

Good Evening, Everybody:

Here is something novel in the way of public budgets. It comes from the Middle West. A special in the Newark News reports that out in the ^{Prairie Country} ~~great grain plains~~ the taxpayers are taking budgets in their own hands and telling politicians just - where - they - can - get - off.

Three times within the last few weeks the much abused tax paying worm has turned, And when he turned he turned out to have teeth to bite with. He rose in revolt, told the money spending ^{local} politicians exactly how many dollars they could have to run the ^{local} government. ~~or~~. The story in the Newark News continues that this movement seems to be sweeping across the country.

It started in Indiana where the voters laid down the law to the legislators instead of the legislators laying down the law to the voters. The results of this action indicate

that there will be thirty per cent reduction in property tax ~~next year~~ ^{throughout} ~~the~~ Indiana. Milwaukee was the next place where this ^movement ~~showed itself~~ ^{appeared}. There the citizens voted that the total city budget should be confined to seventeen million dollars. This the city ^{fathers} ~~part~~ could take and like it, because there wasn't anything else to do. *That's all there was — there wasn't any more.*

And now comes Chicago. The taxpayers of that capital have demanded that expenditures for next year ~~will~~ be limited to two hundred million dollars - a ^{cut} ~~decline~~ of thirty-one per cent in the budget. *And 31% is quite some slash.*

If this movement sweeps over the country, it will warm the cockles of our taxpaying hearts.

DEBTS

That new note on the debt question which John Bull is sending to Uncle Sam was pronounced today as ^{all set to go} ~~being ready~~ ^{winging across} ~~to be sent over~~ the cables. Contrary to ~~a~~ previous report^s, it will definitely repeat the British plea for an extension of the moratorium on the war debts. A dispatch to the New York Evening Post declares that this announcement was made today by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the House of Commons.

At the same time ^{Neville} Mr. Chamberlain, ^{the} Chancellor, denied that the ~~gold~~ ^{now on their way} shipments from England to the United States had anything to do with the debt question.

Following this news sterling went up again, leaving the pound this afternoon ~~at~~ worth three dollars and twenty cents, a considerable rise from yesterday's ^{all-time low} ~~low~~ ^{record.}

At the same time Premier Herriot of France won an important fight - a fight for the right to handle the debt situation without consulting parliament. Debate on this question in the French Chamber of Deputies has been postponed.

Authorities in Washington are exceedingly puzzled over the apparent optimism ^{in belief} in Europe that these new pleas for continued moratorium will be successful. It has been repeatedly pointed out to the European nations that the President has not the power to grant their requests on the debts and that an overwhelming majority ^{of} Congress as well as of the people of the United States, is vehemently opposed to any further postponement of payments from Europe.

GERMANY

The latest from Germany is that President Von Hindenburg is thinking of quitting his job ^{— stepping down & out,} A story in the New York Sun relates that a daily newspaper in Berlin came out today with the statement that the old field marshal was in ^{the} mood to resign ^{last} ~~on~~ Saturday. He ~~is~~ ^{is} disgusted, they say, because ^{"ferākelt"} the various parties in the Germany parliament are unable to settle their differences and agree on somebody whom they will support for Chancellor of the Republic.

REPEAL

The outlook ~~today~~ ^{stronger today} seems to be that the House of Representatives will pass a ~~prohibition~~ repeal resolution after ² forty minutes_^ debate ~~on the opening of~~ ^{when} Congress ~~next~~ ^{opens on} Monday. A dispatch to the Philadelphia Public Ledger ~~reports~~ ^{has it} that Democratic leaders have brought the utmost pressure on their ^{more timid} colleagues. Speaker Garner said today: "I see no reason why I should not bring the repeal resolution up Monday and I feel pretty certain we will."

On the other hand, the probability seems stronger than ever that any modification of the Volstead Act will be vetoed by President Hoover. Accounts from Washington which seem to be authoritative declare that Mr. Hoover considers modification as amounting to nullification and to this he is unalterably opposed.

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ROOSEVELT

President-elect Roosevelt in the intervals between taking the waters ^{at} Warm Springs, Georgia, is having conferences with leaders of the agriculture and banking committees in Congress. Mr. Roosevelt is working out his program for farm relief and budget ~~plans~~. One of his visitors today ^{points out} ~~says~~ the New York Sun, was Senator Hughie Long, the eminent ~~cat~~ fish - no, tut, tut, I'm always getting that wrong. Of course, I mean ^{the} kingfish, of Louisiana.

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It's reported that Mr. Roosevelt has his farm program ^{Just about} ~~pretty well~~ mapped out. It ^{is} ~~is~~ also reported as highly probable that whatever his farm program is, if it is presented during the lame duck session of Congress, even though the Democrats are able to pass it, President Hoover will step on it with a veto. ^{But,} that's just Dame Rumor getting busy again down in Washington.

NEW YORK

~~City fathers of New York~~ New York city fathers

are up against the lack of funds which bankers and economists have been long predicting. The city can get no more loans out of the banks, the banks of New York having refused to float any ~~loan~~ because the Tammany rulers of the city have not made the necessary reductions in the budget.

Consequently Father Knickerbocker is faced with the necessity of appealing to the legislature. The City's Board of Estimate finds it difficult to make the necessary economies because many of the high salaries of municipal workers are made mandatory by laws of the New York Assembly. Consequently Governor Roosevelt has been asked to call a special session of the legislature to repeal these mandatory laws, ~~as they affect city employees~~ and enable Father Knickerbocker to cut his expenses. At present New York has ^{not} ~~not~~ the money to carry through its program for unemployment relief. ~~and~~ It's also faced with the necessity of defaulting in other obligations until extra funds can be raised.

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HUNGER MARCHERS

Well, the New York contingent of hunger marchers to Washington left by motor today, sixx hundred and fifty strong. Women as well as men are in this column.

A story from Cleveland ^{to}~~is~~ the Brooklyn Times Union relates that one of the six hundred and fifty from Ohio is a salesman for a local chemical company, a chemical company engaged in manufacturing tear gas.

SUNOCO TALK

Mr. Alvin Floyd sends me ~~the~~^a tale from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Floyd says game down his way is so wild that it's almost impossible to get within range of it. The only hunter in the neighborhood whose bag is always full is called Wild Wood Wilson.

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The other day Mr. Floyd visited Wild Wood Wilson and saw him preparing for the hunt. He was taking the powder out of his shells, filling them with a blue fluid and then putting the shot and the wad back.

"What are you putting blueing in your cartridges for?" asked Mr. Floyd. ^{To which} ~~the~~ Wild Wood ~~Wilson~~ replied:

"That ain't blueing, that's Blue Sunoco."

In half the cartridges Wild Wood was putting salt, and Mr. Floyd wanted to know what the salt was for. Wild Wood explained: ~~xx~~ "Well, you see, the first time I tried Blue Sunoco I hit the game so far away that I couldn't find it. Now I take a two-barrel gun. I put a

cartridge of Blue Sunoco in one barrel and ^{a cartridge} ~~and~~ of salt
in the other, and fire both barrels at the same time. That
way I sprinkle the game with salt at the same time I kill
it. If I didn't~~x~~ do that, the meat would spoil before I
could get to it."

(6) All right, Mr. Floyd, I think that one earns
a copy of the Tall Story Book. If you folks have
any more like just cut loose with
both barrels and shoot 'em in.

SNAILS

I've been hearing about a new sport. Old Bill McGeehan of the Herald Tribune is its chief publicist on these shores; for ~~the~~^{the} new sport is an ~~immigrant~~^{newcomer} from Europe.

The game is snail hunting, which Bill McGeehan described as one of the most exciting sports in France. But, he adds that the followers of this pastime have just received a considerable blow. The Mayor of one French town has forbidden strangers to hunt ~~the~~^{the} snail in his territory. The farmers in those parts have been complaining that snail hunters have been so strenuous that they've been destroying crops. Bill McGeehan says there are many ways of hunting snail. In some districts they employ the system of beating the snails out into the open to where the hunters are awaiting their prey. Another way is to shoot them from the call like shooting bull moose in the north woods. But in Vienna, says Bill, many have run down the snails with packs of well trained dachshunds.

DOGS

at the Palmer House,
Out in Chicago, the Blue Ribbon cooks of the Middle-
west are holding a convention and exhibition. One of the
chefs told his colleagues that Uncle Sam is corrupting
the taste of the rest of the world in eating. Not only the
cocktail, he says, but the hot dog and other American
specialties are changing even European menus. When you
mention this to my friend the famous
Oscar of the Waldorf he shakes
his head in seven languages. ~~and~~
~~says~~

JEWELS

Oh Here's an item that does ^{it} ~~not~~ sound as though these United States were ^{so poverty stricken.} ~~poor~~. The president of the Jewelry Association of New York ~~told the New York Herald Tribune~~ ^{declares} ~~yesterday~~ that around seventy-five per cent of all the world's precious stones, diamonds, pearls and everything, are in the U. S. A. This jewelry expert estimated that the pearl business of the United States exceeds that of the rest of the world combined. This in spite of the fact that exceedingly little jewelry has been imported since 1929, and a good deal of it has been out of sight — in Uncle's care. The President of the Jewelers Association took time out to hand a bouquet to ~~the~~ American woman. She is, he declared, the most intelligent and the best informed buyer in the world. What is more, she has better taste than anybody else. That sounds graceful — and it also sounds like selling talk.

POTATOES

~~And here's~~ a new wrinkle in education. Up in New Hampshire the spud, Murphy, the common or garden, harmless, necessary potato is paying for daughter's education.

A story ^{has gone out across the land to the} ~~in the New York Herald Tribune relates~~

effect that one large potato grower ~~is~~ found himself with enormous quantities of spuds on hand, but not enough cash to pay for his offspring's tuition. So he wrote to the authorities of ^{New Hampshire} the ~~State~~ Board of Education and offered to pay the daughter's fee in ^{spuds delivered} ~~potatoes~~ — not F. O. B. The State authorities granted his application, so daughter is going to Normal School, and instead of money she *has* ~~is~~ taking ⁱⁿ with her a couple of carloads of potatoes. It seems that this is being done in more than one case. *In fact 'it gives me an idea. I think I'll try it.*

REX

There was general excitement at the Broad Street

station of Newark, the other day. The cause of it was Rex, —

not Rex the Italian liner, but Rex

¹ a dog that looked somewhat like a collie, but which experts

declared to be more ~~of a dog~~ like a famous pickle - fifty-
— *of dog.*

seven varieties, ¹ A quarter past four in the afternoon the

Chicago Limited on the Lackawanna Railroad stopped in Newark

to pick up passengers for Chicago. Just as the passengers

were climbing aboard, Rex appeared on the scene. Rex ^{could} see

very well, and he was looking for a comfortable place to lie

down. The warmest place he could find was right under the

engine of the Chicago Limited.

Women screamed, train crews shouted, volunteers called

out directions. Rex remained immovable, under the train.

Finally a fireman crawled underneath and drove him out. *And*

*that's how the crack Chicago Limited
was held up by Rex, the mongrel.*

HANGOVER

According to a story from Chicago you can have more than one kind of a hangover. A physician at the University of Illinois, says that if your head feels seven sizes too large for your hat, it need not necessarily be ^{the} porkchops you ate, ~~but~~ ^{the night before nor} the quality of the stuff that

somebody slipped into the punch bowl. It may be, says this doctor, due to the weather. He claims to have found a

distinct connection between the weather and migraine ^{the most} baffling form of headaches.

Well, that may be both a consolation and a good thing to explain to your wife next time you come home at three o'clock in the morning feeling not so hot.

INSECT

(1)
An interesting insect has been discovered by the scientists. The authority for this news is no less a celebrity than Professor Julian Huxley, the noted biologist at Oxford University in England, ^{— and grandson of Thos. Huxley.} These new insects which have been discovered are insect bootleggers. They exist in certain colonies ant ~~eximite~~ in South America. A dispatch to the ^{Pittsburg} ~~Brooklyn~~ ^{Press} ~~Times Union~~ describes this bootlegger as a tiny bug which manufactures a tasty beverage quite intoxicating. Ants are exceedingly fond of it. In other words, even the ants do it.

The biologists have further ~~discovered~~ discovered that these bootleggers bugs are quite fond of ant eggs. So they make a trade with the ants. They exchange one highball for all the ant eggs the bootlegger can eat.

That seems to be not so unlike things in the U.S.A.

But judging from the way the recent election went maybe the bootleggers are getting ready to say what I'm ready to say now — s - l - u - t - m.