

Good Evening, Everybody:

*Here's that old dragon with the
His name is Gorgon-medusa Taxes. Lets get him out of the way!*
Secretary-of-the-Treasury Mellon

appeared before the Ways and Means
Committee of the House of Representatives
today and told why we should have higher
taxes. The Secretary is quoted by the
Associated Press as declaring that ~~the~~ ^{our}
goal should be a balanced ^{national} budget by the
end of 1934.)

In other words, Uncle Sam should
buckle down and give himself a couple
of years of high taxes in which to wipe
out that huge government deficit, *and get it over
with.*

Secretary Mellon was emphatic in
stating that higher taxes were
absolutely necessary, that the rates
must be raised on big incomes, and on
little incomes too.

1 The Naval Department in Washington
2 announced today that the four people,
3 three men and one woman, charged with
4 murder out in Honolulu, will be turned
5 over to the civil courts of the Islands
6 for trial.

7 Meanwhile ^a~~the~~ United Press
8 cable from Hawaii declares that the
9 authorities out there admit that they
10 haven't anything like an open and shut
11 case against the ^{four} defendants.

12 One of the men has been identified
13 as having taken part in the kidnapping
14 of the young Hawaiian who was ^{killed}~~called~~.
15 They can't prove legally that the
16 killing was premeditated, and without
17 evidence of premeditation, there is no
18 possibility of the death penalty.

19 Let's take a look at the
20 background that lies behind the whole
21 ugly situation.

22 It has been declared that for
23 sometime Honolulu has been dangerous for
24 American women. There have been a
25 number of cases of assault by Hawaiians

1 and Asiatics. Then came the instance
2 in which Mrs. Massie, the wife of a
3 young naval officer, ^{She} ~~who~~ was dragged
4 into an automobile by a group of
5 Hawaiians and Asiatics, and carried
6 away and maltreated, repeatedly.

7 Arrests were made, and there was
8 a trial. The defendants were ^{freed.} ~~acquitted~~.
9 That lead to an outbreak of trouble.
10 And then the affair came to a spectacular
11 climax. The ring-leader of the men
12 accused of the attack, a young Hawaiian
13 named Kahahawai, was kidnapped and
14 killed. The deed is charged to
15 Lieutenant Massie, the husband of the
16 young woman, ^{and to} Mrs. Granville Fortescue,
17 who is Mrs. Massie's mother; and two
18 American sailors *are also involved.*

19 The funeral of Kahahawai, ~~the~~
20 ~~Hawaiian~~, was held in spectacular
21 fashion. Two thousand Hawaiians attended.
22 There was music, the soft dreamy songs
23 of Hawaii. And, cables the United Press,
24 there was bitter denunciation, with calls
25 for vengeance.

1 The prisoners were taken over
2 by the Navy. Mrs. Fortescue is now
3 being held aboard a warship.

4 The American prosecutor at
5 Honolulu called for the death penalty
6 against the prisoners.

7 On the other hand, an American
8 Admiral declared that the men of the
9 Navy would not tolerate having their
10 women attacked by the natives. An
11 American minister of the gospel delivered
12 a bitter ^{denunciation of} ~~attack against~~ the Admiral
13 for saying that.

14 Aboard the ship where Mrs.
15 Fortescue is kept, the officers had to
16 issue a command of NO MORE FLOWERS. The
17 International News Service adds that
18 the ship was deluged by flowers sent by
19 people who want to express their approval
20 of the mother ^{is accused of having} who [^] killed to avenge the
21 wrong suffered by her daughter.

22 It had been surmised that the
23 Navy might refuse to turn the prisoners
24 over to civil authorities for trial,
25 but now comes the announcement, according

1 to the Associated Press, that they will
2 be surrendered by the naval authorities
3 when the civil courts wanted ~~ed~~ them.

4 Mrs. Fortescue, Lieutenant
5 Massie, and the two sailors, will be
6 tried before a mixed jury, a jury
7 consisting partly of Americans and
8 partly of Hawaiians. It was before a
9 mixed jury that the four men accused of
10 attacking Mrs. Massie were tried. The
11 jury disagreed, and, therefore, the
12 defendants were released. It was this
13 that led to the killing, presumably
14 because several people took the law
15 into their own hands.

16 Well, from this distance it
17 looks as though trials of cases like
18 these before a mixed jury are ~~very~~
19 likely to result in a disagreement.
20 Presumably the Hawaiian jurors will vote
21 for the Hawaiian side of the case, and
22 the American jurors will vote for the
23 American side of the case. And I think
24 a good guess would be that when Mrs.
25 Massie's mother and husband and the

1 two other defendants are tried before
2 a mixed jury, why, the jury won't be
3 able to come to any decision.

4 Meanwhile, the situation
5 in Hawaii continues ^{to be threatening.} ~~to be bad.~~ All
6 kinds of investigations are in prospect.
7 Many Americans out in the Islands seem
8 to be annoyed because of the unfavorable
9 publicity brought to their paradise for
10 tourists. The city is being carefully
11 policed to guard against a renewal
12 of what seems to be a standing feud
13 between the sailors of the American
14 fleet and the very mixed population of
15 the Islands.

16 It might be remarked that the
17 real Hawaiians are comparatively few
18 out there. The great majority of the
19 population consists of Japanese.

1 While the trouble out in India
2 between Gandhi's followers and the
3 British authorities still continues,
4 let's take a look at another aspect of
5 the Indian scene.

6 Today Lord Willingdon, the viceroy
7 of India, opened the Sukkur Dam. The
8 International News Service describes this
9 as the greatest successful irrigation
10 project ever achieved by man. Thousands
11 of people attended the official opening.
12 They've been building that dam for eight
13 years. It stretches a mile long across
14 the ^{mighty} Indus River, and they say it will
15 provide water enough to irrigate the
16 whole barren province of Sind.

17 The water will be conveyed by 6,000
18 miles of canals, and 31,000 miles of
19 smaller waterways. Nearly 6 billion
20 cubic feet of earth have been excavated in
21 building the dam. And 2,000 bridges have
22 been built over canals and water-courses.

23 The cost of the operation comes to
24 51 million dollars.

25 Yes, that does indeed sound like the

1 greatest irrigation project ever, and it
2 is believed that those fruitful waters
3 taken from the ancient Indus will make
4 the desolate and forbidding Sind Desert
5 a region of rich crops and a flourishing
6 population. It may make the desert bloom
7 like a rose.

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1 While on the subject of deserts,
2 there is a world traveler in New York
3 this week who could tell a great deal
4 about them -- if she would. This
5 particular woman has been -- almost
6 everywhere. She is something of a
7 woman of mystery. I've crossed her
8 trail in various parts of the globe and
9 have always heard her praised as "the
10 woman traveler and leader of expeditions
11 who avoids publicity",

12 She nearly always goes alone;
13 I mean without any ~~other~~ European
14 companions.

15 She has been shot by brigands in
16 Arabia, shipwrecked on a lonely river
17 in South America, ^{and} chased by wolves in
18 the Arctic, ~~and faced a hundred other~~
19 ~~dangers.~~

20 Why should a woman constantly
21 go in search of excitement like that?
22 And what is the name of this mysterious
23 ^{person} ~~woman~~ who has spent so many years on
24 expeditions to the ends of the earth?
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Well, her name is Violet Cressy-Marks.

1 She is English. In London I was told
2 that there had been some romantic tragedy
3 in her life, something that had caused
4 her to want to go to the lonely places
5 of the earth, and get away. I don't know
6 whether this is so. But I do know that
7 she carries the instruments of a scientific
8 explorer. She maps rivers and unknown
9 mountains, *and makes reports to learned societies.*

10 Mrs. Cressy-Marks crossed the
11 Sahara desert on one of her expeditions.
12 Another time she made her way over land,
13 alone, from one end of Africa to the other.
14 She has lived among the tribes of Persia,
15 *Arabia, Kurdistan*
~~Anatolia~~ and Baluchistan. She drove her
16 own reindeer across the top of Arctic
17 Europe, through the land of the Laps --
18 an amazing feat.

19 And her latest journey was right
20 across one of the wildest sections of
21 South America, up little-known tributaries
22 of the Amazon, and finally over one of
23 the wildest stretches of the Andes to the
24 Pacific coast. On that journey she picked
25 up fever, and now she is in America

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1 recuperating -- and making plans for
2 her next expedition, probably to forbidden
3 Tibet.

4 New York City has become a crossroads
5 of the world. Nearly all travelers pass
6 through New York sooner or later. And
7 one of the most unusual to come this way
8 in many moons, is Mrs. Cressy-Marks.

1 Here's an answer to a question
2 that many of us have asked.

3 Remember that accident in the
4 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Library of the Vatican
5 when there was a collapse of two floors?
6 ~~and~~ Immense treasures of ancient
7 manuscripts and works of art went
8 tumbling down with the debris?

9 Well, how much damage was done?
10 What treasures ~~B~~ were destroyed?

11 The answer is given in the new
12 Literary Digest ^{which comes out tomorrow.} There is a paragraph
13 headed - Destroyed, and then follows
14 a paragraph headed - Damage.

15 In those two ~~paragraphs~~ ^{lists}
16 you will find the exact information.
17 For example, among the objects destroyed
18 was a marvelous vase lined with
19 malachite, which was given to the
20 Vatican by Czar Nicholas ~~xxxx~~ the first,
21 of Russia.

22 And then the Literary Digest
23 quotes the New York Herald Tribune ^{to the effect} that
24 among the books damaged was an Anglo-Saxon
25 ~~Saxon~~ copy of the Gospels, nearly twelve

1 hundred years old.

2 That Literary Digest list of the
3 treasures involved in the accident to
4 the Vatican Library makes a fascinating
5 catalog of ~~xxxxxxx~~ historic
6 objects. And one thing that will
7 please people who have an interest in
8 artistic things, is the fact that the
9 destruction and damage is less than originally
10 ~~might have been~~ expected.

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12 No, I'm not going to say anything
13 about the N. Y. auto show tonight. I've
14 already done that. But I've an auto
15 fan here beside me. At one time he was
16 a sailor. When he was a young lad & Count
17 Luckner was a youngster, the Count saved
18 Ginger Moisselle's life at sea. Now Ginger
19 is in the automobile game. He has a lot to
20 do with the building of passenger
21 autos - the kind in which you + I don't
22 want to ride - I mean funeral

1 Well, I've been impressed by the sideshows. In
2 addition to the big automotive extravaganza at the Grand
3 Central Palace there are other automobile circuses in many of
4 New York's hotels. I've spent the day walking from one to the
5 other.
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8 We auto fans are having a bigger run for our money
9 than ever. After you've seen the main event, you make the rounds
10 of the hotels and take in the spectacular sideshows here in New
11 York. You meander over to the Hotel Roosevelt and have a look at
12 the unusual exhibition there. And, the one at the Waldorf --
13 well, it seems almost as big as the main show.
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16 Yes, this looks like a great year in the auto world.
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1 ~~But that cow doesn't seem to have~~
2 ~~anything much on Mrs. Arnold's lily. Yes,~~
3 ~~Mrs. Arnold's ~~has~~ a wild and ferocious~~
4 ~~lily? ~~And~~ this is ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~no~~ ^{is} a tall story.~~

5 The New York Herald-Tribune tells ^{how}
6 ~~the story of how early this morning Mrs.~~
7 ^{Mrs.} Elizabeth Arnold of Irvington, New
8 Jersey, was awakened by a terrific clatter
9 downstairs. She investigated and found
10 that her pet lily had gone on a rampage,
11 had gone berserk, and had caused all the
12 commotion.

13 Mrs. Arnold has a peculiar lily, a
14 native of Mexico, which is extraordinary
15 because of its rapid growth. That lily
16 has been known to grow four or five feet
17 in ^{that} ~~so~~ many days. But now it has
18 exceeded all records.

19 For some time the plant has been
20 quiet -- ~~but snoring~~ ~~you might say asleep.~~ It has
21 been buried in a peach-basket full of
22 earth. ~~Last night~~ Mrs. Arnold left the
23 lily with a tin-pan covered over the
24 basket. During the night the lily
25 suddenly started to grow. It shot up to

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1 a height of five feet, and threw the
 2 tin-pan into a corner. That's what
 3 caused all the racket. And on the berserk
 4 plant was a blossom as big as a man's
 5 head.

6 ~~That does~~ Sound tall, but it's given
 7 to us on the authority of one of ~~New~~ *America's*
 8 ~~York's~~ most conservative newspapers.

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I can't help talking a little about the weather tonight. It's been so weird and freakish. In these parts it ^{has even} been hot and sultry. Albany, ~~New York~~, reports the hottest weather on record for ~~January 13th~~ ^{this date.} The temperature was 66 above. In New York City this afternoon it was 67, and that tied the ^{n.y.} record. # Out West,

In the Rocky ^{pt.} Mountain section it's something else ^{again}. ~~They had~~ violent blizzards today -- wild gales and heavy snowfalls. At Durango, Colorado, ^{where I used to work on a ranch,} pink snow fell. The snow was pink because of clouds of red dust kicked up by the wind.

In some parts of Montana it is 20 below ~~zero~~ tonight. Early today it was 50 above. ^{So the old mercury did a sensation} ~~zero~~ ^{nose dive} A tremendous drop came within a few hours.

At Shiprock, New Mexico, ~~there's~~ an ice-jam in the river ~~which~~ has caused a flood.

Between those extremes of cold in the West and warmth in the East, the weather ^{man} has been cutting all sorts of curious ~~does~~ capers.

1 ~~In~~ The southern part of the
 2 Mississippi Valley ^{was swept by a} ~~there has been a~~
 3 series of cyclones ^{today}. Villages ~~were~~ are
 4 reported wrecked. ~~There have been~~ ^{Terrific}
 5 winds ~~storms in~~ ^{whipped across} southern Illinois. ~~too~~
 6 Power lines are down, ~~and~~ Towns are
 7 plunged into darkness tonight.

8 ~~The~~ ^{Today's} oddest story about a wind storm
 9 is one wired to the International News
 10 Service. At Farnham, New York, a freight
 11 train was rattling along. The wind was
 12 blowing like fury. Suddenly a farm-
 13 house, ^{on the loose,} came sailing along and landed on
 14 the railroad track. It was just picked
 15 up by the wind and deposited on the
 16 rails. The freight train hit the farm-
 17 house ^{which stayed on} ~~and ran off~~ the track while the train
 18 ~~jumped off~~.

19 The weather man seems to have gone
 20 ~~slightly loony today. I could~~ ^{reel a long} ~~go on for~~
 21 ~~half an hour~~ ^{string of items} telling about funny
 22 temperatures and queer storms, but it's
 23 now time for me to ~~be on my way~~ ^{slide} out into
 24 the tropical ~~New York~~ January night, and
 25 say --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.