

By Charles A. Stryker

"Sing a song of sixpence, a pocket full of rye, Four and twenty blackbirds, baked in a pie."

Republicans in congress have drawn themselves up to the table and sit, eating tools in hand, ready and willing to test the wands. President Truman wants to serve first, not a thin soup, but the gallant members of the new majority are quite sure they want to write and serve their own menu. Only they are not fully agreed on the order of courses.

Representative Knutson wants to serve first, not a thin soup, but a full entree in the shape of a 20 per cent cut in income taxes (less for those with \$300,000 incomes). President Truman warns against making any tax reduction this year.

Then there is the huge dish of the budget. The president thinks he has done a good job in cutting it down to \$36 billion, but Congressman Taber is busy sharpening his knife on the grindstone to cut the budget below \$30 billion.

Some senators are sniffing brisely over tariffs. One has written Under-secretary Will Clayton calling for holding up any deals on reciprocal (Continued on editorial page)

Locomotive Explodes, Kills 3 Trainmen

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 9-(AP)—Three trainmen were killed and four cars of the 11-car westbound Empire Builder's Pullman section were derailed tonight when the locomotive blew up near Crary, N. D., 398 miles west of St. Paul, Great Northern railway officials said.

The victims were: Engineer Reginald Bennett and Fireman Wilbert Hoff, both of Grand Forks, N. D., and A. E. Zinter, a district roadmaster for the railway who had boarded the locomotive at Grand Forks to return to his Larimore, N. D., headquarters.

L. E. Cordingley, the conductor, who made the first report to the mishap over a farmhouse telephone, said several members of the dining car crew had been hurt and one woman passenger injured, none of them seriously. Cars that Cordingley said were derailed were two tourist sleepers, the smoking and dining cars, six standard Pullmans and the combination observation club car remained on the rails. The train left St. Paul at 8:50 a. m. today for the west coast and the station agent at Crary said it had passed through there at 7:25 p. m. Central Standard Time, tonight. The mishap occurred two and one-half miles west of that town.

Railroad headquarters here said all communication lines along the right-of-way had been torn out by the blast of the boiler on the oil-burning steam locomotive.

'To the Victor Belongs Spoils'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9-(AP)—A resolution to change the name of Boulder Dam to "Hoover dam" was introduced in the house today by Rep. Jack Z. Anderson (R-Calif.). Construction of the giant structure on the Colorado river was begun during the administration of former President Herbert Hoover.

"The original plan was to name the dam for the former president," Anderson told a reporter. "I think somebody played a dirty trick on Mr. Hoover."

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



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NEW YORK, Jan. 9-(AP)—L. Metcalfe Walling, wage-hour administrator, renewed requests today in his 1946 report to congress for two changes in the fair labor standards act which he said would have averted situations resulting in portal-to-portal pay suits.

The first proposal was that the administrator be granted "power, subject to court review, to issue authoritative definitions of general terms used in the statute, so that employers complying with his definitions would be protected from liability for the period such rulings are in effect."

\$300,000 Fire In Illinois City

GRANITE CITY, Ill., Jan. 10 (Friday)—Fire of undetermined origin burned unchecked for more than four hours last night in downtown Granite City in two business buildings, one of which housed the Pointer hotel.

Chinese Ambassador Demands Dairen Control Handed to China

CLEVELAND, Jan. 9-(AP)—China's ambassador to the United States, Dr. Wellington Koo, called tonight for a "prompt return" of the Manchurian port of Dairen to Chinese control.

Case Launches Bill to Bar Vital Strikes

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QUICKIES



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