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First Hurdle

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We don't know what the last stand of Secretary Edward Stettinius will be like, nor on what far battlefield he may fall or ultimately conquer—but we do have his first stand before us. It bears promise for his future, even if it does the last stand before us. It bears promise for his future, even if it does tunted Nations.

For almost the first act of the new Secretary of Siste, even before his staff could be assembled, was calmly and firmly to denounce a principle upheld by the British. He shook no foundations and shattered no empires, for London proceeded exactly as if it had not heard him. He had, in fact, to repeat himself.

He said that the United States would oppose the outside influence of any power in setting up a government in Lily. The United States had not repudiated Italy's Count Sforza, as had the British. Furthermore, that policy of non-interference was to be followed even more specifically in the case of other liberated territories.

That was an outripht challenge to Britain, which had just finished rumbling that it reserved the right to install an Italian government acceptable to its Foreign Office. And it was, as well, a

an Italian government acceptable to its Foreign Office. And it was, as well, a challenge to Russla, busy extending its influence into Greece and other nations outside its own immediate sphere.

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Mr. Stettinus had hardy finished speaking when it became apparent that American Wews were not being well received in Britain. The stand of Mr. Stettinus, was called self-righteous, rude, unrealistic. But it was a firm stand, from which there can be no retreat. The new straw boss of our foreign relations had spoken his piece. And even if he was only stating polely for the White House, he had taken a first important step on a road that will certainly be long, steep and rocky. He had sald where we stood.

Closed Shop

For several weeks letters to the editors have been chiefly concerned with the question of the closed shop, and with the wisdom of the Florida and Arkanthe wissom of the Fiorina and Arkinssa amendments which outlawed it. We have had a good many expressions in The Reople's Platform, are still having them, and will have some more, we hope. There were opinions of all kinds, and that's the way we had hoped it would be when we deliberately opened the discussion.

Up to this moment we have not Intentionally given so much as a hint as to our own freelings about this matter, though we have admitted that it was likely to become a question of some moment in other Southern states. Now wed like to make our own observations, which are these:

1. That there are certain types of employment—a good many of them—in which the closed shop is the preferable, or at least entirely acceptable, working agreement. sas amendments which outlawed it. We

agreement.

2. That there are some types of employment, such as camp construction featuring short-time jobs and local, unorganized, labor, in which the closed shop has no business.

3. That in any case wherein union membership is a prerequisite to employment, union practices need some supervision.

vision.

4. That we think that a constitutional amendment is precisely the wrong approach to a big problem that needs only regulation.

A New Deal Quite aside from our a the Atlanta Journal's Move.

Unproductive

the others (save one unrecorded) voted for it. Only he and Folger voted against overriding the President's veto of that bill.

Another—on the bill fixing mustering out pay for soldiers up to \$300. Chances are that he was not opposed to mustering out pay, but, on the contrary, preferred an alternative bill fixing higherer amounts.

He joined with the majority of the delegation in passing the tax bill for which the President later blistered the whole Concress, and the subsequent veto

which the President later blistered the whole Congress, and the subsequent veto of that bill was one which the Mecklenburgher dld not hesitate to override, proving, at any rate, that he is not congenitally allergie to vetoes. At about this time a series of "NRs" begin to characterize the Morrison record. On ten out of the last eleven roll calls of any importance during the period January-June 1944, he was not reorded. Beyond that point the compilation does not go.

W-cil, the record proves little, if that, In fact, we consider that our research into the Morrison record has been fruitless of much either to its credit or discredit.

A Surprise

Whatever class Amprens, Charlotte is going to be a way point on more or more new air routes, and that is of great importance to the clays fature growth. The examiner of the Civil Aeronautics-Board (whose decision is not quite final, but atmost has suggested that, of the various routes suggested by a number of companies for the favored. The Eastern route, connecting Mann and Chicago, will provide some additional services for this community, but will not solve the problems presented in any number of briefs and unofficial statements.

What Meeth Carolina business means

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What North Garolina business men seem to want in the way of air service for the future is a swift, localized service with expecial comphasis on outlets to the West, through Tennessee and into the Mid-West. They still aren't given loope of gettling that kind of service. For the new Eastern route will of necessity be a through route, and no attempt at improved local service such as the section will oventially need.

But regardless of the merits of the various briefs presented to the board, there is an interesting statement made by the examiner in question. It expresses a philosophy we thought was on its laad legs, and was thus a flute astonishing.

He said that, if applications were

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He said that, if applications were granted to lines other than Eastern, a good many more people would have to be employed, and more capital would have to be sunk in ground installations. Hence, the nod went, to Eastern, because it already had men and equipment.

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And all the while we'd been thinking that the new goal of U. S. industry was to allow unimpeded development of new business frontiers, wherever private enterprise thought it could turn a profit and render service. And we'd been thinking, naively enough, that employment for more people and the risking of new capital were things to be desired, and not to be avoided. We were obviously wrong.

Quite aside from our admiration for the Atlanta Journal's Morgan Blake, we consider the Federal prison rebellion which he quelled single-handedly to be an important sign of our times. Note that the prisoners were striking, and not trying to break jall. Their list of grievances might apply to our own pa-tients at Morganton, or to members of a labor union ex simply to common citi.

Cameron Morrison was the only North of South Carolinian in the House of Representatives who didn't vote to freeze the Old Age Insurance tax rate at one per cent, instead of letting it rise to two on both employers and employer

Statesmen At Work

(Excerpts From The Congressional Record)

most delightfull, pleasant, congenial, entured, the property annual of mines, to my mind a few leaf and a presently 1 am very fond of him. But he is a delightfully entertaining speaker, and personally 1 am very fond of him. But he is a also interesting and amusing at he is a him of the property of the interest of t

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DURING debate on the Rivers & Harbors
bill, while the proposed Tombighez-rennessee canal was being discussed, Senator
CTDe Man Biblo of Mississhopl gave the
Senate a sketch of Senator Vandemberg:

Mr. President, in the very beginning I
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the more those elements and leave the
impression that we are taking an awful risk
by adopting this proposal before we shall
are a further survey made...

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The suggestion which my friend the Sen-ator from Michigan advances that another survey should be made, to my mind is ridiculous . . .

The Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON MY DEAR DAUGHTER: Well, the Fall report came course and it was not as bad as thee anticipated. Or course the course of the cours

world.

I wonder if thy teacher has been telling the class about the very important shake-up which is now taking place among the men who run our foreign affairs—the State Department.

Three Of A Kind

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I wonder what would happen if the son of John L. Lewis were appointed Assistant Secretary of State. Young John went to a fine private school in Vitginia and later to Princeton. He has an excellent educational background and stone. He has an excellent educational background and stone with the second of the second of the country of the ventule go up from the Schale and the country if he were to be given a key Joh.

I wondered also what would happen If, in addition the son of Phil Murray, of CIO, plus the son of Matt Woll, of AFL, were appointed to high positions in the State Department. There would be more yelling in the Senate—and rightly so.

Yet President Roosewell has fine John State Department.

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I don't think that, out of 130,000,000 people, it is to be the wordsprings of the Rouse of Morgan and the top the the senate of the Rouse of Morgan and off the Rosesthes of Morgan and State, Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary—any more than it would be wise to put three sons of labor leaders in the State Department. But when you side One of them wouldn't burstler overtiene gentiment, Will Clayton, who controls two-thirds of the countries.

Grew's Background

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Take, for instance, Joseph C, Grew. I knew him quite well when he was Undersecretary of State under Kellogg. Despite his charm, Joe Grew got Mr. Kellogg into more hot water in Mexico and Nicaragua than the State of the St

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The chief thing I remember about Joe Grew, however, is that he followed the old school of American alplomacy which believed in being the tail on the British kite. Whatever the British Foreign Office did, Grew and stand that British diplomats knew more than we, that the British fleet was bigger, that British investments were more widespread. Therefore, we had to follow the British fleet was bigger, that British investments were more widespread. Therefore, we had to follow the British rees a ready of the British of the British rees widespread. Therefore, we had to follow the British rees a ready of the British of the British investments were more widespread. Therefore, we had to follow the British rees and the good of the State of the British the British tanks lined up around the Belgian House of Parliament while a vole is taken; or with the British talks lined up around the Belgian House of Parliament while a vole is taken; or with the British talks lined to last standard service in their Cabinet because he is against the King.

The accions are not in accord with the principles of the Atlantic Charter, and they are not what we entered the war for. But I wonder whether the new men in the State Department, some like Mr. Grew, trained to follow British diplomacy, others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow British diplomacy others like Ed Stettinian, trained to follow Britis

Love, DADDY.

Paying for a Dead Horse



Confab In The East

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

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This is the reason Roosevelt and Churchill may con-ede to Stalin's wishes and go to a rendezwous of Stalin's choosing. They recognise that no decision can be made in the Soviet Union of any importance that is not approved by the former Georgian peasant who bears the title of Marshal.

The People's Platform

Editors, The News:
From your editorial of Dec. 6th,
I believe that you are slightly
against (and I use the word
loosely) pensions for widows and
orphans of World War I.

Do you realize that the majority of these widows are in their forties and some in their fifties? Yet you talk of them being around in the year 2076, still collecting pen-sions:11 (7)

year 20%, still collecting pensions:: (2)
Certainly, I imagine that there will be a few who will get the pensions (if the Bill becomes it Law) wife went deserve to, but there will be millions of widows and orphans of World War I whose husbands and fathers fought overseas in World War I who deserve and need those pensions. They will greatly overshadow the relatively small number who don't Personally, as long as the tax-payers' money is used for the small portion should be used for the small portion should be used for the IPE ADDERS are invited to traves.

the benefit of the widows and orphans of World War I.

—C. F. GILMORE JR.

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"Note: All past general pensions for whowa and orphans of veterans of the pensions of the

Britain Turns To Conquest

Editors, The News:
Thursday, marking the occasion of a day of infamy, was doubly appropriate for the infamous acts now being perpetrated on the "liberated" Belglans, Hallans, and most tragelacity, the Greeks tsmall voice in a sighing refrain, "and India?"

India?")
Imperialistic and royalistic British polley is again running rampant—that spirit of "blood, sweat

and team" is submerged now in imperial softs a passific properly and the passific properly and t

—S. R. CHESLOCK, Morganton, N. C. PEADERS are invited to express their opinions in these columns, on any subject whatever. Any signed deter, probling, only that it is within the limits prescribed by law and decency, will be published in The News, the Patterns—and the holier the analyses and the keeper the expression, the Section-Library The News,

By Galbraith SIDE GLANCES



"I'm glad to do my duty as a juror, but I hope the judge won't mind if I tune in quietly on a good radio program if the testimony gets dull!"

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

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THOSE wo hope to whe his the war and a mutabh peace thereafter, "should remember the words of the Prophet Zechariah." Not by might nor by power, but words of the Prophet Zechariah. "Not by might nor by power, but her words of the Prophet Zechariah." Not by might nor by power, but her words of the Prophet Zechariah. "Not by might nor by power, but her word was a Christian andle, are fighting, and the armament with offeral endership, and the armament with defeat this, endership, and the armament with defeat this, endership, and the side of the standard with the side of the word was an endership with the word was an endership with the words and the word was and equipment for the waspout and the waspout and

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The Great Mystery

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

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Those who hold to the betrayal theory must answer that question. There are two additional schools recommended to the second of t

and mutted in its appeal, but should an energy and the control of the control of

hold the President. Is that without meaning?

If the President feels conservative these day, whe did he appoint MacLeih? If he is a liberal relative the day, whe did not not the president was to get the job done; he refuses to get the job done; he refuses to the state of the job done in factional fights; and we ought to be graterally and the state of the job done, and the

where he wants to go.

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-- Pravda, Moncow newspaper,
-- American history has seen
numerous attempts, recently as
well as in the past, to force itbraries and bookstores to renove certain publications from
circulation. Such practices are
refrequently as the property of the procipe and of ideas and therefore
to a free culture.
-- Archibald MacLeish, libraries
of Congres.