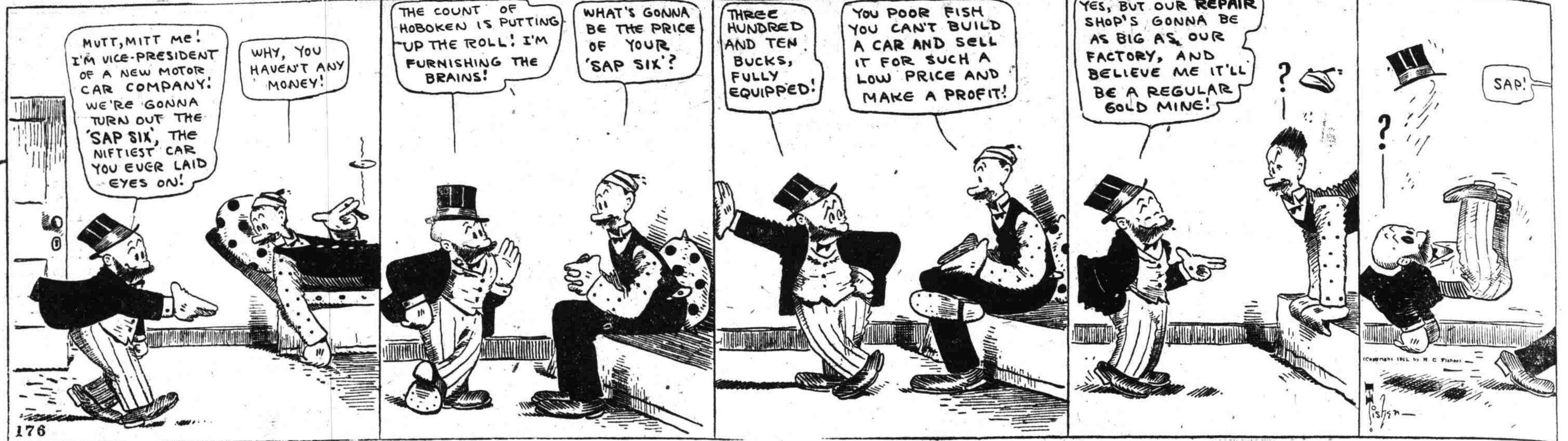


MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff had his eye on the future when he designed the "Sap Six."



DRASTIC CUT IN VALUATION NOT VERY LIKELY TO STAND

State Tax Commission Certain to Reject Reductions in Property Values That Reach High as 60 Per Cent—Has Power to Revise Valuations Fixed by Counties—Maxwell Thinks East Entitled to Greatest Reduction

(By JULE B. WARREN) RALEIGH, April 10.—Heavy reductions in the value of property are not likely to stand the purging process all the revisions will have to undergo before they can be certified by the new tax commission as the proper basis for taxation, in the opinion of some members of the state administration who have given a great deal of time and study to taxation matters. The new state tax commission, sitting as a board of review is required, not "allowed," but "required" by the law to adjust values in the different counties so that the property values in Cherokee will be more on the same basis as are those of the piedmont counties in central Carolina or Dare county in the east.

While it is recognized by friends of revaluation that all of the values fixed by the assessors in the 100 counties do not actually represent the money or market value of property today, the enemies of the reform do not pretend to believe that values of 1919 and 1920 were so far wrong that a 60 per cent cut in some counties and a 10 per cent cut in others will leave property values equitable in all the counties. It will be the duty of the new tax commission composed of the commissioner of revenue, the chairman of the corporation commission and the attorney-general, or stated in the persons of these officials, Commissioner A. W. Watts, Corporation Commission Chairman W. T. Manning, and Attorney-General James S. Manning, to adjust these differences.

Some members of the legislature opposed granting this power to the state tax commission, contending that since the state got none of its money from property tax, but left it entirely to the counties, it should have nothing to do with what basis the counties used in arriving at its tax values. The majority sentiment, however, was that so long as some counties had to get money from the state to equalize the fund in order to run their schools six months, the state had a right to look into the basis of valuation. In other words the legislature did not believe a county like Dare, for instance, which gets out of the state about \$30,000 more for its schools than it pays in, has a right to call on Durham, New Hanover, Mecklenburg, Forsyth and others of the larger and wealthier counties for help, unless there is some assurance from the state that Dare and the other weaker counties can do all they can to help themselves. Consequently L. R. Varner and other legislators who opposed state supervision of tax valuation, submerged their personal views and wrote into the new bill the clause which gives the tax commission the right to revise valuation cuts in order to equalize values as between the different counties.

Reports of the action of county commissioners reaching Raleigh show that there is a wide difference in the amount of cuts authorized in the different counties. They range from nothing in New Hanover and a few other counties which were satisfied with the present values to the 60 per cent cut in Wilson county. Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, who was largely instrumental in the revaluation work, and advised with the committee which wrote the bill this year, is of the opinion that the larger cuts would be made in the eastern counties where the bottom dropped out of farm values. The average value of the farming land, based on the speculative prices of land resulting from high priced cotton and wheat especially, was from \$50 to \$100 an acre. No one pretends to believe that these are the true values of this farm property today. The middle section of the state and the mountain counties were not so badly hit by the business depression of last year, and consequently there has been no such drop in the value of farm property. There is, therefore, no cause for expecting such drastic cuts in valuation in these sections as there is in the eastern counties. But even under these conditions the general impression is that the cuts in the counties which have touched the maximum will not be allowed to stand because they are out of line with the other counties in the state and would result

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD A WIZARD, SAY DOCTORS

John Huston of Arizona, Bedridden, Has Most Remarkable Mentality

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 10.—John Huston, 14-year-old, and bed-ridden, has been pronounced by high medical authorities as possessing the most remarkable mentality they have known in any child. At the age of three years and seven months, John delivered an address at the dedication exercises of the Coliseum in Dallas, Texas, reciting 51 verses on the war of '76. His oration was distinctly heard by the 10,000 persons in the audience. Aside from this, he has taken prominent parts in numerous public functions and gatherings, among these, national encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the Grand Army of the Republic, John ranks as brigadier-general, an honor bestowed by that organization. He also has a huge American flag presented to him by the Spanish-American war veterans. In his mother's home he has installed a powerful wireless apparatus. He supervises all of this work. Some of its parts are of his own manufacture. A United States government license, posted recognizes John as an amateur wireless telegraph operator. During his "listening in" periods young Huston has picked up messages or parts of them from stations as far away as Napa, Germany, and he daily hears the city of New York. Only recently John's mother telephoned in to the office of the Arizona Gazette inquiring if that paper had any report of a "bad wreck near Pueblo, Colo." A Pullman had burned, she said, on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad with a heavy loss of life. The Association Press leased wire only a few minutes before had brought in the story almost as John had heard it through his set from a distance of approximately 1200 miles.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PAYMENTS ON SILVER MONEY SENT TO INDIA

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Great Britain's first payment, amounting to \$25,000,000 in principal and interest, under the scheme for liquidating the debt of \$122,000,000 incurred during the war by the purchase of 100,000,000 standard silver dollars for the relief of the silver famine in India, was reached separately from any negotiations for funding the British war debt to this country of nearly \$5,000,000,000, said tonight.

An additional payment of \$17,000,000 also falls due May 15, officials added, under the agreement making provision for payment from April 15, 1919. The principal is to be paid in equal annual installments from 1921 to 1924, inclusive, in the proportions of 60 per cent April 15, and 40 per cent May 15, of each year, and the interest after next May 15, under the agreement, will be paid in semi-annual installments at the rate of 5 per cent per annum upon the principal outstanding.

BLADENBORO CLUB IS GUEST OF MISS BUIE ON THURSDAY

(Special to The Star) BLADENBORO, April 10.—The Thursday club met this week with Miss Clara Buié, whose home was unusually attractive with spring flowers. In a drawing contest Miss Fannie Turlington won the prize, a lovely dresser set embroidered in colors. Punch was served in the dining room from a table banked with ferns and flowers. Miss Ida Suggs presiding at the bow. After a delightfully interesting program, an ice course and cake were served. Besides club members the high school faculty was present.

CUTS PRICE OF ICE 10 PER CENT

(Special to The Star) GREENSBORO, April 10.—One of the two ice companies here has cut the price of ice 10 per cent, on purchases of 500-pound coupon books. The price for ice bought in small quantities still remains 80 cents per 100 pounds.

PRESIDENT HARDING AND HIS CABINET MAKING GOOD START

(Continued from Page One.) ing's message next Tuesday. But Mr. Harding and his associates interpret the latest election as having meant an overwhelming repudiation of the league and treaty. And many millions of people—not a few murmuring individuals—will have to express themselves to the same effect before the Harding administration will be convinced that its interpretation of the election mandate is not correct.

MURDER CONFESSION A LIE, HARRIS NOW SAYS

Man Who Declared He Helped Kill Elwell in New York Takes It All Back

BUFFALO, April 10.—Roy Harris, held here by the police on his confession that he was concerned in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell in New York last June, today confessed that his story is not true. The prisoner has been questioned for two hours by District Attorney Moore, at the end of which time he made a statement admitting that his original declaration was false.

Mr. Moore sent word to Charles S. Whitman and Captain Carey of the New York police, who were on their way to Buffalo. The development may cause them to change their plans and return to New York from Albany. Harris alleged as his reason for the hoax that he had been separated from his wife and had met her again only last week and desired to know whether she would be staunch to him were he in serious trouble. He said that if she had not proved "loyal and true blue" he would have gone to the electric chair without regret.

Harris confessed the hoax to Detective Oswald of the New York force Saturday night, but the latter did not make public the fact because he wished, he said, to talk first with Mr. Whitman and Captain Carey. He placed a charge of first degree murder against the prisoner and ordered him held incommunicado. After a few hours that charge was withdrawn. Oswald says it was through the wife that the confession was discovered. He took the woman to the outlying police station where she was locked up and held them talk for an hour or so. Harris had insisted that his wife was at St. Catharines, Ontario, during the planning of the El-

well murder, while she declared she was with him in New York that week. She said she gave him a birthday gift of socks at that time. "Did you get a birthday present last year?" asked Oswald. "Why, yes, two pairs of socks," said Harris. "Who gave them to you?" "My wife," said Harris, with hesitation. "But you said your wife was in St. Catharines at that time," said Oswald. "Oh, well, you've caught me. The whole thing is a fake," said Harris with a hopeless gesture. At noon today Harris was taken to the district attorney's office and confronted with his wife. After he admitted the hoax he was returned to his cell and was ordered held without bail in solitary confinement. This was done, police said, at the request of Detective Oswald. The wife was returned to her cell also.

DRY LAW VIOLATION ONLY \$1 (Special to The Star) GREENVILLE, S. C., April 10.—The smallest fine ever imposed in the federal court here yesterday of \$1 against F. P. Hardin, who pleaded guilty to violation of the prohibition laws, by a technical infraction of the regulations in securing whiskey for medicinal purposes.

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IT'S THE WOOD WE MAKE THE BEST SCREENS LENOIR FARMERS HAVE CUT FERTILIZER 50-60 PER CENT (Special to The Star) KINSTON, April 10.—Farmers in this part of the state will use only half as much fertilizer this year as last, according to dealers here. In some localities the reduction will be 60 per cent. All commercial fertilizers are much less in demand now than last spring. Intensive cultivation will make up in part for the smaller use of fertilizers.