

News Review of Current Events

BILLION FOR DEFENSE
President Wants Bigger Navy . . . Budget Message Reveals Larger Deficit, Less Revenue



Silk to feed anti-Japanese bonfire flames is being gathered from the shapely limbs of girls at Vassar college, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where the delegates to the third annual convention of the American Student Union staged a demonstration for a boycott against Japanese goods. Silk stockings, shirts and neckties were burned.

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SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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Budget Message Summary

MORE vitally important than his annual message on the state of the nation was President Roosevelt's budget message to congress. In it he forecast a deficit of \$1,088,129,600 for the current fiscal year which ends on June 30, and a deficit of \$949,606,000 for the 1939 fiscal year.

There was no promise that the budget would be balanced in the near future, the national revenue estimates being reduced because of the business depression.

Nearly a billion dollars was asked by the President for national defense because of "world conditions over, which this nation has no control," and more may be called for soon for the same purpose.

Summarized, the President's budget statement said: Revenues for the next fiscal year will total \$5,919,400,000, a decrease of \$401,076,000 from the present fiscal year.

Expenditures, exclusive of debt retirements, will total \$6,869,000,000, a decrease of \$539,600,000 from the present fiscal year.

National defense appropriations will total \$991,300,000, an increase of \$34,300,000. Later the President may ask for additional funds to construct several extra naval vessels.

Relief expenditures for the next fiscal year will total roughly \$1,138,304,000, a decrease of \$841,356,000 from the present fiscal year.

The deficit will be financed through Social Security and other trust funds and not through public borrowing.

The deficit estimate for the fiscal year which ends June 30 has been raised from \$695,000,000 to \$1,088,100,000, because of the business recession.

Expenditures for new highways, new rivers and harbors projects, new public buildings, new reclamation projects and other new public works will be reduced sharply.

The public debt will reach a record high of \$38,523,200,000 on June 30, 1939.

For National Defense

BEFORE the reading of the budget message in congress had been concluded, the President was in conference in the White House with men who will have most to do with putting into effect his plans for strengthening the national defense. These were Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison and Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of naval operations; Chairman Edward T. Taylor of the house appropriations committee, Chairman Carl Vinson of the house naval affairs committee, and Representative William B. Umstead, chairman of the appropriations sub-committee on naval appropriations.

The group considered additions to the navy building program, including recommendations for beginning construction on five battleships to replace all obsolete American capital vessels, ten to fifteen cruisers, and additional submarines, destroyers, and auxiliary craft.

Senators Hear About Autos

AFTER listening for two days to government officials, the senate committee studying unemployment and relief turned to industrial leaders for information and advice. It began with the automotive industry, receiving a long and exhaustive statement from the Automobile Manufacturers' association which includes all the most important concerns in the industry except the Ford company.

Major points in the statement were: In 1937, 4,800,000 automobiles were produced in the United States, 10 per cent less than in 1929.

Employment averaged 517,000, largest ever and 16 per cent above 1929.

The automobile industry was the only one having an increase in labor cost per unit of output since 1929. Weekly earnings of workers averaged \$32.04 for first eight months of 1937.

At present dealers have on hand about 400,000 new cars, highest since 1930; manufacturers have very large inventories of parts and sub-assemblies.

Hourly wage rates are 30 per cent above 1929, all direct manufacturing costs equal to 1929, but auto prices per pound are still 13 per cent below 1929.

Sutherland Retires

HAVING passed the retirement age of seventy-five years, Associate Justice George Sutherland notified the President that he would quit his seat in the Supreme court on January 18. Like Justice Van Devanter, he will still be eligible for duty in the lower courts at his own pleasure.



Sherman Minton

Justice Sutherland, a former United States senator from Utah and a former president of the American Bar association, was appointed to the Supreme court by President Harding in 1922. He was born in Buckinghamshire, England, and was brought to the United States in his infancy. He was identified with the conservative wing of the court.

Immediately upon the announcement of Sutherland's retirement, everyone began guessing as to his successor. It was taken for granted that Mr. Roosevelt would select a liberal.

Prominent among those mentioned for the place was Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, a steadfast supporter of the New Deal. If the appointment goes to the Middle West, Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan seemed to stand a good chance. Except for the fact that New York state already has three men in the court, Senator Robert F. Wagner would be near the top of the possibilities. Solicitor General Stanley Reed of Kentucky was the favorite of many, but there are two other southerners on the bench. Others suggested were Judge William Denman of California, Lloyd K. Garrison of the University of Wisconsin, and Donald Richberg, former general counsel and later chairman of the NRA.

Remembering the Hugo Black episode, the senate will carefully scrutinize the President's nominee.

Ford Won't Comply

REFUSED a reopening of its case before the labor relations board, the Ford Motor company served notice it would not comply with the board's order to "cease and desist" from alleged violations of the Wagner labor act, and to reinstate certain discharged workers. The board decided to ask a circuit court of appeals to enforce its decision, and the case probably will be carried up to the Supreme court.

Can't Limit Strikes?

THE national labor relations board informed congress in its annual report that legal limitations on the right to strike would be unconstitutional. The statement was made in the face of a reviving drive to amend the Wagner act, under which the board operates, and to take steps to increase trades unions responsibility.

Hill to Be Alabama Senator

REP. LISTER HILL, administration adherent, is to be the new senator from Alabama. In the Democratic primaries he defeated former Senator Tom Heflin, and that is equivalent to election. The seat he will have, formerly filled by Hugo Black, has been occupied since Black's elevation to the Supreme court by Dixie Bibb Graves, wife of Governor Graves, but it was agreed that she would resign as soon as an election was held.

Mr. Hill, who is forty-three years old, will be one of the youngest members of the senate. He has been serving as chairman of the house military affairs committee.

No New Deal Retreat

READING his annual message on the state of the nation before the senate and house at the opening of congress, President Roosevelt declared his purpose to advance upon the same fundamentals of the New Deal that have hitherto been proposed. He said: "I do not propose to let the people down. I am sure the congress of the United States will not let the people down. We hold our principles and our objectives to be sound. We will never go back on them."



President Roosevelt

The President again urged congress to enact legislation for control of wages and hours of work. He asked that all segments of the nation co-operate with the government to achieve better economic balance.

Reasserting his approval of proposed changes in tax laws, he said: "Three things should be kept in mind. First the total sum to be derived by the federal treasury must not be decreased as a result of any changes in schedules. Second, abuses by individuals or corporations designed to escape taxpaying by using various methods of doing business corporate and otherwise—abuses which we have sought, with great success, to end—must not be restored. Third, we should rightly change certain provisions where they are proven to work definite hardship, especially on the small business men of the nation."

"But speculative income should not be favored over earned income."

Speaking of his attitude toward the nation's business as a whole, Mr. Roosevelt declared: "The overwhelming majority of business men and bankers intend to be good citizens. Only a small minority have displaced poor citizenship by engaging in practices which are dishonest or definitely harmful to society. This statement is straightforward and true."

"No person in any responsible place in the government of the United States has ever taken any position contrary to it."

He called for prompt agreements on a farm program—now in conference between the house and senate—and asked specifically that congress "keep the cost of its administration within the figure of current government expenditures in aid of agriculture."

Power Loans O.K.

THE Supreme court ruled the government could make loans and grants for publicly owned electric plants.

Secretary Ickes, the public works administrator, said the decision would affect construction of \$2 power projects costing \$84,028,288 for which his agency had allotted \$30,191,944 as loans to be repaid and \$21,674,408 as federal grants.

Justice Sutherland delivered the opinion of the court.

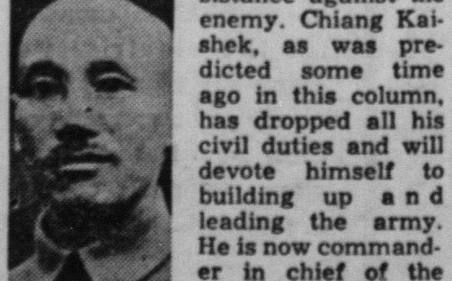
Farley Finds a Surplus

JIM FARLEY, in his annual report as postmaster general, was able to show a surplus of more than 12 millions for his department. To do this, however, he deducted an expense item of about 60 million dollars, calling it a "nonpostal" item. He charged off the air and ocean mail subsidies and all free mail.

Dealing with the activities of the postal inspection service, Farley ticked the traffic in spurious lottery tickets is believed to have been broken up with the arrest and conviction of a band of racketeers in the East who disposed of more than 10 million dollars' worth of such tickets in the last few years.

China Reorganization

INSTEAD of surrendering to the Japanese invaders, the government of China has been reorganized and plans made for continued resistance against the enemy. Chiang Kai-shek, as was predicted some time ago in this column, has dropped all his civil duties and will devote himself to building up a leading army. He is now commander in chief of the land forces and temporarily at the head of the navy. Finance Minister H. H. Kung, his brother-in-law, succeeds him as president of the executive yuan, or premier, and other important changes have been made in ministries and key posts.



Chiang Kai-shek

It was announced that he has in training a new army of 800,000 men to support the 900,000 who are combating the Japanese.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. Why do stars seem to be pointed?
2. When did the White House receive this name officially?
3. What is the curvature of the earth per mile?
4. What is the highest denomination of postage stamp issued by the United States?
5. Is water in a pail perfectly level at the top?
6. How long was the original Greek marathon race?
7. What speeches are on the walls of the Lincoln memorial at Washington?
8. Was Sequoia a full-blooded Indian?
9. The names City of Mackinac

and Straits of Mackinac are of the same Indian derivation. Why the difference in spelling?

Answers

1. Their apparent points are due to the scintillation arising from inequalities of the earth's atmosphere.
2. The name "White House" became official during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.
3. The earth's curvature per mile is approximately 8 inches.
4. Five dollars.
5. It is slightly concave, due to capillarity and surface tension.
6. The runner who carried the message of Greek victory after the Battle of Marathon traveled about 24 miles.
7. The Gettysburg address and Lincoln's second inaugural address are on the walls.
8. His father was white and his mother a Cherokee of mixed blood. He grew up in an Indian tribe.
9. The difference in spelling serves to distinguish the places. The pronunciation is the same.

Favorite Recipe of the Week

Shrimp Creole for Sunday Night Supper.

SHRIMP Creole is an excellent dish to serve for Sunday night supper, not just because it is especially good to eat, but because it can be made the day before or in the morning and reheated when ready to serve. That is a real convenience for the housewife who does her own work.

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| 2 medium size onions sliced | 2 cups canned tomatoes |
| 1/2 cup sliced celery | 2 cups canned peas |
| 2 tbsp shortening | 1 tsp vinegar |
| 1 tsp flour | 1 tsp sugar |
| 1 tsp salt | 2 cups canned shrimp |
| 1 to 2 tsp chili powder | 3 cups hot boiled rice |
| 1 cup water | |

Cook the onions and celery in the fat until a delicate brown. Add the flour, salt and chili powder and blend until smooth. Add the water (use the liquid drained from the peas as part of the water). Cook until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Add the tomatoes, peas, vinegar, sugar and shrimp and heat thoroughly. Serve with the hot rice.

If the shrimp creole is made before serving time, you will find a double boiler, or casserole convenient to use for reheating it.

The amount of chili powder to use depends upon personal taste. It would be a good idea to add just one tablespoonful and after the finished product has been sampled more can be added if desired. Chilled canned peas served with a custard sauce would make a pleasing dessert for the supper.

MARJORIE H. BLACK.

Disturbance Checked

The serenity of the wise is merely the art of imprisoning their agitation in the heart.—La Rochefoucauld.

Uncle Phil Says:



It's Perfect

Old folks find that the way to escape boredom is to take a nap. If people had acquired a taste for apple seeds, by this time apple seeds would be as big as filberts.

Tourists visiting Egypt ask to be shown where Pharaoh's daughter found Moses in the bullrushes. In America, if the event had happened here, they would be shown the spot with affidavits.

When unskillful people try to employ tact it turns out to be flattery.

There's No Escape

The question is not is life worth living, but how best to go through with it.

Saying a wise thing is useless if the listeners are not wise. Which gets the most enjoyment out of "I told you so"? The optimist or the pessimist?

Pessimists are persistent deflators; and sometimes deflation is needed badly.

News is even more startling when it is spread by gossips; but how reliable?

AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

Unrolling Tape.—Scoring the sides of friction tape with an old razor blade, or sharp pocket knife will enable you to unroll it without tearing the edges.

Furniture Coverings.—Zipper fasteners on furniture coverings make the coverings easy to remove for laundering.

Growing House Plants.—When soil in which house plants are potted becomes more like clay than loam it may be lightened by adding sand to it. Plants grow best in this kind of soil.

Don't Burn the Cake.—Set an alarm clock to go off at the time when cakes, and roasts, are due to be finished. It can be heard all over the house and acts as a reminder to the busy housewife who, intent on another job, may have forgotten the time.

Grouping Furniture.—Groupings of furniture, including pictures and lamps, should generally balance each other in height, width and effect of lightness or heaviness, housing experts say.

Prune Salad.—Cook some large prunes, one for each person. Stone and stuff with cream cheese which has been softened with a little milk. Let the stuffed prunes set

for half an hour. Take one or two large lettuce leaves and arrange orange on the round and place on lettuce, and in the center of orange place a stuffed prune. Serve with mayonnaise dressing. on each plate. Cut a slice of

Non-Skid Clocks.—When an ornament or clock slips on a polished mantelpiece or sideboard, try cutting four small squares of felt from an old hat and sticking one to each corner of the base of the article. It doesn't show and it's quite "non-skid."

Answers to the Mistake-O-Graph

1. Smoke is coming from the water tank.
2. There is a door on the side of the building.
3. Electric power on the steam engine.
4. Two names for the same town.
5. Time-table gives weather report and coal sales.
6. Taxi has steering wheel in the back.
7. Porter is telling man to board cab instead of train.
8. Coal car is piled high with wood.
9. Freight car has runners instead of wheels.
10. Coal car has no wheels.
11. Gondola car is labeled "Pullman."
12. Neckties under rails.
13. Porter is telling man to board cab instead of train.
14. Station light has chain.
15. Dog has fox tail.

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Pepsodent with IRIUM triumphs over surface-stains on teeth

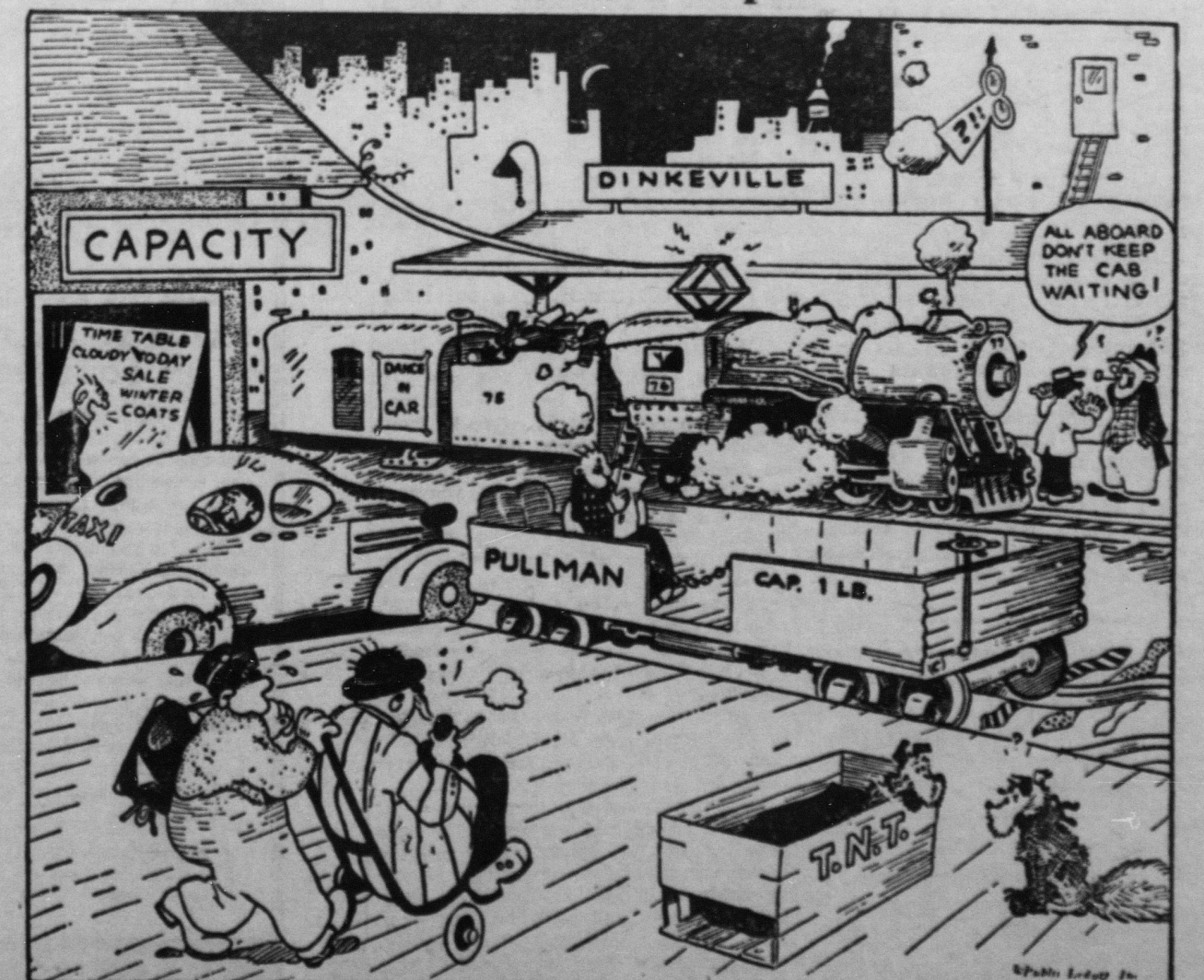


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Thanks to "The Miracle of Irium", Pepsodent smiles reveal teeth that glisten and gleam with all their glorious natural radiance! Use this modernized dentifrice twice a day—and you'll quickly appreciate why Pepsodent Paste and Powder

containing Irium have captured America! And Pepsodent containing Irium is Safe! Contains NO BLEACH, NO GRIT, NO PUMICE. It reveals natural, pearly brilliance in record time . . . leaves your mouth refreshed, tingling clean!

Mistake-O-Graph



Our artist this week is just back from his first visit to the big city, and here he records his first impression. His mind, however, was still evidently miles away, for we can see several bad mistakes. There are fifteen in all. Can you find them?