

Max Gardner Is Drafted

FORMER Governor O. Max Gardner, after turning down an impressive list of proffered Federal jobs, has finally accepted appointment as Undersecretary of the Treasury. He was, according to Washington dispatches, drafted by President Truman, who seems to be aware at last of the pressing need for strengthening his Cabinet.

following a careful course that never alienated the conservative business community. There is no reason to question his ability to handle the Government's dollars with the same skill he employed in acquiring an impressive number of his own.

Two Eminent Carolinians

BROTHERHOOD Week could not be more fittingly symbolized than by the joint appearance here tonight of Josephus Daniels and Bernard Baruch. The crowded lives of these two eminent Carolinians provide a perfect example of the simple point stressed by the Conference of Christians and Jews.

Josephus Daniels was born during the Civil War. Bernard Baruch's birth, eight years later, came at an even less propitious time, when his native South Carolina was racked by Reconstruction. Perhaps the uncertain years of the youth gave each an added incentive to succeed, and a greater sense of public responsibility once success was obtained.

The Long March To Washington

WHEN last we heard of Chicago's Taxicab Army it was heading south across Pennsylvania, against the wind and with flags down, after pausing to pay its respects to that other great insurgent, General Coxey, at Massillon, Ohio. The general, unfortunately, wasn't at home to discuss the belligerent problem in Washington with this latest group of protesters, but we presume Rock Creek Park is as hospitable as ever.

the operators. A new blanket ordinance has been prepared by an attorney for one of the taxi companies, and it is, presumably, still under Council's consideration. But neither this operator-sponsored ordinance, nor the one drawn up as a substitute by the City Attorney, holds any real promise of improving Charlotte's inadequate service.

Another Voice

OFFICIALS of the Erwin Cotton Mills yesterday decided wisely to recall the hasty and ill advised announcement of the day before that their mills, in which a strike has prevailed for four and one-half months, would be reopened without a settlement of the strike.

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No War And No Peace

Such an action would have led inevitably to strife and violence and would have engendered bitterness which would have lasted for a long time.

It is good news that North Carolina will not be disgraced by industrial war. But, the really good news will come when, and only when, industrial peace is again restored.—The Raleigh News and Observer.



People's Platform

"Orders From The Vatican"

HOW much longer will our Congressmen and the American press continue their attempts to whitewash the Vatican? American Congressmen almost by the score have been visiting the Pope in recent months according to reports in the N. Y. Times, have been throwing their arms around his white-robed figure, slapping him on the back and urging him to "Come along Pope and pay us a visit in the good old U. S. A."

Conveniently forgotten is the fact that this same Pope put his signature in 1939 on a document that excommunicated Franz von Papen to the Vatican's concordat with Hitler, and that this concordat has never been revoked. Forgotten also is the fact that Spain's Fascist dictator Franco received the Pope's blessing and endorsement "again" last Nov. 18. This was the obvious answer of the Pope to the recently received letter of the late President Roosevelt advocating a break with Franco and to the many similar petitions from responsible groups in all democratic countries.

Let America and all other democratic countries wake up, or they will soon be taking orders from the Vatican.

NOTE: Here's another cheerful little item for Brotherhod Week. J. P. W. Davis overlooked the Catholics when he jeered under his bed but Mr. McIlwaine fills in the gap.

Look At Our Own Lines

IN the Thursday paper, you quote the Washington News & Courier and their editorial on the "democrats. Russia also has just had a national election, the first in nine years. Comment here has been that it is meaningless, since the percentage would compare with the five or less per cent of Russia that belongs!

An Unhappy Valentine

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON OF these homes, however, has shown that every one of them is jammed with cots and extra beds.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT in Ottawa of the arrest of a Canadian charged with selling military-scientific information to a foreign power has set off a problem for months has been the subject of talk and speculation here in Washington.

Chairman Brian McMahon of the Senate Atomic Bomb Committee has informed the members of the staff of the 22 Canadians would take place. But the nature of the information that may have been disclosed to Russian agents is not known to members of the Senate Committee.

THE NEW CRUSADE. When German attacked the Soviet Union in June of 1941, the war overnight became a crusade against Nazism. In the last few years, however, this country was trying desperately to prepare for what might be a new strike and sabotage in the U. S. industry implied the preparation effort. In certain instances, these strikes were traced down to Communist direction.

THE CLIMATE. And the fight is being carried on in the name of morality, not only are we producing, at a time when men passionately declare that we cannot produce, but we are selling more goods at retail than ever before in our history; and somebody must be making it for so many to sell it; it can't all be kind of course there are short lines, but don't fall into the trap of mentioning them to Mr. Bowles; he will answer that with a smile of relief where justified, but only there; that raising the price of hats will not produce more hats.

THE REASONS. Mr. Bowles made his position as clear before the Committee, that it can be told in a sentence. He is in favor of price increases for those who are producing normal profits, but he is against price increases for those who want them because it is Wednesday, or because that sun is shining, or because someone else, in an unproductive field, has had a price increase.

THE REALITY. In this sense, the House Banking and Currency Committee is now squaring the circle of the day-to-day price control, too; for men will watch it; if its members frown upon Bowles' business will hold back from selling; if these men are not satisfied with Bowles, and appear inclined to extend price control for a year, men will sell more freely; but the return from side to side, exactly as the Committee's heads turn. And this is the reality, just as it is in stores and our increasingly busy factories are reality; as real people have had to make their living; they see the price tag on hope rising upward out of reach.

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