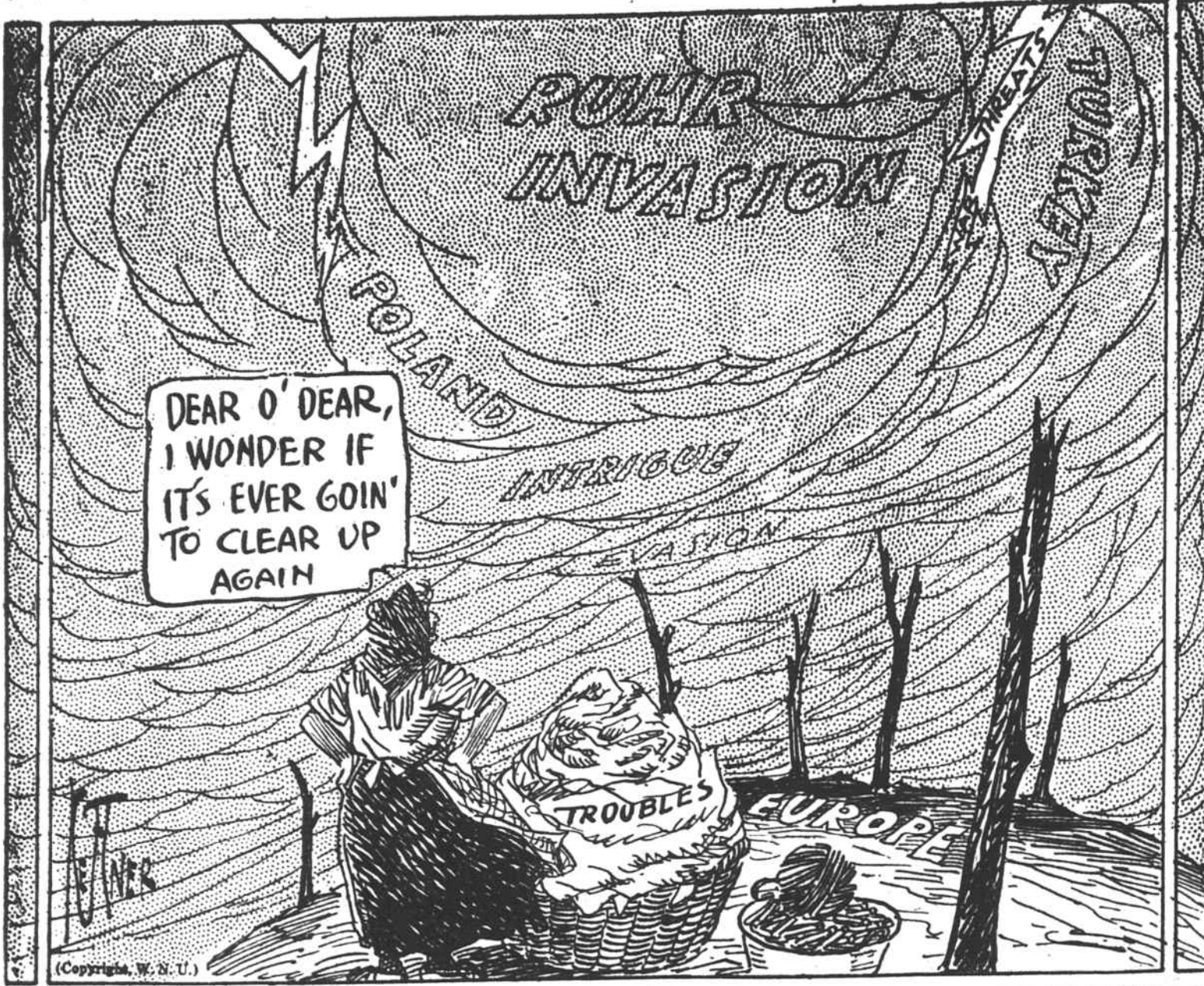
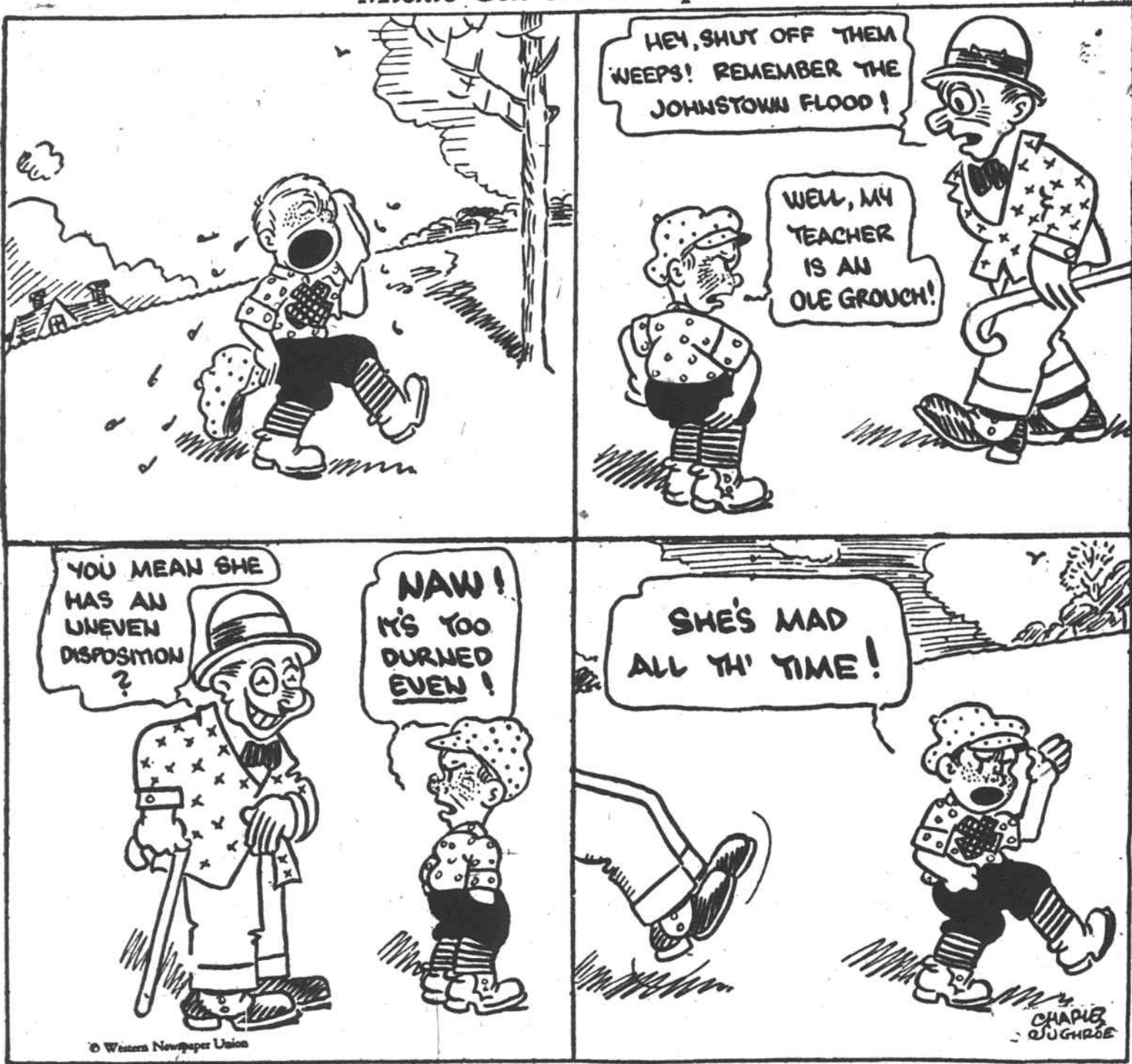


# OUR COMIC SECTION

## Cloudy, Unsettled and Threatening



### Mickie Gets 38 in Department



### A Safe Prediction



## PRODUCTION IS AT HIGH LEVEL

PRONOUNCED WEAKNESS SHOWN BY THE CHIEF SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

## INDUSTRIAL SHARES DROP

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New York.—With production still holding at high levels, interest in financial and business circles centered during the past week in the rather pronounced weakness shown by the chief speculative markets.

The average of industrial shares listed on the New York stock exchange declined four points, cotton lost nearly two cents and wheat reacted approximately four cents. Among other commodities which show a tendency to decline were copper, lead, rubber and sugar. Meanwhile publications of the prices indicates compiled by Dun and Bradstreet brought out the point that the movement was a continuation of the heavier tendency in prices which became evident in April.

Diverse explanations were offered for the declines and various interpretations were placed on their significance. In some quarters it was held that the reactions were a natural accompaniment of the slackening of the buying movements which have been so strongly maintained during the early spring. According to this view business seldom continues in a steady stream, but comes rather in waves. One such wave admittedly has ended and a new one would not be expected to start immediately. Those who explain the situation in this fashion also point out that the season of the year is at hand at which buying naturally would slacken.

Another group of observers maintain, however, that other forces are at work. They point to what they describe and claim that the output of labor is now diminishing. Producer costs they aver are being inflated.

In spite of this view conditions in the cotton industry are cited. Manufacturers are reported to have acquired substantial stocks of cotton at the 30-cent level in addition they have since been enforced to increase wages. Jobbers and retailers meanwhile, are not confident of their ability to command higher prices and their buying has fallen off. Under these circumstances the manufacturers are reducing their rate of operation and are buying less cotton which naturally affects the price of commodity. With the latter some three or four cents below the price at which manufacturers are carrying their inventories the question of profits, is of course, very much to the fore.

### Sioux Nation Wants Big Sum.

Washington.—A gavel in the hands of a judge has been substituted for a tomahawk in the hands of a brave by the great Sioux nation in its fight to recover about \$750,000,000 from the federal government as payment with interest for lands and property taken from them by the pale-face years ago. Of this total demand more than half billion dollars represents interest.

The suit of the Sioux, said to involve the largest sum ever sought through judicial action, will be filed in the United States court of claims, counsel announced and will specify 40 separate counts.

The claim dates back to the days of the gold rush in the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Deadwood coach, Sitting Bull, General Custer, the Little Big Horn, Old Fort Laramie, Wounded Knee, Red Cloud, Spotted Tail, Chief Gault, the White River train, and other historic persons and points of interest.

The Sioux contended that the United States has left undone many things provided for in the treaties of 1851 and 1868, that millions of acres of their tribal lands were taken from them, their game slaughtered and their ponies and tepees seized and their funds spent improperly by the government. They demand \$156,000,000 and interest for the Black Hills and surrounding territory, charging that the United States, aware of that area's wealth in gold, connived in its seizure by armed force in 1874 and 1875.

**Killed By Heavily Charged Wire.**  
Raleigh.—Ben Ellis, 9-year-old son of W. J. Ellis was instantly killed when he touched a heavily charged electric power line at the State school for the blind that had been broken by blasting operations at the school.

**Greatest Women Named.**  
Washington.—Here are the 12 greatest living American women in the opinion of a special committee of the National League of Women Voters, which was appointed to select such a list: Jane Addams, philanthropist; Cecilia Beaux, painter; Carrie Chapman Catt, politics; Anna Botshford Comstock, natural history; Minnie Maddern Fisk, stage; Louise Homer, music; Juliet Lathrop, child welfare; Florence Sabin, anatomy; M. Carry Thomas, education; Martha Van Rensselaer, home economics.

## CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Asheville.—The western North Carolina Log Rolling Association has concluded its 21st semi-annual convention at Brevard after voting to meet next at Waynesville.

Marshville.—Thieves entered the grocery store of Little Brothers here and stole the safe from the room, took it into a back lot and hammered the door open, securing about \$135 in cash. Several checks in the drawer were not bothered.

Greensboro.—An investigation of the Guilford convict system is scheduled to be made by the county welfare board, and has the endorsement of J. A. Rankin, chairman of the county board of commissioners.

Asheville.—The Sutherland Construction Company, of St. Louis, was awarded the general contract for the erection of the George Vanderbilt Hotel, at a meeting of the building committee members with a bid of approximately \$600,000.

Newton.—Mayor Sid J. Smyre is boasting of being the premier tomato grower this year. He picked ripe tomatoes in his garden Saturday. The plants were grown in pots in his basement during the winter and set out in the open with the coming of the first warm days. The young fruit kept right on growing and are now ripening.

Asheville.—A marker placed on the courthouse green in memory of Col. Edward Buncombe, for whom this county was named, will be unveiled May 19 with appropriate ceremonies in charge of the Edward Buncombe chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Greensboro.—David Faulkner, aged 106, died at the Guilford county home, his death due to the infirmities of old age. He was born in Franklin county, 10 miles from Louisburg in 1818 and spent a considerable part of his life in Franklin, later moving to Randolph county.

Durham.—Plans whereby Durham will get a new \$1,038,000 hotel, a new municipal building and a large addition to the city high school building were set under way here when a committee representing the aldermen made public a report on the proposed improvement.

Burlington.—Burlington is still in the midst of an epidemic of measles. For several weeks the disease has been prevalent among the school children and many grown people have been attacked by the malady. For the past week about one-fourth the enrollment of the city graded schools has been absent on account of the epidemic which is widespread in the city.

Asheville.—The official christening of the new automobile bus line between Asheville and Charlotte was marked by a visit to Asheville by Secretary Clarence O. Kuester, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; Colonel Wade H. Harris and other Charlotte residents, who were met half way and welcomed to Asheville by a party headed by Mayor Elect John H. Cathey.

Wake Forest.—That a college without a freshman class is as singular as an army without any second lieutenants is one of the common remarks heard on the campus of Wake Forest College. Such, however, was made a reality when President Ward, of the student body, in chapel announced to the freshman class that beginning with the first of May, their freshness would be taken for sophomore privileges, and that the wearing of freshman caps was at an end.

Wallace.—Strawberry growers of Wallace section are receiving record prices for their fruits, prices being from \$12 to \$15 per crate.

Kinston.—Fire which destroyed one or more buildings on the farm of David Stroud, near Pink Hill, was believed to have been of incendiary origin, according to reports to the sheriff's office.

St. Paul.—An alligator about nine feet in length was found in a pond about one and one-half miles from St. Pauls, by Rufian Powers and Albert Inman, who were fishing at the old Opie Odom mill.

Greensboro.—The board of examiners for trained nurses will hold their examinations in Raleigh May 24, 25, 26. Nurses desiring license will apply to Mrs. Dorothy Hayden, Greensboro, and have all blanks in by May 15.

Cerro Gordo.—The effect of a labor shortage is felt in many industries in western, Columbus county at this time. Much negro labor having left the county for higher wages in the North having crippled many industries from a labor standpoint.

Monroe.—An anonymous letter received by Sheriff Fowler led to the arrest of Walter Morgan, living on Drake Starnes' place in Buford township, on a charge of terrorizing his family and of having ruined his own daughter. Morgan admitted his guilt and was placed in jail to await his trial before the recorder.

Greensboro.—The mercantile establishment of the J. S. Knight Company, of Stokesdale, Guilford county, was burglarized, the robbers getting about \$2,000 worth of loot in the shape of silk shirts, silk dress goods and shoes.

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