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### Fate of the Harvest

There will be red balloons, of course, and blaring trumpets and a show midway and boiling crowds, the shriek of carnival music and the boom and bang of the gala spirit under full steam — for we're going to have a fair. Yes! An agricultural fair. It is our fate of the harvest, the custom arising from ancient times when the farmer gathered to show his produce and returned thanks to the gods of growing things. They thought they ought to do something special for the bounty received from Mother Earth, and, in Mecklenburg and the Carolinas next week — so many of them — they will do so.

You can't get away from it. That autumnal pull at some deep and strong instinct compelling man and woman. Thousands will attend, even hundreds of thousands, predict the managers. The spirit will be active — so it is not so — when it is all over the things that will be remembered are the prize pumpkins and the corn, the blue ribbon and the emblem-bearing banners and the special instruction provided by the women and farm handiwork of men who work with Nature. It is herated that the agricultural side of the Carolinas Agricultural Fair here next week will be equal of the best in any State. It is in the section this fall, and that is pleasing. For despite the measure of joy accompanying it, the significance of the occasion is deep — it is our Fete of the Harvest.

### Grammar for Murderers

"Slender and death smile the Whangpoo, dearer and dearer to the bright cities of Spain, what while the League of Nations needs most acutely is a grammarian. The problem is how to write a note to the swinish war gods of Japan that will save the face of the League of Nations when the gods make a croaking paper out of it. Some interesting experiments have been tried.

The word "aggression," for instance, is considered too rude to use at all. The polite way appears to be "aggressiveness," which is used brilliantly comes up with the phrase "Foreign Intervention" as a delicate touch to Signor Mussolini. At Geneva today, a harassed subcommittee is playing with "violation of international law," "contraction of obligations," and "illegal blockades," but these are harsh words in view of the delicate feelings of the shrinking Japanese and Italians.

We rise to the occasion. After all, we deal in words, and somebody has to leap in to save this ticklish international situation. Let the League of Nations write a note to Mussolini and the Mikado referring to...

...without an oversight on your part that your valuable military drills are trespassing on posted land. Thereafter, mark the note with such phrases as "long past due," "unfortunate occurrence," "we regret to remind you" — stuffy stuff, really. We must add, slightly exaggerated ambitions, "overzealous seamanship," and wind up with that weakest of all protests, "We deplore it."

In the meantime, thunder and lightning make the Whangpoo, despair and teachery.

### Now It Can Be Told

South Carolina's Comptroller General's office has some very complimentary remarks to make about the new Comptroller of York County, N. C. The office has been showing in the past a record which is highly creditable. It is a record which has plenty of...

### This for Bailly

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has put forward a new six-point cotton policy, the essence of which is neither drastic production control nor hands-off. Rather it is a middle-of-the-road course which would continue...

### THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE

If life's path is any simple, it can't be done. We've spent the Federal dough, but we haven't balanced the budget notwithstanding three promises all quite as emphatic as this. The only way to continue the subsidies and still balance the budget is to collect about one-third more...

### Note on Morals and Health

This country could learn a whole lot from the French about dealing realistically with the facts of life. The French, for example, tolerate practice of the oldest profession with typical Gallic understanding, but they do not tolerate serious restrictions. Prostitutes have nothing to fear from the gendarmes as long as they are free from disease, to which condition the carte blanche, or white card, testifies. It is much like the American driving license except that examinations are given more frequently.

### Disappointed in Jim

We have no right to be, but somehow we are slightly disappointed at James "Smiling Jim" Farley for his acceptance of the presidency of the Pierce Arrow Motor company.

### They Both Break Into Oratory

Hitler and Mussolini are to meet in Munich today, and the whole world awaits the consequences. What will happen when an irreconcilable objectionable meets an irreconcilable force?

### Pot Luck

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## WHILE THE DOUGH LASTS

By EDWIN A. JOHNSON

NEW YORK CITY.—Mr. Roosevelt didn't need to go out to Bonneville to find out that the chapter of blunders on the Roosevelt "new deal" road show is as sensitive as an ammeter. To the least little current of public opinion. For the same reason, he...

The most significant news in the wake of the Presidential trial at every stop was that he was everywhere advised. "We don't like what happened in the Supreme Court fight but we won't go back on you as long as we get our feet out of the mud," carries a strong negative hint in these traditionally Republican States—"we wouldn't turn you out on the Court issue but we want that dough or rise."

Butted down, the President's replies amount to this: Fear not, important dough-drawers, but the whole thing will not change. Some friends advise me to coast but I am going to continue to pedal. And don't let anybody tell you this will be the United States. The budget will be balanced in 1939 but you will get your dough.

### PAY-WINDOWS

In the grain and crop country the dough will come from Mr. Wallace's new AAA. At the great power-site on the Pacific slope the dough is to come from power at low prices subsidized by Federal dough. At Bonneville there was a promise to rebuild that whole section with this Federal dough spent on new Columbia River dams.

### THAT GHOST AGAIN

"Taxes," one said Mr. Roosevelt, "are paid in the sweat of every man who labors—but hand-outs, as seems now quite clear, are to be distributed as if they were the sweat of the nation's power. Federal administration finds it necessary to deal with areas that say, 'No matter what blunders you make, we will keep you as long as we get our dough.'"

### Home, Sweet Home

(Chattanooga News)  
Pictures and stories go together. They did yesterday in the case of a man who has been condemned by the City of Chattanooga and under the photograph we told of who lived there first.

### Visiting Around

Molasses? Some sort of Black Riprap, New Mexico? (Marvin Item, Mooreville Rounder)  
The farmers in this section have been very busy putting on hay, making molasses and preparing for winter.

### White Elephants

(Columbia Record)  
India's white elephants become royal property at Delhi. In the United States they are passed around and wind up as public property.

### Look Hungry, John

(Greenwood News)  
Bigness of suggesting that Bolshie Carpenter might disguise himself as a reporter and catch Fred Deal.

## Why Not Let Justice Black Rest In Peace?

Or In It The Desire Of His Critics To Get At The President Through Him?

Dear Sir:  
Associate Justice Hugo L. Black has declared himself once and for all to be a man who is not to be touched. Why do not people now let him alone? Mr. Black has gained the respect of many people by his dignified silence in the face of a concerted and apparently well-planned drive to force him from his place on the Supreme Court bench. He seems to be the only one of a small group, using Mr. Black's one-time membership in the Ku Klux Klan as a bait, to out President Franklin D. Roosevelt's choice. Could it be because Mr. Black will undoubtedly uphold measures of the chief executive?

No doubt most of the United States is fed up with the attack on Mr. Black and can well stand a change of subject and scenery on the front pages of the newspapers. Americans tire quickly of this new thing. They are very tired of it.

In his speech Mr. Black asked that people judge him on his record and not on the basis of an affiliation that has been dead in his life for a long time. In all probability the people, except a very, very few, are willing to do so. Cannot the news associations get another story?

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Charlotte.

### A FEW WORDS ABOUT MEN OVER 40, THEIR REASON AND EXPERIENCE

Dear Sir:  
A few years ago some German said, "Every man ought to be chloroformed by the time he is forty." A person nearer the truth insists that life begins at forty. And as a result statement and business men are a sort of late over-the-hill class, and are gradually compromising by allowing the employed to work on past that age, but the unemployed must be left out in the cold if they are past forty.

This for the unemployed is a sad situation. If the present tendency freezes into permanency, the whole human race will be dominated by the American Legion voted a word in favor of Legionnaires in this age class who are out of employment. While every line is crowded, and certain ones are being pushed out, perhaps there are a greater number of Legionnaires left out, or in, than any other class, and for the reason of war's upsetting influence on them.

When one passes middle life his power to do things by main strength and awkwardness is diminished beyond doubt, but he is possessed of normal reason. He has learned something in the years that elapse between childhood and middle life. For the reason of war's upsetting influence on them.

### ON THE RECORD

A New Definition of Democracy  
I've been reading the speeches that Hitler and Mussolini made at the big party that they got up in their own honor in Berlin, and it seems that you and I have been all wrong. These men are not dictators. They are great democrats. And the governments which they have created are "the greatest and soundest democracies which exist in the world today," Mussolini said so. He said, "No government in the world enjoys the confidence of their people as much as the Italian and German governments."

In other words, Mussolini and Hitler have the masses with them, and a mandate from the people, and that makes their government's democratic.

Also, Mussolini made it plain that the pass-key to the Palazzo Venezia is in his own pocket and politics in Italy is not dominated by the great powers of capitalism, by secret societies and political groups that work against each other, under the pretext of so-called inalienable rights. On the contrary, "In Germany and Italy it is absolutely impossible that politics be interfered with or influenced by private persons."

This brief speech of Mussolini's is really illuminating of the spirit and philosophy of Fascism. The concept is that the leader, or the Duce, acts directly in the interest of the general welfare, as contrasted with the selfish motives of special groups, such as "private persons" have no political existence, only the national, political, or collective. The leader is the symbol and incarnation of that collective, and between him and it there exists a mystical compact, by which he is their perfect expression and they his complete responsibility. The idea of this compact between the masses and a man is the very soul of Fascism, and it is from this that it derives whatever psychological power it has.

I suppose that it has its roots in religious inheritances. In a time when the hold of religion has been greatly weakened, and instead of the political, it is the religious that is being revived. The important thing about it is that it is totally freedom. The socialist would understand Fascism a great deal better and be much better able to guard against it if our friends of the left had not been so bent on interpreting it as a capitalist plot, and therefore attributing to it qualities of reason, even if of evil reason.

What Fascism really implies is the dissolution of the individual soul, will and mind into the communal or collective soul, will and mind, made manifest in a personality. That is what makes the Communist and the Fascist so remarkably alike. And the enemy of Fascism is not the masses but the people—those "private persons," individually or in aggregate, who insist on calling their souls their own. The enemy of Fascism is the man who, in religion, religion, religion, "ever" loyalty to concepts above the state, above race, empire and class. His enemy is humanism, which insists that personality is sacred, and that man is a being capable of constant development. He enemies are all those manifestations of the human spirit, which



### The Flight of the South

(Pulitzer Prize winning editorial by the late Robert La Follette, editor of The Asheville Citizen. It appeared in The Charlotte News & Courier of November 6, 1924.)

This article is being written on election day, but before the result of the voting can possibly be known. No matter what the result is, the people of the South will still be peering at the story told by the first page this morning. It makes very little difference what any of us think about the outcome of yesterday's balloting. It makes a considerable difference whether or not the people of the South realize the precarious situation which this section has come to occupy politically.

As yet we doubt if very many of them do realize this; and yet it is, we think, the outstanding political development of the time so far as we are concerned. Look at the facts. They are not pleasant to contemplate, but they cannot be ignored longer. We are in a sad fix politically in this part of the country, and if we are to find a remedy for our troubles, we must first of all determine what they are. That will take considerable discussion and all we can hope to do now is to help start the ball of this discussion rolling. If that can be accomplished we may achieve the new program and the new leadership which we so much need.

For at the root of the South's present plight lies the fact that it has today virtually no national program and virtually no national leadership. It is strange that it should be treated by the rest of the country as such a negligible factor? What is it contributing today in the way of political thought? What political leaders has it who possess weight or authority beyond their own States? What constructive policies are its people ready to fight for with the brains and soul that made them a power in the old days?

The plight of the South in these respects would be pitiful at any time. In a period when political currents are deeper and swifter than ever before, with more violent whirlpools, more dangerous rocks and shoals, ours is truly a pitiful position. Changes which used to be decided in the making now sweep over us almost before we know they are in contemplation. It is true everywhere. In all the countries of Europe the pendulum is swinging now far to the left, now far to the right. Center parties have lost their power. They are in a very bad way. And the South has belonged to the school politically which sought as a rule the middle of the road, where there do not interest in the one hand and reaction on the other. With radicalism organized and in deadly earnest, with conservatism organized and drawing the lines sharply, what is the South to do, what course shall she take, where do her interests lie, what is due to happen to her?

There are questions which already begin to press for answer. Who is to speak for the South? How many of her children are prepared to help formulate her replies?