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### RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN CHINA.

thousand persons, carrying streamers ap- South for reclamation work. John 21 propriate to the victory, waited additional news, heard addresses, formed a pani mem rade. "Hundreds of enthusiastic communists gathered before Sun-yat-sen uniwersity and gave the Chinese students an ovation. They even caught some of them of bas up and carried them through the streets.'

and as

'Nobody knows the extent of the Rusanoily sian influence on the nationalist movement in China. The point has been in dispute for months and will remain so, of none primarily because it is so difficult to get was the spot news from the Chinese war center That the Soviets have been active in other of China can hardly be denied; that Rusmort sia has sought the good will of the Chi-190 8.16 nese also cannot be denied. What is behind this endeavor to please the nationalban ist leaders is another problem difficult to solve. Do the Russians hope to benefit not resulted in defeat of the second deficn themselves or are they just interested in silogen the downfall of any imperialistic gov TM d ernment?

Those persons who favor old conditions iri arin China look upon any change as a bolshevist movement. They would look upon a Republican form of government such as we have in the United States as movement based upon the policies of bolshevism. In the particular case of China now they point out that Karakham, former soviet ambassador to Peking, and Michael Borodin, called advisor to the Cantonese armies, have played important enforcement, co-operative road building parts in the Cantonese victories.

things as have the armed Cantonese under the leadership of the Russian military leaders.

goog tra-territorial rights in China and other- nearly two billions for World War and odt lo wise sought to get into the good graces other new items appearing after 1916, blueds of the more powerful factions. While the were \$2,213,964,710, as against \$1,114,bovros soviets were doing this, for which they 491,000 for all appropriations of 1916-Ji 1997 were given recognition by the national- twice as big for 1928, after enormous deqiq ists, other nations were holding on to ductions, as the total for 1916, and about what they had, some even going so far as four times as big in actual amount aufordw to seek further power.

of the Chinese and no doubt their efforts and vociferous. It requires budgetary inwill bring results. No one knows just genuity to "construe" a twofold and fourwhat the full effect of the soviet influence fold increase in appropriations as a savwill be but no one can deny that the in- ing. fluence is there and must be reckoned with.

#### RECLAIMING LANDS IN THE SOUTH.

pastor The practicability of reclamation of a band visors.

18 Arothe states of North and South Carolina, on the fact that many English prisons are -119 zid Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Ten- being closed because they are not needed nessee, and was drafted by Howard El- To Americans such a condition mus Isigen liott, chairman of the Northern Pacific be "startling" and almost "unbelievable, Railway Company; Daniel C. Roper, indeed, for here our prison population is pional economic research bureau, who ours. were appointed to carry out the survey which congress authorized several years persons were in local prisons, today

sign indicates that the South is ready to vitude (the equivalent of our state priswelcome" and take advantage of the ons). Today there are only 1,600. Conright kind of reclamation colonization, trast this with 6,500 in New York State, and recommended that experimental or alone. Fifty years ago there were 113 demonstration colonies should be estab- local prisons and 13 penal servitude prislished as an initial step in the reclamation ons (state prisons for convicts); today undertaking. The report made no sug- there are 31 local prisons and 4 penal sergestion as to an appropriation by con- vitude institutions. Nearly half the sive review of the soil, climate, and other during the last twelve years. conditions that would enter into the proposed work.

N. C.; Mount Holly, South Carolina; Al- ple might be expected to be affected by

phase of the nation's agricultural prob- ons to house our criminals.

soil fertility.

son, adequate rainfall, fertile soils, or The method is effective, as demonstrat- means that the driver of a car can't push Smith would disregard the prohibition soils highly productive if adequately fer- ed by the decrease in crime. We certain- out his clutch when going down a hill or laws were he President. He may not tilized nearly flat or could be the decrease in crime. tilized, nearly flat or gently rolling land, ly can learn from England about law en- anywhere else, except when he is ready favor the law but he respects it. Cernearness to markets, good transportation forcement. facilities and low land values.

"The values have not been adequately utilized on account of the one-crop system, large acreage per farm, absentee ownership, prevalence of tenancy, drift The Associated Press has reported that of population from the land, abandonthe fall of Shanghai was signal for dem- ment of farms, impoverishment of the onstrations of rejoicing in many parts of soil, shortage of local food crops, lack of Russia. To the New York Times Wal-self-sustaining farms, inadequate marketter Duranty sent a wireless to say that ing facilities and diversified agriculture, "Moscow, thrilled by the fall of Shang- and unattractive rural 'environment.' oan are hai, has recaptured its old revolutionary The three advisors reported that areas enthusiasm." In the square adjoining inspected were chosen by state authorio the Kremlin a crowd of from five to ten ties as typical of the opportunities in the

## REPUBLICAN ECONOMY?

Appropriations made at the session of the Congress just over amount to \$4,-211,201,270, according to a statement of William B. Madden, Republican Chairman of the House Appropriations Com-

That is almost four times the total for the fiscal year 1916, in the Wilson Administration, which was \$1,114,491,000, as shown on page 156 of the Statistical Abstract of the United States for 1924, published by the United States Department but about half as much time to keep it is the result of poor schools. It is time of Commerce.

And appropriations by the last session of Congress would have been \$135,214,-700 more had the filibuster in the Senate iency and priority public buildings bills. At that, as pointed out by Mr. Madden, and by Representative Byrns, ranking Democratic member of the House Appropriations Committee, appropriations were less than the President's budget recommendations called for.

Of course, nobody should expect apropriations to be no greater now than they were before the world war, but after deducting all the large items caused by that war, after deducting the amounts appropriated for tax refunds, prohibition and forest reserve roads-items that have Furthermore they charge that scores of practically all come into the budget since Russian agents have been "boring from 1916-appropriations are still double within" and that these have been as ef- what they were for 1916, though it is fective in destroying the old order of nearly nine years since the armistice, a sufficient time, it would appear, to ge back near a state of normalcy.

So appropriations by the last session Russia some years ago gave up all ex- of the Congress, after net deduction of thorized to be spent.

The Soviets have played for the favor | Coolidge economy is "Constructive"

#### CRIME IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

From World's Work for March we learn that no less than 25 prisons in England have gone out of business since 1914 arid, swamp, and cut-over timber lands in because they were not needed. "The resix southern states was upheld in a re- duction in Great Britain's prison populaport to Congress by a special board of ad- tion which has come about in recent years is startling and almost unbelieva-The first report dealth specifically with ble," says World's Work in commenting

former commissioner of internal revenue; rapidly increasing. While Great Britain and George Soule, a director of the nat- is emptying her prisons we are crowding

Fifty years ago in Great Britain 20,000 there are only 8,000. Fifty years ago 10, The six states' report held that "every 000 persons were in prisons at penal sergress for the work but gave a comprehen- prisons in the country have closed down caped this, although the mercury dropped

lem. This problem includes low prices ! Justice moves without hesitation in badly by the recent cold snap. of agricultural products, increase of England. There are no long delays there mortgage debt and tenancy, drift of pop- in taking criminals into court. There are

### CABARRUS COTTON CROP.

Cabarrus farmers found crop conditions almost perfect last summer and as a result of these conditions and an unusually large acreage they produced more than 19,000 bales of cotton. The final still in the fields.

From the 1925 crop Cabarrus farmers ing approximately one-third larger than ers in Raleigh the Journal says: the crop for the year before. What effect | "Seldom has the real issue before North the large crop with resultant low prices Carolina at present been more succinctwill have an the 1927 acreage in Cabar- ly stated than by Dr. Edgar W. Knight

rus no one can tell now. crease the amount of fertilizer. Thus tence it is: No longer is it a question of about as much cotton as they did last to educate!" year with more land available for other tilizer, to be twice as much in some cas- educational facilities to our children. es, and intensified farming, will produce as much cotton, and with only half material or cultural possessions," Dr properly worked.

ers declare their intention of planting as ported the foundations of any poverty much cotton this year as they did last. with which we struggle. Those who say They do not believe the season will be as that North Carolina cannot afford an exfavorable and are confident it cannot be tended school term help to perpetuate any better. Too, they think maybe the that poverty. Those who suggest that boll weevil will come back for more prom- young children must be worked in the inence after a rather mild winter and cotton and tobacco fields are encouraging that the same acreage as was devoted to a peasantry that daily gains strength in the crop this year will not yield anything North Carolina. These false and brutal like the same amount of cotton as was notions must vanish. Worn out tradiproduced from the 1926 crop.

thing to prevent that. Another 18,000,000 well for all the children. Whether they bale crop will bring greater disaster than are the sons and daughters of the rich the South has known in years. Prices and well favored or those of the poor and this year have been low enough but they the dull-faced tenants of the hovels, are nothing to what the prices would be North Carolina's children are the State's for the 1927 crop should the total be any-most valuable resources.' thing near the 18,000,000 bale mark.

# SENATOR OVERMAN NOT

ign and he so says. He has let it be his present term expires, indicating that haven't progressed far enough and he is is a son of Mr. R. F. Beasley, who for those who seek his present seat might as right. well realize now that he will have to be considered when the voting starts.

Senator Overman insists also, that he is in fine physical condition and is fully capable of carrying on his duties as junior Senator from North Carolina. There have been persistent rumors of late that Il health has greatly handicapped his

We see no reason why Senator Overman should want to fight through another campaign, but maybe if we were in his position we would want to do the same. He has served the State long and well and no additional honors can come through another term. The people of the State have often demonstrated their love for and faith in the Salisbury Senator and one might presume that a man of his age would not relish another political fight. However, that is for Mr. Overman to decide. He may not feel as keen for a fight at the end of the term as he does now as he begins it, and friends may persuade him to step aside for a younger

That's when the fun will start. There are several unannounced candidates in the field and no doubt others will be on ons. hand when the time comes. Former Governor Morrison is regarded by almost ev-Hoey, of Shelby, will fight for the place while others think Mr. Hoey will remain out of the race so his kinsman, O. Max Gardner, will have a clearer field.

Again the fruit crop in Cabarrus has discriminated against educationally. been struck by a heavy frost which may result in heavy loss to orchard owners. Snow fell in some sections of the Piedmont section Thursday but Concord esbelow the freezing point during the night. The frost Friday morning was all blame for the increase in crime to the unusually heavy in this county and much The report entered into a thorough dis- World War and its aftermath. Great damage is believed to have resulted. Last cussion of settlement areas at Pembroke, Britain was in the same war and its peo- year the peach crop in the county was al- a big prohibition meeting, he hasn't demost wiped out by an early spring frost nounced certain conditions that they public good is submerged in individual selfishness bany, Ga.; Selma, Ala.; Hattiesburg, the same conditions that affected Ameriand there are indications that the same thought he should have denounced and Miss.; and in Maryland and Tennessee. cans. Yet, in England, crime is on the thing has happened this year. Reports he is said to be favorable to abolition of rights. "The South is facing agricultural diffi- decrease while in America we have some from the Sandhills, where the North Carculties," it said, "which represented one difficulty in finding enough jails and pris- olina peach crop is concentrated, indicate that the crop there was not damaged litical plans are, but are sure that any-

mortgage debt and tenancy, and the fact that he ary. Except, of course, for pedestrians.—Punch ulation to the cities—especially for the less technicalities and as a result justice automobile law that is a bigger joke than and determination and the fact that he ary. Except, of course, for pedestrians—Punch

ies do not hesitate to convict and once holder. We refer to the clause which make us think he is ready to forsake the "Conditions of the southeast favorable the sentence is passed the criminal gets says that it shall be unlawful for the driv- Anti-Saloon League. er of a car to coast down a hill. This to change gears. We'd like to hear from tainly we are convinced that should Mr. the person responsible for this clause as Daniels be a candidate for the Vice Presto how he is going to have this law en- idency on a ticket with Governor Smith

# DO WE WANT A LONGER SCHOOL

The real educational issue in North ginners' report gives the county 19,012 Carolina, thinks the Winston-Salem bales and there is quite a bit of cotton Journal, is: "Are we willing to raise the

Discussing the address of Prof. Edproduced 13,449 bales, the 1926 crop be- gar W. Knight before the State teach-

in his presidential address before the There is a tendency, however, on the State Education Association in Raleighpart of many to cut down acreage and in- yesterday. Summed up in a single sensome of the farmers hope to produce the State's ability but of its willingness

Dr. Knight says if we are poor it is crops. They believe the increased fer- because we have refused to give proper

"If North Carolina is poor either in as much cotton planted it will not take Knight correctly observes, "the condition we learn this simple truth. Declama-We have heard many Cabarrus farm- tions against taxes have built and suptions must fall away. The mendicant There is the possibility that another whine of the politician and the landlord big crop will be produced, however, and must be hushed. The dead hands of the farmers should do everything and any-past must be lifted. We must provide

Dr. Knight has been severely criticised in some quarters because he has dared say that North Carolina is not perfect. and second issues of a new weekly pa-He has pointed out on various occasions per published at Aberdeen by Mr. Rol-Senator Overman has no desire to re- that the State has made educational prog- and Beasley, Jr., The Sandhill Times, It ress but he hasn't stopped with that. He is neatly printed, well edited, and the paraded in known that he will be a candidate when goes further with the charge that we general makeup is excellent. The editor

> better conception of educational duty. of his new paper at Aberdeen. Through us conditions can be improved. Civilization can be quickened and the level of the life of the masses can be raised. But we cannot give that which we do not possess. If we would arouse men to energetic action for the improvement of

North Carolina we must be energetic ourselves. The influence of great teachers outlives that of any potentate or politician of their age. Immortality for the teacher is gained only when he blossoms in the lives and works of others. There is no higher immortality."

The Legislature, we feel, should have left the matter of a longer school term up to the people. It was not suggested that the Legislature provide money for the additional two months. The only recommendation seriously considered was that the people of the State be given an opportunity to vote on the matter. That seemed a fair proposition and certainly put but little of the responsibility on sol-

However, the legislators refused to accept any of the responsibility so the materybody as a candidate; some think Clyde ter stands about where it did before the legislature met. With legislative hope deferred for at least two years it is incumbent on educators and others who are unfortunate girl the benefit of nearly five mile ride not afraid of the public to continue their fight in behalf of the children who are be-

## HAS DANIELS SWITCHED TO SMITH?

Raleigh and Durham newspapers see recent moves on the part of Josephus! Daniels as indicating he is switching to the Al Smith side of the Democratic po- it becomes possible that a visit to some other town the two-thirde rule.

We don't know what Mr. Daniels' po- littlesness of peanut politics loses its place.
When the peanut variety gives place to litical plans are, but are sure that anyreal, then it differs but little just what is the aim. Silver, of the aut
thing he has done so far doesn't mean he
Right will have an even show with all else for the head of the Aut
with resi has switched on the liquor question. He recognition. There's another thing about the new has always been a prohibitionist of energy

young and vigorous—and depletion of moves with more rapidity. English jur- the clause about the registration card missed a prohibition meeting doesn't

Neither do we think Governor it would not mean he has changed hisviews about liquor.

Certain Texas Democrats are out and out for Smith and there is jubilation in is admitted that they the Smith camp. In Georgia recently Franklin D. Roosevelt, Smith manager in 1924, was entertained by leading Democrats and this was accepted as an indication that Georgia Democrats are getting ready to support the New Yorker. So if Mr. Daneils should come out on the Smith side he would not be alone. There will be other prominent Democrats always ignorant of from the South on that side when the show down comes.

### READY MONEY.

Several carloads of poultry have been shipped out of Gaston county within the past two or three weeks. This is something new for this county, but it will not be a novelty much longer, if the folks keep on raising chickens as they have

Five carloads went out from Rowan county a few days ago at one shipment. Each car contained about 18,000 pounds of poultry or 4,500 chickens. This is one the meatine parents should of the weekly shipments out of Salis- they reasonably can to stop bury by the Carolina Poultry and Egg Company; of which B. H. Eller is mana-

In addition to poultry, a solid carload of eggs is shipped from Salisbury every week containing 13,800 dozen.-Gastonia Daily Gazette.

We would like to see the Cabarrus County Poultry Association or some other agency in this county take up the matter of selling eggs and chickens co-operatively. Poultry cars are being loaded in nearby towns and cities each week but so far as we have been able to learn none of them has visited Concord or Cabar-

This is the season when poultry flocks should be carefully culled and the poultry raisers would find these carload lots an easy and profitable way to dispose of their surplus stocks.

We have received copies of the first Constitution correspondent many years has published the Monroe Dr. Knight faces the issue squarely Journal with signal success. The younghimself and calls upon his colleagues in er Beasley has been trained in his faththe teaching profession to do likewise. er's office, and this training is evidenced As teachers we can lead the State to a in the excellent appearance and contents

## NOT A POPULAR LAW.

Durham Herald.

In the case coming up from Gates county conbus when she lives in less than two and one-half miles of the school was decided according to law but there are a lot of folks who are going to agree with one Charles Dickens, wasn't 'it? when he had one of his characters to give the famous expression to the effect that "the law is a ass." A farmer in Gates county is the father of nine

children. He is not as well fixed in wealth as he is in children, but he is trying to afford his offspring all possible educational advantages. His nome lacks about 50 yards of being two and onehalf miles from the school house. One of his children is a cripple, and another is only six years of age. He asked that the school bus take those two children to and from the school house, he being content to let his other children walk, The school authorities refused, citing the law which says that the bus is only for those who reside two and one-half miles and further from the school. The farmer though that was an unfair ruling, and that in his peculiar situation the school authorities should be more liberal in construing the law, so he asked the court to compel the school authorities and trustees to provide transportation for the cripple and the six year old. The case finally landed in the Supreme court, which recently handed lown its decision refusing the mandamus. That opinion is in strict accordance with the

law, but is not in accord with popular sentiment. North Carolina legal authority, which, if true, would permit that crippled girl at least to ride in the school bus. In view of the many liberties that are taken with the law, it would seem that sufficient elasticity could be given in this case to allow that they favor certain in each day without doing violence either to the letter | it to themselves but or the spirit of the law.

The court held according to law, that's what it count for something s for, but if it had found some way to afford bus what the folks are privileges to that crippled girl it would have re- him about what he reived more approval at the hands of the general bother him he can

## FACTIONS.

Albemarle Press. Factions are not necessarily unhealthy in them-

When old factions have been in the lead so long litical drama. He wasn't in Raleigh for or section where they have learned to do real things instead of fight would be healthy. Factional squabbles get obnoxious only when the

to a point that dominancy of one faction over another is greater than the public good and its

ment for his he to do a thriving busines

# GEORGIA REAPIN

Raleigh News and Ohs this period had its birth and

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