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The Congress Needs Facts

seriously upset our American economy. We are in complete agreement with Dr. Jacob's contention that the manufacturers should be consulted before the Government takes any final action in the matter of minimum wages. This, as we recall has been the Government's policy all along, and if the Cotton Manufacturers have difficulty in making an impression in Washington it may be because they have cried 'Wolf' too often in the nast. in the past

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This seems to be the case at the moment. Dr. Jacobs announced at the time he presented his study that the industry could not meet any major wage increase unless current price ceilings on colton

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ly announced that he wouldn't be able

to make the trip, the other bigwigs also started tendering regrets, and there was little point in going through with what would have been a dismal anti-climax. It has been intimated that Senator

It has been intimated that Senator Mitchell was framed by his colleagues, who wished to discredit him by shooting his celebration out from under him at the last minute. If this is true, the gentlemen who dreamed up the scheme are gulty of, to put it middly, remarkable bad taste. The Senator did an excellence of the purchase of the property of the p

band tase. The Senator did an excel-lent and thorough job of organizing the celebration, but he didn't do it alone. There are several thousand others in and around Statesville who contributed time, spergy and money, and who look-ed forward to the President's visit as eagerly as did Senator Mitchell. There may be reason to object to some of the Senator's methods, but there is certainly no reason to doubt his good faith. We can see how the smart boys might figure on undermining his poli-might figure on undermining his poli-

faith. We can see how the smart boys might figure on undermining his political support by disappointing his entire constituency, but we have an idea it won't work out that way. Senator Mitchell looks to us like a marity, and martyrs are notoriously hard to beat.

Most critics of unemployment com-pensation operate on the theory that such payments constitute a subsidy for the laxy, holding that the one and three-quarters million workers currently claiming what Representative Bob Doughton cails "rocking chair money" are a shiftless lot who have found it less tiring to draw-compensation than it is to work.

less tring to draw-compensation into it is to work. Chairman Alimeyer of the Social Security Board has now produced figures to confound the critics. There have been some 7,000,000 jobs wiped out since V-J day, and yet only 1,700,000 workers have filled claims for unemployment compensation. And 35 per cent of those who

money.

Mr. Altmeyer feels that the great ma-iority of workers accept their compen-

Ambition

On October 15 Dr. William P. Jacobs, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers. Association presented to a Senate committee an eleven-page document entitled, "A Study of Textile Wages in the South." He was arguing at the time against the proposed increase of Federal minimum wage standards to 65 cents an hour, and he concluded:

If the Fix Labor Standards Act and similar legislation is to be amended. Congress sholid seek the davier sind assistance of the emposing seek which may seriously upset our American economy.

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ling a net profit of 5.4 per cent in 1940. We have an idea that an impressive case can be under against the proposed minimum wage, but when Dr. Jacobs insists, as he did, that the industry cannot so beyond current wage levels without selling goods at a loss, his whole argument becomes asspect.

Dr. Jacobs believes the Congress should have the benefit of "unusually competent technical advice" in establishing wage levels. We think so too, and we think the American Cottom Manufacturers Association ought to provide 16.

The Martyr The action of Senator Hugh Mitchell in cancelling the Statesville celebration

was, we think, wise. The party, which started out as a sort of Democratic jammeeting of the State Senate, grew into a national event with a roster of dis-tinguished visitors the like of which North Carolina hasn't seen since the Confederate Cabinet paused in Char-lotte. When President Truman belated-

sation checks with reluctance and get off the rolls as soon as possible. There is a stigma of sorts attached to such relief, and only those totally devoid of ambition are satisfied to exist on the small sums for which they are eligible. In North Carolina the maximum weekly benefit is \$20, which might seem a fair wage for doing nothing. But it must be remembered that in 1946 only \$2, per cent of the workers in the state were eligible for maximum payments. For the vast majority weekly payments ran far lower, providing, in this era of infation, only minimum subsistence.

There is no doubt that a good many workers relieus employment who would accept if they were not eligible for unemployment compensation. But, this after all, was one of the purposes of Social Sreurity — to prevent workers from being jockcyed into undesirable jobs at starvation wages.

Mr. Altmeyer's figures seem to prove that there is nothing wrong with workers as a class. There are a few who are willing to stay on the rolls as long as they can, but they are the Jeeter Learner would be a laability to any industry foolish counds to him against starving.

Fashion Plates

This estimable journal recently pub-This estimable journal recently pub-lished a picture of the champions in the 1945 National Cotton Pick-ing Contest—Mrs. Valle Wilson and Bill Adams—at work in a field near Blythes-ville, Arkansas. The winners were, of course, conspicuously while, and wore broad smiles, and they looked unlike any cotton pickers we ever saw. Stephen Foster would have found no in-

Stephen Foster would have found no in-spiration in the scene, nor would Erskin-Caldwell. No poke boarnet concealed Mrx. Wilson's attractive features and next colifure, no calico start flapped around her legs; she was sensibly and becom-ingly attired in slacks. Mr. Adams wore no faded blue overalls or tattered straw hat: he had on a sports shirt and a visored baseball cap.

It may have been of course, that the champions changed clothes before the photographers arrived. But they didn't look as though they had any of the traditional accourtements at home. They looked, in fact, as though they might be planning to drop in at the Country Club for a celebration after the cotton was weighed in.

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We remark upon this singular photograph only to remind you of the confusion of the times—an era in which field hands dress carefully and neally aid in the height of fashion and the young ladies at exclusive boarding schools wear blue denim pants.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record)

A liner man.

WHITE. The Senator said he did not not not the Legislature. I wonder if he itell use how this tall friend of his need the one wote that was necessary. MCKELLAR. I do not mind telling at all.

VARILLAR The Senator from Michi-bleta, but I still think I will tell it, wary happy to any it was a Republican

ote.
Mr. VANDENBERG. That is the reason,

objected,
Mr. McKELLAR. Does that help?
Mr. WHITE, I knew it was an intelligent
ote, and I assumed it was a Republican

Mr. WHILE.

Mr. McKELLAR, Yes, h was an intelligent vote. The one who cast that vote is one of the linest countries in mr. attack which is the second of the linest countries in mr. attack which was the linest countries and the linest countries as the second of the linest countries as the linest line in the linest linest lines as the linest lin

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON

ARRY TRUMAN would be surprised to know that the less support he is getting for the Pull Employment Bill in the House Expenditure Committee is from a Republican. He is red-haired Charles Control and Laton to the Late Progressive Senator, young Charley follows his principles and has been butting away for the bill, despite fierce opposition from the ranking Democrats.

bill.

But here is what happened; When
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used against the bill just as before.

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eight Constitution. Sarrastically, he remarked: 'II
pass the Pull Employment Bill, we might as well pass
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Observers on Capitol Hill say the Full Employment Bill, as Triman outlined it, doesn't have a chainee of getting out of the House Committee. The only Democrate who speaks up visorously for it is Alexander Resa, a freshman Congressman from Illinois and a former law achool professor in Chicago.

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Rationing Autos

The OPA has just made a very important decision about the rationing of new automobiles.

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Believe to or not many auto declares have wainted with customers by deciding who should or should not get a car. Also soldiers returning from oversess arent here to put their names on lists, and in some places it can be also soldiers returning from oversess arent here to put their names on lists, and in some places it can be also soldiers and the soldiers and its going to take three or four years to supply the demand. However, the OPA after considering the matter very carrefully, finally has decided not to ration autos. It was decided the American people have had enough lattant material.

White House Parley

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President Truman held a significant secret meeting with top adviser last week on Administration wage-policy. Those present included War Möbilizer Jöhn Snyder, Secretary of Commerce Wallace, OPA Chester Bootles, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, and pips-monking new Economic Stabilizer Collect, whose capital michanine is "Smulty Smith."

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Secretary of the Navy Forrestal was also present.

The meeting split wide open on the question of a quiety of wape increases for labor. Virson, Walace and chief of the processes of the processes of the processes without increasing the profits of the processes without increasing cities and anderson learned to-ties to consumers. Studen and Anderson learned to-

ward innutry price raises and greater profits.

"In this dendeer, Truman called upon the Secretary of the Navy for his advice. Forrestal, of course, was formerly head of the Wall Street firm of Dillon, Read. He advised Truman to favor price increases, and argued that industry when the second price increases and argued that the second profit of the second price increases without price increases, who were, the Vision-Wallace-Bowless group, favoring wage increases without price increases, won out.

Rayburn Protects Dome

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An ingrelious scheme to exploit the Capitol dome
in a publicity stunt for the new Ford car was spiked
the other day by Speaker Sam Rayburn. Michigan Con'gressmen wanted to arrange for a picture of the postwar model' Ford, surrouncied by Michigan solons, on the
GOP Representative George Dondero first asked Rayburn for permission to have the picture taken, but was
trimed down cold. "I wouldn't permit a War Bond sign
on the plaza," explained the Speaker, "and I am not
going to allow the place to be used to advertise an
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Still determined, Dondero got Democratic Representive Lesinski of Michigan to make a second appeal. But Rayburn stuck to his guns.

"I do not limeted to let the well the state Capitol be a second speal, the state of the state of the second speal, the first thing you know International Harvester would be coming up here trying to show off its respess, the first thing you know International Harvester would be coming up here trying to show off its respers. Then we do have furniture companies doing the same thing and pretty soon everybody would be trying to self their warves on the Capitol steps. But Donderen didn't by down his arms. He finally arranged to have the pricine taken in a less pretentious spot, between the old and new Home Office Buildings.

That Troublesome Atom

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Two young iberal Congressions (ought savagely last week to pendir of humanity, rather than increased for the benefit of humanity, rather than metely for making war. Despite bitter Army opposition, Representatives Chet Holfield of Los Angeles and John Sparkman than the pendir of the pendir of the pendir of the May-Johnson Bill for atom control.

These changes have been designed to emphasize the theory of the many of the many

Looks Like Pop Will Need A Lot Of Convincing



Reactionaries Want One-Man Rule

By Marguis Childs

WASHINGTON

At the suggestion that his good friend, John W.
Snyder, was considering resigning as head of the Office
back to private life. It he could step out of public office
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Problems of Industry

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The problems of industry—the ratio of wages to
prices, the belance between initiationary and deflationary
forces—are relatively new to him. He is aware of his
and so are the men who committee the other day on
the question of price cellinas for new house. Sinyder
found himself embarrassed by the rapid fire of technical
questions directed at him.
If this is true of Styder, who knows his gav around
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In the office of Economic Stabilizer. Those who have been working with Collet agree as to his native intelligence, but he has Ritle background of knowledge of This is true, perhaps insertiably, or many of the new men Truman has brought in. It is true of the President himself.

heart frimmer has sought int. I see the device scales of the same time, the more knowledgeable younger men, carry-overs from the Roosevelt Administration, are leaving the Government. Robert Nathan, who, has proved a highly useful battery of information and ideas for the reconverier's office, will leave shortly before the first of the coming year. Others have preceded him, and still others are restricted.

Steelman's Appointment

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The appointment of John R Steelman, with a long background in labor conciliation, to be a Presidential assistant is a recognition of the need for assistant is at second to the need for assistant is at the officials he has brought in with him suffer from the argumd the President, and the Appointment of the Appoin

Hard to Shift

"This is all very well in theory. But as the President is discovering from day to day, the tendency is to come always to the court of final power.

It is spart of the pernicious Washington habit has the spart of the pernicious Washington habit has the spart of the pernicious Washington habit has the spart of the pernicious Washington habit. According to the pernicipal washington habit. Actual Reactionaries blame Roosevell for this habit. Actually, the habit derives from the centralization of our economy and the like that have grown out of that centralization. President Thinding it very hard to do.



People's Platform

Planning For The Future

By PERRY E. LEE.

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be a plan, an intelligent, workable, flexible plan, if we are to progress in the right direction. Building a hodge-podge of parks, sirports and other facilities is not enough, such construction must be integrated into the daily life of the city, both present and future.

Armory Unsuitable For Cultural Events

For Cultural Events

By MARY JOSEPHINE LUCAS

Our city has great need for an auntorium for such things as concrets, plays, operas and other concrets with the control of th

our lovely Courthouse and Post Office.

The Neuro dances and sporting reents could be kept in the Armory The white public dances rould be in the new auditorium as they are in Raleigh.

Planners Must Put

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First Things First
By R. P. CALHOU
The Country of the Improvements you have suggested. It seems to me we should get down to grass roots and one conditions in the Negro areas incore as a in for superficial improvements.

Some Preachers Seem To Reach a Paradox By B. H. EIDSON Charle

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of many responsible Gergumen, to Count for the Halfer-Top experiment, the wind with mass extermination. It has the flavor of after all, folks" the window only increded a sparking and the window on the many of the country of the country of the window of the country of the window of the win