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James M. Beck's Interesting Suggestions to Congress—Butler May Be G. O. P. Chairman—British Parliament in Action.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

OUR eminent statesmen are converging on Washington already in preparation for the session of congress that opens in December, and each one seems to have his own ideas of what should be done to save the nation. The remedies they are ready to propose are as various as the men themselves, and at least some of those that are not too evidently put forward for the purpose of further embarrassing an already troubled administration may be worth considering. President Hoover, it is reliably reported, hasn't yet made up his mind what it best to be done, and his cabinet members hold widely divergent views.

James M. Beck, Republican representative from Pennsylvania, is always listened to respectfully, and now, on his return from a trip to Europe, he has a lot to say. He decided the plight was due to "excessive taxation for socialist purposes and fears the United States is in grave danger of being led into the same road. Mr. Beck suggests that the present example of the British should be followed by the formation of a coalition leadership of Republicans and Democrats in congress for the purpose of "abolishing unnecessary and meddlesome bureaus" and effecting other economies.

The Pennsylvania estimates that probably two billions of dollars annually could be saved by temporarily suspending sinking fund requirements and by scrapping such governmental machinery as the farm-board, numerous bureaus of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor and various commissions consecrated to paternalistic care of the citizenry in their occupations and in their homes. He favors only one additional kind of tax. He would have congress pronounce light wines and beer nonintoxicating in fact, which he says can be done constitutionally, and then impose an excise tax on such beverages, which he estimates would bring in half a billion dollars of revenue annually.

NATIONAL Relief Director Gifford and his committee are as busy as bees co-ordinating the efforts of state and municipal governments to meet the job of caring for the unemployed next winter. President Hoover has added many names to the advisory board, so it now includes a great number of the country's leading men in all lines. It was believed these advisers would soon be called in session.

Labor day gave occasion for numerous expressions concerning the situation by labor leaders, cabinet members, congressmen and others. In general the idle idea was condemned, but many agreed with William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, who asserted that work must be provided the idle by industry. Governor Murray of Oklahoma, speaking at Chicago, vehemently attacked Wall Street, and the international bankers, charging them with having upset the economic structure of the country. He called for a new deal in 1932 for the laborers and common people and freer lending to the producing classes. His talk so ended as if he were suggesting himself for President, as the candidate of a new party, for he assailed Republicans and Democrats alike. So watch out for "Alfaia Bill."

GOSSIP about national politics now includes discussion concerning the man who shall succeed Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio as chairman of the Republican national committee. It is granted that Mr. Hoover can have a nomination if he wishes it, so his choice will prevail as to the manager of the campaign. The one definite statement to date is that of the Boston Post, to the effect that former Senator William M. Butler of Massachusetts has been approached by close friends of President Hoover regarding his acceptance of the place. He was chairman during the administration of President Coolidge and directed his campaign. The Post says Mr. Butler was recently a week-end guest at the Rapidan camp and recommended Charles D. Hiles for the place. It

was after this that he was himself asked if he would accept the chairmanship. Some of the statesmen in Washington are talking of the availability of Lawrence C. Phipps, former senator from Colorado, as chairman. Those who favor him urge that his great wealth would help the committee in raising the large campaign fund that will be needed. Mr. Phipps maintains a handsome home in Washington. All this is long-distance talk, for the national committee does not meet until December, when it will choose a date and city for the 1932 convention.

TROUBLE between Japan and China, always in the offing, seems to be getting nearer. The immediate reason is the shooting of Capt. Shintaro Nakamura, Japanese, as a spy by Chinese troops in Manchuria some weeks ago. The Japanese cabinet met early in the week to consider the matter and Minister of War Jiro Misami set forth the army's attitude. Recently he urged the government to take a firm stand in dealing with the Chinese rulers of Manchuria, who have sought pretexts to delay answering queries from Tokyo. The vernacular press in Japan insists on strong measures against China.

WHILE the London Bobbies with rubber batons struggled to disperse a mob of jobless men and Communists, British parliament opened its special session called to try to balance the budget. After the usual speech from the throne had been read, Prime Minister MacDonald, head of the new national government, offered a motion that the house resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the speedy passage of the economy measures devised by the cabinet. He insisted on a division, stating the resolution was considered as a test of confidence. The result of the voting gave the government a majority of 50, the figures being 300 for and 250 against it. The Conservatives and most of the Liberals lined up with MacDonald, as did twelve members of the Labor party. Sir Oswald Mosley and his "new party" were in opposition, together with Arthur Henderson's Laborites.

The economy budget, as presented by Chancellor Snowden and accepted by the house, caused groans from the Laborite benches. Its principle features, summarized, are:

- Taxes.**
- Income—Standard rate raised six pence, bringing it to five shillings in the pound (about \$1.25 in \$5), or 25 per cent.
- Beer—Increased one penny (two American cents) a pint.
- Leaf tobacco—Increased eight pence (16 cents) a pound; other forms of tobacco proportionately.
- Gasoline—Increased two pence (4 cents) a gallon.
- Entertainment—Movies and legitimate theaters, increased 16 2-3 per cent.
- Total new taxes this year, \$202,500,000; next year, \$400,000,000.
- Savings.**
- Dole—Cut 10 per cent.
- Police wages—Cut to a sliding scale upward from five shillings (about \$1.25) a week.
- School teachers' wages—Cut 15 per cent.
- Civil servants of all kinds, from cabinet ministers down—Pay cuts ranging as high as 20 per cent.
- Heavy reductions in outlay for defense services, education and road fund.
- An interesting incident was the announcement by King George that he desired a reduction of \$250,000 in his civil list of \$2,350,000, which is the annual income paid by the government to the crown.
- Queen Mary and other members of the royal family joined the king's request for cuts in their parliamentary grants, and the prince of Wales, who derives his income solely from his duchy of Cornwall, estimated to be about \$350,000 per year, announced he intended to contribute \$50,000 to the national exchequer.

THAT amazing story of the defalcations of Walter E. Wolfe, manager of the coupon department of the Continental Illinois bank of Chicago, was

made almost complete by an announcement from Arthur Reynolds, chairman of the board of directors. He said that during twelve years Wolfe had stolen \$3,000,025.00, which makes his embezzlement the second largest in American banking history. The bank is covered by insurance up to \$2,000,000 and a charge against special reserves for the balance of \$1,000,025 was made. Mr. Reynolds stated. He expressed the opinion, however, that this entire amount, over and above the insured sum, would be recovered in time.

LOWELL Bayles of Springfield, Mass., who a few years ago was a miner working underground, is the new American king of the air, for he won the Thompson trophy race at the national air races in Cleveland, making the new record of an average speed of 236 miles an hour in his Gee Dee supersportster over the 100 mile closed course. His money reward was \$3,700. Among the seven rivals he beat was Maj. Jimmy Doolittle, whose achievements at the meet earned for him \$10,000. Of the women flyers Mrs. Mae Halzlip of St. Louis was the biggest money winner, her share being \$7,750. John Livingston of Aurora, Ill., captured six trophies and a lot of coin.

WHAT the members of the League of Nations assembly termed a "lamentable error" was rectified when the assembly met in Geneva and almost immediately adopted a resolution inviting Mexico to join the league. The first business was the election of a president, and this honor was conferred on Nikola Titulescu, former foreign minister and now Rumanian ambassador to Great Britain. Then the matter of Mexico was taken up.

Lord Cecil of England said the admission of Mexico would rectify an error in the formation of the league, adding "I must admit I personally had a part in committing this error." He said the aid of Mexico was needed in the league's efforts to solve world problems. These sentiments were echoed by M. Briand of France, Signor Grandi of Italy, Curtius of Germany and Yoshizawa of Japan; and the resolution was adopted unanimously. While the statesmen were paying tribute to Mexico, her observer at Geneva, Martinez de Alba, walked about the auditorium smiling and shaking hands with the leading delegates. The Mexican senate accepted the invitation and cabled its action to Geneva. The Mexicans feel that her position in the league will give Mexico prestige in the eye of other Latin American nations.

FOLLOWING close on the announcement that the farm board will sell 15,000,000 bushels of its wheat to China comes the news that Germany is dickering for the purchase of 200,000 tons from the same source. Of course both lots would be sold on long term credits, and many Americans doubt that we ever will receive payment. Of the wheat for China one-half will be turned into flour before it leaves the United States, in order to pacify the American millers. The shipments will be 50,000 tons monthly, the first to go before October 1. Carl Williams said American shipping lines would have a chance to carry this wheat and flour, but must meet competition; in other words, he is willing to carry the grain across the Pacific at the lower rates bid by other lines.

CHILE'S naval mutiny ended almost as suddenly as it began and peace once more reigns in that country, officially, at least. The rebels, who objected to various government measures, held out until the air force went into action against them. One hundred planes circled over the warships held by the mutineers, dropping bombs that sank some destroyers and damaged the battleship La Torre. Then literature was dropped telling the rebels they had no chance, so they gave up. Their officers, including Rear Admiral Gomez, commander of the fleet, were set free and resumed their commands and the craft were taken to Valparaiso and Port Tongoy.

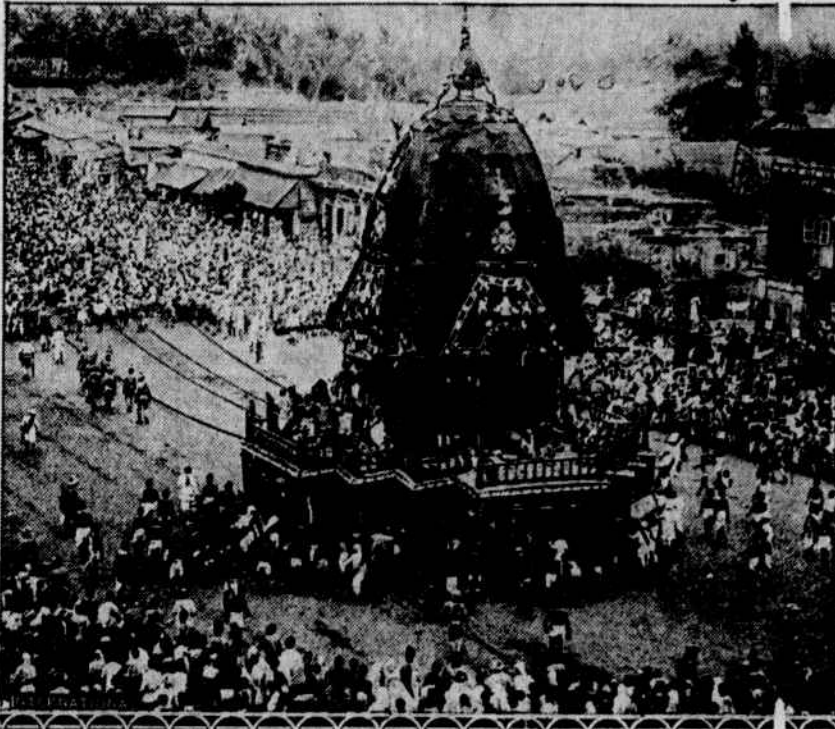
The government has started an investigation into the guilt of those involved, more than 2,700 enlisted men and petty officers. Other hundreds of men, some of them in the army, took part in the seizure of the bases at Talcahuano and Valparaiso. It is alleged that Communists stirred up the whole affair.

Car of Juggernaut Still Rolls in Puri, India

FOR centuries most people believed the legend that when the Car of Juggernaut (more correctly Jagannath) was drawn through the streets of Puri, India, devotees threw themselves in front of it to be crushed by its wheels. In these times we know this is false, for the idol within the car is believed to contain the bones of Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu, and to possess a soul, and any death within the god's temple or the spilling of blood in his presence is considered a defilement.

Many thousands of pilgrims gather in Puri for the annual Hindu festival when the ancient car is brought forth and the ceremonies are so impressive and picturesque that numerous tourists are attracted to the city, which is in Orissa on the seacoast. This year the festival was especially significant for it celebrated the "Nua Kalebar" or "God's renovation of the body."

Jagannath has a magnificent temple in Puri, and is exposed to view three days each year. On the first day the god is publicly bathed. Ten days later he is drawn in the massive and ornately decorated car to a neighboring temple, and this ceremony, here photographed, is the chief event. One week later Jagannath is conveyed back to his own temple. The Hindus regard Jagannath as the god of all people and pay him the deepest reverence.



BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

A THUMP AND A SLAP

IT ALL sounds like a dreadful quarrel, doesn't it? But there was no quarrel at all. You see it was this way, Peter Rabbit sitting on guard near the pond of Paddy the Beaver, where Honker the Goose and his eleven followers were sleeping, saw something moving among the Black Shadows which filled the Green Forest. "Hello! What is that moving over there?" thought Peter, but he was

Ing his way around to the other side of the pond. Then Peter understood. He was after one of those geese who, fast asleep, were drifting nearer and nearer to the other shore.

Peter was just trying to make up his mind what he ought to do when his wabbling little nose caught a familiar scent. Once more he sat tight, it was the safest thing to do. Granny and Reddy Fox passed. They, too, were stealing along very softly, with their eyes fixed on the pond. They made their way around the other end of the pond from the one Old Man Coyote had gone around.

Peter's heart went pit-a-pat, pit-a-pat with excitement. What should he do? What ought he to do? If he should thump and try to waken Honker and the other geese he would give himself away. Would he be able to reach the nearest bramble-tangle before Old Man Coyote or Reddy Fox could catch him? Perhaps those sleeping geese would not drift any nearer to shore and then they would be safe, and he would not need to give warning. Perhaps they would not hear him even if he did thump and he would run all that dreadful risk for nothing. Anyway, there was no need of doing anything just yet.

So Peter watched. Little by little two or three of those sleeping forms drifted nearer and nearer to the other shore. By and by they were so near that Peter knew that something must be done at once or it would be too late. Somewhere over there three pairs of hungry eyes were watching those geese just as he was. Peter made up his mind. He would thump, and then he would run with all his might. Thump! Thump! Thump! Peter

hit the ground with all his might and hoped it would waken Honker. Then without waiting to see he started for the nearest bramble-tangle as fast as he could go.

Slap! That was the tail of Paddy the Beaver hitting the water. He had heard Peter's thumps and knew what they meant. And at the sound of that slap Honker the Goose awoke.

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

ECONOMICAL DISHES

AS MOST of the housekeepers the world over must economize, they are always looking for recipes that are good without being too expensive of time and material.

Economy Spice Cake.

Sift two cupfuls of bread flour with two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch and five teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Boll one cupful of sugar with one and one-half cupfuls of water, one-fourth cupful of cooking oil, one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt and one cupful of raisins together, two minutes. Cool and add the flour and when well blended, pour into a floured pan to bake in a moderate oven for 45 minutes. Cover while hot with the following topping: the juice of one orange, a little of the rind if desired and one-fourth cupful of sugar well mixed. This mixture soaks in the cake leaving a light glazing top and adds greatly to the flavor of the cake. This may be used with any plain cake.

Corned Beef Hash.

Take two cupfuls of cooked corned beef, two cupfuls of cooked potatoes, all chopped, two onions chopped, salt and pepper to season, one-half cupful of milk and two tablespoonfuls of

The Unanswered Letter

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

(Suggested by G. M., Springfield, Mass.)

THE mailman comes, the mailman goes, The postman passes by, And someone only can suppose, And wait, and wonder why, Today no letter, and tonight A silence hard to bear, We wonder if they cannot write, Or simply do not care?

The little note is laid away, The letter put aside, Yet someone hoped to hear today An answering voice denied, You may be busy, well we know, So many things you're at, You may be busy—are you, though, As busy as all that?

Oh, keep the tree of friendship green When friends are far apart, How much a word of yours may mean To cheer some absent heart! The rose unwatered droops and dies, Yes, dies in some sad hour; The letter that unanswered lies Is love's unwatered flower.

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The Old Gardener Says:

THE autumn flowering crocuses, which are very much like the spring crocuses but bloom late in the year, come into flower only a few weeks after they have been planted. They are choice subjects for the rock garden but may be scattered through the border, too. These autumn flowering crocuses are often confused with other autumn flowering bulbs called colchicums but the latter have very much larger leaves, and for that reason are not as well suited for the rock garden because the heavy foliage interferes with more delicate rock plants. Colchicums, however, are very handsome in the border.

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SEEKS NEW LAURELS



Maribel Vinson of Winchester, Mass., the champion girl skater, has an ambition to add to her laurels by becoming the sculling champ of the United States. She took up sculling at the Harvard summer school at Cambridge, Mass., and daily she is seen on the Charles river doing her stuff.

vegetable oil. Bake in a well oiled pan in a hot oven for 20 minutes, or cook in a well oiled frying pan until brown on the bottom, then fold like an omelet.

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Virginia Beach Office Hours During the Hot Days



WHEN members of office staffs of various businesses of Virginia Beach, Va., started complaining about the heat, executives of the concerns were struck by a brilliant idea. So the next day they quietly moved their entire staffs, including desks, typewriters, files, phones, etc., right down to the water's edge. Proper apparel for employees and employers was, of course, a bathing suit.