



Washington, D. C. — Politics seems of small importance when events of the hour show that the fate of Democracy is at stake. We only bring up the subject because the Republicans are about to meet to select a Presidential candidate.

From Republican headquarters here we get the impression that Dewey, Taft and Vandenberg have totally failed to muster popular support, and although professional politicians have refused to have anything to do with the Willkie boom, many leaders are coming to the opinion that Wendell Willkie is the only man who would have a ghost of a chance should Roosevelt decide to run.

Pierre Von Passen, author and journalist recently returned from the war zones, claims that Gen. Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain, stands today as the probable agent provocateur among the South American states. Von Passen claims that the conquest of America has already been accepted as a foregone conclusion and that Franco's emissaries are setting up a clamor for a reunion of the American Spanish world with the Motherland—the entire scheme having the backing of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.

According to Dr. Charles Stelzle, prominent clergyman who often speaks for the American trade unions, "the question as to whether we will send our boys overseas was never seriously considered. It's too late anyway. What is needed and needed right away—is a fleet of planes and bombers of various kinds which will more than match those of the enemy. No country in the world can build them as fast and as fine as America. And this goes for other materials needed by the Allies."

Whatever may be the contribution made by scientists and engineers, no group can render a greater service in this hour of Democracy's battle for its life than can the workers of the country. Organized Labor has a record of patriotic achievement in the history of America of which it may be proud—a record which every fair-minded student of history will quickly recognize and honor. But there was never a greater chance to demonstrate the loyalty, the statesmanship, and the downright ability of American trade unionists than at this moment.

### Snap Shots and Sun Spots

Too many things crowd in on one's mind these days. Beside the small problems which arise each day in all our lives here is the distressing news each day of what seems like the collapse of civilization in Europe. Indeed it was a grim boast a few days ago by Adolf's high command that they had just concluded "the most destructive battle of all time," and now were launching into the "total destruction" of France and Britain. On every mind is the question, What are we facing? And none knows the full answer.

Hardly had President Roosevelt's words of assurance of help to France been spoken and well considered until we were told France had ceased resisting Germany's onslaught. One question that arises is, How long can any nation continue these terrific assaults and conquests before needing to pause for a moment for breath and to consolidate the gains? Also, are all these conquered peoples going right on in their factories and on their farms, producing for the invaders? We wonder if Germany can as quickly organize a country as she can destroy its industry and its morale.

With Belgium and France gone, Great Britain faces an awful task. And because it is fundamentally the cause of Democracy and Christianity it is also vitally our own task, too. Hitlerism and paganism are out to destroy, and that ambition is not soon satisfied. Somehow there is a reassuring ring in Prime Minister Churchill's statement that, "We have become the sole champion now in arms to defend the world cause. We shall do our best to be worthy of that high honor. We are sure that in the end all will be well." Those words are not bluff and bombast, but the stolid determination of the responsible head of a democratic and Christian peo-

## Our world...

### France Fights On Desperately

Bordeaux, France, June 18.—The unconquered French clung fiercely to their fields and hills today in desperate engagements along a broken front, fighting on under orders of the man who asked the foe for peace and now awaits reply.

### Hitler And Mussolini Figure Up

Munich, Germany, June 18.—Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini totaled up today in a quiet study of the great stone Fuehrerhaus the price which broken France must pay for peace, but ended this second meeting of Munich without immediately disclosing just how high the price is to be.

### Spain May Be Consulted

New York, June 18.—The French radio tonight said that "according to certain information which has been received in France" Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini may go to Madrid to meet General Francisco Franco and continue the French peace negotiations.

### The Stout Heart Of Britain

London, June 18.—Winston Churchill called confidently tonight upon the stout heart of Britain to respond to the menace of invasion. He told his people: "Hitler knows he will have to break us in this island or lose the war." Before the house of commons, in the hour of French military collapse, the prime minister "cast up a dread balance sheet." Churchill made two predictions. "If we can stand up to him (Hitler)," he said, "all Europe may be freed and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands. . . . But if we fail, the whole world, including the United States . . . will sink into the abyss of a new dark age made more sinister and perhaps more prolonged by the lights of a perverted science."

### Congress Reaffirms The Monroe Doctrine

Washington, June 18.—Congress served virtual notice on the world today that the United States would fight to uphold the Monroe doctrine. By a vote of 382 to 8, the house passed a resolution, already approved by the senate, declaring that this country would not "acquiesce" in the transfer of territory in the western hemisphere from one non-American nation to another.

### Carolina Congressman Says We Failed

Thomasville, N. C., June 18.—That failure of the United States to join the League of Nations was in a large part the cause of the present world situation and that the principle of collective action on which the league was based is the only way to cope with dictators was expressed by J. Walter Lambeth, of this city, former representative from the eighth congressional district, in a forceful address before members of the local Lions club. Lambeth was for eight years a member of the foreign affairs committee of the house of representatives.

### France Seeks To Lessen Destruction

Bordeaux, France, June 18.—Charles Pomaret, minister of the interior, announced tonight the French government had declared all cities with populations of more than 20,000 "open cities" to save them from bombardment as Paris was spared.

ple who still believe in God and strive to serve Him.

### Alleghany

#### —Oddities

And on the street of our own Sparta we saw a lady distributing leaflets. Evidently a visitor from out of town. We were curious. Ah yes, one of the so-called Jehovah's Witnesses with a leaflet announcing a nation-wide broadcast on "Religion as a World Remedy." Of course it is a world remedy. But the difficulty is that religion is and must be an individual matter, and when a Hitler gets to be powerful enough the very Devil seems to take control. Indeed there's a verse in Revelation 16 which says, "They are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth. . . . to gather them to the battle of that great day. . . ." Surely Hitler's conquests have approached the miraculous.

It may be we are from too far back in the woods to know much of modern things, but the Shoe Shop ad this week offering "Sport Heels" struck us as being very very modern. Fingernails have been streamlined a long time, and now even heels are going "sporty."

Yo ho ho, the Post Office has a nice new flag, run up for the first time on Flag Day, the 14th.

And tomorrow is officially the beginning of summer—yessir, at 8:37 a. m. E. S. T. Also, it is the longest daytime of the year. And 125 years ago Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo, and sent to St. Helena. Where should Hitler be sent? Make your nominations promptly, please.

Fact is, we're looking for a correspondent in Glade Valley. Should be someone who enjoys writing and can.

And friends, please do sign your communications.

How the change from horse to mechanical power has affected farm demand is shown in the fact that it took 82 million acres to feed work stock in 1915, while in 1935 it took only 46 million acres.

They say money is hard to keep, and indeed we have found it so. But one Alleghany man has done a god job of keeping money, for he has been collecting old coins for years and today has one of the finest collections in the state. He has an ancient Roman coin from the time of the Emperor Hadrian, who ruled from 117 to 138 A. D. Besides this one coin, which bears the picture of the emperor on the reverse, he has a dozen other old Roman coins, a Greek coin, and an old Turkish copper coin, in his collection of really old money. And an odd thing about these old coins is that they all appear to be made by hand.

Coming a little closer to our day this gentleman's collection contains some Spanish coins dated 1775 and some French coins dated 1795. His Chinese coins interested us because they all have a hole in the center so they can be strung on a string and hung about the neck or arm.

Naturally the most interesting part of the collection is the American coins dating as far back as 1812. The coin bearing that date is a half-dollar bearing some initials cut on it with the date 1826. Then there is a silver dollar made in 1877 and a ten cent coin made in 1845. But more of an oddity is the two-cent piece made in 1862 and also the copper one cent, larger than a quarter, made in 1843. Also, in 1845 they made a half-dime of silver about half the size of our present dime, which is indeed an oddity.

In my own small collection of coins I have a 50 cent piece made in 1833, on the reverse of which it says "50C." And on the edge, in place of the usual milling, there are the words engraved, "Fifty cents or Half Dollar." My Indianhead cent dated 1884 is becoming quite an oddity, as also my two nickels made in 1890 and 1895.

But my Confederate Ten Dollar bill is interesting. It was issued in Richmond, February 17, 1864, and says, "Two years after

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Mrs. Robert Lee Johnson, Roanoke, who was, before her marriage in Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, on Saturday afternoon, June 15, at five o'clock, Miss Mary Opal Hoppers, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Hoppers, Sparta. The nuptial vows were spoken before Rev. Griffin Henderson.—(Photo Courtesy The Roanoke Times).

### 712 more babies born in 1940 than in 1939

—in North Carolina up to the end of May, according to figures compiled by the State Board of Health.

There were 32,471 babies born in North Carolina during the first five months of 1940, which was 712 more than were born during the corresponding period in 1939, and 18,049 in excess of the 14,422 deaths reported so far during the present year.

The report goes on to show that deaths through May, this year, numbered 812 more than the 13,610 reported for the corresponding period of 1939. So there are increases reported in the number of both births and deaths for the current year.

Suicides are up in 1940, with 141 as compared with 115 the corresponding period of 1939.

### "Our problem is at home," said Governor Hoey

—in an address Monday at a luncheon meeting of the Raleigh Civitan Club, in Raleigh. "I sympathize fully and completely with the Allies and more than anything else I should like to see Hitler stopped," said Governor Hoey, continuing "but the United States is not in a position to stop him now."

"We are not prepared for war," the North Carolina chief executive said this nation should "bend its every energy" to uniting all its forces and power in making ready to defend itself.

"We should lose no time in preparing ourselves for that character of defense which would command the respect of any mad man who might extend his dominion and power over this hemisphere," he told the Raleigh Civitan Club at a luncheon meeting.

Governor Hoey said we should not be "rushed into this war," first because our entry "could not render any great assistance to the Allies in the present situation," and secondly, because we would become needlessly entangled and involved in a contest in which we could not exert any helpful influence.

Governor Hoey declared that the Communist party and the Nazi bund in this country advocated overthrow and destruction of the government.

"Those who prefer the communistic form of government ought to be given an indefinite leave of absence and let them go to Russia," he said. "Those who are enamored with the Nazi bund ought to be granted passports to Hitler's empire, and let them live under the character of government to which they have given their allegiance, thus no longer to be a menace to the government under which they now live and are protected."

### Recent contributors to the Red Cross Relief Fund

—who have given one dollar or more, are as follows: Thomas Johnson, Edwin Maines, Agnes Wolfe, Hazel Billings, Pearl Woodruff, Ruby Woodruff, Mrs. A. A. Woodruff, Mrs. Lena Gentry, and Kyle Cox.

### Leo Howard Irwin was graduated from G. W. University

—in Washington, D. C., with the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University's 119th Annual Commencement held on Wednesday, June 12th. Degrees and certificates were presented to some 675 graduates at the Commencement, which was preceded by a week of senior activities. Leo Irwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carl Irwin of Twin Oaks.

### Legionnaires will gather in High Point

—for the annual convention of the North Carolina Department, American Legion, an outstanding feature of which will be the parade scheduled for 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, June 24.

C. E. Lehmann, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, has predicted that the convention parade will be "the largest and finest seen in this section in years."

In No. 1 position in the parade formation will be Governor Clyde R. Hoey, State Commander June H. Rose and other high dignitaries of the state.

Fort Bragg regular army units will march, as will national guard batteries and companies from High Point, Greensboro and other nearby cities. Fifteen High School bands and 10 post drum and bugle corps will participate.

Housing plans for legion delegates have progressed.

### N. C. enforcement officers now have Retirement Fund

—and State Auditor George Ross Pou announces that approximately 600 officers in all parts of the State have made applications to participate in the benefits of The Retirement Fund.

Each officer who participates in the retirement features of the Fund is required to contribute three per cent of his monthly salary of \$200.00 or less beginning with salaries earned after July 1. Officers on a fee basis contribute \$3.00 per month, the equivalent of a \$100.00 monthly salary. Contributions are payable by the tenth of the month following the month in which salary is earned. The first contributions are due on or before August 10. The Board of Commissioners of the Fund have adopted regulations providing for retirement benefits payments to begin July 1, 1945, to all officers who have served twenty years. In order to receive credit for service prior to July 1, 1940, officers must make applications before January 1, 1941, and must make contributions equal to three per cent of salaries earned beginning July 1, 1940. Applications may be had from State Auditor Pou, Chairman of the Fund, in Raleigh.

The Retirement Fund is open to Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Police Officers, Prison Wardens and Deputy Wardens, Prison Camp Superintendents, Prison Stewards, Prison Foremen and Guards, Highway Patrolmen and all other officers of the State and its political subdivisions who are clothed with the power of arrest.

Further, for the first time in history, a staff of radio news reporters will take their places alongside the regular newspaper reporters to write their stories of the proceedings—not for newspapers, but for the hundreds of announcers in stations in every part of the nation to read to listening millions.

Thus two new media of information for the public will "take off" with the Republican Party at Philadelphia—viewed by many as a good omen.

In addition, the "coverage" of the convention by the nation's newspapers, newsreels and photographers will be more comprehensive than ever before.

### Only one bid was received for park concessions

—when bids were opened, and that one, by Grover C. Robbins of Blowing Rock, asked for informal discussion of installations for "day-use facilities" at Bluff Rock, N. C., Cumberland Knob, N. C., Rocky Knob Park, Va., and Smart View Park, Va.

These facilities, officials said, included food, motoring supplies and notions. Overnight accommodations were excluded.

Authorities said Robbins likely would be asked to submit formal proposals to the park service. Meantime, however, they added, the service might investigate why its representations for bids failed to meet popular response and thereafter readvertise for bids.

General Wavell, in command of British forces in the middle east, declared in an order of the day that the British empire will continue the struggle against Germany and Italy until victory is won. "Difficult times lie ahead. They will, I know, be faced with the same spirit of calm and confidence in which we faced such crises before. Dictators fade away, the British empire never dies."

### Legion Candidate . . .



### Dr. David E. Faust, faculty member of Catawba College,

—and a minister, is being presented by the Samuel C. Hart Post No. 14 of the American Legion of Salisbury for the office of Chaplain of the Department of North Carolina. His candidacy will be before the American Legion of this state in its annual convention in High Point.

Dr. Faust was graduated from Yale University divinity school and holds three degrees: B. A., B. D., and Ph.D. He has been Professor of Bible and History at Catawba College since 1929, and has been a member of the American Legion since 1921. He has served the Samuel C. Hart Post as Chaplain for three terms.

### Television will bring Republican Convention into

—more than 50,000 homes on the Atlantic Coast, and for the first time in history, this National Political Convention will be televised!

Space for the television equipment of the National Broadcasting Company and the Philco Radio and Television Corporation has been provided and it is estimated that more than 50,000 Americans on the Atlantic coast from New England to Virginia will see, as well as hear, the Convention proceedings through this new medium.

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We are now well underway on our second-class requirements. One boy has already been added to the original eight; two have handed in their application blanks and two more are expected to be enrolled soon. We hope to be able to go to North Wilkesboro soon to pass our second-class requirements test, and by that time we expect to have our uniforms. Of the \$5.00 that we are taking the responsibility to raise for the Red Cross Relief Fund, we now have \$3.60.

Scoutmaster Andrews took part of the boys fishing Monday afternoon. We are expecting to have a lot of fun this summer as we are already planning a two day camping trip for the 29th and 30th.

by R. C. Mitchell.