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Nick Of Time

The troubled Detroit labor situation has had one good result. at any rate 1t has thus far throttled the automobile industrys attempt to cet certilian cars to early markets and slowed our entire recovery somewhal. But in addition it has apparently forced President Truman to, give Secretary of Labor Schwell-enbach all the weapons he needs to make the Department of Labor effective once more.

From the beginning, it was promised that Judge Schwellenbach would be given complete authority to reorkant the season of the sea

looking in.

What the Juder fought for was a concentration of power over labor affairs in his office. He knew that we could make no procress 30 long as the U. 5. Employment Service, the War Labor Board, the War Manbower Commission and a handful of other ascueles worked independently, each with a vital function to perform. He saw that, with the end of the fighting, labor struckes would be precipitated all over the com-

business for his department.

And he didn't stop strucklins to gather his forces. Be knew what he wanted, and had a corps of experts at work, making surveys and recommendations. Those were given to the President some time ago. But every time a bureau or agency was fouched, the Judge ran into a skein of red lane and was confronted to y political jealousies. The men behind the agencies resisted. Things were not as he hoped they would be. And the crisis in Deirott came upon time long before he was ready. The strayed agencies were still at large.

And so, when we could delay no long-And so, when we could nave the Judge as go-ablead signal. He didn't, sike him expithing he asked, so the story rocs. But he gave him enough weapons to assure victory in Detroit— are so the Judge thinks today. If that's tire, if was done list in time. If was a photo-finish:

Hot Water

Jimmy Byrnes didn't want to set off in any explosions in London. He easily persuaded other foreign ministers that they should steer clear of the pesky Balkan problems, and concentrate on the peace for Italy. The conference, de-light, opened enthusiastically and got down to work.

down to work.

But when they got into Italian problems, they ran into the question of
Italy's borders. That brought up the
question of the border with Yugoslavaa.
That brought up the problem of Yugostavia. And that, of course, brought up
the whole Balkan problem. It was quite
a little lesson in European history, geography and politics. Immediately the
ministers were lost in a sea of conflicting, interests. They becan to drift apart
singly, or in pairs. For there is no peacetime power on earth, we suppose, capathe of handing down a universally sattifactory Balkan settlement.

statetory Balkan settlement.
Unlike any other European peninsula
the Balkans aren't separated from the
rest off the control by high mountains,
the Balkan peninsula begins and that's
one reason it is divided into six countries seven, comming Humary. Each
country has its own predominant race
and language, and all have been embroiled in bloody wars and conomic
skirmishes ance they last their unity
after the overthrow of Turkish mic.

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Everything that Mr. Byrnes and hus colleagues touch in the Balkans is explosive. All the continues are on different cultural and recommendate the state of the stat

as few toes as possible, and leaving the whole kettle boiling until the next blow-

A LITTLE CUIT

The members of Congress were careful when they were home on yacation. They waited people to understand that they mustif expect too much in the they mustif expect too much in the constituents about they did so or int, constituents about have replied that every little bit would help. After all, the war must be paid for, and we've scarcely begun on that staggering task.

staggering task.

The interest charge on the public debt alone now runs to around three billion follars a year-and that's almost as much as it cost to run the entire Government in pre-New Deal days. In addition, there's a hangover cost of the war, which includes the considerable expense of supporting upwards of two million-servicement—and payling pensions aid allowances to veterans.

"All fold the costs of Government next All fold, the custs of Government next-year are estimated at about 25 bil-lions. And even if we kept present tax rates in effect, they would produce only 32 billions. And at that rate we'll never-beein reducing the mountainous public debt. In view of this situation the tax-payer can give up the lefa_blt his taxes will drop to the 1929_feel at any time in the foresceable future. Despite fax re-ductions in the ten years after the last war, tax levels never dropped as low again as they were in 1917.

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Going Up

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During the war Southern Incomes in-reased more than those of any other region, excepting only the Par West.
And in North Carolina Iremendases that have been marked up, preceduace theomic climbed 115 per jernel, and for commerciation 115 per jernel, and for comparison, the District of Columbia's rise was only 22 per cent, New York's was 76 per cent.

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On a percentage basis, we've been rolling in wealth, by official Department of Commerce figures. It's only when you look over in the right-hand column of the ment that you get the Jul. Set down in dollars and cents, our 'herome still in dollars and cents, our 'herome still come of a New Yorker, for example, is now \$1.510 a year-against \$689 for the North Carolinian.

But even this is more than twice the income of 1940 for Tar Heels, and twice as big as that of 1929. We bit a low of \$205 a year in average income in 1933, and by last year it was up more than 200 per cent.

200 per cent.

All this means, of course, that warborn prosperity has partially equalized
sectional incomes, though we are still
left far behind the nation at large. Bait
even such gains as these, registered in
spite of the fact that the Southern share
of war work was very smail, mean that
we're slowly closing the gap. We may or
may not hold them at something like
the present level, but if we can we'll
be in a somewhat better position to
profit by development of untapped resources at hand. And the absence of
bit boom areas in the Southeast, with
their temporary, prosperity, gives us
hope. hope.

As symbolism always is impressive to the Nip, a thought is to relieve the saw-ed-off emissary of his outsize sword and hand him a plowshare.

Not exactly an enemy and yet hard-a pal, there is something to be said

in defeat, the war lords of Japan seem in no great rush to join Hon. An-cestors. The whole thing is going to be so hard to explain.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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occupation. Therefore we have two and one-half million men in the Navy who ought to be discharged. The point sixten operates very unitarily. Take, for example, the National Guard which was called out in September 1940. I happened to be Governor of North Carolina at that there, and called out the National Guard under the President's order. Those sixes have been fine vertee, or five years. As

rpits from the Congressional Record), great many of them have been kept in this country. Many from North Carolina have been kept in cump to teath soldiers. Under the pit in comp to teath soldiers. Under children the pit in comp to teath soldiers. Under children the pit is considered to the pit in the pit is considered. I do not considered. I believe that the point system is fair. I do not considered. I believe that the Anny and Navy ought to adopt a more rapid method of releasing the pit is the pit in the pit is considered. I believe that the Anny and Navy ought to be pit in the pit in t

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

Sy Drew

WARHINGTON

STATE and local government purchasers are getting

Srassly to make a long list of charges against Stuart

Symington Surplus Property Board. They claim that
the board has completely innover are
suppored to Treetive in the sale of aurplus goods.

According to the Surplus Property
Act, agencies of the Frederial Governplus growth military goods, with state,
county and minicipal governments ofleved the next chance.

Actually, however, which sales governments complain thigh they are being
by-passed wherever possible. A Senate
committee investigator checked at Fort
and army move to sell the manufactures several acres
of used truck tires at 350 per ton. The tires were
declared class C-1 by the Army, sultable for rapair for
civilina use.

of used truck (Ires at \$30 per ton. The three were declared class C-1 by the Army, suitable for repair for civilian use.

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The State of North Cárolina heard about the deal. Like many other states, North Carolina has had to delay considerable road work because it could not get tires to equip State vehicles. So a titre appeals was sent over to examine the three at Fort. Brage, and found that three would be an excellent buy for State use. Instead, carloads have been going out at \$30 a ton to U.S. Rubber Co. and other trubber manufacturers, who are reselling them at \$40 per ton to independent the repair companies. Once repaired, these tires are put on the market at ceiling prices for used tires.

White North Carolina is unable to get any set these tire condricts accuse in Raleigh, the state capital, for repair and reseal at ceiling prices.

State agents were told also by Fort Brages salvage efferer, Capt. V. J. Jones, that 2,000 class C tires treparable for Army user recently have been declared supplies.

Army Discharges

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men discharged from the Army, the less justification for generals. So with an all-time record of 1000 generals, you can understand why discharges make a sway, you can understand why discharges make a sway to be a superstance of the control of the

because he is head of a big American utility remains a mystery.

McAchthur vs. Nimitz

General MacArthura policy of letting the Japanese continue to rule Korea has filed a lot of people in Washington and the second of the seco

Army Discharges

Representative Lundon Johnson of Texas Is preparing to blast the Army regarding the following point
in the modelled discharge stitution:

The modelled such as good job of mastertiew days, it aparal operation, would be

those to receive the Japanese surrender. And when,

the days underly prompted the White House

The fit on how Naval chiefs feel was given by Comander of the Fleet Admiral Expest King in a talk with

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There is a difference, you know: Admiral King

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acting "for the Navy, not as supreme commander" of

the Navy.

The Navy, not as supreme commander of

the Navy.

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The Man Who Built His House On Sand



The Nations Come Begging

By Marquis Childs

WASHINGTON

Council of Foreign Ministers, Secretary of State James

Preview sat dewn and added up the hump ann amounts

to obtain during the conting year from
the United States.

The total was \$13,000,000,000.
The total to him a day
or ran before.

While he was goling up on the
revard in his hotels, someone tapped
baseador of one of the sameller European powers.

"Mr. Secretary." the Ambaasador
stant with a feverish look, "what about
The Secretary told this little tale with a humorous
glint in his eyes, to illustrate the difficulties of his
position at this moment. Those difficulties are indeed
very great.

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position at this moment. Those difficulties are indeed very great.

We are controuted with an impoverished Europe which looks to a securingly rich America for a way out after 1918. The aftermath then was a deep resistant of the U.S. A.—the kind of feeling van have about a distort plantive wite neck on mistoring his wealth while years are not to be used to be us

WASHINGTON must fry to understand the worries of our neighbors and a meeting of the what they mean for us.

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Men like Byrnes who must study the European reguests and do samething about them are overwhelmed by the state of the problem. They must measure these them of the problem. They must measure these them of the problem. They must measure the theory of the problem. They must measure the theory of the problem of the following the war, has gone cleue to the three bunded obliton make. First coincide the problem of the bunded States. The national debt during the war, has gone cleue to the three bunded obliton make. For a mation that until very recent times, had no more than a normal debt thist is a staggering stum: The more than a normal debt thist is a staggering stum: The problem of the state of the sta

By Galbreith SIDE GLANCES



"Hold that pose, Dad—I'm drawing a picture of you to use as an illustration in my essay on erosion!"

Bad News From Japan

By Samuel Grafton

LT. General Etchelergers remark that the occupation of
year is frightening, If the General's statement
means anything,
then the occupatinean hothing,
We shall have
poked around for
a brief year erfected a play
that year erfected a play
that year ertrace a pushing
we shall have
she will have
a bit, and left
We shall have
seen to it that
Japan is poorer, but otherwise unsiterer, and poorer and freer, just
poorer.
The fact that one of our leading

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By Samuel Grefton

NEW YORK

LT. General Exhiberent of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is frightenling. If the General Schedule of the company of the Capanimary be "washed up" in a vera is frightenling. If the General Schedule of the company of the Capanimary of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is frightenling of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is frightenling of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is frightenling of the Capanimary of the Capanimary of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is a frightenling of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is a frightenling of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is a frightenling of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is a frightenling of Japan may be "washed up" in a vera is a frightenling of the Capanimary of t

People's Platform Judge Parker's Honor

By C. W. TILLETT

The state of the great notes of German leaders now beling held as war estimatels. In my opinion, it is one of the great judicial assignments of the century. An honor has come to Judee Parker and, through him to our community, the real extent of which it is difficult at the moment adequately to apuralse.

need that executed of an appraise.

The doctrine of the personal responsibility of leaders of criminal expensibility of the leaders of lea

of a vian tore, in the first world for many hundreds of years.

I do not think that the fact that Judge Pafers will voice only if Mr. Blodel to no first will voice only if Mr. Blodel to no for that has come to him. Unquestionably he will be present at all sessions of the coint and will participate in all of its councils. The ereathess of the coint will not be by virtue of the formal voice cast by the judges but instead, by Judge Pafers but and be judges but in the Those of its who are farmilies with Judge Pafers of military with Judge Pafers of institute feel great and satisfarency confidence that the court, with him as a member, will meas-

ure up to the needs of the occa-

A Tribute to Tom Jimison

By J. G. PHILLIPS

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Wadesborn, N. Q.
With reference to the death of
Tom dimison, allow me to say that
Vestern North Cardina has lost a
preconality with was far too good
religious me, when I really needed
help, and scoffed at thanks.

Quote, Unquote

AM never alraid of the future America. I have boundless in Americans taking care of cives if they are told what to faith in ... themselves if they are ... do and why.

—Bernard Baruch.

I walked with a cane off the hospital ship when I came back from England, I swore I wouldn't get off unless I walked, and I did it -Flight Officer M. W. Doyle,

THE United States stands alone among the great powers as still firmly committed to individual initiative in the economic field. -Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

If you want to get more meat and have reasonable assurance that it will be available when you go to the store. Join the OPA in its efforts to stamp out the black market. -Anniston, Ala., Star. ORDER and progress in interna-tional affairs is essential for order and progress in America. We cannot have one without the other.

-Gary, Ind., Post-Tribune,