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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 1929.

TWINKLES

and convicted.

One more week of play for Shelby children, one more week of turmoil for Shelby mothers, and one more week of rest for Shelby teachers-School opens Monday week.

Mark Twain lived before the day of the endurance tests, yet his theory was that the earth is used for an insane asylum by the other planets. He might have to improve on that statement were he living now?

FORD RIGHT OR WRONG ON **PROHIBITION?**

THE MAJORITY of us will agree, or will want to, with Henry Ford in his statement that it will never do for prohibition to be repealed in this country. Mr. Ford in his declaration stated that he would cease to manufacture cars if the days of the old saloon were to return, and, to his own mind, perhaps, clinched his view by adding that "prohibition is now 99 percent effective."

Extreme statements seldom tend to convert others to your beliefs, and extreme statements and stands by dry fanatics have retarded prohibition enforcement just as much as extreme views by anti-prohibitionists have ' kept back the "temperance-instead-of-prohibition" they clamor fluence the purported wealth of the King family had to do on the question. for. Mr. Ford, more or less extremist in his views, is meeting with considerable criticisms, some of it deserving, because to be a dry does not necessarily mean that one must close his eyes to the facts and make statements difficult to prove. If as Mr. Ford says, prohibition is 99 per cent effective now, from a death sentence. Newspapers are too much inclined to manufacturer to say 'If booze ever then perfect prohibition will be a sorry spectacle. Mr. Ford surely realizes that he can be a dry, as the majority of the leading citizens are, without shutting his eyes to the fact that prohibition enforcement is nearer 99 per cent rotten than effective. How can he make such statements if he knows his own Detroit, where thousands of speakeasies serve alcoholic drinks, and where now and then, a few of Mr. Ford's hundreds of workers must get a nip or two? Yet Mr. Ford would close down rather than try to work men who drink?

Continuing his views, the auto manufacturer, of whom it has been said that he can better autos than statements,

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so describe the Shelby attorney, but it appears as if it will be easy for the World reader back East, already of the opin-ion that textile barons are persentline will ion that textile barons are persecuting mill workers, to draw the conclusion thaat Brother-in-Law Hoey is merely in the case to see that Brother-in-Law Gardner's mill properties are well protected. Perchance it was unnecessary to say that he was employed by the State to assist Solicitor Carpenter because he is considered one of the leading barristers of the section; and no doubt it was of no news interest that Mr. Hoey has defended more mill workers, and other defendants at the bar of justice in North Carolina, than he has ever prosecuted. And, of course, it was needless to include N. Y. World n the description that Mr. Hoey, a man of some means him-

self, has very little, if any, stock in textile plants. As for prohibition stard. Governor Gardner's mill properties, which must be worked understanding of the problem and into the prosecution of the strikers: Admittedly Mr. Gardner his views would really aid the liquor traffic Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler owns mill stock, the most of which is in a rayon and silk mill president of Columbia universit, with one of the highest wage scales and best working con- and advocate of repeal of the Eighditions of any such plant, but it is a 4 to 1 wager that the teenth Amendment, says in an answer to Ford's ultimatum that he majority of his wealth, of which he has quite a bit and earn- will quit making cars if rum returns. Another thought about Governor Gardner's revelation ed it himself, is invested in other than mill properties. Fact "If Henry Ford really wishes to that there are no high school graduates in the State prison: is, it is this paper's opinion that a very small percentage of diminish the evil effects of what he Perhaps the boys with sheepskins are too slick to be captured the Governor's wealth is tied up in the textile industry. It ought to exert himself to get the is peculiar that some of the most zealous about criticising Eighteenth Amendment repealed the State for injecting such useless information as belief or American, a moral and a Christian non-belief in God into the trial should themselves insert in- method of dealing with what is a nuendos that the strikers are not being prosecuted by State- vitally important social problem." Dr. Butler declares. employed lawyers but by attorneys of the mill interests.

"Mr. Henry Ford," Dr. Butler says But so goes newspaper reporting at times, even in our "appears to live in a land of dreams most unbiased papers. It reminds us of the Rafe King case, realities which surround us. He does more of local interest. A recent South Carolina visitor to not seem to have grasped the lact Shelby, discussing the King case, said "Well, it's true, is it that the question of prohibition has not, that his (King's) father is very wealthy?" Immediately or the liquor traffic, but that it is a we recalled the usual lead line of the news reports from the question of government, of social King trial, including those of the reliable and esteemed As- order, or public morals and of common sense

sociated Press: "Rafe King, scion of a wealthy Shelby fam- "The Eighteenth Amendment has ily." Mr. King, the father, may be "moderately well off" to all intents and purposes, endow-(that's a North Carolina term for the New York writers to nation and has set it free of all tax. rub off) but there are many Shelby people more so, and "Prohibition is the most powerful here in Shelby he is not considered wealthy. Yet it is easy to friend that the liquor traffic has get the state of mind brought on by "wealthy Shelby family" ever had. Prohibition is the most resourceful enemy that the temperdescription, if you care to analyze the query of the South ance movement has ever had to

Carolinian noted above. When worthwhile evidence is face, brought in for a defendant who has been termed "wealthy" F. Scott McBride, general superinthe average reader immediately decides for, himself that it tended of the Anti-Saloon League. in't true because it is only purchased evidence resulting announces that the statement by a from the defendant's wealth. Just how much, if any, in-

with his trial we dare not say, but we do believe that it "The effect of booze on the laborcaused the average reader, not cognizant of the actual facts, states, "the poverty caused by booze to discount in his or her mind actual evidence which was of in the workingman's home, the efa beneficial nature to the defendant now awaiting an appeal fect of booze on the brain, are from a death contained Nousepone are taken in a point to lead any outstanding add the word "wealthy" or "prominent" to the description of comes back I am through with a defendant in court, and in thus making better color for the manufacturing, assures the Eighnews item sentiment is created against the defendence of the teenth Amendment and forestalls news item sentiment is created against the defendant, be- any repeat cause the average man wants to see the wealthy person fare "But one thing remains to do. It just as he (the average man) would before the bar of jus-

tice-something he seldom sees when actual wealth is on trial.

With Mr. Hoey being described in Mr. Leary's style it leading tenor role in more than 175 s easy to comprehend that readers back East, when, and if, oratorios, operas and cantatas.

Mr. Hoey makes his appeal the conclusion will be that his zeal and swaying oratory were only employed and worked up to keep labor organizers from getting Brother-in-Law

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Columbia President Declares Pro hibition Greatest Friend The Liquor Traffic Has.

Henry Ford is all wrong on the

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says in meaning that a man who takes a drink is no good. It naturally follows, if this holds true, that a drinking nation cannot be a progressive, clear-thinking people. Mr. Ford might be wrong in that statement, also, as a minister, Rev. G. A. Schmatz, points out in a letter to the editor of the New York World. Talking up Mr. Ford's statement that drinking men, individually or collectively cannot succeed, Rev. Mr. Schmatz says: "I might remark to Mr. Ford that the Germans with their Bremen, their Zeppelin, their Diesel engine, prove that highest efficiency obtains without our absurd prohibition." That is a hard one for Mr. Ford, who deesn't believe highest efficiency can be reached by a drinking man or a drinking people, to answer. Perhaps none of the Germans who built the Bremen, fastest of all ocean liners ever took a drink? Or perhaps the genius behind the Graf Zeppelin and Dr. Eckener, the man who handles the awe-inspiring air liner, never take a drink. Perhaps, yes.

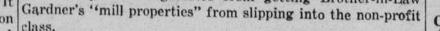
term every known crime of modern days as the progeny of knew it would be. In fact, they lowing letters have already been prohibition. They err just as does Mr. Ford. Solutions to bales the south would make: the problems, especially such a major problem as prohibition, are private estimators had told them. flat rock, s. C., aug. 22, 1929. not reached by make-believe. Mr. Ford doesn't pitch a mass of iron, steel, tin and cog-wheels into a hopper then shut Tom. Dick and Harry, but the his eyes upon what comes forth as he makes himself and private guessers do just the rethe buying public believe it is the finest car built. He and his from Harry. Dick and Tom. and bit off the squares and the sharpengineers face the facts; if a certain portion going in fails to thus come forth the so-called es- shooters has shot off the leaves do its part, then it doesn't go. There is too much of the make- timates. believe on both sides of the prohibition question. One side makes itself believe that it is being successfully enforced, some extremely good guessers on don't slobber none after he has while the other side forces itself, beyond the realms of better its payroll. Some time around the just et up my patch of clover judgment, to believe that there is no good whatsoever to be obtained from real prohibition or temperance. So long as such sentiment exists prohibition will be a putrid sore in Ameri-bushels of wheat but a sluten rug

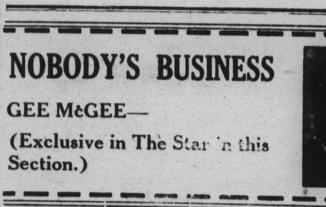
REPORTING THE TRIAL OF STRIKERS FAIRLY.

PRACTICALLY all of the larger Eastern papers have their smart guys had to meet and do all

staff writers in Charlotte to report the trial of the Gas- their guessing over again. They tonia strikers charged with murdering Police Chief Aderholt. reduced the estimate by some-thing like 267,765,876 bushels. They The Star, long of the opinion that the New York World is put wheat down 32 cents a bushel unexcelled in giving unbiased news accounts, welcomed the in 3 weeks and turned around and prove a great disappointment to knowledge that the World had a staff writer there in the put it up 66 cents a bushel in 3 Mr. Ford and Mr. Chevvylay. Corn person of John J. Leary, yet in one of Mr. Leary's early accounts of the hearing we find what to us seems to be between-the-line writing making the drawing of deductions easy for the reader.

In listing the counsel on both sides of the case, Mr. We will appreciate any information Leary's list of prosecutors has one described as follows: mit regardless of whether he "Clyde R. Hoey, silver-tongued orator of the State and a ever saw a stalk of cotton or ever bidden to ride in the elevators of brother-in-law of Governor O. Max Gardner, who is largely wore an outing night shirt. We the Garment Tower, a skyscraper will assemble our information, and devoted to wholesalers of women's interested in mill properties." Perhaps it was necessary to then "let it loose" to Wall street wear.





'The government's cotton crop every few days. We feel sure the estimate for the current year was bears will pay us something On the other hand the extremists who oppose prohibition just about what the speculators we are not too bullish. The folhad already found out how many received.

> You see, it's this way: The gov- mr. gee mcgee, private gesser, ernment gets a few opinions from anderson, s. C. deer sir:the cotton craps is off %85 in

and it ain't rained a drap since was a little boy. it is so dry

began work on the golden har- monney or rashions at once, and vest a few days later, and it forgot foam me if you can give me a job ansoforth. to rain in Idaho and those thunder

clouds in Wyoming proved to be yores trulie. Mike Clark, rfd. Athens, Ga., Aug. 23, 1929. Dear McGee:

Crops going back fast account dry weather and will probably is way off and gardens simply

ain't. Government estimate at Now, folks, we have decided to lease 2,450,000 too high. put in a "private estimate" ma-Yours truly

chine, and we will need help from I. M. Ruint. friends all over the cotton belt, Whats Place?

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