THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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The Fleece Is Golden Again

ONCE upon a time there was a Commistate of South Carolina who took to the public prints to urge farmers to hold their cotton famili it brought, as it certainly would, receive the south carolina who took to the public prints to urge farmers to hold their cotton famili it brought, as it certainly would, receive the south carolina benefit in the property of the south carolina benefit in which the sole take character to see a samble; out the state of the same as a serie to take a happet the same to take the same tof

Six cent cotton and forty cent meat, How in the hell can a poor man eat . . .

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The passage of 26 years has all but obliterated the memory of the hapless South
Carolina Commissioner, but we thought of
him yesterday when we read that Commissioner McDonald of Texas is confidentily predicting 50-cent cotton within a fewmonths, while Commissioner Linder of
Georgia believes that "cotton is cheap up
to 50 cents a pound." Today's 35 cents, the
highest price since the South Carolina
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to 50 cents a pound." Today's 35 cents, the highest price since the South Carolina Commissioner issued his glowing propheces back in 1919-1920, its mere beginning. Up to now, the statisticians report, the cotton farmer has little chance of getting rich. The boll weevil was bad, the rains were off schedule, the crop is short—art 55 cents the farmer is just about breaking

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No one doubts the Government's acrage report this week spells a very short crop, perhaps only 2,00000 blacks. But we from previous crops. If we consume a peacetime record of 10,000,000 bles in the crop year starting next laugust 1, there still is no shortage except for our program of subsidized exports. Meanwhile foreign producers have a record supplus of 1,8000-and find is that we have helped them get out from under with a thumplug profit. Then we will have to fight for foreign markets. The price carnage and the cries from the cotton South are something to contemplate.

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The Good News From Montana

Now that the primary is over and we cannot be accused of medding in the affairs of another state (a practice no Southern newspaper could ever condone) we feel free to express the opinion that the defeat of Button K. Wheeler in Montiana is the best political news of the season. We don't know, of course, how much bearing his erratic voting record on domestic affairs had to do with his rejection by the Democrats of Montana. Burt Wheeler is a back-sild liberal; when he went to the Senate, in 1922, he was regarded as a fire-breathing lettist. As head of a Senate Inbreathing lettist. As head of a Senate Inbreathing lettist. As head of a Senate Inbreathing lettist. As head of a Senate In-

breathing leftist. As head of a Senate Investigating Committee he turned up enough scandal to force President Coolidge

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to request the resignation of Attorney
Clesseral Daugherty. Daugherty replied
with a charge that Burt Wheeler was to
find most useful himself some years later;
Senator Wheeler, he sald, was under Communist influence.

It was natural that Burton Wheeler
would become a New Dealer, and he did, an
ardent one. But he was also an Isolationist,
and it is typical of the man that when he
split with President Roosevelt over forceign
policy, as he did in 1937, his bitterness led
him into opposition to a program based
on his own principles. The man who had
long been halled as one of organized labor's champions sild so rapidly to the right
he soon earned the enmity of the CIO-PAC,
which gloomly noted that "he is no longer
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Left Erickson, who defeated Wheeler, laid the internationalist issue on the line in Montana. It was the basis of his campaign against the most unabashed of all the isolationists, and we would like to believe

that it was this, more than any other con-sideration, that prompted Montana's Dem-ocrats to ignore President Truman's pe-culiar gesture of support for the incum-bent. If the defeat of Burt Wheeler does, in fact, represent a Western rejection of his isolationist doctrine it is far more import-ant than the defeat of the isolationists Nye and Shipstead, for he was the true leader and of the nationalist bloc in the Senate, while they were mere disciples. At any rate, Burt Wheeler's career in the Senate is ended, and we can all breathe a little easier. Although his extreme bitter-

At any rate, Burt Wheeler's career in the senate is ended, and we can all breathe a little easter. Although his extreme bitterness against Franklin Roseveil led him perilously close to treason when he fought against participation in the European war, his morals are, we suspect, as sound as those of most of his colleagues. As a citizen, and as a public servant, he is certainly superior to such ornaments of the South as Theodore Biblo. But when Bibo goes wrong it doesn't make too much difference, for he is too disreputable to have any considerable influence in the Senate. When Bibo Burt Wheeler went wrong there was grave danger, for he is intelligent and able, a master of political strategy. He was unquestioned boss of the unsavory crew that gathered beneath the banner of isolation, and he very nearly insured victory for Adolph Hitler.

As long as Burt Wheeler had access to the sounding board of the United States Senate, the poisonous doctrine of isolation would be kept alive in the United States. There is reason to hope that the cause cannot survive the loss of the leadership given it by the vindictive Gentleman from Montana.

The PAC's An Empty Threat

THE Political Action Committee of the CIO has no particular regard for Party lines. It will be active in the general elections in November, throwing most of its support behind Democratic candidates, but stying the nod to an occasional liberal Republican. But it is also greatly interested in eliminating "undestrables" before they ever get into a general election contest, and it is also active to some degree in primaries in virtually every state. In the South, of course, it's the primaries or nothing, for the general election is meaningless.

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Many a Southern candidate, including those, like Harry Byrd of Virginia, who know better, have been using the PAC as a convenient whipping boy. It is quite simple for a wily Southerner to turn PAC esposition to his advantage with loud cries or "forcign interference," but it appears that the threat is as hollow as it useful. So far the PAC has had a chance to test its influence in four Southern states and the state of the PAC has had a chance to test its influence in four Southern states. Alabama, North Carolina, Florida and Georgia. The superheated Talmadge-Cur analysis while its sympathies obviously lay with Governor Arnalls proteen. It while its sympathies obviously lay with Governor Arnalls proteen, it while the sympathies obviously lay with Governor Arnalls proteen. It while the sympathies obviously lay with Governor Arnalls proteen. It was a still the sympathies obviously lay with Governor Arnalls proteen. It was a still to notly one Congressional batis, and although its candidate, Representate was negligible. In Alabama the AC takes, and perhaps deserves, some welds for the election of James E. Folsom Governor, but it seems likely that the Covernor-nominate's hill-billy band earned his more votes than the PAC's doorbell-ingers.

Outside the South the PAC has fared Many a Southern candidate, including

side the South the PAC has fared better. In California Governor War-as re-nominated by both Parties over was re-nominated by both Parties over specifion, and Will Rogers Jr. turned a PAC candidate in the senatorial may. In 18 states 194 incumbent Repre-ties the senatorial representation of the time were opposed by PAC because voltar record on the Case Bill-ton of the Case Billthough five were in the PAC's little black

Or course it's a tough season for any sort of political effort. The blend of confusion and apathy that prevails everywhere in the United States works to the advantage of the incumbents. But, all in all, the record of failure established by the PAC thus far in the primaries should give its leaders pause. When a current of political revolution is running strong in the country smart political organizations can always capitalize on it; when reaction ests in the people simply can't be moved by the most intelligently-planned campaign.

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Action, as the PAC's title implies, is the organization's business. But action, at this reading, seems to be exactly what the people don't want. We have no better idea of what to do about it than the PAC, although we suspect that those "natural causes" we've been hearing so much about in connection with the OPA debate may soon provide another fertile season of discontent.

"A Government crisis in Paris may bring De Gaulle out of seclusion." It recalls the good days when the Frenchman of the hour, on the hour, turned out to be Briand, again.

Davenports and lounge chairs made of a new foam plastle may be shifted around a living room with the greatest of ease by any housewife. What is more, she will.

Efforts, begun by Washington 16 years ago to lift the entire price range, now are succeeding beyond its wildest dreams. All of which is pretty embarrassing.

. This malingering in production can't last interminably. In due time we must reconcile ourselves to the awful fact that an occupational hazard of work is work.



People's Platform

The Pogrom In Poland

Editors, THE News:

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THE most vicious and dastardly attack against the

I must persecuted people in the world, the Jews, has
been made by Augustus Cardinal Blond of Poland.
He hypocritically requested that the press, to whom
he made this statement, Goes not print it in Poland,
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they made many pogroms againt Jews and murdered
many Ukranians as well. The Cardinal must know
thee, that the Poles that he represents can plander
concerned about is the fact that there are other
places in the world where Jews still have a meager
measure of security, and the Cardinal has gone to
work for the purpose of undermining Jews everywhere.

—M. MUND.

From The Floor

Cilitors, The News:

O'N the front page of the June 24th Issue of "Life".

O'N there's a picture of a man, and when I saw that the the state of the

The Colonel Departs

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Crosby, about the 11th or 12th of July and I will then proceed to the West Coast for embarkation to the Orient.

Lt. Colonel Crosby formerly was on duty with the Adjutant General's Office. Washington. D. C. the In the Mediteranean Theaths return from duty in the Mediteranean Theaths return from duty in the Mediteranean Theaths return from duty on the State of State

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

tributed greatly to the morale of the some 700 employees on duty here and I am sure such desirable and pleasant relations will bonding. Beach desirable and the world, the Jews. has discussed in the Hond of Poland.

HIGH OF POLINA RETUREMENTS BRANCH.

Inflation Is Here

Editors, The News:

OK, inflation is here, it is getting ready to blow lia cap, Some of our racketeering Senators and Congressmen have advocated that prices would not go any likelier with OPA removed than block market sument. Only a small per cent of our people used the block market. With control littled everybody is forced to pay black market prices, which covers the widow and orphan, the linte, half, and blind.

Sensible people do not try to cross the bridge before they reach it. Under OPA everyone was do-ing very nicely. The main complaint came from the people in business who could not gpy the people quite fast enough to get rich over night.

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The result will be strikes and labor troubles from coast to coast, leading to murders and finally to communism, and worst of all we have no Moses that time to lead us all out of the wilderness, no leader like the only friend the masses ever had, according to history, both ancient and modern, F. D. Roosevelt.

So here is hoping that a lot of cheep politicians will be set back in the woods at the next elections.

—DISSATISTIED.

How About Hindus? SOUTHERN PINES

Editors. The News:

[PHE "Report From Under The Bed" was super.

I want to commend B. H. Eldson for his letter; a voice crying in the wilderness of anti-Soviet oblow that followed World War I.

In your note following Mr. Eldson's letter you say, "we would be glad to publish an objective account of life in Communis Russia... if Mr. Eldson or anyone else knows of such a work". Let me recommend any of Maurice Hindus books on Soviet Russia.

(NOTE: We don't see how "Cossaks," the last Hindus book, would contribute much to the discussion. And it appears that Mr. Hindus, like so many of us, has revised his opinions since publication of the superficial, "Mother Russia" in 1913—264s. THE NEWS.)

The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten if possible, and on only one side of the paper. Libel and obscently will be deleted-otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although, in exceptional cases and upon request, we will withhold the writer's name.—Editors, Tux Nwws.

Marquis Childs

A Plan That Failed

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Samuel Grafton

The Menace Grows

THERE is no shortage of new builetins from the atomic energy front. First official reports from Bikini show that the test bomb "damaged more ships than have ever before been damaged by assigned turer was missed by about a third of a mile; and test animals are now reported to be keeling over from radiological effects. leaving between the control of t

that way.

WITCH HUNT

Meanwhile (I said there were a lot of atomic energy news items), the chief counsel of the House Committee on un-American Activities

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Drew Pearson's: E Awards Obtained By Pulling Wires Merry-Go-Round:

CHARLOTTE

T might be a healthy thing if the Mead Committee investigated more of the E-awards handed down to manufacturing firms by the Army and Navy. Senator Mead's Committee already has aboven how wires were pulled by the senate of the

Nazis' Pre-Pearl Harbor Trap
POR some weeks, certain Senators have been skillfully pulling backstage wires to kill the Kilgore Committee which
has been probing Nazi activities and their link with Americans. A brief and confidential peck at what's in the Nazi
lien now makes it quite clear why Senators are secretly bat
tiling so hard to squelch Senator Kilgore's investigation.
U. S. Army and Justice Department officials have been
retremely busy interviewing German officials, from Hermann
Gorring down, and the results are annaing. They show
various high-up American leaders and business men to be
either weefully insive or eiste eithernately playing into the
quer Europe and which was certain to be at war with us.
For instance in Foreign Minister Ribbentrops capture
flies was found this revealing memo reparding America Firster
Charles Lindsepth: "It is better not to emiston. Lindsepth
out of the press—es he has asked us to."

Anti-Roosevelt Plot

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NAZI officials have been quite frank in telling about their operations with Americans. Actually, a statement attributed to Goering, published two weeks ago, that he was a statement of the control of the control

multican Senators Curiey Brooks of Illinois and Wherry of Nebrasian ser trying for Illinois a Democrat. See the Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois a Democrat. apparently thinks twice about the Tribune and doesn't want to vote the committee any real cash. Finally, GOP Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshirt.