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The 65-cent minimum wage, which undry labor organizations are pushing a Washington hearings just now, stands set as a milepost on a road we have been raveling for the past ten years. It has not been long since the first minimum of 40 cents per hour, and the first maximum hours law. But it has been long enough for us to see that the insertions of the act have been disregarded, and that its administrators are now less concerned with battling economic injustice than with invoking prosperity through pushing wages up and hours down.

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It is, we believe inevitable that the Se-ent minimum will be followed by demands for a higher minimum. The Textule Workers Union, in fact, is strong-y in favor of a proposal that will boost the minimum to 65 cents, jump it to 70 in a year, and rise to 75 cents a year later. It is also inevitable, we suspect, that the setting of minimum wages will sooner or late read to the Federal Government setting all wages, with complete control.

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figure will be outpeckped by the attend-ant evils.

We have now progressed past the point of making war on the slave-driv-ing employers who have oppressed work-ser, and are now upon the time when we seek to bring about prosperity by setting a minimum wage. If the Gov-ernment goes this step further (and this is a step which could have been predicted at the passage of the Wages Brours laws) there is no guarantee: that it will not eventually have to take Hours laws) there is no guarantee that it will not eventually have to take ever the entire. labor field. We are presently watching a demonstration of the troubles which arise in a time of industrial strife; they claim of for Government intervention. They may soon call for complete Government control.

## Expert Opinion

As good a secondary argument as we know for combining the Army and Navy hato. A single service is the opposition with the analysis of the service is the opposition of the service is the opposition of the service is the opposition of the service is the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is a service in the service in the service is service in the service in the service in the service is service in the service in the service in the service is service in the service in the service in the service is service in the service in the service in the service is service in the service is service in the se

come out flatly with that authoritants statement.

And now he knows enough about the lanner workings of both services to cry (despite evidence of less-than-perfect interservice co-operation during the war) that the two should be kept separate. For our money, the experience of a war in which all arms were brought to bear in unprecedented unison its proof snough that the combination is insufation.

## Confession?

If the Variety report is straight, and allott Roosevelts Texas radio stock is really worth up to two million dollars, then everything's all right. Of course, it was too had that John Hartfort had to take that \$195,000 hoss, but so long as Illiott got out by paying only \$1,000 on his loan, and had enough left over for his ex-wife and to his children, that solves everything, doesn't?

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solves everything doesn't it?

Of course, there will be those tade spirits who will wonder how the devil a respectable man rould wagte out of an honest debt and feave it unpaid with so much money at hand. There'll be some, we suppose, who'll wonder why Elliott doesn't dig down now, if there is anything left, and pay off Mr. Hartford.

ford.

But in the event that the money has been disbursed, to his family and other

stockholders, we should think Elliott would have the humor to call his trust-fund for the youngsters the John Hart-ford Fund For The Roosevelt Children,

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or some such.

No. the knowledge that his Texas enterprise was actually worthwhile, and that its stock is worth a good deal of money does not solve the case at all. The fact that all of the money he borrowed was "corporation money", and did not go into Elliott's pocket, does not aller things at all.

The way things still stand, as we see 'cm, is that Elliott made a touch he shouldn't have made—with or without his father's knowledge—and that he submitted to a settlement the average conscientious business man would not have permitted. If anything, his statement on the solvency of the Texas radio enterprise at the moment only serves to underline the fact that he handled himself rather poorly throughout the negotiations.

James L Wick, a Charlotte visitor of the work who called to address the Executives Club, brought in a couple of ideas from Washington which we hope are continued to small groups. The editor of, a well-known Washington news letter, Mr. Wick is in constant touch with the nation's business men, and in free circulation in official Washington. Thus we were disturbed when he arrived to announce that there was little hope, of our living in speace with Russia, and with the control of the c

the Russians.

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He went back to 1941, when he said President Trumany's thought was that we should let Germany and Russia kill off themselves, and brought us up to date by an intimation that we should play Britain against Russia, and Jump in when one or the other appeared to be getting too strong. He spoke of Russia as an aggressor nation, just exactly as if she were Nazl Germany. We puzzied over that for a good while; sounds as if he's auxilous to pick a fight.

And when he said, offnand, that veterans are coming home to cool off the labor situation within three months and become more powerful than labor, he was promoting another ruinous strife at home. He sounded as if he had not paused to consider the results of any such conflict, or the fact that the vast majority of veterans themselves are workmen in civilian life.

### The Long Lines

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The State Hospitals Board of Control, in session at Goldsboro, agreed with Superintendent David Young that patients must be taken in order, and that no special preference should be shown. That, of course, follows an obvious policy line. But the revealing not of the discussion came from the hospitals themselves, where there are still long waiting lists of the mentally ill. Morganion abone reports a waiting list of 150—and that sounds like a minimum estimate. The removal of 500 senile patients to the Camp Button hospital patients to the Camp Button hospital patients to the Camp Button hospital will help relieve the stuation, but I can will be preferred that the cand the care will be preferred to the care that the state, in perpetuit with the cand the state, in perpetuit and patients and institutions, in county homes and the jalls.

And so long as there is a waiting list-anywhere, North Carollina will not have done its duty to these afficied citizens. It is as much our obligation to care for and treat every one of these patients as it is to maintain the hospital system state, we must see the fact that our present system is inadequate, and that we must see still further in improvement and expansion of the program.

Thus the question of the order of admittance for waiting patients is a minor one. The great problem is the waiting list itself. We must take immediate steps to climinate it.

### Statesmen At Work

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# The Merry-Go-Round

### Labor's Best Friend

defferson Island highlights: Secretary of Labor Schwellenbard philosophizing on labor strikes: "The best friend of labor is must be some first of labor is must be sowing its own seeds of destruction, and then it has sowing its own seeds of destruction, and then it has sowing its own seeds of destruction, and then it has sowing its own seeds of destruction, and then it has sown as the sowing its own seeds of destruction. As one of labor's best friends, I've got to call it to account.

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President Truman watched games of horse-shee bridge and noker. "How about joining us?" invited bridge and poker. "How about joining us?" invited bridge and poker. "How about joining us?" invited bridge and poker. The bridge and poker but "horse-shees." ... Chief. but "horse-s

### Bilbo Dressed Down

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Senator Bilbo of Mississippi get a friendly, but straight-from-the-shoulder bawling out from Postmaster General Bob Hannegan during the island outing. Bilbo and George Allen were sitting under a tree when Hannegan accosted the Mississippian. "The got something to talk to you about." Hannegan opened up. — Bilbo, apprehensive. Indicated that he preferred getting some talk till be present. —"I want you to stop this monkey business about Ray McKeough." began the Postmaster General. "I want him confirmed. The postition you're takking in opposing him just because he one-tiples of American democracy." ... Hannegan was referred to ex-Congressman McKeough of Chicago who once directed the CIO Political Action Committee in the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman to the Midwest and has been norminated by Truman was continued Hannegan. "It a man does something to offend one group in his country and he exait be continued for a "It know has a friend of yours," countered Bilbo. ... "That's not the point," shot back Hannegan. "We set to do only his accounter distribution of the midwest has a friend of yours," countered Bilbo. ... "That's not the point," shot back Hannegan. "We set to do only his accounter distribution of the midwest has been normal to the midwest and the counter distribution. "The man does normal man and the point of the midwest and the point of the midwest and the point of the midwest and the point of the mi

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Senator Mapunuon of Washington not promoted to be Truman's side for a day at Jefferson Island. It happened this way. "The been a licutenant commander for seventeen years," Magnuson complained, "and never been promoted. It libe I by held the same rank longer last near other man in the Naty," Magnuson was a sider the way started, ... "All right, Magnicon was a sider the way started, ... "All right, Magnic," said President Truman. "I have no naval aide today, I hereby appoint you as my naval aide. "Shortly afterward Gen. Harry Waigh, military aide to Truman." The way started and the started of the star

## At Least She Got A Pattern For Her New Dress



# The Republicans Plot Revenge

By Marquis Childs

VOIL ON already see in outline the Republican competent of 1865. If the small group Republican company in Washington and New York has its way, it will be a campaign of revenue.

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The Teapor Dome scandal was a tremendous sensa-tion. It was thoroughly documented. It involved men in high place in and around the Administration. Hard-ling's fortuitous death in August of 1923 saved him from the threat of imprachment.

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In the 1924 campaign, the Democrats, made whiterous use of Teapot Bone. They blauped the Republican Party and the Republican Administration, seen though the Authors of the scandal were no longer in office. So did the elder in Publich, who was running that year as a Progressive on a third party ticket.

There is no intention here to compare Roosevelt and Harding or Couldige and Truman. But it does seem clear from our political history that Americans are little influenced by warmed-over scandal, either trumpeding or real.

We are a forward-looking people. Perhaps we ought to pay more attention to the past. But the fact is that we don't. If everything is going along all right our inclination is to let the past take care of itself.

If President Trumen is fortunate, we shall have come through the panus of reconversion by mid-1946. Then the natural forces of recovery—the long pent-up demand for goods, plus plant expansion—should operate to start the nation toward prosperity. While this prosperity may be short-lived, it should surely endure through 1946.

Against such a background it would be extremely difficult to defeat Truman, no matter what the Congressional investigation into Parel Harbor utilimately shows the struggle between labor and management may frustrate the drive for recovery. If certain fumples are set in motion-boarding of savings, for example—it will be afficient on a particular of the control of th

SIDE GLANCES



"I had almost forgotten about these canned goods I bor-rowed from you—but when I read that they were no longer rationed it reminded me!"

## Strange Friendship

By Samuel Grafton

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## London & Frisco

By Dorothy Thompson

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The Chinese Poreign Minister, Mr. Wang, is also new; he succeeded Mr. Soong only in July. Creased the Mr. Soong only in July. Creased the Mr. Soong only in July. Creased the Influence of the two experienced Poreign Ministers. Mr. Molotoff, and Mr. Bidauli. Critica therefore as whe Long-Critica therefore as whe he been preceded by memorands of experis, exchange of views among leaser of-

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