Max Gardner Is Drafted

CRMER Governor O. Max Gardner, after turning down an impressive list of profered 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.

well, the Gardner appointment should help achieve that end. The ex-Governor has proved his capacity for public ser-vice as chief executive of North Caro-lina and as official adviser to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman. As Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion he dates all the way back to Jimmy Byrnes' incumbency, and he will bring into the Cabinet a sense of continuity now not-Cabinet a sense of continuity now not-iceably lacking.

It seems likely that Governor Gardner It seems likely that Governor Gardner will be confirmed by the Senate without a whisper of opposition, even from the Republicans, although this is a season when ail of Mr. Truman's appointments are being worked over with a fine-tooth comb. He might be termed a conservative liberal for a liberal conservative of the common man that makes him acceptable to New Dealers, while 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.

number of his own.

The appointment of as prominent and as active a Democrat as Max Gardner to the Cabinet cannot be considered apart from its political implications. But here, as in the selection of two other North Carolinians, Undersecretary of War Royall and Assistant Attorney General Caudie, no overt bid for political support is apparent. North-Gaselina, as President Truman and Bob Hannegan very well know, is safely in the Democratic bag now, and presumably ever will be. ever will be.

North Carolinians will be generally pleased, we think, that this considerable honor has come to one of their own. Some may be a little disappointed that Governor Gardner was not given the full Cabinet rank to which his ability and acumen entitle him. That, however, may be in the cards. Certainly there is every, reason to believe that Mr. Truman's present course will create as many Cabinet vacancies in the future as it has in the past.

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 propilious time, when his native South Carolina was racked by Reconstruction. Perhaps the uncertain years of their youth gave each an added incentive to succeed, and a greater sense of public responsibility once success was obtained.

Neither an editor nor a financier is blessed with an excess of spare time. Yet both Mr. Daniels and Mr. Baruch have contributed many years to Government service. In the crisis of the first World War each moved into a key postiton— Mr. Baruch as war mobilizer, Mr. Dan-

leis as Secretary of the Navy. And, although they have served since in various capacities. It is significant that neither sought or particularly enjoyed his
public career.

Tonight, on behalf of The Carolina
Israelite, a medal will be presented to
Mr. Daniels in recognition of his "distinguished service in furthering human
rights and inter-faith amity." The roles
of the honored guests could easily be
reversed—it would be equally as fitting
if Mr. Daniels presented the medal to
Mr. Baruch.

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The fact that Mr. Baruch is a Jew and Mr. Daniels a Christian is irrelevant, as it has been all their lives. Their contribution to the cause of "inter-faith amity" has been a natural outgrowth of their understanding that intolerance is allen to the country they have served so well. They share a common faith that transcends the bounds of theology. Brotherhood is as good a name for it as any.

The Long March To Washington

WHEN last we heard of Chicagos Taxicab Army it was heading south across Fennsylvania, 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 billeting problem in Washington with this latest group of protestants, but we presume Rock Creek Park is as hospitable as ever.

By the time this appears in print it is likely that the Taxleab Army will have made contact and deployed before the Justice Department. Attorney General Clark's office is its final objective—the 350 veterans who have survived the long march want. Federal anti-trust action to break Chicago's taxi monopoly

Unique though this approach may be, the veterans' plaint is a familiar one. It has sounded in Charlotte in recent months, and we expect to be hearing it again before long. Most cities seem to have created a patchwork of local ordinances which has all the evils of an outright taxi franchise system with none of its virtues.

Here, for instance, the City has limited the number of cabs it will lice guaranteeing a monopoly for the exist-ing companies. It has set certain operational standards, but they are considered inadequate by police, public, and even

the operators. A new blanket ordinance has been prepared by an attorney for one of the taxl 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.

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It seems to us there are two approaches to the problem. The City could establish a Commission empowered to grant a task franchise to one or more companies and to fix rates and standards of service. In return for this guarantee against competition, the operators cculd be required to keep enough cabs in operation to meet the public demand. Or the City could open the field to any individual or company, setting minimum standards which must be met in order to obtain a license, but letting the order to obtain a license, but letting the resulting competition take care of keeping rates down.

At the moment the City is doing a At the moment the City is doing a little of both, and not enough of either. The Council, we gather from its recent vaciliation, hasn't made up its mind whether the taxi business is a private enterpise or a public utility. In the meantime the public stands and waits, while a good many returning veterans who would like to get into the taxi business abandon hope and turn elsewhere for a job.

Another Voice

No War And No Peace

O FFICIALS 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.

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

The new announcement restores the status quo, which is a stigma upon the good name of the State but which, as bad as it is, is vastly preferable to active industrial war.

But now that war has been averted neither the company nor the Textile Wonkers' Union of America should be at laif led with the continuation and prolongation of the present armed truce, it now behooves both the company and the union to make an active and earnest affort to end the aircady too old conflict and to do so this week.

Both side has been charged with de-

liberately prolonging the strike. The News and Observer knows of no evidence sufficient to Justify such a charge against either side. Each side has made an effort to end the strike, but neither side should rest upon past efforts. The time has come to subordinate personalities which may have clashed and to concentrate upon the reopening of the mills upon a basis for justice and unity. Both the management and the union will gain by such a course and neither will gain, in the long run, by any other course.

It is good news that North Carolina 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.

A cry is raised against proposed enlargement of the White House. In view of the transient nature of the political calling, a thought is that tourist exhins on the law might do,

"Any Time You're Ready, Mister"



People's Platform

"Orders From The Vatican"

HOW much longer will our Congressmen and the marriean press continue their attempts to white-warmen the second the second that the second to reports in the N. Y. Times, have been throwing their arms around his while-robed ligure, slapping him on the back and urging him to Come along. Fope and pay us a visit in the good old conveniently forgotten is the fact that this same Pope put his signature in 1933 above that of the excerable Prainz von Papen to the Vattean's concordat with Elledr, and that this concordat has never been re-turning of all Passist aggression. Forgotten also is the fact that Spain's Fascist dictator Franco received the Pope's biteship and endorrents' again? last Nov. 18. Pope's biteship and endorrents' again? last Nov. 18. Pope's biteship and endorrents' again? last Nov. 18. The fope is a break with Franco and to the many similar petitions from responsible groups in all democratic countries. Indicatally, if the United Nations of Loyalists who are still being held prisoner by him? The answer is simple—fear of the Vattean.

The Pope and his assistants have been frantically resulting the proper size of size of size of the proper size of the proper size of size of si

recent years that can be twisted into a democratic sense.

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 liem for Brotherhood Week. J.F.W.Davis overlooked the Catholics when he peered under his bed but Mr. McIlwaine fills in the gap. -Eds., THE NEWS).

Look At Our Own Linen

IN the Thursday paper, you quote the Charleston News & Courier and their editorial on the Artschaften News & Courier and their editorial on the Artschaften News & Courier and their editorial on the Artschaften State and State and a national election, the first in his years with the Artschaften News.

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An Unhappy Valentine

CHARLOTTE WHY do you allow such items in your paper as the Victatering of Rocks on Porch is Sign Someone Loves You?" Surely Hallow'en roughness once a year is bad enough without newspapers evident approval of turning Valentine night into similar violence. Tho we have no small children to receive Valentines, still the hoodiums of this section broke our screen door by throwing heavy rocks at it. Other years the fun was more playful, but your article referred to

The Word ought to have your head cracked for putting that suggestion on second front of The New Thursday afterwards afterwards the transpose of the transpose o

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The People's Platform is available to any reader who cares to mount it. Communications should be less than 300 words, typewritten, if possible, on only one side of the paper, Libel and obsently will be deleted—otherwise anything goes. Each letter must be signed, although we will withhold the writer's name upon request.—Editors, The News.

Quote, Unquote

Now that the war is over the normality that will re-turn to business and government will have its counterpart in art. Surrealism will die and the truth and beauty of the old masters will return.—Antonio D'Orazi, classic artist.

If you have children in the schools, see to it that they become members of the Junior Red Cross, Through it they can learn one of the best of all lessons—the lesson that each individual has a share in clvle and humanitarian responsibility.—Williamsport, Pa., Sun.

The Spanish people do not understand why demo-cratic countries help the Franco regime, which would never have existed without the help of Hitler and Mussolini.—Luis Fernandes, leader of Spanish guerrillas.

Death on the highway is a national tragedy—and more. It is a national demonstration, day in and day out, of bad and careless driving habits.—Beloit, Wis, News.

The one clear aspect of the President's pronounce-ments on wage and price increases is that he has con-tributed nothing to the situation.—San Antonio, Texas, Express.

While prices are rising, some because of increased costs and others because of unbridled craving for profits, it would be well for all of us to buy only those things that we really need, and to delay the purchase of those for which we have no immediate pressing use.—Gov. Prank J. Lausche of Ohlo.

It does not seem that this country is duty bound to maintain a lone permanent world police force. Neither does it seem logical for American troops, whether they engage in actual fighting or not, to become involved in civil wars in China or elsewhere.—Fond du Lac, Wis., Commonwealth Reporter.

Marquis Childs

Communists Are A Fifth Column In A Democracy

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has concerned policy-makers. If
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before the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Miami
and the other before the Catholic
Youth Organization in New York.
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even foreign diplomats have been
reported to their respective Governments for association with perserior than the country.
It is a cruel dilemma—the dilemma of a Fifth Column in a
democracy—and it will plague_us
often in the future.

Samuel Grafton

Inflation Is More Than A Chance For A Party

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WASHINGTON

UNTED STATES-CANADIAN officials haven't wanted to publicize it, but one thing which has irked them for some time is the suspiciously large staffs maintained by the Soviet in Ottawa, Washington and certain other strategic Western Hemisphere capitals such as Havana and Rio de Janeiro.

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of these homes, however, has shown that every one of them is samed with so one country to the country of the co

New Russian Envoy

It looks as if Harry Truman has picked another sour one
for the most important ambassadorial post on the entire list—
U. S. envoy to Russis. He is it. Gen. Bedell Smith, who
ought to have the highest qualifications for this vital job, but
who apparently hasn't.
All diplomats agree that the American ambassadorship to
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