begins every citizen will feel the pinch of higher prices for everything he buys.

Depending upon how imminent the threat of involvement in the European war appears, Washington looks for long-winded and partisan speeches when the tax measures come to the floor for debate, in the effort to convince the voters that it all isn't going to cost them anything and, anyhow, the other fellows are to blame.

#### Greatest Emergency

The wisest observers here apprehend that the mixture of Presidential politics with what most regard as the greatest national emergency the nation has faced in a quarter of a century and more will result in failure to carry the war preparations to the necessary point of completeness, and at the same time complicate the political situation. It is pointed out that the present Administration has it in its power to aggravate the war situation to the point where public opinion will demand action that would involve the nation actually in war.

Unless such a situation arises, however, the seasoned observers of the political scene give Mr. Willkie and the Republican party at least an even break with Mr. Roosevelt and the Democrats. On the war question, as stated in the platforms of the two parties and expressed by their respective candidates, there is so little difference that they may be regarded as unanimous. That leaves the Presidential campaign to be fought out on domestic issues and the personalities of the candidates.

So far, there has been no revolt in the Republican ranks. Mr. Willkie comes nearer to having a united party behind him than any candidate of his party has had since 1928. That there is a deep division in the Democratic party is held to have been indicated by Senator Carter Glass's convention speech opposing a third term; by National Chairman Farley's refusal to take part in the movement to re-elect Mr. Roosevelt; by Senator Burke's withdrawal from the party and his pledge of support to Mr. Willkie, and other straws which, to eyes of those whose business it is to interpret such signs, point to serious disaffection among



Democratic leaders, if not among the party voters.

Not Popular Choice While the nomination of Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace for Vice-President was a personal victory for the President, it is far from being a popular choice, even among Mr. Wallace's fellow New Dealers. Some of them wanted the nomination for themselves. Others feel that the only strength which Mr. Wallace brings to the ticket is the fact that he has been the chief dispenser of Federal money to the farmers, for which the latter are expected to be duly grateful.

Much of the political strength of the Department of Agriculture, however, has been taken away by the Hatch bill, which, if enforced, will prevent political activity by the great army of county agents, crop inspectors, soil inspectors and other field employees of the Department.

It will be September before the campaign gets fully under way. In the meantime, almost anything can happen. Washington is wondering, for instance, as to what will come out of the Pan-American conference now going on in Havana. That German and Italian influence will be powerful, and the Monroe Doctrine threatened, would not be surprising.

#### WITH THE SICK

The following patients have been admitted to the local hospital during the past week: Winfield Sizemore, Boonville; Mrs. Bernice Pardue, Ronda; Harold Cook, Elkin; Charles Lyons, Thurmond; Millard Settle, Elkin; Mrs. Cora Bledsoe, Dobson; Henry Phillips, Elkin; Reid Redding, Ronda; Franklin Easter, Mount Airy; Z. O. Settle, Elkin; Hayden (Bud) Rattlege, Elkin; T. N. Smith, Thurmond; Mary Lou Mathis, Jonesville; Arthur Southard, State Road; Dewitt Cheek, Roaring River; Wilson Gwyn, Boonville; Mrs. Grace Groce, High Point; Excell Heavener, Lincolnton; John L. Reavis, Jr., Boonville; Mrs. Wilda White, Elkin; Mrs. Eva Carter, Yadkinville; Ruby Pardue, Ronda; Dean Layell Scott, Elkin; Dan Hudspeth, Elkin; Doris Collins, Elkin; Mrs. Juanita Teague, Elkin; Robert Burchette, Ronda.

Patients dismissed during the week were: Clarence Freeman, Jonesville; Walter B. Bell, Winston-Salem; Robey Cockerham, Elkin; Dorothy Shaffer, Elkin; Miss Annie Chatham, Elkin; Elizabeth Ann Settle, Elkin; Jimmy Southard, Elkin; Mrs. Lucretia Sparks, Ronda; Jocelyn Wall, Ronda; Lera Helen Mitchell, Dobson; Mrs. Ruth Collins, Boonville; Vergie Branch, Mt. Airy; Dallas Jerome Crouse, Thurmond; John Kyles, Coleebee; Mrs. Bessie Sizemore, Boonville; Stancil Gentry, Benham; Winfield Sizemore, Boonville; Mrs. Bernice Pardue, Ronda; Harold Cook, Elkin; Millard Settle, Elkin; Mrs. Cora Bledsoe, Dobson; Reid Redding, Ronda; Zeala Settle, Elkin; Hayden (Bud) Rattlege, Elkin; Dewitt Cheek, Roaring River; Gwyn Wilson, Boonville; John L. Reavis, Jr., Boonville.

Always Struggle Mildred—Does that lipstick come off easily? Harriet—No, indeed. I always put up a struggle.

#### Claimed by Death



John A. Mason, above, one of the best known citizens of Yadkin county, died Sunday morning in a Statesville hospital after a brief illness. He was a member of Harmony Grove Friends church and the Yadkinville lodge, Junior O.U.A.M.

#### AUTO SUPPLY TO OPEN HERE

New Tire and Accessory Business Will Start Opening Sale Friday

#### IS LOCALLY OPERATED

The Economy Auto Supply, a new store featuring Goodrich tires and tubes and a complete line of auto supplies and accessories, radios, bicycles, etc., will open here Friday morning in quarters located on the corner of East Main and Court streets, opposite F. A. Brendle & Son.

Owned and operated by John T. Kennedy, the new store will inaugurate its opening with a special opening sale which begins Friday and continues through Saturday. Everyone is invited to visit and inspect the new business regardless of whether they take advantage of the many values on sale.

#### BOONVILLE TEAM TO PLAY DOUBLE HEADER

Boonville. — Boonville baseball fans will be treated to a double header attraction next Saturday, August 3rd. The Boonville Yadkin league team will play a strong team from Yadkinville in a league contest and Boonville's all star team will play North Wilkesboro in the second game of the afternoon.

Boonville, with a stronger lineup, will try to even the count. The Boonville All Stars have played two games, with each team winning one. Saturday's game will end their three-game series. The first game will start at 2 o'clock.

#### WANTS

Plate lunches they're all raving about served every day for a quarter at the Eat Quick Lunch. ttc

For rent: three furnished or unfurnished housekeeping rooms. Telephone 164-R. 1tp

For rent—5-room house with bath, at Brooks Cross Roads. Joe Brooks. 8-1c

For Sale Cheap—One extra good used Maytag gasoline driven washing machine, square tub. Harris Electric Co. 1tc

You will like our steaks—the biggest buy in town in the way of a delicious dinner. Eat Quick Lunch. ttc

Carolina Beach Rooms \$1.00 day; \$5.00 week; apartments \$17.50, \$22.50, \$27.50. One block back 4-room cottages \$25.00; six rooms, ocean front \$35.00, \$40.00. Electric refrigeration, range, hot water. Office in Comfort Cottage, opposite Hotel Royal Palm, Glenn Tucker, Manager. 8-1c

For Sale Very Cheap—One used Kelvinator, extra good shape. Terms. Harris Electric Co. 1tc

For rent: three and four room apartments. Newly finished. Private bath. Carl Chappell. Telephone 126-M. ttc

Our breakfast menu is the talk of the town! "Pure cream served with our coffee," no foolin'—and we don't mean canned cream! Eat Quick Lunch. 1tc

The Baldwin Acrosonic Piano, world's finest spinet type piano. For catalog and prices write Garwood Piano Co., Wilkesboro, N. C. 8-8c

For Sale Very Cheap—Several good gasoline washing machine engines, all in good shape. Harris Electric Co. 1tc

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

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. ttn

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

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. ttc

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

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