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CALCULATED CONFUSION

IN ONE respect, the week-long "strike" in pliesels which do not now carry a firerealled by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen represents a
new tactle. There has been no effort to
shut down U. 8. rail transportation compictely. What the union has tried to do,
rather, is to handicap and hamstring the
movement of trains at junction points and
over certain key stretches of track.

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named by President Truman, that the

The net result has been a sort of "guessing game" with railroads, mediators, shippers, and nasenerers all taking vart. All of them have been kept busy trying to find out from one day to the next just how extensive the strike really is.

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In addition to creatine confusion, which as a cert-in nuisance value in any work imposes. This new testle has served anther purpose, it has diverted, for the time eine anyway, oublic statention from the ain issue in the dispute.

That issue, stripned of oualitying details, whether the railroad companies shall be sade to employ extra firemen on Diesel neiters. The Brotherhood contends that nextra fireman is needed on the multi-nit Diesels, and a fireman should work congoide the engineer on the small shift-

man.

The only justification for this pay roll padding the Brotherhood has yet advanced is that greater safety of operation would result. Against this filmay claim is the decision of two fact-finding boards, one appointed by President Rosevett and one named by President Truman, that the claim is without merit, that the extra men are not needed.

The Diesel represents a technological advance in the railroad industry. Most technological moreovenents immediately displace some workers though new jobs are created in the lone run. If manpower savines are to be canceled out by enforced "featherbedding", then one of the main benefits of modernization is lost.

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The firemen have a weak case. There is no public support for this skrike or for the "make-work" principle it is trying to enforce. Surely a continuation of such foolish and irresponsible labor noiciles will eventually result in national labor lectilation more stringent even than the Tati-Hartley Act which organized labor professes to despise.

LAMENT OF THREE CITIES

THE Queen City, we gather by reading I our contemporaries, is not the only city in the Carolinas which is finding the building of a new civic auditorium a slow, hortness, products in the carolinas and a slow.

rous undertaking.

other day The Greenville News, in
itorial entitled "We Bow to the Sparcomplimented its neichborine city
reaking ground for a new \$1.300.000
County auditorium, Denloving Greenown tardiness, The News said:

of Greensboro Doily News, taking note triendly rivalry south of the border, ed out that the competition between asboro and Winston-Salem is mark-

and it interests and we only with miles prove effective.

If it won't crowd the chorus, we'd like to join with The Nerse and The Delily Nere and lament the Queen City's small-like programs toward its cherished auditorium-colliseum project. Here in Charlotte a special committee has span weeks stime up the city's needs and gathernic information about auditoriums in other localities, and has come through with a ceillimary report recommendine and auditorium of 2,000 seats and a colliseum of 1,000 aeats, both to be built on the same location. The hitch: finding an appropriate eite which will be big enough for the building and the necessary off-street auxilian facilities, and wet be conveniently accessible. The committee said it has been unable jo find such as site, and sked for suggestions from Charlotteens.

CHARACTER IN BUSINESS

HE principles of the Rice Leaders of the World Association, which marks its h anniversare this month might well be saidered carefully by the public as well by the business world.

Association, founded in 1912 by Dr. d E. Rice, has as its purpose the fos-r of the practice of right business toles: honor, quality, strength and

character is still im-ness life as well as in

social life.

To have, too often, forworten the meanthat adherence to the principles of
orc quality, strength and service give
our lives and to our institutions.

The Rice Leaders of the World Associais, itself doing a service to the public
to the business world in re-stating
te important principles. It has renred a service during the past 38 years,

Tradition has taken in the decade just ended, quite a lacine. But through all industrial and business channe, there has remained character. Character has been the bulwark of many great firms.

No amount of "promotion" or drive will sustain a firm lacking in the great prin-ciples of business character: honor, qual-ity, strength, service.

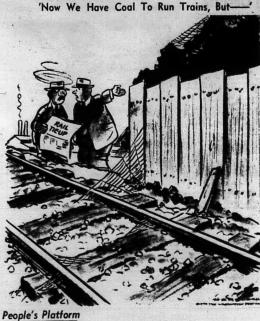
BUDDING VA HOSPITAL SCANDAL

A GOOD IDEA to look for a motive en John Rankin and the American a start shedding tears for the ret-Take for instance, the case of the pork-barrel beds.

) pork-barrel beds. to very Freedom Trumon tried to mave 100.000 by cutting 16.000 beds from 100.000 by cutting 16.000 beds from 100.000 promoned for the Veterana' Adstration hospital-building program, tailed the 30.000 beds would provide the stallmation for three times the number terans seeking treatment for service-terans seeking treatment for service-ted injuries. The additional 16.000 they said, were not needed, would be drefer to maintain, and would cost 100.000,000 to construct and \$2.000,000.000 sintain over a twenty-year period.

no.000 to construct and \$2.200.000.000 intain over a twenty-year period entry Dr. Paul Magnuson. VA medhief, sharply criticised the men who ided the House of Representatives to the President's action and reinstate the President's action and reinstate 1,000 beds in John Rankin's \$237.000-

Legion officials are not particularly interested in hospital operation. As Dr. Magmison points out, "they just raise hell for a
vectoral" hospital," and their Congression
try to get one for them, whether it is
needed or not. And this use of the VA
hospital program as a means of funneling
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so of its 1,000 bods, because Dublin does
not have the technicians, doctors or nitries
to operate such a hospital. When Dr. Magmison ordered VA doctors to go to Dublin,
they resigned and Dublin; he points out.



Graham, Jeffersonian Democrat

Ghost Of Ballot Theft May Rise To Haunt Elections

By MARQUIS CHILDS

WASHINGTON

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No Ballet And No 'Message' Save The Day For 'Blondes'

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

Left-Hand Apologies To Congressman

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