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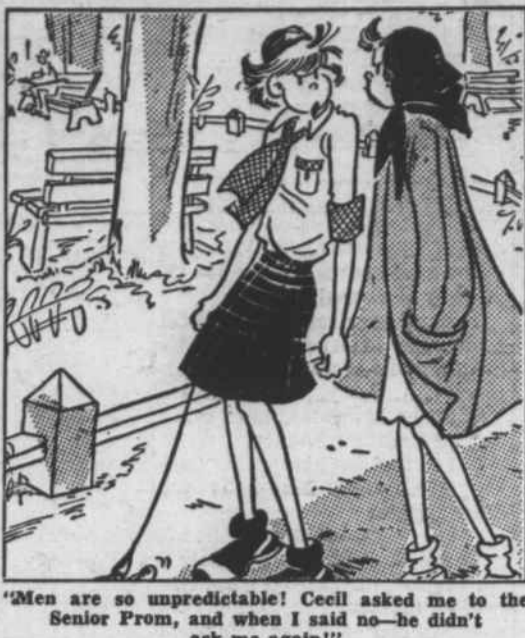


"How'd you ever find THIS spot, Fred? The fish jump right up and grab the flies I keep stuck in my hat!"



BOBBY SOX

By Marty Links



"Men are so unpredictable! Ceell asked me to the Senior Prom, and when I said no—he didn't ask me again!"

NANCY



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MUTT AND JEFF



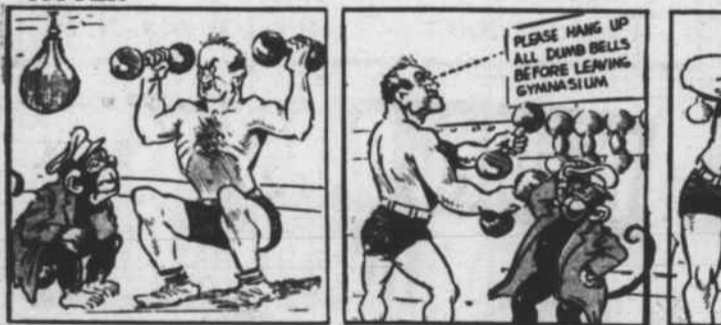
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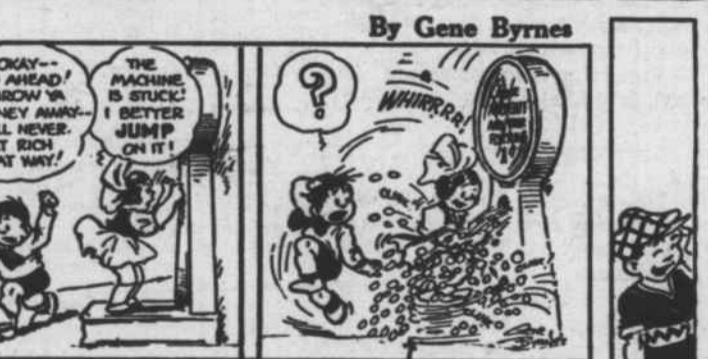
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Minimum Wage Bill Amended to Death

IT IS obvious, at least to your Home Town Reporter, that the Russell amendment to the new minimum wage act was wangled into the bill in a parliamentary move spearheaded by 21 southern senators as a deliberate intent to kill the minimum wage bill.

It was another of those coalition actions in which 20 northern Republicans along with two northern Democrats joined with the southern Democratic bloc. Only three southern senators opposed the action. . . . Hill of Alabama, Pepper of Florida and Barkley of Kentucky. It might be pointed out, too, that the most influential senators on the Republican side refused to join in the coalition. . . . senators such as Taft of Ohio, Vandenberg and Ferguson of Michigan, Morse of Oregon, and Aiken of Vermont.

There was much oratory in the debate from these southern senators about the "poor downtrodden farmer," but that this oratory was so much political sop is evident from the fact that these same senators twice before have had the opportunity to pass the Pace bill, which includes the cost of farm labor in establishing a parity price, and have twice before even refused to consider it. To tack the Pace bill onto the minimum wage bill at this late date as an amendment or rider when even the four national farm organizations didn't want it there, makes it an obvious move, to our way of thinking, to defeat the bill.

Against Higher Wages The southern senators, although they will not say so for publication, just do not want a higher wage scale in southern industry. This fact has been evident in the consideration of other wage and labor legislation.

And these farm organizations have been embarrassed, to say the least, throughout the senate fight on the minimum wage bill, which would raise the legal minimum wage from 40 cents to 60 cents an hour for some three million workers, but not farm workers. They were lukewarm on the bill in the first place for the reason that a higher minimum wage would indirectly mean higher farm wages.

At the same time they favor the principle of the Pace bill to include farm labor cost in the price of farm products, and so they could not openly and wholeheartedly oppose the amendment although it did not contain certain safeguards which are set out in the original Pace bill, such as "area of production" and "primary processing" exemptions. The farm organizations also asked for flexible minimum wages based on cost-of-living index and the transfer of "area of production" findings to the secretary of agriculture from the labor department. They got none of these safeguards, however. And so the National Grange, the Farm Bureau, the Farmers Union and the National Co-operatives are not very happy about the result of the coalition.

What would this inclusion of cost of farm labor in the parity formula do? According to the debate on the floor as stated by Sen. Scott Lucas of Illinois, it will increase the nation's food bill by something like \$4,500,000,000 annually to consumers. It would send the parity price of wheat from \$1.56 to \$2.07 per bushel, corn from \$1.14 to \$1.51 and so on down the line of parity prices. But it makes no provision for passing this price increase along to farm workers.

Senator Lucas declared that under the Steagall act the government could not finance the support program at these prices.

Bill Faces Veto Although the minimum wage bill as originally introduced providing for 65 cents on a sliding scale up to 75 cents, was a part of the President's program, so inflationary does he regard the bill with the Russell-Pace amendment attached, he has informed the senate he will veto the measure if passed in that form. The coalition senators, in the face of the President's statement, refused to compromise on a lower wage minimum in exchange for their amendment. It went through the senate with the minimum at 60 cents, and 3 1/2 million low-paid workers were excluded.

It is not believed here that sufficient strength can be mustered to pass the bill over the President's veto, so it appears that it's a dead duck insofar as this session of congress is concerned.

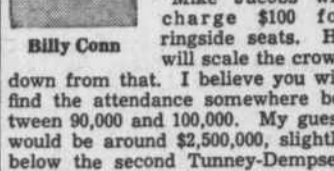
The coalition senators have won a victory which means nothing to the low-paid worker nor to the farmer. The only hope of the farmer now for parity revision lies in passage of the Pace bill in the senate as introduced in the house, or in an entirely new bill, the result of a general conference on farm parity.



Sportlight

By Grantland Rice

Will the coming Louis-Conn fight set a new record for gate receipts? There are more than two or three close to the fight game who don't think so.



Billy Conn

down from that. I believe you will find the attendance somewhere between 90,000 and 100,000. My guess would be around \$2,500,000, slightly below the second Tunney-Dempsey meeting in Chicago which drew \$2,650,000." Jacobs boasts that he will gross three million dollars on this fight.

This sent us prowling into the record book to check the leading money records of the game. Here they are: Tunney-Dempsey, Chicago, 1927—\$2,650,000.

Dempsey-Tunney, Philadelphia, 1926—\$1,895,723.

Dempsey-Carpentier, Jersey City, 1921—\$1,626,580.

Dempsey-Sharkey, New York, 1927—\$1,083,529.

Dempsey-Firpo, New York, 1923—\$1,082,590.

Louis-Baer, New York, 1935—\$948,352.

Louis-Schmeling, New York, 1938—\$940,096.

Tunney-Heeney, New York, 1928—\$691,014.

The first Louis-Conn fight in New York, 1941, drew only \$451,743. There are two outstanding points in this financial roundup. The first is that Jack Dempsey figured in all the shows over \$1,000,000, five altogether. These five Dempsey fights hauled in \$8,338,422.

Dempsey altogether drew in something like \$10,000,000 at the gate, far beyond any one else. It will also be noted that Dempsey drew huge amounts against four different opponents—Tunney, Carpentier, Sharkey and Firpo. Gene Tunney, with Dempsey out of the picture fell from \$2,650,000 and \$1,895,723 to \$691,014 against Tom Heeney.

The Louis Gate Record

Joe Louis so far has been in 57 fights, but Joe has yet to know a million dollar gate. Here are his five best financial contests:

Louis-Baer, New York, 1935—\$948,352.

Louis-Schmeling, New York, 1938—\$940,096.

Louis-Braddock, Chicago, 1937—\$640,420.

Louis-Nova, New York, 1941—\$583,821.

Louis-Schmeling, New York, 1936—\$547,372.

The five top Louis fights are nearly five million dollars below the Dempsey count for the same number of contests. The Conn engagement will be the first time the Bomber moves into the million-dollar row, and this time it is almost certain to be better than the \$2,000,000 row. Whether it will reach \$3,000,000 is another guess.

So far Louis has drawn in approximately \$5,000,000 at the gate; 37 per cent of this amount is about \$1,850,000. Even if split evenly with his managers this should have left Joe over \$900,000.

Taxes have taken a terrific toll from this amount, but even so one begins to wonder how Louis could be in the red, so far as back debts go, for over \$200,000 to the government and Mike Jacobs.

If you owe \$200,000 today and make \$2,000,000, your net will be about \$150,000, and this still leaves you \$20,000 shy. The best Louis can hope to collect in the Conn fight will be something about \$ 900,000 and \$1,800,000, so far as gate receipts go. What he will get from motion pictures and television is still a guess. But when they stop lopping off 90 or 92 per cent, the residue won't be any too ponderous to carry around.

Dempsey and Tunney had better breaks. Tunney knocked over \$900,000 or more for himself in 1927 at Chicago, but the income tax at that time was light—approximately 10 or 12 per cent. Both Dempsey and Tunney kept most of what they made, although the Mauler split 50-50 with Jack Kearns before they said "farewell forever."

Those days now belong with the dodo and the great auk. Maybe you can make it today, but if you do try to keep it.

Pennant Race Odds

What should the proper and correct odds be on the two pennant races just ahead? A few dozen bookmakers gave me this:

"We've made the Cardinals even money against the rest of the National league.

"The American league looks about as wide open as the Kentucky Derby. The Yankees and the Red Sox should be slightly favored. We rate them the better balanced teams.

Brazilians With Multiple Names Get Dual Listing

Owing to the few family names of Portuguese origin, most Brazilians use from two to four names, taking them from both their mother and father and arranging them in a new order, says Collier's. But it is their uncommon given name which distinguishes them from others and by which they are best known. Consequently, Brazilians are listed by their first as well as their last name in many telephone directories and government files.

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