

News Review of Current Events

BILLION FOR DEFENSE

President Wants Bigger Navy . . . Budget Message Reveals Larger Deficit, Less Revenue



Silk to feed anti-Japanese bonfire flames is being gathered from the shapely limbs of girls at Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where the delegates to the third annual convention of the American Student Union staged a demonstration for a boycott against Japanese goods. Silk stockings, shirts and neckties were burned.

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SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Budget Message Summary

MORE vitally important than his annual message on the state of the nation was President Roosevelt's budget message to congress. In it he forecast a deficit of \$1,088,129,600 for the current fiscal year which ends on June 30, and a deficit of \$949,606,000 for the 1939 fiscal year.

There was no promise that the budget would be balanced in the near future, the national revenue estimates being reduced because of the business depression.

Nearly a billion dollars was asked by the President for national defense because of "world conditions over which this nation has no control," and more may be called for soon for the same purpose.

Summarized, the President's budget statement said:

Revenues for the next fiscal year will total \$5,919,400,000, a decrease of \$401,076,000 from the present fiscal year.

Expenditures, exclusive of debt retirements, will total \$6,869,000,000, a decrease of \$539,500,000 from the present fiscal year.

National defense appropriations will total \$991,300,000, an increase of \$34,300,000. Later the President may ask for additional funds to construct several extra naval vessels.

Relief expenditures for the next fiscal year will total roughly \$1,138,304,000, a decrease of \$841,356,000 from the present fiscal year.

The deficit will be financed through Social Security and other trust funds and not through public borrowing.

The deficit estimate for the fiscal year which ends June 30 has been raised from \$695,000,000 to \$1,088,129,600, because of the business recession.

Expenditures for new highways, new rivers and harbors projects, new public buildings, new reclamation projects and other new public works will be reduced sharply.

The public debt will reach a record high of \$38,528,200,000 on June 30, 1939.

Senators Hear About Autos

AFTER listening for two days to government officials, the senate committee studying unemployment and relief turned to industrial leaders for information and advice. It began with the automotive industry, receiving a long and exhaustive statement from the Automobile Manufacturers' association which includes all the most important concerns in the industry except the Ford company.

Major points in the statement were:

In 1937, 4,800,000 automobiles were produced in the United States, 10 per cent less than in 1929.

Employment averaged 517,000, largest ever and 16 per cent above 1929.

The automobile industry was the only one having an increase in labor cost per unit of output since 1929. Weekly earnings of workers averaged \$32.04 for first eight months of 1937.

At present dealers have on hand about 400,000 new cars, highest since 1930; manufacturers have

very large inventories of parts and sub-assemblies.

Hourly wage rates are 30 per cent above 1929, all direct manufacturing costs equal to 1929, but auto prices per pound are still 13 per cent below 1929.

For National Defense

BEFORE the reading of the budget message in congress had been concluded, the President was in conference in the White House with men who will have most to do with putting into effect his plans for strengthening the national defense. These were Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison and Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations; Chairman Edward T. Taylor of the house appropriations committee, Chairman Carl Vinson of the house naval affairs committee, and Representative William B. Umstead, chairman of the appropriations sub-committee on naval appropriations.

The group considered additions to the navy building program, including recommendations for beginning construction on five battleships to replace all obsolete American capital vessels, ten to fifteen cruisers, and additional submarines, destroyers, and auxiliary craft.

Sutherland Retires

HAVING passed the retirement age of seventy-five years, Associate Justice George Sutherland notified the President that he would quit his seat in the Supreme court on January 18. Like Justice Van Devanter, he will still be eligible for duty in the lower courts at his own pleasure.

Justice Sutherland, a former United States senator from Utah and a former president of the American Bar association, was appointed to the Supreme court by President Harding in 1922. He was born in Buckinghamshire, England, and was brought to the United States in his infancy. He was identified with the conservative wing of the court.

Immediately upon the announcement of Sutherland's retirement, everyone began guessing as to his successor. It was taken for granted that Mr. Roosevelt would select a liberal.

Prominent among those mentioned for the place was Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, a steadfast supporter of the New Deal. If the appointment goes to the Middle West, Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan seemed to stand a good chance.

Can't Limit Strikes? THE national labor relations board informed congress in its annual report that legal limitations on the right to strike would be unconstitutional. The statement was made in the face of a reviving drive to amend the Wagner act, under which the board operates, and to take steps to increase trades unions responsibility.

Hill to Be Alabama Senator

REP. LISTER HILL, administration adherent, is to be the new senator from Alabama. In the Democratic primaries he defeated former Senator Tom Heflin, and that is equivalent to election. The seat he will have, formerly filled by Hugo Black, has been occupied since Black's elevation to the Supreme court by Dixie Bibb Graves, wife of Governor Graves, but it was agreed that she would resign as soon as an election was held.

Mr. Hill, who is forty-three years old, will be one of the youngest members of the senate. He has been serving as chairman of the house military affairs committee.

No New Deal Retreat

READING his annual message on the state of the nation before the senate and house at the opening of congress, President Roosevelt declared his purpose to advance upon the same fundamentals of the New Deal that have hitherto been proposed. He said: "I do not propose to let the people down. I am sure the congress of the United States will not let the people down. We hold our principles and our objectives to be sound. We will never go back on them."

The President again urged congress to enact legislation for control of wages and hours of work. He asked that all segments of the nation co-operate with the government to achieve better economic balance.

Reasserting his approval of proposed changes in tax laws, he said:

"Three things should be kept in mind. First the total sum to be derived by the federal treasury must not be decreased as a result of any changes in schedules. Second, abuses by individuals or corporations designed to escape taxpaying by using various methods of doing business corporate and otherwise—abuses which we have sought, with great success, to end—must not be restored. Third, we should rightly change certain provisions where they are proven to work definite hardship, especially on the small business men of the nation."

"But speculative income should not be favored over earned income."

Speaking of his attitude toward the nation's business as a whole, Mr. Roosevelt declared:

"The overwhelming majority of business men and bankers intend to be good citizens. Only a small minority have displaced poor citizenship by engaging in practices which are dishonest or definitely harmful to society. This statement is straightforward and true."

"No person in any responsible place in the government of the United States has ever taken any position contrary to it."

He called for prompt agreements on a farm program—now in conference between the house and senate—and asked specifically that congress "keep the cost of its administration within the figure of current government expenditures in aid of agriculture."

Farley Finds a Surplus

JIM FARLEY, in his annual report as postmaster general, was able to show a surplus of more than 12 millions for his department. To do this, however, he deducted an expense item of about 60 million dollars, calling it a "nonpostal" item. He charged off the air and ocean mail subsidies and all free mail.

Dealing with the activities of the postal inspection service, Farley said the traffic in spurious lottery tickets is believed to have been broken up with the arrest and conviction of a band of racketeers in the East who disposed of more than 10 million dollars' worth of such tickets in the last few years.

China Reorganization

INSTEAD of surrendering to the Japanese invaders, the government of China has been reorganized and plans made for continued resistance against the enemy.

Chiang Kai-shek, as was predicted some time ago in this column, has dropped all his civil duties and will devote himself to building up and leading the army. He is now commander in chief of the land forces and temporarily at the head of the navy. Finance Minister H. H. Kung, his brother-in-law, succeeds him as president of the executive yuan, or premier, and other important changes have been made in ministries and key posts.

It was announced that he has in training a new army of 800,000 men to support the 900,000 who are combating the Japanese.

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Personal Indorsements.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—I used to be a pretty fair hand at indorsing things. But I realize now what a piker I was. I indorsed only one thing at a time.

For the present champions, I offer a suggestion. When that distinguished world traveler ("Bringing Testimonials Back Alive") and that eminent movie star, who lives in Hollywood right next to Live Reading Matter and is authoress of "Miss Colddeck Recommends," get through indorsing practically everything else, let them then club in and attain the very highest peak of indorsementology by jointly indorsing the famous society queen who has indorsed more products than they even, or anybody.



Irvin S. Cobb

Noted Ancestors.

ON THE little Hogg-Dickson ranch at Casa Blanca, Mexico—only 300,000 acres—I met the caporal, or head man, of the cow herd and one famous as a rifle-shot, an upstanding, clear-eyed Mexican, but, I fancied, with some faint indefinable suggestion of the Anglo-Saxon in his facial contours. However, his name, as I caught it, was pronounced "Ernesto Boo-na," which, to my alien ears, sounded Latinesque enough for all purposes.

He knew no English, yet, when I mentioned Kentucky—a thing I've been known to do before—he poured out a rippling flood of Spanish. Louis Kresdorn, the Texas-born manager, translated:

"Ernesto says he has heard of a far-away place called Kentucky. According to a legend in his family, his great-great-grandfather once lived there—was muy valiente, muy vivo, and was the nephew of an even greater Gringo warrior who drove the savages before him like tumble-weeds before a wind."

So I saw a light and I inquired how Ernesto spelled his last name—he spelled it the orthodox way. So, as members of the same stock, a pioneer ancestress of mine having married a kinsman of the great pathfinder, I held a reunion with this mighty huntsman.

Dachshunds.

I LIKE dachshunds. They've more sense of humor than anything I ever saw that came out of Prussia. I always figured the breed was produced by crossing a rat terrier on a German compound verb, and—I still believe you could combine usefulness with their natural comedy by training them to retrieve collar buttons from under low bureaus.

I indorse the phrase of the mathematical sharp who said a dachshund was half a dog high and a dog and a half long, but I claim Captain Mike Hogg's chauffeur, Mose, coined the best description yet. When Mrs. Hogg brought home the first one Mose ever beheld, his eyes bulged out like twin push-buttons.

"Lawsy, Miss Alice!" he exclaimed, "what is this here thing?"

"It's a dog."

"Wellum," said Mose, "if you hadn't told me, I'd 'a' said it was a snake on roller skates."

Hunting in Texas.

IT WAS raining so hard even the seagulls were trying to get in the clubhouse. So the ducks went away somewhere, out of the weather. So the hunters, who were less intelligent than the ducks, came back from the blinds dripping like so many leaky hot water bottles.

After being bailed out, we sat down to vittles—nothing unusual, just the customary club dinner. All we found on the menu was beef hash, duck stew, liver and onions, country smoked sausage and homemade headcheese, also hot biscuits, corn pones and rice cakes; likewise turnip greens, rice, sweet potatoes, squash, snapbeans and eye hominy; moreover, six kinds of pickles, preserves, jellies and jams; besides stewed pears, apple pie, papershell pecans and various fruits. Then Mrs. Jacob Smothers, the club hostess, came in to say that, if anybody in the future craved anything special, she'd try to fix it up—and wondered why such of her gorged guests as weren't too far gone uttered feeble laughter.

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Yessir, We Have It—Hold Everything but

"What's yours?"
"Ham sandwich."
"No got. Try a Sunset Special?"
"What's that?"
"A triple decker with ham, cheese, tongue, baloney, tomato, lettuce, onion, pickle and mayonnaise on raisin bread, toasted, with cole slaw on the side."
"Nope. You've got ham. Can't cha gimme a ham on white?"
"I'll try. Oh, George! One Sunset Special. Make it on one deck. Hold the cheese, tongue, baloney, tomato, lettuce, onion, pickle, mayonnaise, and cold slaw, and make the raisin bread white, untoasted . . . Right?"

Train vs. Auto

The Canadian National railways, in the contention that its trains have the right of way, sues every financially responsible owner of a motor vehicle that strikes or is struck by its rolling stock. Moreover, it wins most of its cases.—Collier's Weekly.

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When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—feel tired, nervous, all worn out.

Frequent, scanty or burning passages may be further evidence of kidney or bladder disturbance.

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