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HE HAS THE POWER

Following is a summary of the extraordinary powers granted the President during the session of Congress just ended, which continued a little more than three months: To establish control over all industry with the view to fixing minimum wages and maximum hours of work, regulating production and otherwise to promote, encourage and require fair competition.

To set up a system of government licenses for business if necessary to require conformance to the above.

To initiate and direct, through a federal director of public works, a \$3,300,000,000 public works program as a further government contribution to re-employment.

To direct, through a federal director of relief, expenditure of \$500,000,000, supplied by the reconstruction finance corporation, for relief of destitution.

To invoke the presidential powers of the world war to regulate transactions in credit, currency, gold and silver, even to embargo gold or foreign exchange; to fix restrictions on the banking business of the federal reserve system irrespective of the federal reserve board.

To eliminate the old system for compensation and allowances for veterans and set up an entirely new pension system, with himself at the head.

To reduce by executive order the salaries of government employees by an amount not to exceed 15 per cent upon the finding of commensurate reduction in cost of living.

To transfer, eliminate, consolidate or rearrange bureaus in the executive branch of the government in the interest of public economy.

To repeal by executive proclamation certain new taxes voted in industrial recovery act upon showing of restoration of business or in event of repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

To publish hereafter secret income tax returns to the extent he may deem in the public interest, and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

To inflate the currency either by requiring open market operations in federal securities, devaluing the gold dollar by not more than 50 per cent, issuing United States notes up to \$3,000,000,000 or accepting up to \$200,000,000 in silver in payment of the allied war debts.

To employ more than 250,000 unemployed young men in reforestation operations as still further government contribution to re-employment.

To appoint a coordinator of railroads to effect economies among the carriers and increase service to the public.

To appoint a Tennessee Valley authority to develop natural resources of Tennessee river basin, including completion of Muscle Shoals project.

"CHIGGER TIME"

Summer time is "chigger time," and there's only one thing that can be done about them, in the opinion of C. H. Brannon, extension

entomologist at North Carolina State college. "About the only way I know of to keep chiggers from attacking a person is for him to dust his body and underwear with sulphur when he plans to go where the pests abound," he said. The entomologist did not say which was the lesser of the two evils.

He did explain, however, that the chigger is the first stage of a large, red, velvety mite which is entirely harmless when mature. But the trouble is, they are a lot of trouble while maturing, especially if on the human body. Contrary to popular belief, Brannon said chiggers do not burrow into the skin and thus require extraction before relief is obtained. The pests are minute in size but are capable of ejecting a considerable amount of poisonous material into a person. It is this poison which causes all the discomfort and itching, he said. "Chiggers normally feed on small wild animals, including snakes and lizards, and they may attach themselves to birds. They are a pest of considerable importance to poultry, especially late-hatched chicks or turkeys," he added.

Getting the "jiggers" has made bad endings for many outdoor events.

AMERICA HAS GROWN UP

Thirty-five years ago, on the 3rd of July, 1898, the naval battle of Santiago put an end to Spain's pretensions of being a world power and put the United States on the map as one of the great powers of the world. It is not putting the case too strongly to say that until the Spanish War the American nation counted for very little in world affairs except as a source of food supplies, and our politicians and most of our people felt themselves inferior to Europe and the Europeans.

Some of that inferiority idea still persists and crops up every now and then, whenever the United States takes part in any discussion of international affairs. Foolish people get the notion that somehow America's diplomats and delegates are going to be "outsmarted" whenever they try to dicker with Europeans. And Europe, of course, does its best to make that notion stick.

We don't believe that European statesmen and politicians are any smarter than our own. We have every confidence that the American delegation to the present World Monetary and Economics Conference will get all they went after, whether Europe likes it or not. America has grown up.

WE NEED A NEW TUNE

There'll be a lot more enthusiasm in this year's celebration of the Fourth of July than there has been for two or three years past. Folks who had been wondering whether the Declaration of Independence was out of date are beginning to chirk up and admit that Uncle Sam is still doing nicely, thank you.

There'll be more people trying to sing the Star-Spangled Banner than there were last year. We say "trying" advisedly. Did anybody ever hear any singer or group of singers who could really sing our national anthem? Among professional singers it is conceded that nobody but Anne Case can do it properly.

It's a swell anthem, all right, but we think that, as a part of the New Deal, somebody ought to dig up or invent a National song that everybody can sing. "America" is good, but it's the same tune as "God Save the King" and "Heil Dir in Siegerkranz." Why not go back to the Revolution of 1776 and revive the tune of Continental soldiers sang, which is "Yankee Doodle?" That's a good, lively tune, but it needs some new words.

ITALIAN GROUP LARGEST

A survey of the foreign born population of the United States as of 1930 shows that the Italians

passed the Germans during the years since the war. Prior to 1914 the German born population was the largest of the foreign born groups. But since 1914 the German born population was nearly twice that of Poland.

The heaviest Italian immigration was between 1901 and 1914 when it was exceeded only by Poland. But from 1914 on the Italian immigration was nearly twice that of Poland. The combined immigration from Great Britain and all Ireland was larger than from Italy alone, but now that the Irish Free State immigration is counted as a separate group the Italian born have a long lead.



ALTHOUGH YOU might get

A BIGGER kick out of

OUR OFFERING today if

WE MENTIONED names, you

WILL REALIZE before

THE STORY closes that

IT WOULDN'T have been

QUITE PROPER to use

THEM, AND besides the

POINT IS just as clear

WITHOUT NAMES as with

THEM. THEY are well known

TO EVERY Salisbury person

WHO HAS lived here as

MUCH AS three months.

"JOHN, I believe you

MARRIED ME for money,"

SAID THE wife who does

POSSESS MUCH of the

WORLDLY GOODS. "Well,

MY DEAR," replied her

HUSBAND, "I believe I

EARNED IT, don't you?"

I THANK YOU.

Borrowed Views

NATIVE WIT

Europe seems to have adopted another American institution—the dollar down.

DIR-TY DIG

(Excerpt From an editorial on criminal statistics in The Charleston News & Courier.) One thinks of Charlotte as a particularly pious town, but its record for crime is probably worse than is that of Greenville, Spartanburg, Berkeley or Charleston.

SAME LITTLE GIRL, PROBABLY

(David Sink in The Lexington Dispatch.) You remember how the little girl, in the days of long ago, went to the evil saloon, plead "Father, oh father, come home with me now?" The other day one of the boys was back having a beer, when a little girl came in the door "Daddy," said she, "come home." And clutching his finger with her little hand, she gently led him away.

SOUNDS DELIGHTFUL

One of the most interesting sights of Maxton's "night life" is the exciting croquet contest waged every evening under electric lights, on the playground back of the Methodist church. The revival of this old game has aroused as much interest as the miniature golf craze a few years ago. Everyone plays, children, mothers, daddys, the younger crowd of boys and

girls, old folks and young folks. Maxton owes a debt to progressive young Preacher Clegg whose energy and initiative is responsible for the fine smooth croquet court and who realized that the older people need games just as much as the youngsters need their see-saws, swings, and slide boards.

NAMES IS NAMES

Mr. Beagle or a man with some such name suggests that an aquarium is needed in Washington for the Kingfish of Louisiana and the Jellyfish of North Carolina. We don't think that that is a kind thing to say at all, at all.

INFLATION OF COTTON LAND

Our pessimist is afraid Secretary Wallace's cotton plan is going to uncover some mighty heavy production on this land during the past year or so.

MEANT TO DO IT.

Reece Sedberry, local insurance man, was putting questions to a prospective risk recently, "Ever had any accidents?" "No," was the reply. "Never had an accident in your life?" "Nope," the fellow answered dryly. "But a rattler bit me once, though." "Well, don't you call that an accident?" "Naw, he bit me on purpose."

IS IT STILL IN SESSION?

(Item in The Catawba News Enterprise.) While the legislature was in session Sam Mauney of the M. & M. Motor company received a call to come and tow in a car which had gone bad. When the car was towed in it was found to belong to one of the honorable members of the legislature (not one from Catawba county, however.) The gentleman asked that the concern give them an estimate of the cost of needed repairs. An estimate was given, and the lawmaker authorized the work and said he would call by some week-end when returning from the legislature and get the car.

LOGICAL DEDUCTION

Mr. Steiwer. I understand, though, that there are approximately 250,000 Spanish-American war veterans. I am not advised concerning the number of widows and dependents. That depends on the number of children in the families, of course.

COMMENT

DRAFTS AND PNEUMONIA

To The Editor: At the American Medical Association meeting in Milwaukee speaking on pneumonia and the use of serum, one doctor stated that "deaths from pneumonia rank second in young adult life," and that all types of pneumonia are less prevalent in summer and fall than in winter and spring. Of course, they are, but what causes all this pneumonia unnecessarily? Well, there is some wrong living somewhere. We are told to sleep with windows and doors open in all sorts of weather and this has been proven to me to be wrong. I don't mean to sleep in a poorly ventilated room.

BASIC CONFLICT

To The Editor: The Roosevelt regime basically will be a conflict between personality and personality.

TODAY TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE SILVER . . . does a stunt The British government paid a \$10,000,000 installment on the war debt to the United States by giving us 20,000,000 ounces of silver bullion, which was accepted, under the new currency law, at 50 cents an ounce. It cost Great Britain only about \$7,200,000 to pay this amount, since the market price of silver was 36 cents an ounce. But, on the other hand, Uncle Sam can coin that same silver into 23,790,000 silver dollars, since the silver dollar contains less than an ounce of silver. Thus a debt has been paid with less than the sum credited to the payer, and the creditor gets more than twice as much as the amount received.

PRICES . . . mild inflation

As soon as the dollar was cut loose from its gold anchor, prices of all international trade goods began to rise. In other words, dollars used in foreign trade became cheaper.

NATIONS . . . large and small

Money is a funny thing, and few of the people who make a lot of fuss about it understand how it works.



REASONS FOR THE REVOLT AGAINST PROHIBITION

To The Editor: Now that prohibition is well on its way to h—, where it belongs, the question naturally arises: Why did so many people drop out who formerly supported the movement? There are, of course, many reasons, but I shall point out only two at this time.

First, I think that a great many people thought prohibition would have a much greater economic value than has proven to be the case.

Second, I would say that thousands of dry votes were lost every time some prominent dry said "it serves them right" when people were killed as a result of drinking poisoned liquor.

The morale seems to be that you must love the entire human race to put over a humanitarian movement and make it stick. And a real honest-to-goodness humanitarian does at least feel kindly toward everybody even though he doesn't agree with some people.

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CONGRESS . . . in a new role

We used to think of Congress as the Board of Directors of the United States, with the President taking orders from it. The Congress just adjourned seemed more like a stockholders' meeting, ratifying the proposals and actions of the directors.

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AMIE HUNT WAS THRILLED

WHEN HER FELLER SAID HE'D JUMP OUTTA WINDOW IF SHE DIDN'T MARRY HIM... THAT IS... UNTIL SHE LEARNED HE LIVED IN A BUNGALOW.

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Just now Dr. Hu is delivering lectures in Peiping urging the Chinese people to enter into a period of self-examination, to determine whether their present troubles are not their own fault.

That is a suggestion in line with the philosophy of all great religious teachers. It would be a good thing for most of us to do, right now; to consider whether our present troubles are not of our own making.

Nothing is easier than to blame "capitalism" or "communism" or the other political party for what ails us. But until a man has learned to look first inside of himself for the cause of his troubles he has not achieved a working philosophy of life.

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