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POLITICAL LOGIC

In the report of a broadcast concerning the proposed Supreme Court reform Congressman Hancock declares that the Constitution is all right, that he does not think the powers of the Court should be curtailed but asserts that the justices are defying duties; so the quarrel from his viewpoint concerns only the present judges.

We are just wondering if the congressman in his thinking the matter through has gone back to two years ago when the President began deliberately laying his plans to put his views over the Court and the people in order to carry out certain experiments and programs for spending more of the nation's money. If the Court should be kicked out for exercising its rights and duties as it saw them, why not by the same sort of logic proceed against the President? Perhaps both the Court and President are right. Both may be wrong. We do not know, but it gets beyond our depths, this political logic of men who ought as Mr. Hancock says, to think for themselves. We fear that too many of our representatives are watching too closely their political straws to see which way the wind is blowing so as to benefit their political destiny.

LIQUOR AND THE LEGISLATURE

Many believe the present legislature is just personally wet. A larger per cent of the members are said to be lawyers than any other profession. And we are told that no other profession has so many dram drinkers as the law. Therefore . . .

But a few things are cropping out that lead one to wonder about this gossip coming out of Raleigh at this time. Why did E. T. Cansler ask the question the other day: Was a load of high grade liquor seized by state highway patrolmen in Mecklenburg raids, shipped to Raleigh for the pleasure of legislators? And WHY was he not allowed to get an answer?

One citizen said: "I spent Thursday in Raleigh with our law-makers. Many of them had alcohol on their breaths. I wonder where they got their liquor." The Record editor was in the legislature one day not long ago. He talked

sometime with an old friend who has been in the House for two sessions. His breath was foul with drink. A gentleman living in Raleigh said this man hadn't drawn a sober breath since he reached Raleigh.

When all this comes to light one no longer wonders why the Legislature voted as it did. The wets were in the majority. If the people of North Carolina want their representatives to vote dry, then they must elect representatives who are personally dry at home and abroad.

MAKE ZEBULON A BIGGER TOWN

Zebulon is my town, our town. In it we earn our living. In it live some of our best friends. We have lived here till today it is home, the place in which we live and the place in which we expect to rest in death. We stand ready to oppose and fight any foe that may arise to hurt its good name or destroy its welfare. The best word is the good word we have for this community, religiously, socially and commercially.

We want to do whatever we can to make Zebulon a better and bigger town. However, we may need to qualify that statement. We want more people to live in Zebulon. We want more money in circulation in business. But we do not want nor need the duplication of any business enterprise in our midst. Those we have can amply supply all the needs of the present population in all those things we produce or sell.

Zebulon does not need more building space. We now have almost as much vacant land in the corporate limits of the town as is improved and occupied. When a town looks like the country it is no longer a town. If more people are needed in Zebulon, no one questions that we have ample space for homes, business houses and manufacturing plants.

The question now being considered by the town officials as to whether the corporate limits of the town should be extended on all sides or on two sides is one for the citizens outside the town to decide. Had they wanted inside they might have so built their homes at first. If they have changed their minds and want to come in, they can do so and we are sure the town itself will gladly welcome them. Since the editor lives on the outside it will, when the matter comes up for consideration, be his duty to decide for himself only. We have not yet arrived at a decision. We may personally oppose the proposition, or we may support it. However, when and if the matter is decided by the people most concerned, he will accept the verdict of the majority. If his rural neighbors say "Come on in, the water's fine," or whatever people say when they have exercised their suffrage rights successfully, we will throw out hat up, yell with the roar of the winners and fall into the ranks of those working to make Zebulon the "biggest little town" in North Carolina.

NEWS of the WEEK

Six States Ask Aid

New York City—At a meeting held in the home of Governor Lehman of New York five other governors joined him in a telegram to President Roosevelt asking for an early conference on the relief situation. Recent curtailment of the Government's WPA program has thrown increased burdens on the States. The other governors signing were Benson of Minnesota, Horner of Illinois, Hurley of Massachusetts, La Follette of Wisconsin and Quinn of Rhode Island.

Air Chief Resigns

Washington, D. C.—Aviation circles see in the resignation of Eugene L. Vidal, director of the Bureau of Air Commerce, a repercussion of the criticism leveled at the Government's attitude toward aviation following the unprecedented accidents of the past two months. Mr. Vidal will take up other commercial pursuits.

Baby Derby Legal

Toronto, Canada—The Court of Appeals has upheld the clause in the will of Charles Vance Millar, giving \$500,000 to the mother having the greatest number of children in the decade ending October 31, 1936. The decision bars illegitimate offspring. It now rests with the lower courts to determine the winner among the six women entered who have had nine or more children in the ten-year period.

Ethiopian Viceroy Ill

Addis Abbaba—What were first thought to be trifling wounds when a shower of bursting handgrenades injured Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Viceroy of Ethiopia, now give visiting doctors from Rome grave concern. Fragments are said to have penetrated the lungs, and pneumonia has set in. For his part in the bombing, Ras Desalegn, son-in-law of Haile Selassie, deposed Emperor, was executed.

Giant Is 19 Years Old

Alton, Ill.—On his 19th birthday, the Wadlow family took stock of their extraordinary son, Robert, the tallest human being in medical history. He stands 8 feet 6 inches, weighs 435 pounds and his size 36 shoes cost \$90 per pair. Where an average man consumes 3,300 calories of food per day, young Wadlow's enormous appetite demands from 6,000 to 8,000.

Dr. Townsend Found Guilty

Washington, D. C.—A Federal jury found Dr. Francis E. Townsend, sponsor of the Old Age Revolving Pension Scheme, guilty of contempt of the House of Representatives in bolting a committee inquiry and disregarding further subpoenas. In the event of a loss of an appeal taken by his attorneys he faces a possible term of one year in jail.

Ex-King May Get Annuity

Vienna, Austria—The departure of the Duke of Kent, second of the royal family to visit the Duke of Windsor in a month, has lent added strength to the rumor that former King Edward's family will make a cash settlement on him of \$625,000 and grant him annuity of \$100,000 from the privy purse of his brother, King George VI.

Auto Deaths At Peak

Chicago, Ill.—A record of 3,050 deaths from automobile accidents in January breaks all marks for the month, according to the National Safety Council, which attributes the jump of 20 per cent in fatalities to the open winter and the consequent additional use of cars.

Trade Treaties Extended

Washington, D. C.—In spite of attacks on the floor of the Senate the Trade Agreements Act of 1934 was extended for three years. Said Senator Capper, "We have granted concessions to 70 nations, of which only 15 have granted similar concessions to us." Senator Vandenberg pointed out that while U. S. exports to Canada increased 17 per cent, our imports from Canada went up 30 per cent.

Protects Fruit Consumers

Los Angeles, Cal.—Despite frantic efforts of orchard owners, about 35 per cent of this year's crop of oranges, lemons and grapefruit were frozen and therefore unfit for human consumption. Outwardly, however the frozen fruit looks all right. To protect the good name of California citrus products and prevent other growers from seizing their market, big producers are investing \$300,000 in a new type of fluoroscope which detects imperfect fruit as it passes rapidly before the electric eye.

Strip Teasing An Art

Washington, D. C.—Declaring that his burlesque queens were rough "to take off as many clothes as the law allows, in an artistic, graceful, and provocative manner," Herbert Minsky, New York strip-tease promoter, urged Congress to limit the immigration of alien "artists."

"Rudy" Answers Critics

Buffalo, N. Y.—When Rudy Vallee's traveling show hit this city, the leading newspaper critics gave it a severe mauling. Ardis Smith, of "The Times" classifying it as "commonplace to deadly." Thoroughly hot under the collar, Rudy demanded a chance to reply, and "The News" gave him 15 minutes over its station WBEN. Cried the crooner over the air, "These young critics must be envious of me . . . Irate editors who resent radio's inroads on their advertising, order their writers to go after me because I typify radio."

The Week In Business

General chairman of sixteen railway unions, representing 800,000 men, decided to ask for a pay raise of 20 cents per hour for all rail employees. Added to recent demands of other carrier unions, the raise adds \$360,000,000 to the annual labor bill of the railroads . . . Eleven states, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Missouri, California, Minnesota and Indiana, consume 83 per cent of all the beer sold in the country . . . A "protective" committee of bondholders of the defunct "Match King" Kreuger's industrial empire, headed by Bainbridge Colby, has been asked by the Securities Exchange Commission to explain a charge of \$280,000 voted to themselves and attorneys, or the equivalent of \$330 for every \$1,000 bond deposited with the committee . . . Henry Ford will erect at Ways, Ga. a model industrial community with a parts plant as a nucleus, in which only residents of the immediate neighborhood will be employed.

SEEN & HEARD

We Know the Feeling

The tiny fox terrier that has for some time been a member of the F. D. Finch household was killed by a car about ten days ago. There's no use trying to describe the grief his death caused; all who have owned pet dogs can understand. They can also sympathize with young Dave, who remarked to his mother that he didn't feel as if he could ever be happy again.

In a show window at J. A. Kemp and Son's is a pair of high-topped white shoes labeled "Advance Style, 1938".

Don't let them fool you. Don't get the idea that those shoes belong to fashions of the future; they are distinctly of the past. When the buyer for a bargain store recently bought dozens of pairs of out-of-style shoes from the store this pair was left as a souvenir of the days when ladies had time enough to lace strings through all those eyelets. Proctor Kemp put them in the window with

their label, which might mislead the very young, and they have been the source of wonder to some and of reminiscent smiles to others.

DUFFEL BAG

Be resolutely and faithfully what you are; be humbly what you aspire to be. Man's noblest gift to man is his sincerity, for it embraces his integrity also.

—Thoreau.

By making four changes of letters change foot to bill. Thus: Change head to foot in five moves—head, held, hold, hood, food, foot.

A child's definition of climate and weather:

Climate lasts all the time, and weather only a few days.

To multiply a number by 25 you may instead of setting down all the partial products, simply annex two zeroes and divide the number by four. For instance: to find 25 times 84 annex two zeroes, making the number 8400. Divide this by four. The quotient, 2100, is the

correct answer.

The phrase, "Received payment", contains exactly the same letters as "Every Cent Paid Me."

When the average person says he "thinks", what he really means is that he hopes and feels. Perhaps one per cent of the convictions of the ordinary man is the result of information, close reasoning, and logic; the other 99 per cent are a result of his economic and social status. —Jean Boyd in The Forum

No one knows who first used the proverb about March going out like a lamb after coming in like a lion; but it has been in use for more than three hundred years, having been used in a play written in 1624.

Howler: Salt is what makes potatoes taste bad when there is none in.

It's modesty that makes women use so much powder; they do not wish to shine in public.

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