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How Low Wages Work

One sign of labor's growing strength, and respectability, in the South, is the urham hearing on the 65-cent mini-Dominal hearing on the observed webselved by the community of the communit mum wage Saturday. Nine of the twelve

North Carolina.

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In the background of the hearing which would not have been possible a few years ago! will be facts like these, aboving the states stoomer, per capits, is 1.062. North Carolina's is \$689.

2. The national ratio of doctors to patients is one to 700; in North Carolina it is 680.

3. The national ratio of doctors to patients is one to 700; in North Carolina it is one to 1309.

3. The national percentage of adults with less then a fiftherwise education.

with less than a fifth-grade education is 13.5; in North Carolina it is 26.2 per

is 183; in North Carolina it is 262 per cent.

4. In all-other regions, 76 per cent of the elicible electorate votes; in North Carolina 40 per cent vote.

5. In other regions, 18.8 per cent of the homes lack electricity; in North Carolina the figure is 45.6 per cent.

These statistics march on endlessly,

and all stand in the background of the low wage. For example, over 60 per cent of North Carolina homes have no running water; we stand 39th in infant deaths, 42nd in adult education, 43rd in earnings, 48th in draft rejections.

But the testimony in Durham must, go beyond these already familiar facts. Soomer or later, the sponsors will run up against the difficulty now faced by striking auto workers. Witnesses will point out that 65 cents and hour means only 325 a week (452 a fact educations), and 325 and

needs an income of \$1,950 a year in these times.

But then they will get down to the hoint. They will say that industry in North Carolina can pay this \$26-a-week, and they will point to last year's \$38-6.000,000 profit, before taxes, of the Southern textile industry. And they will say that industry can afford this minimum wage without increasing priees. We don't know how they will make out, but have a hunch the Durham hearings will have little effect beyond spreading the word. For when it comes to a showdown Southern industry, like Midwestern industry, will say that profits are no concern of labor, and we may see another stalemate develop. We are not attempting to set a minimum wage ourselves, not to suggest what it should be. We only know what we've known all along: That prosperity for the South and North Carolina cannot be built upon low wages. That much should be obvious to all parties by now.

Routine Examination

For a fellow who came South on a duck-hunting trip, Indiana's Representative Halleck, the Republican strate-gist, is having a pretty full week. Re-porters caught him before he got out into the marshes and diverted his at-Oh, yes, he said, the Solid South. It

shouldn't be that way. It would be much happier under the Republicans. If it could just turn Republican once. It might still be solid, that way, but it would be happier. He didn't say just

how.

Rep. Halleck voiced the same cry
many a Southerner has uttered. He
knew the section, and the nation, too,
must be suffering because of this oneparty system. But he didn't know quite what to do about it. He'd found it a bit what to do should it. He dround it addifficult, to convince Southerners to break away from the Democrats. He found the response "a little disheartening." So he didn't know just how the Grand Old. Party was going to win the South

South.

But he did point out the wide gulf between Northern and Southern Democrats. A divisive tactic. He thought it

unilkely that Southern Democrats could be fused with Northern Republicans; they seem to make unhappy bedfellows, except in moments of crists. And when a reporter asked him if his relations with Dixle Democrats were amiable, he said he didn't know what to say. Brocher Halleck should have been out amonest the ducks. igst the ducks.

He did think of one happy sign: "The South, though, does go with the Repub-licans to curb radical moves in the ad-

ministration. We are lost, comrades, we do serve a useful purpose. We can help the GOP beard the radicals at odd moments, even if we must quickly retact into the ranks and march again in lock

Well, we've been examined by experts Well, we've been examined by experts before now, and not a one, except in the year of Al Smith, ever saw much hope for us. We've puzzled them one and all. And about all we have to offer, aside from mild climate and a little duck shooting, is a solid front and an occasional hand in a radical-hunt. Maybe Rep. Halleck was a little hard on us. Maybe we serve a useful, if minor, purpose after all.

Is The Race On Now?

If we never saw the shadow of the future before we should see it now. This week they're saying that Russia has an atomic bomb-a far better one, in fact, than our own model. It is, up to now, just a rumor. A scientist in Londonderry told the story, sketched in with a few

told the story, sketched in with a few ominous facts.

'The President was quick to say that our Government had no data to support this report. It was almost a denial. But who knows? Who knows whether the Russian scientists, led by a captured German scientist, really have their incredible tennis ball in production? And who's going to prove it, one way or another?

Suppose, for the sake of argument, Suppose, for the sake of argument, that Russia is still 50 years from its discovery, but that ahe announces one day for propaganda purposes that she has it. Suppose that Moscow reports a few Siberian steppes have been wiped out in an experiment. Who; then, will ask her to show us? "Who will stand up and say: "Liar! We don't believe you. Let us see it?" And suppose some other nation makes the same claim, next day. Will we de-mand proof of it, too? It can become an endless chain, this terrible new war of nerves. One that might lead to world

destruction.

There is now, just as there was before the rumor from Russia, just one way to prevent such a tragedy in our time. We must join with our war-time allies in establishing a strong, fool-proof method of control. There must be joint and complete international control of the atomic weapons. From the very first our own scientists (and those invaluable refugees who showed us how) have warned us that we could not possibly keep the secret. It is sure to be out in a few years, and it may well be that other nations will find new methods, less expensive, requiring less industrial

other nations will find new methods, less expensive, requiring less industrial know-how than our own.

And even if we cling to the belief that we can lick the world in an atomic bomb race, how many Americans want to live in a time like that? Do we want to encourage the development of a third World War?

From The Textile Bulletin:

These Dangerous Universities

Haw" of the German air waves, has gone to a traitor's death on the gallows of Wadsworth Prison in London, England. The notice of his execution said "Joyce, who came to England from America at the age of 15, became a follower of Sir Oswald Mosley while a student at London University". University

At London University there apparent-At London University there apparently were several professors or instructors
interested in promoting fascism and
they must have been able to influence
the immature William Joyce, just as at
the University of North Carolina, a
small group believing if socialism and
communism finds certain students whose
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communism finds certain students whose minds can be influenced towards accepting their theories.

These professors and instructors who prey upon the immaturity of young men who enter their classrooms are employed by branches of the very governments which they seek to destroy and when any effort is made to dislodge them they prate about "academic freedom" and "freedom of speech."

Under their influence many speakers are brought to address student forums and they loudly proclaim that students

William Joyce, notorious "Lord Haw are given both sides of every question.

Immediately following a radical speakimmediately following a radical speak-er, the professors and instructors am-plify and commend statements which are in accord with their theories, whereare in accord with their theories, where-as following addresses by conservative speakers, they point out alleged weak-nesses in their arguments and millify the influence of their statements. Stu-dents naturally have confidence in the statements of their professors and in-structors and are easily influenced when ruch teachers make favorable or unfasuch teachers make favorable or unfa-vorable comments upon ideas advanced

Very few students who leave college as confirmed communist or confirmed fascists, had any such views when they entered the institution.

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Most college students are at impresable ages and it is comparatively easy sable ages and it is comparatively easy saders and to feasure the product of crusaders and to feasure the world.

Fortunately most of them, shed such ideas as they become more mature and get away from the professors who induced them, but there are some like "Lord Haw Haw" who never fully recover and who carry their ideas into private life.

G. I. Anger **Boils Over** In Capital

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1. The War Department's official slow-down by demobiliza-

partments officers of the control of TRUMAN DIDN'T KNOW

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President.
Those who know Harry Tru-man's habit of mingling with folks say that he never would have con-sented to having the entire club taken over on his account if he had known about it, and that the brass hats must have put one over on him.

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NOTE—Army claim that its fast discharge of men makes for inelliciency doesn't bear close scrutiny—as, for instance, the Brooke and the scrubble of the scrubble o

than 2.500; yet its staff continues at 75 per cent of the peak period. There are scores of similar cases. CHURCHILL'S SON-IN-LAW Best story on the distinguished There are scores of similar cases. The continues of the USA concerns Churchill's excon-in-law, Vic Oliver, the famous stope comediance divorce from Churchill's daughter, but shortly before the divorce he called, as No. 10 Downing Street to see 'if he couldn't help patch up his continues of the couldn't help patch up his continues of the couldn't help patch up his couldn't help patch help pat

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Open For Business

From The American Mercury:

Why Veterans Are Bitter

By WILLARD WALLER

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are in large part justified in their bitterness.

Neurally, not every veteran is better at least not in any ob-vious way. Human nature displays an endless variability, and there are millions of veterans. But enough veterans—especially men who have been in combat—nour-ish a smouldering anger to give a tone to the entire group. Talk to the wounded men, and, you will discover whether veterans are bitter.

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"Tell me what your ribbons mean," says the kindly civilian gentleman. With exaggerated politeness the veteran replies: "This liteness the veteran replies: This Yellow one's for being Drafted Early. The Red one's the Good Bumon Ribon. The Green and Control of the Good Bumon Ribon. The Green and Circuit, and the Purple one is the Jerry Marksmanship Medial, otherwise known as the Order of the Purple. The Control of the Purple of the P

The veleran benumbed to apathy while he sweated out the war, may react to commonplace incidents of civilian life with an inchests of civilian life with an inchesive that seems shormal to those who have stayed at home. Civilians are constantly longing ger in the veteran. Every days news bring fresh evidence of the widening gulf between soldier and civilian.

widening gulf between soldier and civilian. When V-B Day came at last, civilians—who, the soldiers felt, had done nothing to bring it brated with fever, left their jobs, neglected essential war work, got drunk, and threw away tons of badly needed paper. But the wounded soldiers just back from the front looked on grimly, feeling that this joy was out of placeing that the joy was out of placeing in the Pacific: they remembered also their comrades who had died so that fat, soft, selfish ci-

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willians could get drum' and shout Hurrah.

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The People's Platform

Our Mad World

By B. H. EIDSON

Charlotte
The only adequate description of
the Pearl Harbor investigation is
to compare it with the second and
third acts of Shaksspeare's drama.
King John. Any moment you would
expect an actor to rush into the
investigating room and shout, Mad

world, mad kings, mad composi-

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shouting, "the Nazis have no de-sign on us."

An investigation would be more to the point if it demanded that our citizens whom the Nazis had our citizens whom the Nazis had marked down as "friendly." Rather than work desperately to see if they can possibly find some fault in the world demands that an inquiry be made to see how it was pos-sible for Western civilization boast-ing of 2000 years of uninterrupted-ed the rise and growth of a resime which slaughtered ten million hu-man beings in gas chambers and in incinerators.

man beings in gas champers have a incinerators.

If the world is to profit by its mistakes a Pearl Harbor investigating committee on how Nazidom was made possible would be much more to the point.

Quote, Unquote

AT last the time has come for world government. We should surrender enough of our sovereignty to insure world peace.
—Sen. Glen H. Taylor of Idahe.

Marquis Childs

Super Power For Science

WASHINGTON WHILE he was directing the far-flung operation necessary to assemble the great plants that made the atomic bomb and the cities built around the plants, Maj. Gen.

Leslie R. Groves exercised

a power as nearly excessed as a power as nearly stated by any American.

He had complete freedom in spending of unlimited sums of money. But more amounted simost to the power of life and death over many individuals.

An example will show what it means to direct the tender of the individual is omitted in the belief that to use it would only do him harm. He had participated in an effort to organize the workers on the project. His draft board received word from the highest sources in Washington to put him in 1-A. Grant of the control of the co

projects came under suspicion. He and parties of the control of th

previously worked heard of his plight, protested and the young scientist was sent to
the South Pacific.

THE DICTATOR

Moreover, he was not just a minor cog in
the great stomic machine. His work was so
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him with one of the country's top physicists.
Sometimes security regulations implinged
on high policy and relations with foreign
press. Dr. Behard U. Gordon, now director
connected with Westinghouse, was one of a
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Expecting to leave by plane the next day.
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Condon knew too much to take the risk.
Condon was under some embarrassment,
Levander to rivine Langung of the General
Electric Corp. to cancel his trip to Russia
But the distinguished Nobel Prize winner
better of the bomb project was limited, and hmade the journey to Moscow.

Samuel Grafton

Is Freedom Just A Word?



and only American soldiers could nave conhits.

It is as if, with the end of the war, an
impulse toward freedom cense up from the
very toes of the men; and they are no
of something, of an organization. Our organizing impulse, which comes to the top
diving an emergency, fades when the emerter of the control of the control of the contracy, never really demobilizes its organizations in an orderly fashion, and why they
seem to fly apart as the new impulse takes
over.

Some sections of conservative American opinion understand very well this deep rhythm in our national life, our habit of whorling beyone freedom and consultation, will be able to stretch our postwar reaction so as to kill off priorities and price control. That makes it a time for Americans to do That makes it a time for Americans to do consultation of the control o



"Why shauldn't he look guilty—he happens to be one of the innocent witnesses at a Congressional investigation."