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BUDGET

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The fight in Congress on President Roosevelt's new budget began in earnest today. It wasn't a partisan scrap, no pitting of the G.O.P. against the Democrats, for a Democratic Senator was just as vehement about it as the Republicans.

Senator Pat Harrison, Chairman of the Finance Committee, opened the ball, asked for a vote on his motion for a joint committee of Senators and Representatives to study the question.

the Pat Harrison motion
Vice-President Garner tried to rush ~~it~~ through without any further

ado, started to put ~~the motion~~ ^{it} to a vote. But ~~Republican~~ Sen.

Vandenberg of Michigan beat the Vice-President to the gun, jumped to his feet and started talking. He picked most particularly on the money that Mr. Roosevelt had asked Congress to appropriate for

defense. And he said Pat Harrison's scheme would be a flop unless

we have a rock bottom realistic study of what we ~~get~~ ^{have been getting} for our money

in past appropriations for defense. Then he singled out the item

of sixty-four millions to fit out vessels for neutrality patrol.

We can't broach that problem realistically, said Vandenberg,

unless we study the fundamental policy behind this so-called safety

belt. It may, ~~he~~ said ~~be~~ ^{be}, not ^a safety belt but a provocation belt.

Then he took a whack at the idea of monster battleships, sixty thousand ton super-superdreadnoughts. ^{He thought} ~~that~~ also should be inquired into most meticulously.

Then another Republican jumped into the fray, Taft of Ohio, ~~one of the~~ candidates for the presidential nomination. He said he didn't believe the President was interested in balancing the budget.

The most voluble attack was delivered by Democratic Alva Adams of Colorado, ^{who declared} ~~He said~~ the President has put this ~~size~~ ^{budget} baby on our doorstep but the Congress is in a position to meet the situation. He too picked on the question of appropriations for defense. "We are told," he said, "that we have to cut relief and take money away from the farmer to build battleships." Then he cried out rhetorically:- "To fight who? ^{m?} To fight nobody." Senator Adams declared that he was in favor of that ~~joint~~ ^{joint} committee but he added that it couldn't do the job properly in six years.

LYNCH

The prediction in Washington about the Anti-Lynching Bill came true today. The House passed it by a large majority, and sent it up to the Senate. This is ~~becoming~~ one of those periodical quarrels. ^{only} Two years ago, the Senators filibustered ~~that~~ ₁ bill to death. Its principal provision is that if the official of any state or county fails to prevent a lynching, he's to be fined by the federal government. And today the Congressmen put another joker into that anti-lynch bill. This provides that state and county officials will be fined if they fail to prevent acts of violence in labor troubles. The Congressmen passed it by a vote of two hundred and fifty-one to a hundred and thirty-two.

RICHBERG

A new slogan was invented ^{today} for American business men;

~~Perhaps not exactly invented, but suggested. And the suggestor~~

was ~~none other than~~ ^{by} Donald Richberg, formerly an ardent New Dealer

and head of the N.R.A. He made a speech to the Chicago Association

of Commerce. ^{And} The slogan ~~that~~ he proposes, ~~business men to adopt~~

~~is not highly original. It may even~~ ^{I may} shock a lot of business men

since it ~~was a~~ paraphrase ^{of} ~~the word of Karl Marx~~ ^{3 Karl Marx and the Communist} ~~What Richberg~~

~~manifesto.~~ Richberg

said to the Chicago Commerce Association: ~~was~~ "Business men of

America, unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains."

They must unite, he explained, for their own preservation, ^{and} for

the survival of self-government in the U.S.A.

^{slogans for} Karl Marx ^{and} business, ^{That's news.} ~~there's a combination that might~~

~~produce loud reactions.~~

TOLERANCE

Everybody's taking polls these days, trying to find out what everybody else thinks. The American League for Tolerance have ^S~~be~~ been considering the question, who ^{is}~~was~~ the most tolerant man, and ^{for the year}~~the~~ most tolerant woman, ~~in~~ Nineteen Thirty-Nine. The most tolerant woman was voted to be Mrs. Roosevelt, because of the way the First Lady ~~of the Land~~ took up the cause of Marian Anderson, ~~the negro contralto~~. The most tolerant man was pronounced to be Dr. John Haynes Holmes of the New York Community Church. The most tolerant deed during the year was that of Dr. Emanuel Chapman, editor of "Voice", who organized a Catholic organization to fight anti-Semitism.

SPIES

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Fiction stories in magazines about spies who steal airplane plans are not entirely phoney. They have at least a foundation of fact as a sub-committee of Congress ^{has} learned. The sub-committee made public today the information which was given by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I. Mr. Hoover told how the blue-prints of one of Uncle Sam's army bombers were stolen from one of the great airplane factories on the west coast. Fortunately, however, the G-men found the traitor and recovered the plan.

But this bit of treachery revealed one sinister fact. That big aircraft factory had no means of protecting such invaluable military secrets. ^{So G-} ~~So Edgar Hoover's~~ ^{and} men went to work, ^{and} devised a system to protect secrets, a system which is being installed in some four hundred and fifty plants throughout the country.

^{J. Edgar Hoover} ~~He~~ also told the Congressmen that a special unit has been set up in the F.B.I., known as the General Intelligence Division. The men of this outfit are occupied entirely with running down espionage and sabotage. And they've made a complete file of all groups, all organizations, all individuals who are engaged or likely to be engaged in those treacherous pranks.

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REDS

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~~Another~~ Communist pleads guilty. Nicholas Dozenberg,
formerly a leader of the Red Party in America, admits in court
that he used an American passport which he had obtained by false
declarations. He was arrested on the west coast and when he was
brought east he made considerable ridicule of the charges.

Today, however, he 'fessed up, and government officials say that
he also ^{admitted} ~~confessed to~~ having been a secret agent of the Soviet.

~~And they say he once made photographs of ^{the} ~~the~~ fortifications,
harbors and approaches in some foreign country. They don't say
which foreign country it was.~~

FINNS

An American correspondent with the Finns describes the road as being literally strewn all the way with the bodies of men, horses and material of all kinds. One part of that road, seven kilometers long, so badly cluttered up with Soviet wreckage that it was difficult to walk. Fragments of vehicles, ranging from ten ton tanks to machine guns mounted on skis.

It's also reported that other parts of the Red Army are surrounded. The Bolsheviks have been trying to help their beleaguered comrades by sending planes over to drop supplies, some of which fell inside the Finnish lines.

AIR RAID

Earlier today there was quite a bit of excitement about a big naval battle reported to have taken place over the North Sea. The report came from a point in Denmark, where the people heard loud and continued explosions such as might have been made by bombs or anti-aircraft guns.

Later in the day, this sensation simmered down to not much more than a reconnaissance raid that ^a~~the~~ British air squadron made over Helgoland and the German sea base on the island of Sylt, near the Danish border. Later still, there were official announcements, the Germans claiming that three out of nine British planes had been shot down. ^{said only one} In London ~~it was admitted that one~~ ^{that} ~~British aircraft~~ was lost, and two Germans ^{went down.}

BELISHA

There'll ~~surely~~ be fireworks on the banks of the ~~old River~~ Thames next Tuesday. Prime Minister Chamberlain's Government has *now* promised a debate over the dismissal of War Minister Hore-Belisha. ~~This~~ seems to guarantee that the whole matter will be dragged out into the open.

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The professional soothsayers in Britain were ~~so~~ busy today drawing inferences from Chamberlain's speech of yesterday. It is believed to mean that the Allies are planning a definite attack on Nazi Germany. But the ^{prophets}~~soothsayers~~ may be stretching a point, ~~when~~ you consider that what Chamberlain actually said ~~was:-~~ "Although we are not actually fighting on land, ^{said he,} ^{" "}we are making preparations to do so with the greatest effect when the right moment comes." Notice the words:- "when the right moment comes."

C.C.C.

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President Roosevelt today received the annual report of the C.C.C., the Civilian Conservation Corps. According to the Act of Congress that established it, the C.C.C. is supposed to go out of business June Third, Nineteen Forty-Three. But according to the report of the Corps, there's enough work to justify its being continued until Nineteen Ninety. Work projects suggested by departments of the federal and state governments could keep fifteen hundred camps busy anywhere ^{of} from thirty to fifty years.

BIOFF

William Bioff, the Hollywood labor leader, is now on the black books of ~~none other than~~ Uncle Sam. ~~You may recall that~~ There has been a great deal of ^{talk} ~~chat~~ about Bioff, who enjoys the nickname of Czar of the Hollywood studio workers. At the time when he was threatening a strike in Hollywood, Westbrook Pegler dug up the fact that he had been convicted of a crime in Chicago. What's more, it appeared according to the records that though he had been sentenced to six months he had served only six ~~days~~ of it. Then there was the effort to extradite him, bring him back to Chicago, a proceeding that was postponed by Governor Horner of Illinois. Following ~~on~~ that, Colonel ~~Frank~~ Knox published an editorial ^{in his} ~~about it in the~~ CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, whereupon Governor Horner sued Colonel ~~Knox~~ and the NEWS -- for libel.

This time it's not the law of Illinois or California facing Bioff, but the clutches of the ^{Federal Government.} ~~old Gentleman with the Whiskers.~~ A federal grand jury at Los Angeles reported a True Bill, charging Bioff with having ~~chiseled on his income tax.~~ Specifically, the accusation is that in Nineteen Thirty Six, he paid ~~on an income~~ reported as ~~five thousand, seven hundred and twenty dollars, whereas~~

SAFETY

Uncle Sam, like the National Safety Council, has been checking up on motor car accidents in Nineteen Thirty-Nine.

We improved considerably all over the country, says the census bureau, and that's a message ^{which} ~~that~~ will keenly interest ~~our~~ ^{my} sponsors, the Sun Oil Company. Deaths from automobile casualties dropped four per cent in all the major cities in the United States. Some individual cities have an even better ~~percentage~~ record. For instance, at Pontiac, Michigan, the fatalities dropped seventy-two per cent.

SNOW

In the Teton Mountains of Wyoming, the snow lay thick on all the highways. For two winters, the State Highway Department ^{had} ~~set~~ ^{big rotary} their plows on the job, ^{keeping} the passes open, even the principal Teton pass which is two miles high. This year the state government thought it ^{all} ~~was~~ too expensive. So the rangers of Jackson County, Wyoming, went in for a bit of direct action. Three hundred of them got together, went to the garage ~~of~~ of the State Highway Department, and took all the equipment, snow plows, graders, shovels, everything ~~that was~~ useable. Then they went to ~~work~~ ^{right} work to open the main highway ^{and on} across the state ~~line~~ into Idaho. ^{Said} ~~And~~ they: ~~expressed themselves~~ "If the Governor and the Highway Superintendent don't like it, ~~they said~~ "let them come out here and try to stop us."

WINDMILLS

Now wouldn't it

~~It would~~ be interesting to see ^{our}~~the~~ country dotted once again with windmills. The general idea ^{is}~~was~~ that they ~~were~~ obsolete. But a distinguished scientist says "No". He's Dr. Brooks, Director of the Meteorological Observatory of Harvard University. Dr. Brooks declares that wind-power would be much more reliable than water-power. He points to the ^{drought}~~year~~ of last summer, during which the Harvard savants made surveys of the situation. And those surveys proved that wind-power in New England is steadier than water-power, ~~and would be fully equal to generating the electric juice.~~ Engineers ^{are}~~have~~ ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ already ~~been~~ at work devising a new type of windmill ^{to} generate electrical power.

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A sombre little man with a gun went into a gas station at Cleveland last night. He leveled his weapon, and took twenty-six dollars away from the ~~man~~^{attendant} at the cash register. Then, instead of running, he sat down in a chair, threw his gun on the floor and handed ~~in~~^{back to} the attendant one of his nickels, ~~back~~. "That's for the telephone," he said. "Go ahead and call the police."

The desk lieutenant was a little bewildered by the report of the robbery. For when he asked the ~~attendant~~^{telling station man} where the ~~bandit~~^{band} had gone the reply was, "He's right here." When the patrol car came, the man wouldn't give his name. All he gave was the explanation that he wanted to amuse himself.

A bewildered bandit who
~~There's a hold-up man who not only took the money but~~
bewildered the police.
~~also took the cake for being probably the queerest on record.~~

DODGE

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A former telephone operator, who earned fifteen dollars a week, now gets an estate of a million and a quarter. She's the girl who married Daniel ~~Q~~ Dodge, heir of the famous motor magnate. You may remember the tragedy of her honeymoon in Canada, when her husband was drowned. Ever since his death there has been a battle in the courts. Before he married her, Daniel Dodge made a settlement of a quarter of a million, which was supposed to cut her out of any ^{further} share of his estate. But under the law of Michigan, she was able to ignore that. Young Dodge left eleven millions, but six ^{of them} ~~millions of that~~ will be swallowed up by inheritance taxes.

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The dispute was settled today, by a decision of a probate judge, who gave the young widow one-quarter of the remaining five millions. So that's all she gets, a pittance of ^a ~~one~~ million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Since her husband died, she has been studying in a girls' college at Ontario, studying how to ^{administer a fortune, how to} get along on ^a ~~one~~ million and a quarter.

QUINS

The Dionne Quintuplets are ^{once again} ~~now~~ the center of a ~~fresh~~

argument. You may recall that Oliva Dionne has been waging a long battle to gain legal control of the Famous Five. One of the first consequences of his success is a proposal to show the quintuplets at the New York World's Fair next summer. The idea

is to have a special building for them, ^{and} not allow them ~~to~~ go ~~running around - Quintuplets on the~~ ~~beyond certain clearly marked bounds~~ ^{Quintuplets on the} Trolley, ^{Quintuplets on the} Perisphere.

That proposal quickly provoked opposition. Judge

Valin of Ontario, Chairman of the Board of Guardians, says he's emphatically opposed to any such idea. ~~Such an adventure, he~~

^{it} ~~Thinks~~ ^{is} would not be good for the ^{Quints.} ~~children~~ and they ought to ^{right up} stay in Ontario where they can receive proper care and protection

under the supervision of the Ontario Government, ^{and go on} holding their own World's Fair in Callandar.

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SPEECH

The National Press Club of Washington heard some interesting opinions from the voice instructor who has been teaching Mrs.

Roosevelt to speak. This lady, ^{Elizabeth von Heese,} has no use for the broad "a" of ~~snooty New England,~~ [^] ~~New England,~~ says it doesn't belong in American speech. She just ~~can't~~ ^{can't} stand people who say "cahn't". Somebody apparently asked

her, what about the southerners? And this voice instructor

replied that they are nice to listen to but difficult to understand.

As for the Britishers who criticise American pronunciation, she says they had better not talk, ^{and adds that} ~~Almost every Englishman has a~~ ^{Oh I sigh!} trace of Cockney. ~~That's one professional opinion.~~

— Well Hugh, watch your broad a and tell us what's new about New Blue.

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