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All the straws are blowing in the same tion-toward a settlement of the levels to take care of the wage increases demanded now by virtually every unlon-doing business in these United States. The steel strike, the daddy of them all, is still pending at this writing, but it seems certain that the final agree-ment will be based on a four dollar a ton increase in the price of steel. Ac-cording to reliable reports President Truman has already agreed, despite Chester Bowles declaration that any-thing beyond \$2.50 would break the line he has been struggling to hold against inflation. In anticipation of that breach, indus-

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In anticipation of that breach, industrial stocks responded last week in what was described as "an almost-stampeding bull market that left the stock tape bull market that left the stock tape behind." And, significantly, it wasn't seel alone that ran ahead of the tickers motor shares and others jumped up-ward, for the good reason that the in-creased-price settlement in steel sets the pattern for all other strike-bound industries.

The decision faced by President Truording to Business "Harry Truman will have to de-whether, in effect, there will be whether, in effect, there will be workers on strike this month than at any time before in this country's his-tory, or whether price control will op-erate on a new and higher level." And Business Week goes on to point out:

Yielding on the price line removes the

Missouri Compromise

won't be a patch on the crisis that lies sheed.

So, through vacillation and compromise, we have come to another solution, or, perhaps, another postponement. At any rate, the steel strike should be settled this week, and the other major disputes should be ironed out in short order. With any sort of luck, the industrial machinery of the country should be roaring toward capacity production by the end of the month.

That's good news, we suppose, for a reet many Americans. It should be for organized labor, which will maintain the take-home pay of the war years while working the shorter hours of what passes for peace. And, as the stock market indicates, industry has a deal of ceibrating to do, for it has brought its profit margin through inviolate oricans, But that great are fixed, will soon discover that they have been sold down the river. A general price increase means, for them, a general reduction in income. A minority will prosper, briefly, and a majority will find that their pay checks have been stretched past the breaking point.

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It's another Missouri Compromise. It isn't statesmanship. It isn't good business. In the end, we suspect, it won't even be good politics.

A Welcome Visitor

Winston Churchill arrived in the United States yesterday, coming this time in the strange role of private citizen with no earth-shaking duties to perform. His destination is Florida and his object a vacation in the sun.

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Americans have a personal fondness for Mr. Churchill that exceeds their affection for most of their own great men and the knowledge that it is declining health that brings him here is depressing. Certainly, nothing less would take him away from London, where the United Nations, which stands as a monument to him as well as to Franklin Roosevelt, is now forming. He has been strangely quiet for months, arising only on rare occasions to level one of his rolling bursts of rhetoric against the Attlee Government that outted him. Yet as leader of the Leyal Opposition, his work was cut out for him, and, indeed, many of his countrymen felt that he might be even more

trymen felt that he might be even more valuable as a critic of the Laborites than he would have been as post-war

Conservative Prime Minister. His old friend Lord Beaverbrook once remarked that he is "most fascinating" in defeat because when "on top of the wave he has in him the stuff of which tyrants are made."

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So, because he obviously needs rest, and because he is still a Member of Parliament and bound to Keep his blunt nose out of American affairs. Winston Churchill's current visit will be the first quiet one he ever paid to these shores. We regret that he lant temporarily out of office as he was when he came lecturing in the 20's, for there is no statesman living better equipped to point out the fatal drift that is costing America its rightful place in the world. And we feel sure he would do it, if he weren't under wraps, even though he knows that the leadership we are about to lose is already lost to the empire he cherished.

At any rate, we hope the Florida sun' does its work well, and quickly. Winston Churchill is not a man the world can spare.

The Happy Politician The politician's lot, if we may para-

phrase Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan, is not a happy one, and the only officeholders whose digestive juices are flowing at the proper rate these turbulent.
days are those who are equipped with
a two-way stretch mentality a mind
which absorbs, catalogs and pigeonholes each new problem as it arises.
These gentlemen, of course, never lack
a ready answer, and they acquire an
enviable reputation for consistency.
One of the happiest politicians is
Theodore Biblo of Mississippi, who, at
88, is preparing for two more pleasant
terms in the Senate. His latest campaign has been formally opened now,
and The Man has aiready disposed of
a half-dozen controversial items that
have left his colleagues staring into
the dark through long, sleepless night.
Take universal military training, for
instance. Most Democratic Senators
are caught in the middle, for the Presiholders whose digestive juices are flow-

are caught in the middle, for the President has declared himself in favor of placing all able-bodied young men under arms for a year. Yet many a Senator figures that (1) it's a break with American tradition, (2) it's going to cost a lot of money, (3) in the Atomic Age it isn't going to make much military difference, and (4) it's liable

Atomic Age it isn't going to make much military difference, and (4) it's liable to be terribly unpopular.

But Senator Bilbo met the issue head-on, absorbed it, made up his mind, and announced the verdict without visible strain. He's against military training. Not for any of the debatable reasons listed above, but for a brandnew reason his two-way stretch mind produced without hesitation: "If you fart! Negro boys into the Army, give them three good meals a day, a good uniform, and let them shoot craps and drink liquor around the barracks for a year, they won't be worth a tinker's damn."

Thus the question is out of the way, Senator Bilbo has been thoroughly consistent, and the voters of Mississippl can now approach universal training from a point of view most of them have always supported. On, there will be a few remote voices raised to

will be a few remote voices raised to damn The Man, but they never bother him, for, of course, they are all Com-

munists.

It's a pleasant, relaxed way to politick, and it explains The Man's quite reasonable expectation of serving in the Senate until he is 80 years of age.

From The Spartanburg Herald:

South Carolina's Voting

Charleston News and Courier it rather heroic that The Sparg Harald-Journal should have adad a secret ballot, and at the same irrings of a "conservative party" on the Course was to cause a resident of South Carolina who may have been a The Charleston News and Courier thinks it rather heroic that The Spartanburg Herald-Journal should have advocated a secret ballot, and at the same time recorded the fact that there are the stirrings of a "conservative party inside the Democratic Party" in South Carolina.

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Some months ago, when this subject was under discussion a friend, who is doing pretty well in his business, remarked to his conservative Democratic

marked to his conservance. I friends:

"Well, if I keep on doing as well as I am, in a year or so I'll be rich enough to vote against Roosevelt myself."

Bo The News and Courier will understand, id quote Mr. Churchill, "the worm is in the apple," and even in the Piedmont we have noticed it.

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A good many years ago the so-called Rule 32 was a part of the oath to be taken by those voting in the Democratic primaries in South Carolina. That pledged the voter to support the nommons of the party both State and hational, in the General Election. If we are not mistaken, that part of the rule requiring support of the nommons of the party disansers of the narry disansers of both these.

South Carolina who may have been a life-long Republican here or in another state, to choose between taking a part in State or national elections.

If he chose the primary, he would have to quit voting the Republican ticket in the national election. If he voted the national Republican ticket, he couldn't vote in a South Carolina primary, where the "electing" is really done. And so he had no part in local affairs.

Well, that passed out and nothing happened.

happened.

It may be a long, long time before the Democratic Party in South Carolina will not support the Democratic Party in the Nation, but in this changing world it is possible for the Democratic Party in the Nation to go one way and South Carolina go another on economic or so-

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The Navy Plays Hide-And-Seek With Senators

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necessary to accomplish this purpose, "Uniforms for officers and men will be the working uniform unless otherwise specified to the working uniform unless otherwise specified clean khalf (grays may be worf if khalf not available). Enlisted men on duty will wear clean dungarees, blue shirfs, and white thats. Shoes will be polished, underwear will be worn. "Inspection of the barracks will The polished on the work of the barracks will be worn."

Black socks will be word. Clean underwear will be worn.

"Inspection of the barracks will be held at 1900 by Lieutenant Corcoran, who will serve advance notes that the place is to be immaculate at that time. Noon meal will will eat at that hour in order to provide time for policing the kitchens and the barracks.

"The transportation officer will will be a serve the serve that the commanding officer's car is cleaned no later than 1100 process of the will be served to the commanding officer's car is cleaned no later than 1100 process.

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Latest game of Senatorial hideand-seek took place when the Mead
Committee visited the Army's air
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in order to give an impression of
intense activity. G. 1.5 were put to
work on Sunday, their day off. Prior
to this, G. 1.5 had been working
But the prize game of hide-andseek occurred last Spring when, as
the war neared its close. Gen. Curtis, Learner, bear the service of the contist. The matter came to the attention of the Mead Committee,
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Committee, he said:

"Well, we certainly fooled the ommittee, he said:
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tioner.
"They didn't ask us and why should we tell them? They're only looking for publicity anyhow."
General Royall is now acting secretary of war.

OLD OLD STORY
Schalors did not know until
months hater that they lost out in
his particular game of hide-andseek. When they heard about it,
one Senator remarked:
"That's like the story was guarding
a crossing where a train hit an
automobile. At the trial he stated
under cross-sramination that he
had been waving his lantern to
railroad won the case the watchman's attorney asked if he was
nervous while being questioned.
"Only once." replied the watchme if the lantern was lit, we'd have
lost the case."

PLAYING hide-and-seek with the

Naval Base at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The place was immaculate. Salined, every jeep polished, not seek speck come harrack floor. The Sen ators were impressed.

He will see that the commanding officer's are icleaned no later than 1100. rehartsal or officers will be dead on Mondory at 1460 will be dead on Mondory at 1460 will be dead on Mondory at 1460 will be fine all officers will sume their stations and will be further instructed. The co-operation of all officers is requested to the end that a favorable impression of this activity is gained by the inspecting Capital Baker would have made a great impression on the Senate Committee, if the enlisted man hach's dipped the order of the day into Senator Perguson's lap at its dimer terminal and the senator of the senator perguson's lap at its dimer terminal and the senator of the senator perguson's lap at its dimer terminal and the senator of the senator perguson's lap at its dimer terminal person of the senator perguson's lap at the dimer terminal person of the senator perguson's lap at the dimer terminal person of the senator perguson's lap at the dimer terminal person of the senator person person person of the senator person of the senator person pe

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OLD OLD STORY

"Of course this route is more scenic—but the other ha more garages and repair shops along the way!"



Here Comes The Parade

"The Dangdest, Poorest Politician..."

By O. J. Coffin

(NOTE: When Walter (Pete)
Murphy died in Salisbury Saturday after spending most of
73 years as a spectacular participant in North Carolina politics we started a ground
with his long armiles of the work of
the sort of memorial he deserved. His old friend, O. J.
Coffin, head of the Department
of Journalism at the University
vious choice. The following
excellent article verified our
judgment.—Eds., Tue News)

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CHAPEL HILL

QUEEN MARY of England.
Sometimes known as "Bloody
Mary." is said by historians to have
told her boy friend, 'Philip of
his' would be found engraven in
her heart. Pete Murphy never
troubled himself to make such prediction as to his chief organ; but
his friends, who figured it as beyou ten to one that it would anyhow have "U. N. C." properly done
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Appendix

But do not make the mistake
that Pete's friends and acquaintances were bounded on the north
and east by Boling Creek and on
the west and south by Morgani's
call more men from more sections
by their first names than any man
in North Carolina; women, to
whom of all ages he was nothing
variably addressed as "full the Lady."

THE RACONTEUR. CHAPEL HILL

THE RACONTEUR

marveled not only at his grasp of current world and local events but at his ability to recite more of Sam Butler's Somewhat scurrilous "Hu-dibras" than any non-member of the court of King Charles II.

OVERLY CURIOUS

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If he were a poor politician, he was even worse as a poker player—for that matter one game a legislative session was all he could be a possible to the politician of the politic

much curlosity concerning the fifth card.

But he never 'missed a football game at Chapel Hill, and found time to follow his team afield. His record of attendance will never be surpassed—and along with it he probably set another as an old grad who himself had been a grid-iron here, but pelused to take over the duties of coach or quarterback of his aucessance.

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THE BROAD VIEW

Maybe he was too rugged an individual to attempt to instruct in dividual to attempt to instruct in which we have a successive the successive the

THE RACONTEUR
He told a great story, usually decline with the farcical but not unlovable humanness of men in the story of the story of

of a Pullman, hung up his cost, pulled a quart out of his hip-pocket and proceeded to tell his traveling companions all about the highest control of the

desired effect.

THE STATESMAN
Pete, 100 doubt, would have drawn more political support from divers portions of the state, including his sown district, that he not been an advocate of personal liberty who desired the right of others to regure and drink. He was for years counsel for Paul Garrett, who got his start as a wine manufacturer in Halifax Counts of his neighbors never thought this affected the statesmanship of the gentleman from Rowan. There was the time then the late R, 2, Davis, supersection of the states of Moore for the appeakership against Pete. It resent R, L. Davis, was me, Page's comment as be withdrew in Petes favor.

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THE CHALLENGE
The public utterance of Murghly best-known to the current generation, no doubt, is his deceived to the control of the contro

of order, to make it use second man from Halliax, Pete Hinally said: That damned nigger from the said: That damned nigger from the said: That damned nigger from the said of the said of the House he helped no little with assisting the North Carolina College flow the North Carolina College flow enabling its students to be given facilities commensurate with those of white collegians. As a matter of Negro-builder Indeed, he baited nobody. He simply went his own gait, whigh took him as frequently as possible, by way of Chaple Hill, and would not stand for being crowded.

Quote, Unquote

Unlike the attitude that was too stubborn to see the auto replacing the force, the airplane today is accepted with enthusiasm by many, with fear by some, with antagonism by others—but accepted it is

Unless we can learn how to make every nation in the world forget the word aggression, we may wake up some morning to find that some-body got in the first licks at us — much to our sorrow, —Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander, Army Ground Forces.

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Fights Alone



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Chester Bowles is almost alon
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But steel

to price increases, t steel offers an even more interesting pie of what is rapidly becoming a gie. The steay begins several weeks ago. Bowles met with the representative or more steel companies that the common steel companies that the steel of the nation's matterly 18 per cent of the nation's

SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES

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They were able to show that they faced serious difficulties at present steel prices. For the most part, these companies concentrations are not diversified like the the dozen or so big companies, which means that they cannot make up losses by high profits in kinds of production that are still profitable. In other words, the effect of a price increase restricted to companies with a small ward concentration of all production in "sig steel." It would be directly contrary to the award concentration of all production in "sig steel." It would be directly contrary to the award concentration of all production in "sig steel." It would be directly contrary to the award concentration of all production in "sig steel." It would be directly contrary to the award concentration of all profit in the same down to a price increase for all ascel producers, big and little. Bowten insisted that \$2.50 a ton on the awarage was big enough. He argued that with a little show of fight, the steel masters would take \$2.50 and give the steel workers a wage raise that would awar the strike.

33.50 and the the steel workers a wage raise 33.50 and a sevent the strike. But Reconversion Director John W. Snyder was not impressed by his arguments. At any rate Snyder felt it necessary to grant more than 32.50 and at one point was apparently prepared to announce the increase before any bargain had been struck between the union and the companies.

A DISMAL RECORD

During the price negotiations, the steel companies showed Snyder advance figures covering operations for the last three months of 1945 which indicated a rather dismal record for the last quarter. This was used to buttress their argument for a larger price

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While Philip Murray, head of the steel workers' union, remained deliberately aloof from the price negotiations, taking the position of the price negotiations, taking the position, he was kept thoroughly informed as to what was going on. Over the dismal showing of the steel companies for the last three months of 45. Murray muttered snightly being of the steel companies for the last three months of 45. Murray muttered snightly being of the steel companies for the last three months of 45. Murray muttered snightly companies an edge over their smaller competitors. The effect may well be to increase the power of the behinds of steel. These forces grind on with what some to be as one watches the struggle of fruil human beings.

Samuel Grafton

Inflation Is The Easy Way

NEW YORK

WE have told esich other monotonously that the worst inflation danger would arise after the war was over, and, like many duil remarks. Into one turns out to be quite frue. A rise of 18 cents per peund in its threatened by June, and that will be ten beautiful months after the end of the war. The Wall Street Journaler who offers his customers the implausible combination of a bird dog, and a used truck, at something like \$350 more than the way of the war. The wall street Journaler who offers his customers the implausible combination of a bird dog and a used truck at something like \$350 more than the way of the war. The wall street Journaler who offers his object of the war was end, and the war was end to the way works with its employees, has offered a wage increase of 7.5 cents per hour. If butter rises 18 cents per pound, and if the average employee buys two pounds per week, the increase in the price of butter a fire hours of his weekly work.

LITTLE DUTCH BOY

The dike is leaking. Mr. Chester Bowles
still has his finger in it. like the little Dutch
boy, but the little Dutch boy, unlike Mr.
Bowles did not have some of the weightiest
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and most promitent will be only the contraction of the promitent of the contraction of the promitent of the promitent
of inflation; a little rise in steel, a little boost
in meat, and the most dreadful difficulties
beginning. Administration: (guess are nummuring sheepishly; it's just a kind of tonic,
and you can always stop taking it when
you want to.

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