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Nothing Done

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13. Is a matter of concern to the State Mental Hygiene Society that 36.8 per cent of North Carolina's draft registrants were rejected by the services. And the society's interest is a roused because a poodly proportion of these rejections was due to mental deficiency. There are no North Carolina figures, but of every 100 men rejected by Selective Service in the nation. 32 failed to meet the low, mental requirements. And Mrs. Ernest Hunter, president of the society, reminds once more that the state is doing 'too little'' to care for our mentally deficient clittens.

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citizens.

So far as we're concerned that is an elegant bit of understatement. North Carolina, in fact, is doing almost nothing—and we are persuaded that our present efforts are chiefly in the wrost direction. Our inactivity does not stem from ignorance of the facts. In the Thompson Report of 1936 these suggestions were inade:

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The schools should develop a plan to train mental defectives. A second training school should be built. A psychiatrist, social worker and psychologist should be provided at Caswell Training School. The sterilization program should be broadened. Delinquent children should be classified and trained inside institutions.

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Not one of these suggestions has been followed up. Dr. Thompson might not have written at all, so far as results are concerned: North Carolina has no idea of the humber of mentally deficient in its borders; it does nothing for them in the public schools: it sternlizes almost none: there is no program for idea-tiffication or registration: it provides inadequate facilities for segregation; there is, a dearth of public information on the subject.

The Mental Hygiene Society, as one of the prime forces for culightenment and improvement of the state's mental health, might well be concerned. For, though we are apprized of conditions, we cannot stir outselves to action. And the army of the feeble-minded grows apace, with passing generations.

100 Billions

We don't know how you folks feel, but we've been a little relieved since we found that the Government finally passed the hundred billion dollar mark in spending during the past fiscal year. We've been expecting and dreading that milestone for a long time. It's so much money it wearies us to think about it. We've no idea how it will all end, and can't puzzle out the economists who continue to insist that we can continue spending, bear the cost of servicing the debt, and prosper to beat the band. It isn't cherring to see that the public properties of the servicing the set had the public properties of the servicing the debt.

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It isn't cheering to see that the public debt has now crawled up to almost \$259,000,000,000, either And we'll feel another surge of relief when that 300 billion limit is reached. But about last year's spending we're not really discouraged at all. We're morally certain a great deal of that money was wasted, that we might have cut some expensive corrers here and there, and come out a little to the good But the great bulk of that 100 billions werl for war, most of it directly for war. More than 90 billions werl into war spending, with the Army accounting for 50 billions, the Navy for 30 and more than 10 billions the Navy for 30 and more than 10 billions the Navy for 30 and more than 10 billions the Navy for 30 and more than 10 billions the war account Total is the breath-taking total of the cost of making, war in a twent mental of store that the second of the cost of the second o

saw the finish of Hitler's empire of evil, and the tectering of Japan you can't reckon the value of such victories, any more than you can set deliar value, on the more than a million, casuality as have suffered since Pearl Harbo.

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depth in digits, but every time we anxi-qually try to plot our position, and be-moan our state of fiscal affairs, we come back to the beginning: all but a tiny proportion of this treasure is for war, and with it we bunght victory. Could we take any other course?

A Waiting List

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It Congress really intends to investistate every loan made to fillott Roosevell it must set up a permanent committee and sive it plenty of rope. The
line of his dissillusioned creditors is gettime longer, and though not one of them
has come forward voluntarily to telf
his story, none seems to be well pleased,
nor averse to offering details for publication.

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Maxwell Bilofsky, having loaned Elliott
\$50,000 on poor collateria, jog \$50,000 in
settlement. His rewird was much handsonner than Mr Hartfords, and under
the circumstances he has little reason
to kick. And in this case there is no
outward evidence that Elliott's father
was in any way involved.

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President Roosevelt apparently had full knowledge of the Hartford deal cless dones settled it as Screetary of Commerce: but may have known nothing of the Blofsky case. A go-between made arrangements, and Elliott never saw has benefacter face to face. Mr Blofsky explains, without a sly built at hopes of patrenage, that he begade only to increase his business in radio tubes. When he failed in do so, he write off the whole thing as a loss, he made no income tax deduction for the had debt.

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We can't image where the relodd lake of Elimit's financial dealings will finally end. By then, there'll be no surprises left, but it will be interesting to see inst how far this most incantions of all the late President's sone did push his back and family name.

The Co-Between

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Don't expect a nation, which mounting at the returement of Barry Hiphans from public life. There were many describing which are also before the property of the

god into government.
Most of the critics were more or less rabidly anti-New Deal, and to them Harry The Hop symbolized all that was fearful in the Roossvelt Administration. But the country, though it is likely unaware of it, owes much to Harry Hopkins, the war-maker.

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As advisor to Mr. Roosevell, as his mouthpiece as a long series of vital conferences, as his second mind, he did a great deal to cement relations with our alines, to help puzzle out the political, ecclonic and military moves against Germany and Japan. He served as a troubic shooter of a high order, and though his movements were widely publicated, his work was not. He spoke for Mr. Roosevell, and enjoyed the complete confidence of his chief. Without him our war effort must surely his advantage of the server and the surface of the server was suffered.

Among the last acts of his official life. Awaitington was to brief President Trainant on the intimate details of past conferences to sketch for him the story of all the progressive agreements lead of the progressive agreements lead to the progressive agreements lead to the reservent understandings. Beginning the state of the weaking the goosy had it that his die tors gote him hut a few mouths law But he tors gove him hut a few mouths law But he tors served in a vital project of transition. He has, whatever the control made have thought of him a New Dealer carned his rest.

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetions and comic escerpt) from the Congressional Record)

The Merry-Go-Round

CHIEF reason Harry Hopkins won't so to Berlin for C the Big Three meeting is health. WASHINOTON to C the Big Three meeting is health. Whenever Harry goes away on trips, he forgets to take he had been as the state of the comment of the three hards and that Hopkins and Byrnes don't get along. It was Hopkins who last December persuaded FDR to appoint stituling rather than Byrnes as Sectional Stituling and Byrnes as Sectional Stituling and the state of the stituling and the state of the stituling and the state of the state

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slow death: There's a stake of \$60,000,000 in gold in London which the London Potes control as long as they have been as the London Potes control as long as they are the London Potes control as long as they are the London Potes control as long as they are the London Potes and International Telephone & Telegraph have been trying to find out what happened to their investments in Humary and Romania. So far, the Control of the London Longon and Longon

The "Best Man"

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Third potential candidate was Judge Sherman Minformer Senator from Indiana. He also replied that
former Senator from Indiana. He also replied that
Houmean was swern in as Postmaster General, he paid
there tribute to retritine Postmaster Fant Walker.

"Frank was the first man to suggest that I become chairman of the Satienal Committee. "Baungean said. "and
shers as Postmaster General."

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what many feed about Frank Walker—one of the most
tinselfish, locable persons ever to hold high office.

When gracious Senator Ton Comails spoke at the
toe began. "General Ridde, General Cherk, and any other
screen as the may be here."

"Homey Ten Clark didn't less this sense of humar when he took the oath. After
makine an appropriate spoech, he said: "Now I want
you to meet the folks." First he introduced his Tay-verwith me", he said, leading Mrs. Clark to the speaker's
rostrum. Then came his station-y-diencial.

Changing Berths



No More Honeyswoggling

By Marquis Childs

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith

"We were born five years too late, Mortimer—we are a generation of civilians too young for the war, doomed to a life without romance!"

Dottie's Squawk

By Dorothy Thompson

By Dorothy Thompson

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ple case—that could arrange a meeting.

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The Sun's Eclipse By H. L. Golden

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