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The dastardly attempt on the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Miami is deplored by every decent minded person everywhere. Unfortunately there are all too many such creatures as this Zangara in the world. Rulers in all countries are in constant danger. This is true at all times and perhaps even more so now than usual. The unsuccessful attempt to assassinate Mr. Roosevelt no doubt will cause him to be guarded more vigilantly than he might have been had it not occurred.

TOO MUCH SPEED

Every time the automobile manufacturers bring out new car models they refer with pride to their increased speed. Instead of being something to brag about, excessive speed is rather a disadvantage. Nobody has any business tearing over the country at the rate of eighty miles an hour. Half that rate of speed is fast enough for most people and especially for those who have nothing to do after they get to where ever they are going. A large part of the motor car accidents are caused by unnecessarily fast driving. Less speed is needed instead of more.

A TAINTED KINGFISH

Huey Long, U. S. Senator for Louisiana and self styled "Kingfish," is a disgrace to that state. More than that he is a disgrace to the whole United States. At an investigation into alleged election frauds last week his own brother testified that he accepted a bribe of \$10,000 from some power company. Other witnesses called him a liar and accused him of practicing ballot box thievery. Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. And any way even if he is not a liar and thief he is certainly a demagogue of low degree and ought to be kicked out of the U. S. Senate.

CHEAPNESS OVER STRESSED

For the past three or four years the principal appeal of many manufacturers and merchants in selling their products has been that of low prices. They have stressed this fact of cheapness more than that of quality. And the more prices have declined the more insistent the public becomes for further reductions. The thing seems to have been over done. The lower prices go the less inclined people are to buy. Most people prefer to buy when things are advancing. Another trouble about declining prices is that it tends to lower wages. In most cases wages are now entirely too low. A thing badly needed now is an advance in the price of commodities and an advance in the wage scale. It is time to stop advertising low prices, quality should be stressed.

THEY MAINTAIN BIG ARMIES

Russia has no great naval strength but her military land forces are said to be the greatest in the world. She has an active force of some 848,600 men and a reserve strength of 18,873,000. France however is probably actually stronger than Russia, because while her population and man power is much less than that of Russia her soldiers are much better trained and she is far better equipped with airships, cannon and other war paraphernalia. France's active force and trained reserves total 6,975,000. With a total of 6,498,000 Italy stands third. Every country in Europe, in proportion to population, has a larger army than the United States. And most of them owe us money.

A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE

Although the Attorney-General of the State recommended it a Surry county grand jury failed to indict certain persons in that county on charges of primary election frauds. The Attorney-General made an investigation last summer of this affair, heard the sworn testimony of witnesses and after careful consideration made his recommendations. If there was enough evidence to satisfy Mr. Brummitt that the persons referred to should be put on trial there certainly must have been enough to justify the grand jury in returning true bills.

Political influence may have prevented the indictments in Surry county, we do not know as to that but have our suspicions, but, the reputation of the parties is certainly under a cloud. There must be a good many people in Surry county who think elections ought to be conducted honestly. There is more than a suspicion that they are not always honestly conducted in that county. What if any thing will the good people of Surry do about it? It is a great deal more important that the citizens of North Carolina shall be allowed to vote as they please and have their votes hon-

estly counted than that any man or group of men shall be elected to office. We regret to say that Surry county is not the only place where crookedness is practiced. That however does not excuse Surry county.

GREAT MINDS FLOW IN THE SAME CHANNELS

In a speech before the Republican Club of New York one day last week President Hoover expressed the hope that the nations which have abandoned the gold standard will return to it. He hoped that the nations might cooperate to stabilize currencies. Mr. Hoover strongly opposed any inflation of our currency and abandonment of the gold standard "and with our depreciated currency attempt to enter a world economic war, with the certainty that it leads to complete destruction both at home and abroad."

On the same day that President Hoover spoke in New York Bernard M. Baruch, capitalist and prominent Democratic politician, testified in Washington before the Senate finance committee that the United States must balance its budget and maintain a sound currency system. He is as much opposed to inflation as Mr. Hoover is. In fact there is a great similarity between the views of the two men as to what the country needs. The truth is that the political opinions of Democrats like Baruch, Owen D. Young, John W. Davis, John J. Raskob, Alfred E. Smith and many others are not very different from those of leading Republicans. The tariff is about all that separates them and even on that there is no very great difference.

Press Gleanings

CHANGE OF PARANTAGE

The war debt problem, as Gov. Roosevelt intimates, is Herbert Hoover's baby now. After March 4 it will be Roosevelt's baby and howling worse than ever.—Columbia, (S. C.) Record.

THE REALLY VITAL QUESTION

Will Congress take time off from beer and decide the proper amount of alcohol for a small car?—Omaha Evening World-Herald.

A COMMON TASTE

An Atchison minister politely informs the Atchison Globe that he likes short editorials. And the Globe, not to be outdone, informs the minister, with equal politeness that it admires short sermons.—Kansas City Star.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

We hear a lot about married women holding state jobs. Personally, we can see no good reason why an efficient married woman should not be as much entitled to a job as anybody. And just think, if we stop all the married women from working, what is going to become of this crowd of wife-fed husbands?

We know of no reason why efficiency should not be recognized wherever found. Of course, we can understand why a whole family should not be put on a government pap-bottle.—Williamston Enterprise.

MERCHANTS AGAIN BUNCOED

Last week a guy solicited advertising from the merchants and business men of Monroe—and stung 'em as per usual.

The man carried a writing pad, upon the cover of which a number of advertisements were to be printed and the writing material delivered to the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital and which would be used by the patients whatever to do with the scheme, but the fellow made his prospective "advertisers" believe the doctor sponsored it.

The guy told his "advertisers" that he would print and deliver his 150 pads. He delivered only 50 to the hospital. We constantly hear the old gag "advertising pays." It does pay when properly and intelligently done, but money spent for some forms of advertising is entirely wasted.

Verily a stranger visiteth us and taketh us in.—The Monroe Enquirer.

NO BOGUS DOLLARS NEEDED

There seems to be, in a not inconsiderable section of the public mind, a great deal of confusion of credit expansion with currency debasement. Naive quacks and unscrupulous politicians eager to play upon public ignorance have united to inspire much wild Congressional mouthing in advocacy of some of the most fantastically impossible legislation, with just enough of the truth proclaimed to make some of the schemes have an appeal to those who regularly think superficially on most subjects.

No objection can be found, of course, to the restoration of commodity prices and the no real blow of money into the channels of business. Indeed, for some time, the government has followed a policy designed to bring about these results. But any measure designed to destroy the dollar, suspend the gold standard or issue fiat money is political syysterism of the most poisonous sort.

Cheapening of the dollar or the circulation of printing press currency would inevitably impair the value of money and thereby rob the American people. But there are many ways in which liquidation can be arrested, a "reflation" accomplished, and economic pressure applied with a view to turning commodity prices upward.

The Federal Reserve Banks hold \$1,857,000,000 in government bonds, which means that those banks have placed that amount of money at the disposal of their members; and this credit can be used for the issuance of a certain amount of currency, if indeed there is real need for expansion of the circulating medium. Another benignly "inflationary" factor is the increase of gold stocks about 12 per cent since last July. And every dollar in gold may serve as the base for \$11 in credit. There is no need whatever for bogus dollars. Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel.

States Will Pass On Prohibition Question

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The 13-year-old constitutional amendment for national prohibition went back to the states for a new decision today, on a 289 to 121 vote in the house of representatives.

Duplicating the senate action last week, when it favored submission of a repeal amendment to state conventions by a 63 to 23 vote, the house acted before being in session an hour and a half, cheered on by part of the galleries and in the face of ominous silence on the part of others there. The latter represented many of the prohibition organizations, which served notice at once through the Anti-Saloon league that the issue would be fought to a finish in state capitals.

The vote was fifteen more than the two-thirds required.

Speaker John N. Garner was greeted with cheers and applause on announcing the outcome.

Immediately, Chairman Sumners of the judiciary committee and others moved for a federal law setting up the machinery for state conventions. A hard road was in front for this effort, however, as Mr. Garner and others on both sides of the capitol have expressed the view that calling of the conventions is a state function.

MAGIC REVEALED IN CAMEL ADS

Current interest in magic has received new impetus as a result of the new series of Camel cigarette advertisements which feature explanations of magic deceptions in order to bring out the thought that Camel cigarettes contain "No tricks...just costlier tobaccos in a matchless blend."

The Camel ads are based on explanations published by the magicians themselves, according to the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Professional magicians were consulted before the campaign was released. They took the view that "exposures" from within the profession have always created a new public following for magic. Hence a great many magicians have heartily endorsed the new cigarette campaign.

With schools reporting great interest in magic among the children, magic shops doing a flourishing business in magic apparatus, and publishers finding that sales of magic books are rising, the Camel advertisements are likely to be credited with starting a new fad in entertainment.

While Cumberland County farmers have greatly increased their yardage of tobacco seed beds, they do not plan to set a larger acreage than last year, says the county agent.

Read The Want Ads



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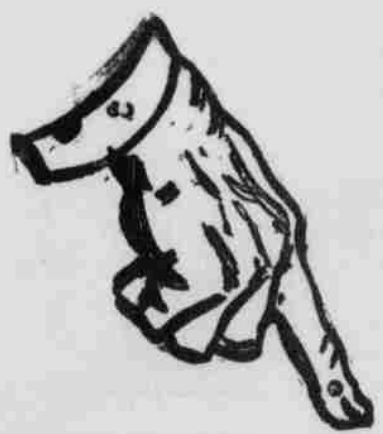


Lady Carteret Sliced Bread-- Sells Because Its Better Betts Bakery

WANT ADS

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STOP! READ! LISTEN!

CONSIDERING THE HARD TIMES WHICH WE ARE HAVING AT PRESENT, WE KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY THE SAME PRICES FOR REPAIRING THEIR WATCHES, AS PAID HERETOFORE. I HAVE FROM JANUARY THE FIRST MADE A GREAT REDUCTION ON ALL WATCH REPAIRS.

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