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BUDGET

A ~~really~~ hopeful bit of information comes from Washington today. The correspondent of the Brooklyn Times Union reports that the Democratic leaders in the Senate drew a long breath, set their teeth, and came to a ~~most~~ ^{most} difficult resolution. They've agreed to do their utmost to cut Uncle Sam's expenditures to fit his pocketbook. They hope to reduce the budget to two billion nine hundred ^{and} forty-nine million dollars. ^{Just a mere} ~~quite a~~ trifle. ^{And that sum} ~~that~~ is what the government's revenues probably will be in the next fiscal year.

This bit of news ironically comes on top of ^a ~~the~~ dispatch which reports that the appropriations committee of the House reduced expenses by increasing the expenditures for Veterans by eighteen million odd dollars -- eighteen million ~~odd~~ more than ~~was appropriated~~ last year.

ROOSEVELT

(From Warm Springs, Georgia, today came ^{still}~~some~~ more significant information concerning the plans of President-elect Roosevelt. George Van Slyke wires the New York Sun that Mr. Roosevelt aims to extend the activities of the Federal Government beyond anything that has been known up to now. Uncle Sam's hand will reach into fields and into businesses never before explored. Industries which heretofore have escaped the slightest touch of government control will in the next administration feel the hand of Washington.)

PROHIBITION

One sign of the times showed its head in the House of Representatives today. A ten per cent. cut was made in the appropriation for prohibition enforcement for the next year. To be sure, Uncle Sam ^{is} still going to spend more than eight million dollars ~~of yours and my money~~ for this purpose. But at any rate, this is a reduction of ten per cent. It was approved by a vote of 129 to 118.

At the same time the Representatives voted amendments ^{for bidding} ~~prohibiting~~ the prohibition spies from tapping wires to obtain evidence, also ^{stopping} ~~forbidding~~ them ^{from} ~~to~~ spend Uncle Sam's money to buy liquor as pay to informers. ~~All this was not done without a good deal of spirited debate in the House.~~

IRELAND

~~As~~ The returns ^{are still coming} ~~come~~ in from the election in Ireland, They look more and more hopeful ^{for} ~~so~~ President de Valera. His party now is sure of having seventy-seven seats out of a hundred and fifty-three. Several others have been won by the Labor Party who are allies of the Irish President. Thus Mr. de Valera's fondest hopes seem to have been fulfilled and he will be in position to form his first completely independent government. The correspondent of the New York Evening Post cables that this means the abolition of the Oath of Allegiance to the British Crown and also that Ireland no longer will have a Governor General appointed by the King, ~~which means by the~~ ~~British Parliament.~~

JAPAN

More war news from Asia. The most important item is a defeat of Chinese troops.

A telegram to the Toledo News ^{- Bee} informs us that for nearly a month the Chinese Generals have been massing troops at a pass through the Great Wall twelve miles north of Shanhaikwan. The long expected attack took place early today, and after a three hour battle the Chinese were repulsed by the Japs.

Meanwhile ^{Japanese} ~~Chinese~~ military planes have been continuing their bombing raids over the Northeastern portion of the province of Reyho. Also the town of Heiho, two hundred and fifty miles north of Tsitsihar on the Siberian border has been occupied by Japanese troops.

INSULL

The Insull case ~~gets into~~^{is in} the news once more. A report to the Toronto Star confirms the rumor that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Martin Insull, brother~~x~~ of Samuel Insull, who has been living in Orillia in the province of Ontario, for the last few months. The warrant was signed at the request of the Deputy Attorney General of Ontario.

Mr. Insull has been at liberty ~~xx~~ on fifty thousand dollar bail pending the extradition proceedings which began last October. He, as well as his brother Samuel, are under indictment charged with embezzlement and grand larceny. These offenses are alleged to have been committed in connection with the collapse of the gigantic Middlewest Utilities company.

Meanwhile, Martin Insull's brother Samuel is safe in Greece where the government has refused extradition.

Captain Richard
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INTRO TO CAPTAIN ST. B.-B.

One of the world's foremost authorities on trees is Captain Richard St. Barbe-Baker from England, Africa and everywhere. The world is his home. He is known far and wide as "The Man of the Trees." He has devoted his life to forestry. I have planted thousands of trees myself and share his enthusiasm. Just at present the Captain is particularly interested in the preservation of the giant redwoods of California.

Captain, what part of the world are you headed for now?

I am on my way to one of the most fascinating places on this planet, northern California, where dwell the oldest of all living things. The members of my organization, "The Men of the Trees," are establishing a Grove of International Understanding beneath the limbs of those redwood marvels.

I wish you could all come with me and see those trees: -- Three thousand years old! Three hundred feet high they tower -- serenely poised, majestic, their tips reaching toward the heavens.

I measured one giant, and the distance around it was one hundred and two feet! Why, its first branch was one hundred and thirty feet from the ground. And the diameter of that first branch was seven feet, a branch seven feet thick!

I figured out the total weight of that one tree, roots, trunk, branches and all. It came to five thousand tons. Five thousand tons of lumber, enough lumber to build forty five-room houses, from just one tree. It would require at least thirty railroad cars to move the trunk alone. Yet that giant sprang from a tiny seed half the size of the tip of a match.

It is as though the Ruler of the Universe were trying to show us just what miracles He can perform.

Just think of the age of those redwoods of California, and the crime it is to cut them down. They were patriarchs when George Washington lived. They were already old in the days of Columbus, Balboa and Cortez.

"Old? They were old when the world was young!
The mating song of the spring was sung
In the kindly heart of each brave old tree
When the good Christ walked on Galilee."

Four thousand years old, our oldest living link with the dim past. It is difficult to say whether the antiquity or beauty of these redwood giants makes the stronger appeal. When things go wrong and you feel you haven't the courage to stay and fight it out, when you feel that you want to run away and end it all, just imagine yourself a tree. A tree can't run. It must stand and take everything that comes its way.

Of course trees are of value to us because of their economic importance. But there is something spiritual about them too. We can learn much from the trees.

ELOPEMENT

An interesting elopement took place today in New Jersey. The eloping bride was Miss Jane Schwab, niece of Mr. Charles M. Schwab, ~~the~~ celebrated after-dinner speaker, ~~and~~ contract bridge player. Oh yes, and when Mr. Schwab isn't speaking at banquets and playing bridge, he has something to do with the steel business *they say.*

At any rate, Uncle Charlie's niece Jane eloped yesterday and telephoned her parents that she had been married in ~~Easton, Pa.~~ ~~Pennsylvania.~~ The groom, Mr. Leonard Knowlton, is by profession a truck driver of Morristown, New Jersey. In fact, the papers say that it was in the truck which the groom operates that the happy pair eloped to the Pennsylvania Gretna Green. *Love in a motor truck.*

FORD

In Detroit a hundred and fifty thousand people are suddenly laid off as the result of that strike. ~~The strike~~

It began in plants supplying a well known automobile ^{firm} ~~plant~~

with bodies. Since ^{the} body-making ^{establishment} ~~plant is~~ shut down, ^{today} the

~~automobile~~ plant ^{using the bodies} ~~also~~ had to shut down. So the strikers have

thrown not only themselves but ^{several times as many others} ~~others who have no concern with~~

~~them~~ out of a job.

FLOOD

Following the gale that lashed ^{the Atlantic Coast} ~~New Jersey~~ yesterday
high tides of phenomenal strength ^{today} swooped down ~~today~~ upon
New York City and ~~all~~ surrounding communities. They ^{tides} rushed
up ~~the~~ rivers, ~~they~~ ~~turned~~ ~~the~~ ~~streets~~ ~~into~~ the waterfront streets into lakes
and played havoc with suburban traffic. Ferry terminals on
both sides of the Hudson were inundated. West Street, Manhattan,
where the docks and ~~the~~ markets are, was under water for several
blocks. The tide spread over railroad tracks both in New Jersey
and Long Island, ~~to~~ such an extent that ^{electric} ~~the~~ current had to be
shut off and all train traffic was interrupted.

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The outline of the coast was radically changed in
many places to such an extent that houses toppled into the
sea and were swept away.

CABINET

There's an authoritative sound about the latest report on the personnel of Mr. Roosevelt's Cabinet. The Washington Post today came out with the announcement that Senator Carter Glass of Virginia had ⁵ definitely accepted the ~~offer of~~ appointment of Secretary of the Treasury. ~~It's been rumored for some time, as I mentioned to you, that the offer would be made, though~~ The name of Bernard Baruch had also been ~~spoken in this connection~~ ^{mentioned, but} ~~But~~ the Washington Post story ^{seems} definite, and adds that the ~~appointment will be~~ formally announced ^{ment will come from Mr. Roosevelt} ~~by Mr. Roosevelt from his headquarters at~~ Warm Springs, Georgia, ~~in~~ ^{the news is that} in a few days. Also ~~the fact that~~ Senator Walsh of Montana ^{has accepted the post of} ~~has accepted the post of~~ Attorney General.

^{week.}
The Post interprets the appointment of Senator Glass as meaning that there will be no currency inflation in Mr. Roosevelt's administration.

STEEL

Hopeful news comes today from the steel districts in Ohio. The Cleveland Press reports that the night sky over that city is illumined once more by the fires of open hearths.

The steel mills of Cleveland are running again. And many men have been called back to work.

MEAN

Who are the ten meanest men? A headline writer in the New York Sun nominates four. It seems that in one county in Pennsylvania the jobless have been getting temporary relief on emergency road building. All applications have to go through two of the county's politicians. And when they get their jobs the men have to pay one dollar and sixty cents out of their three dollars and sixty cents to the wire pullers.

Then the Chicago police claim to know of two of the meanest fellows they ever heard of; thieves who held up a sixty-two year old man last night, knocked him down, took his hat, shoes, eyeglasses, and false teeth. All ~~xx~~ that to a man who has been over two years without a job and is three score and two.

FARM

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American farmers, says the New York Sun, are not the only ones who are in trouble. When it comes to tax burdens and mortgage trouble, they have plenty of company abroad. In Germany, ~~in~~ Canada, ~~in~~ Spain, ~~in~~ France; even ~~in~~ Japan, and other countries, Ministers of Agriculture report debts and all sorts of distress: ~~In those countries too~~ overproduction is *the cry.* ~~considered largely responsible.~~

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SHOOTING

Here's an item about a man who seems to believe in self help. A seventy ^{nine} year old gentleman in Hightstown, New Jersey, came down to breakfast this morning and found there was no room for him because all the places at the table were occupied by his and his wife's relatives. So he went back upstairs, got a gun and made room ^{at that table,} He made room by shooting one of the relatives. If you don't believe me, you'll find the details of this story in the Trenton Times 

Here's one I read in a Boston paper: "Will you advertise if I can convince you that people read newspaper ads?" an editor asked.

"Certainly," replied the ~~hard~~-boiled prospect. "If -- you can show me. But don't worry, you can't."

Whereupon in the next issue of the paper the editor ran a line in the smallest type he could find, and he put that line in the most obscure part of the paper. The line read:

"What is Jenkins going to do about it?" That was all.

Frothing at the mouth ^{the hard-boiled prospect} Jenkins, ~~the man~~, who didn't believe in newspaper advertising, came storming into the office. He was furious.

"I've been pestered to death," he yelled. "Everybody is calling me up. They want to know what the deuce that line means. What's the idea?"

The editor grinned and said: "Aha, how about it? I proved my point, didn't I? In the smallest type I ran that single line about you, and here you admit that everybody in town saw it. So Jenkins started his newspaper advertising that very day."

RIOT

A ~~pretty little~~ ^{curious} fight took place in New York City today.

Over on the East side in ~~the~~ ^a street appropriately called Paradise Alley, is an apartment house inhabited by painters, sculptors, poets, and such like. In fact, you might call it quite a colony. Well, according to a description in the New York World Telegram, the poets, painters, sculptors, ~~and so on,~~

have been suffering lately with an epidemic of the disease known in real estate circles as falling ^{prices - no, I mean falling} of the room rent. They've all

wanted the landlord to lower the rent, and the landlord ^{have} said - no.

So the artists ^{said: "abright, no rent at all." Whereupon} ~~refused to pay anything, at all,~~ the landlords

took the usual proceedings and secured eviction orders, but the City Marshal and his men were unable to serve the eviction orders because the striking tenants barricaded themselves.

So today the City Marshal invoked the aid of the

police, regular harness ~~coppers~~ ^{bulls} with nightsticks, revolvers, and ~~so~~

~~all,~~ ^{forth.} ~~So~~ an army of twenty coppers, nightsticks, revolvers, and ^{so forth,} together with six Deputy Marshals, moved on the besieged

forces which consisted of seven artists and writers. ~~I said~~

Earl Hanson.
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Writers, not rioters. It took the brave minions of the law two hours to get those seven artists and writers out. One lady barricaded herself behind her door and set fire to her furniture -- but they burst in and hauled her out. One writer piled chairs, bureaus and beds against the entrance and shouted: "Stand back or I'll shoot." The cops climbed up on the roof, broke through the skylight and discovered that the writer had nothing to shoot with but a second-hand typewriter.

At any rate, it took twenty-six minions of the law two hours to put to flight seven artists and writers, not rioters, several of them women.

ENDING

In the Times Journal, an enterprising daily paper published in St. Thomas, Ontario, I find that a lady reproached one of the Sons of Rest saying:

"You promised if I gave you a square meal you would get as busy as a bee in a garden."

"Uh," replied the tramp, "Bees don't make no honey in the winter time lady, and whoever saw a male bee workin' anyhow?"

Which brings me to the time when I must go out and look for my honey (both kinds) and

SO LONG UNTIL SUNDAY.