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It's astonishing how wide and intense is the inter at in a City Planning Commission for Charlotte. Hardly a day passes but that we hear someone put in a positive, sometimes impassioned plea for city planning.

So you hand't noticed it and don't believe it? You're wrong. Listen.

The line of impatient automobiles blocked behind the but taking on passengers at the head of East Fourth Street this morning were full of book ters for city planning. How on the ters for city planning. How on the such narrow throughtiers has the first block of East Fourth Street the manning are such narrow throughtiers as the first block of East Fourth Street the made equal to the traffic which they must handle!

The work of Negro servants chattering wave while yesterday's rain gradually washed away the mud on their galonhes—they foo whether they realized it of not, were potential supporters of city planning. It is only by planning that we may (1) prevent and (2) correct the condition which has allowed dwelling places to we built where they are served by no streets or sidewalks, where ingress and egress in wet weather is straight through the mud.

The man who was threatening to put ye a "spite fence" breause his next-door neighbor had sold out to a filling station—he was figuring on doing a little city planning on his own hook. It's too late for city planning in his case, and — under city planning in his case, and — under city planning in his case, and — under city planning in his case, and me whomen shoppers in the rain who

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The women shoppers in the rain who had newhere to go except to another store, or facilities, for their convenience except with as the stores offered, while they remained up form. City planning is intended to render dearbibe and feasible public services.

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In fact, all of the people in Charintic who yesterday came to work or stayed in their "poor man's castles" or did some shopping or went to the market or drove an automobile or had a thought about how to make this city a bester place to live in or didn't have a thought about how to make this city a better place there in the place the property of the place the place

I ow-Down

It is now official that North Carolina wages are just about the lowest in the country, and this is not a CIO figure for use in pressing home wage gains. The State Unemployment Commission reports the facts, and they do not make

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North Carolina's average weekly wage is 28.651—and only South Carolina, with a whistling 524.21. Is lower.

The national average is \$40.77, and in some instances, as in Alaska and Michigan, the averages run up over \$50. In seven other states the average is over

seven other states the average is over \$45.

But that isn't all. North Carolina's wage level has increased more than half, in the past three years. We are still 39 per cent below the national level, but war gains have made even our present sorry showing possible. In short, without the influx of some war industries and the coming of prosperous times, our wage level would be far lower. And this, of course, is one of the grim facts underlying. North Carolina's economy. From time to time interested citizens speak out, saying that we must reduce this tax or that to attract industries to the state, or that we must adventise our assets nationally—calling at tention, among other things, to return these do not even approach the North Carolina problem.

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We cannot hope to build a sound economy on the nation's lowest wages, nor can we hope for real progress in any field. Fer low wages mean low standards, low goals, heavy burdens.

Half-Nation

During the last war. Canada was a nation split asunder, and to this day she has not channed. The Issue which arrayed Canadians into two health camps from 194 to 1918 is alice which agrange from 194 to 1918 is alice which can be sufficiently as the sum of the sum o day General Crerar commands them in the North, on the approaches to the Rhineland But behind these troops, at home, there is the old, grave, insoluble

home, there is the use and a pro-cisias.

The Prime Minister was likely not ex-aggerating when he declared that Par-liament must effect some reasonable compromise or prepar to cope with "anarchy." The French-Canadians who have traditionally opposed conscription in their 300-year history are yet hit-

terly fighting. Members of the vast home guard have sone on sit-down strikes, have paraded in protest against military service—even in Canada. Several hundred thousand Canadians are overseas. 500 Canadian warships ply the Atlastic, but at home the French carry their defense of human liberty lost adgree ridiculous in the eyes of the United States.

Except Separates and ex-Fascists among their leaders, and their long literature of the construction of the construct

Not Enough

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, offering his resignation in the hope of brinsing peace and unity to the anks of labor, was either indulging himself in maudiin sentiment or posing with longue in check. After twenty years of service as AFL head he knows as well as any man that the split in the ranks_of-American labor goes so deep that the removal of one man cannot effect it.

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The New Orleans convention likelf is proof conoid of that AFL delegates heard some harsh words about the 'Red influence' at work in the CID—and CIO delegates in Chicago heard AFL attacked as stodgy and backward. And this is nothing new. It goes back to the nineties, when the same battle was fought between the AFL under Samitel Gompers and the old Knights of Labor. The AFL won that fight, and the Knights disappeared: they live again today in the CID—for the Phil Murray unions follow the Knights in their organization along industrial, rather than craft unionism, lines.

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There is this difference labor itself must recognize and somehow overcome. So long at exist, with two great long at exist, with two great of the control of th

There's Smoke

There is more than meets the eye in the case of the brawling Attorney General's office. Francis Biddle, who insisted upon the resignation of Norman Littell a couple of weeks ago, has made an issue of persona' differences between two men of divergent political views. But the issue grew a good deal larger than he had intended. Mr. Littell fired right here saving that the trouble in

than he had intended. Mr. Littell fired right back, saying that the trouble in the office of which we will be seen and the office of which we will be seen as the form of the hear of some Senators, he threw the fight mito public view.

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There is a long record of scrapping between Messrs. Biddle and Littell, and it goes back beyond the case of Tommy Corcoran (whom Biddle is now accused of saving from Justice Department action). And the trouble is not that Mr. Biddle is auch an out-and-out New Dealer, an irresponsible radical. Not that at all. As a matter of fact, his assistant is a good deal to his lett—and far out in front of him.

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Mr. Littell, against reported Biddle resistance, fought these battles:

1. He haired the Navy's scheme to lease its precious Elk Hills oil reserve to Standard Oil of California.

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2 He fought the Army's plan to turn back the great Breakers Hotel of Palm Breach to its former owners, after millions had been spent converting it into a buse hospital.

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3. He made possible quick clearance of title on government-purchased land, enabling thousands of farmers to get spreak payment for property they had been forced to surrender for army camps.

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Mr. Biddle fought him, all the way, but it can't be said, either, that Mr. Littell its the New Deal radical, and Mr. Biddle the conservative. Witheas the Littell charge that the Attorney General gave ameturary to Mr. Corocran. The Assistant Attorney General, from what is known of the case, has a clean record. He has atcod on the right side so very often, when Mr. Biddle was standing on the other, that there must be something hadly wrong in that office. The record seems to point directly to Mr. Biddle And we say this despite Mr. Roosewelt's aiding with his Attorney General in sharply rebuking and diamissing Mr. Littell.

The Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson

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Another Interested Party



A Weird Kind Of Freedom

By Samuel Grafton

NEW YORK

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Plan For Germany

By Dorothy
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off. 1944 by Hea Bervick, Inc. T. M. Reg. B. C. Pat. DFF.

SIDE GLANCES

"I don't know whether the fighting is more dangerous in Germany or not, but it's a relief to know the women George meets now are enemies, and not those so grateful French girls!"

Everyday Counselor

By Herbert Spaugh, D.D.

Is the United States historically ea Christian mation? A corresponding to this question, who finds an interesting sawer in the history of the country.

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respondent raises this question, which finds an Interesting answer in the history of the country. The first and of Christopher Coart, fool on soil of the new world was to fall to his knees in prayer who foliowed him later to make their homes in the New World Christian, driven from their native lands by religious persection. The country planned for the new Respondent of the country planned for the country planned for the country and the country planned for the country planned

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