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Signals Off

The advantages of city planning, and The advantages of city planning, and the disadvantages of not planning, were spity illustrated in the argument which developed locally over extending the city ilmits. It was touched off in a lifty by the request of the Mckleiburg Legislatorial delegation for an expression from the people on extending or staying as is, and for a day or two it was a prime subject of conversation and prime subject of conversation and

ing as is, and for a day or two it was a prime subject of conversation and controversy.

A good thing that was, too, for the question will be up again, in time, for final disposition. But so far as extension at this session of the Legislature is concerned, we consider that it has been nipped in the budding by Mayor Baxter's statement that nothing of the sort is in the cards before 1947.

There are three main reasons for extending the city limits. One is to make city services available to those residents who want fhem and are entitled to them. Another is to increase the city's population so that it will take its rightful place in the standings of cities and reliect lis due commercial importance. The proper was to the commercial importance of the proper who earn their whips to any extent because of the commercial importance of Charlotte ought to be more than willing to cast their lots with Charlotte. Even so, no Federal census will be taken before 1950, and there is plenty of time remaining in which to redefine city limits to include settled contiguous areas.

The third reason for extending the limits was, in the view of those who

redefine city ilmits to incume service contiguous areas.

The third reason for extending the limits was, in the view of those who first advanced the proposition, the most important. It was to give the City Planning Board jurisdiction of areas around the city before they had been developed, rather than wailing until after they had been developed. If the growth of the city is not continuously anticipated in this manner, we will have made the task of planning all the more difficult or impossible.

The move to extend the city limits

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The move to extend the city limits colorided with the first establishment of a City Planning Board. That board, which should have had the most to a shout where to extend, and how far, and why, and on what conditions had bardy been introduced to its assignment. It was nowhere near ready to make specific recommendition, expecially about a matter of such importance and scope.

ally about a matter of such importance and scope.

Mayor Baxter and the members of the board were quite wise, we believe, to call for a two-year delay. Despite are fair fact that no official action was taken, it is gratifying to note that planning in Charlotte is, at last, a Radity, even if the first evidence of it takes a negative form.

Fumble, Fumble

The case of Harry Bridges has given us some doubt as to the efficacy of judicial processes in our democracy. We are not burning, with a desire to see Harry deported to Australia, as per a Federal order of May, 1942. We are given for understand, even, that he has become a most respectable member of the labor movement, and is now one of the really responsible leaders of labor on the West Coast. He is reported to be quite something eise than the wild radical he was once pictured to be in the days before Russia Joined the United Nations.

But we are concerned less with Harry and the second of the west than the second of the seco

the man has changed character. It has put us to thinking that, though we all hold human rights dear, no swift, efficient means of enforcing the Federal will can exist, under our means of protecting those rights.

Nazi Chicanery

There is nexodus of German capital from the battered Vaterland, threatened on all sides by coming ruin. It takes the form of patents and inventions, this time, and is not counted in dollars and cents, as it is while hidden in Switzerland. This time, it pours into Sweden, an allegedly neutral nation which has maintained its status despite trafficking in vital materials of war with Nazi Germany.

Into Sweden's patent office are see-

in vital materials of war with Mad Germany.

Into Sweden's patient office are going applications protecting the enormously valuable German inventions in the fields of automotive, chemical and photographic industries. Their owners, we presume, foresee that they will now be out of harm's reach, that the victorious United Nations will respect them so long as they are registered in a neutral country, out of respect for the civilized codes of the modern business world. We hope that their forethought will be in vain.

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will be in vain.

We can see no earthly reason why Germans, having profiled out of this second catastroppe of the century, should be allowed to hold possession of their patents—or any other form of wealth.

It is time for amending the rules. Why It is time for amending the rules. Why not seize all of these patients, take them from their owners, and make them available to the world at large? Even at that, it would be might small payment on the mountainous debt that Germany owes to the world she has twice attempted to destroy.

An Orphan Pair

As almost everyone knows by now, the Charlotte Housing Authority makes an annual gift to the City of about \$5,000. It's entered as a contribution in lieu of taxes, but it's a gift, one which was unexpected when it first appeared. This has been going on for three years now, and the total take it's up to more than \$15,000. The very thought of, so much money going into municipal coffers have become tantalizing to all and sundry. Beginning with Mecklenburg County, there, has been a little stampede to crowd around and claim sites of this fund. No somer had the County filed its claim than the City School Board aunounced that it had one, too. Next, there was the Parks & Recreation Comission. It wanted some, too, And all

inflowment dish it and one, too, Next, there was the Parks & Recention Commission. It wanted some, too, And all of these could show need and established the state of the second should be somewhat the history of the second should be somewhat the history of the second should be somewhat the second should be second should should be second should be second should be second should should be second should should be second should should should be second should shou

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It is high time that we took these two agencies off this informal basis of hit-or-miss, and regarded them as of

two agencies off this informal basks of hit-ori-miss, and regarded them as of equal importance with Fire, Police and Health Departments, and the like, They are, after all, here to stay, and so long as we insist upon doing them out their share of income as at present well ar-ways find them serambling around for funds. It shouldn't be,

Statesmen At Work

(Serious, facetious and comic excerpts from the Congressional Record).

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Mr. McCORMACK. What does that remark load to?
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erpts from the Congressional Record).

Mr. McCORMACK, All right.
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go ahead, You asked me to take it out.
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columnists.

Mr. McCORMACK. How do you know what it was?

Mr. HOFFMAN. 1 knew about your mind. I can tell what you are going to advertise on the Blue Network.

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Mr. McCORMACK. Now, you come to the Blue Network. The gentleman is very astatic, let is no suspicious, he is no auspicious even followed, that he does not wear pockets in bits clother.

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Mr. HOFFMAN, Perhaps I do not have peckets because I do not want anyone to put their hands through the perkets because I are not see? I would not trust myself in the trust myself to the keep peckets. I notice you have your hands in your own pockets.

pockets.

Mr. McCORMACK. Do not worry about me, brother. I have confidence in myself.

The Merry-Go-Round

MOST of the 600 Congressmen who crowded into the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress talk to the war went away with a feeling that they had wasted their lime. The words of Admiral Erner King, chief of Navai operations, and Army chief of Statif Central George Marshall might gressional gathering, but to a Congress which already follows the war carefully, it was disappointing.

Congressmen concluded that the construction of the constant admonitions of the constant admonitions of the constant admonitions of Admiral King that "this must not greated to boost Congressional support of work-or-fight legislation."

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"You will excuse me if I do not go into more detail," said the Admiral.

Ring observed that recent Naval history has justified our huge production of long-range submarines and
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locks, King said, which formerly would have required
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was in a movie of new Naval guns and certain protecfloor devices.

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Herpoons Headlines

General Marshall then held the floor for nearly an hour and a half. He made a good impression and paper headlines writers by rowl as he catalgated new-borght picture." There is still a lot of war to be fought in both hemispheres, Marshall said—and a lot of vupplies to be sent out. To emphasize the magnitude of the supply problem, Marshall said that in two months of the supply problem, Marshall said that in two months of the supply problem, Marshall said that in two months of the supply supplies to France as we shipped in all of World War.

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It was lack of supplies which stopped our drive acress France last Summer, Marshall said, sithough he made it plain it was the Army's inability to supply enough fuel and mountilons, rather than lack of production at home which stopped us.

With a mod to Clare Luce, Marshall observed that morale among our troops in Haly is lower than on any other front, and he added that the tone of many letters from home lends to depress rather than raise morals.

morale.

Marshall said the Army has received good support from the home front and from Congress, but that this is no time to slacken on the job. This country has done miracles, he contended, especially considering the fact that the war was never brought to our shores. He spoke at some length of the suffering in London, and showed charts comparing the destruction in London with what it would have been in New York had the Germans bilized that city.

A Brand New Hara-Kiri Method



The Curse Of The Robot Bomb

By Marguis Childs

The British hobit of understatement has never been more apparent than in the various phases of the futtle strugge by the Nark to subduce this small, tough, teracious islaind.

When a V-bomb falls, its aftermath is known in the terminology of the resent services as an "incident." In the course of a recent tour of Southern England to see the damaged areas, we came upon an "inci-

There had been atteet, and along the street had been a row of pleasant cottages. Across the street had been a concert. The bomb had fallen about an hom before our arrival, in the Cottage and the department of the cottages and the dead in the place of the cottages and the dead in the name of the cottages and the dead in the name of the cottages and the dead in the place of the cottages and the dead in the name of the cottages and the dead in the place of the cottages and the dead in the place of the cottage and the dead in the place of the cottage of the c

struction for some distance.

In one block, the catages were completely destroyed, In adjoining blocks, windows and some roofs were smashed. Honsebodders were trying to plefs up and part together their pitiful possessions. Already an emergency squad was helping to put temporary eellophane windows in the houses that were still liabitable. The newly dead and injuried had been taken away. Over the whole seen hong the awful stench of death from the shat-level graves.

action graves. Intuinediately after an "inclident," the Women's Volunteer Services sets up an "inquiry point," and here came relatives and friends seeking news, They are so patient. They want in line, as they wait in line for everything else.

It is very hird, often, to give any definite word. Boddes are blown into small fragments by the errate path of the blast. Sometimes, only a finger with a ring is found. Police dogs are used to discover bodies or parts of bodies that are buried by the explosion. Sometimes the diggling goes on for days.

Our "incident" produced relatively few casualites, perhaps because the bomb fell in the cemetery. The line at the nearby "inquiry point" was a short one. We went into one of the bouses, where a husband and to cellect the undamnact practices of the floor and great hole had been blown off the walk, yet, freak-tably, a vase with Christmas hely and greens was left standing on a side table.

"I was in the bathroom," the housewife said, "I

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"I was in the bathroom," the housewife said, "I saw a flash of red light and just had a moment to duck my head. Then ceverything came down. We'd Just goe the place about paid for and fixed it up a little goe that the same and the same and the same and the place of the place of the place of the place of the same and the place of the same and the place of the same and the house up enough to live in. It was too early to tell yet. The house up enough to live in. It was too early to tell yet. The place of the same and the house up enough to live in. It was too early to tell yet. The same and the same and the house up enough to live in. It was too early to tell yet. On throton, or early to find some glasses that were not hordered and the same and the s

The Plight Of France

By Samuel Grafton

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SIDE GLANCES



"You are not going to take her skiing! After all we've spent teaching her to dance, do you think I want her to get a broken leg?"

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No Losers. These By Hal Boyle

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Editors. The News:

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inc fault or praising Russia. We are controlled with a situation which calls for lact, patience and are controlled with a situation which calls for lact, patience and callone that Russia admires the United States, and wants to be our friend.

There are many things about the Russians which we admire. The Russians which we admire the unifieledly toward the Russians. This is no time to lister to those who beat the drum of hate, and the russiant is evere their edifiances.

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—LEWIS AYER SMITH.

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Our Hospitels?

Editors The News

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—MRS. A. J. HAGOOD

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