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Speaker Garner in Dramatic Speech Quells House Sales Tax Rebels—Substitute for Defeated Sales Tax Is Quickly Passed.

SPEAKER JOHN N. GARNER quelled the house of representative tax rebels and assured the nation of tax legislation that would balance the national budget. The members of both parties who had successfully opposed the sales tax provisions of the bill drafted by the ways and means committee promised to be good and support the new bill introduced by the committee and as a substitute for the sales tax that had been defeated.

It all came about when the speaker took the floor and delivered a speech that was a combination of tempered argument, impassioned plea, and camp-meeting exhortation. As he whirled into his peroration, an exalted house membership answered his appeal for those resolved to lead a new life to arise. En masse the congressmen surged to their feet and took the pledge to pass a tax measure that will balance the budget.

Then the house settled down to business. The ways and means committee introduced its list of new taxes to take the place of the defeated sales tax, and the various items were approved so rapidly that Acting Chairman Crisp had to stop the offering of items in order to give the engrossing clerks time to draw the various amendments. The new levies as provided for in the house bill covers taxes on the following articles with the estimated revenue:

INCOME TAXES	
	REVENUE
Individual (increases carried in bill)	\$ 112,000,000
Increase in normal rate	3,000,000
Increase in surtaxes (wartime rates)	17,000,000
Lowering surtax exemption from \$10,000 to \$6,000	7,000,000
Corporate tax (12 to 13 as carried in bill)	21,000,000
Corporate tax (13 to 18 1/2 per cent)	5,000,000
Corporate tax (15 per cent on consolidated and affiliated returns)	18,000,000
Corporate exemptions (lowered \$2,000 to \$1,000)	6,000,000
Net loss deduction disallowed 1931-1933 (preventing carryover of losses)	20,000,000
Administrative changes	100,000,000
Gift tax	20,000,000
Estate tax	20,000,000
Dividends (Sec. 115-B: removing tax exempt corporate stock)	9,000,000
Dividends (Sec. 115-D: removing tax exempt corporate stock)	2,000,000
Lubricating oil (4 cents a gallon)	35,000,000
Imported petroleum (1 cent a gallon)	25,000,000
Malt, wort, grape concentrates, etc.	46,000,000
Imported coal	1,500,000
Telephone and telegraph messages	33,000,000
Capital stock and bonds issues of (10 cents per \$100)	15,000,000
Admissions over 45 cents (1 cent for each 10 cents or fraction)	40,000,000
Safety deposit boxes (10 per cent of rent)	1,000,000
POSTAGE RATES	
Increase from 2 to 3 cents in first-class postage	135,000,000
EXCISE TAXES	
Cosmetics (10 per cent)	25,000,000
Furs (10 per cent)	20,000,000
Jewelry (10 per cent)	15,000,000
Beverages (restoration of 1921 rates)	11,000,000
Matches (4 cents per 1,000)	11,000,000
Radios, phonographs (5 per cent)	11,000,000
Automobiles (3 per cent); trucks (2 per cent); accessories (1 per cent)	57,000,000
Sporting goods and cameras (10 per cent)	4,000,000
Chewing gum (5 per cent)	3,000,000
Candy (5 per cent)	12,000,000
Mechanical refrigerators (5 per cent)	4,500,000
Yachts, motorboats, etc. (10 per cent above \$15 in value)	600,000

MISCELLANEOUS	
Sale of stocks (1/4 per cent, but not less than 4 cents a share)	75,000,000
Bonds, transfers of (1-28 of 1 per cent)	13,000,000
Conveyances (restoration of war-time rates)	10,000,000
Sales of produce on exchanges (5 cents per \$100)	6,000,000
Pipe line (15 per cent of carrying charges)	15,000,000
Airplane (5 per cent on manufacturer's price)	2,000,000
Total	\$ 984,500,000
Amount of savings expected on appropriations	243,000,000
Amount of expected savings in postal service	30,000,000
Grand total	\$1,257,500,000
Anticipated deficit 1933	\$1,241,000,000
Surplus (with proposed new savings)	\$ 16,500,000

The house bill provides for the payment of the levied excise and sales taxes by the manufacturer direct to the government, with the method of collecting the taxes about the same as under the general manufacturers' sales tax which was rejected. That does not mean, however, that the tax will not be passed along in the form of an increased price for the merchandise, and there is nothing in the bill that would prevent the manufacturer from directly including the tax item in his invoice to the jobber or retailer and so on down the line until it reaches the consumer.

The fact that the house has passed a revenue bill does not mean that this bill is to be the law of the land. It is almost certain that the senate will not agree. The senate committee is very likely to substitute for the new provisions of the house bill the manufacturers' sales tax that was rejected by the house, and pass the revenue bill in that form. Should it do so it will mean another fight in the house, then a long conference consideration, and there is no prospect for an early adjournment of congress. Experienced members of both houses are now predicting that there will not be an agreement over a revenue bill earlier than September.

THE Hoover budget will be slashed a quarter of a billion dollars if the house accepts the recommendations already made and to be made by its appropriations and economy committees, Chairman Joseph W. Byrns (Dem., Tenn.) of the house appropriations committee asserted.

Just prior to announcing his resignation, on a plea of overwork, from the chairmanship of the special economy committee, Mr. Byrns said that body will submit recommendations calling for consolidations and economies totalling at least \$75,000,000 and possibly a sum two or three times that figure.

Chairman Byrns said that hearings thus far conducted by the various committees handling governmental supply bills disclosed that at least \$150,000,000 could be shaved off the budget figures submitted by President Hoover without in any way impairing the efficiency of the government. The committee plan to slash an additional \$30,000,000 from national defense appropriations, Mr. Byrns said.

PRESIDENT HOOVER announced formally at the regular press conference that he is "absolutely opposed to the enactment by congress of additional soldiers' bonus legislation, and indicated that he would veto such a bill if passed. The President's statement follows:

"Informal polls of the house of representatives have created apprehension in the country that a further bonus bill of \$2,000,000,000 or thereabouts for World war veterans will be passed.

"I wish to state again that I am absolutely opposed to any such legislation.

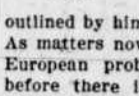
"I made this position clear at the meeting of the American Legion in Detroit last September 21, and the Legion has consistently supported that position. I do not believe any such legislation can become law.

"Such action would undo every effort that is being made to reduce government expenditures and balance the budget.

"The first duty of every citizen of the United States is to build up and sustain the credit of the United States government.

"Such an action would irretrievably undermine it."

NORMAN DAVIS, one of the American delegates to the Geneva arms conference, arrived in Washington and went into a series of conferences with State department executives. Although officials declined to make public the nature of the discussions it was learned that Mr. Davis outlined the obstacles which have been encountered in the move to work out a general arms limitation treaty and reported to the department on the plan of action for the future outlined by himself and his associates. As matters now stand, many pressing European problems must be settled before there is the remotest chance for the negotiation of a treaty which carries reductions in land forces.



Norman Davis

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE Arthur M. Hyde called his department the "prize boob in the history of finance," because of its policy of making virtually unsecured loans to farmers in the face of rapidly mounting crop surpluses.

"Under present conditions," Secretary Hyde said "my department is now lending more money on thinner security and sustaining more losses than any organization ever has done before in the history of the world. Loans now being made by my department to small farmers who otherwise could not finance themselves could not by the furthest stretch of the imagination be called good business."

The Hyde statement was directed at the farm loan policy under which the Agriculture department makes loans to small farmers for economic reasons. He asserted that the government should not go into the business of making loans to farmers except in cases of drought, or floods or calamities growing out of natural causes. The current type of loans are unjustifiable, he said.

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A RECOMMENDATION against development of the navigation and irrigation phases of the \$772,000,000 Columbia river development project at this time was included in a report submitted to the secretary of war for transmission to congress by Maj. Gen. Lytle Brown, chief of engineers.

While recommending that the sum of \$16,000,000 should be expended by the government for the construction of locks and other aids to navigation in the Columbia river when private or state interests are ready to develop water power, Major General Brown took the position that the time was not ripe for the spending of any considerable amount of federal money on this huge project.

THE Missouri Democratic state convention at St. Louis instructed its 54 delegates to the national convention to vote for former United States Senator James A. Reed as long as he has a chance to secure the nomination for President. Missouri's delegation will have 36 votes. Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt is the second choice of the instructed delegation.

Governor Roosevelt is the choice of the Iowa Democratic convention. The 26 delegates were instructed to "use all honorable means" to bring about his nomination for the Presidency.

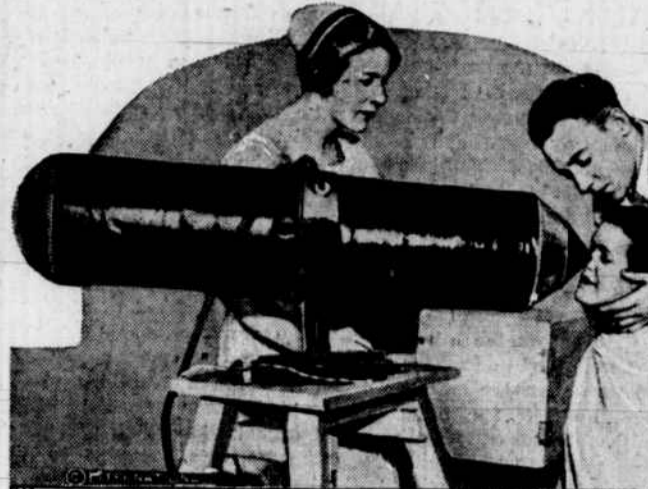
A TREATY between the United States and Canada for the construction of the St. Lawrence waterway may be ready for signature soon. William D. Herridge, Canadian minister, is now ready to negotiate. It only remains to secure the consent of the respective governments. Then the treaty will be written.

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Is There Something in Your Eye?



THIS giant eye magnet which Dr. L. R. Mackey and Miss Flora Olsen are demonstrating in a Minneapolis hospital, with Miss Marie Skele, a nurse, playing patient, is the largest of its kind in the world and was made for the removal of steel from the interior of the eye. It was the gift of Dr. C. N. Spratt, eye specialist, and is so powerful that it can drag an ordinary flat iron across the floor or cause a watch to fly out of its owner's pocket. The magnet weighs more than 800 pounds and has a ten horsepower pull. The core, which is made from a wrought iron shaft used in one of the old flour mills in Minneapolis 75 years ago, is wound with one and one-half miles of copper wire and uses 220 volts generated by a ten horsepower motor.

Bedtime Story

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE King is great! The King is strong! The King, good sir, may do no wrong!

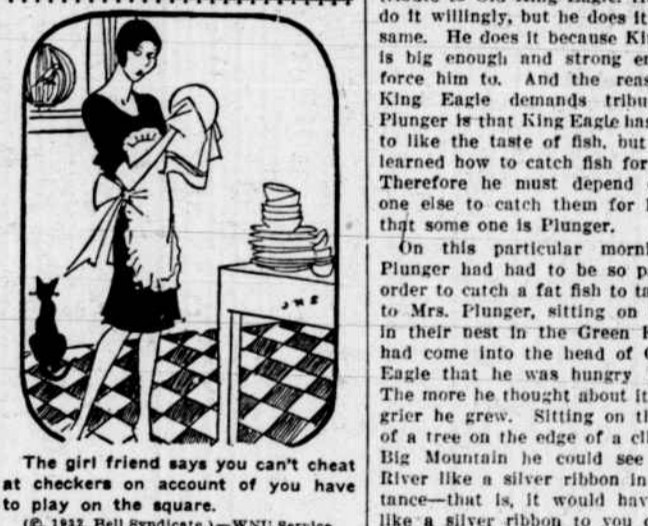
The King of the birds is Old King Eagle, as every one knows. He is king because his father was king before him, and his father's father, and so on 'way back to the long ago time when the world was young. To him all the other feathered folk yield and pay homage because by virtue of his great strength and courage he is their lord and master. Now, Old King Eagle is for the most part a wise and just ruler. He does his own hunting. He demands no tribute, save in one thing.

Of course, you know what tribute is. Tribute is a gift from the weak to the strong, a gift not offered willingly by the giver, but demanded by the one to whom it is given. Kings are very apt to demand tribute from those over whom they rule. But Old King Eagle demands no tribute from his subjects save one, and that one is one of his largest and strongest subjects. Can you guess who it is? It is Plunger the Fish Hawk. Yes, sir, Plunger the Fish Hawk has to pay tribute to Old King Eagle. He doesn't do it willingly, but he does it just the same. He does it because King Eagle is big enough and strong enough to force him to. And the reason that King Eagle demands tribute from Plunger is that King Eagle has learned to like the taste of fish, but has not learned how to catch fish for himself. Therefore he must depend on some one else to catch them for him, and that some one is Plunger.

On this particular morning that Plunger had had to be so patient in order to catch a fat fish to take home to Mrs. Plunger, sitting on the eggs in their nest in the Green Forest, it had come into the head of Old King Eagle that he was hungry for fish. The more he thought about it the hungrier he grew. Sitting on the stump of a tree on the edge of a cliff of the Big Mountain he could see the Big River like a silver ribbon in the distance—that is, it would have looked like a silver ribbon to you or to me

KITTY MCKAY

By Nina Wilcox Putnam



The girl friend says you can't cheat at checkers on account of you have to play on the square.

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WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WHAT will you plant in your garden plot? Pansies, or tulips, or weeds, or what? "Weed!" you say. "Why, certainly not!"

"Who plants mullen who might have rose?"

In my garden do you suppose I'd plant thistles, and things like those?"

Yet there's a garden all year long Where we're scattering right or wrong. Seeds to weaken or make us strong.

There's a plot of another kind, There's a garden we call the mind. In that garden what shall we find?

What is the book you choose to read? What do you sow when you sow the seed? Of thoughts to follow, the rose or weed?

What is the picture you choose to see? Crime, or filth, or immodesty? What, in your heart will the harvest be?

Some day the tempter will come to you. Then as you think you will likely do. What of your garden, and what of you?

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had we been in his place. But so wonderful and keen are the eyes of King Eagle that he could see the Big River clearly. He could see more. He could see a speck sailing back and forth over the Big River, and he knew that that speck was Plunger the Fish Hawk.

Old King Eagle chuckled. "My fisherman is fishing for me, but he doesn't know it," said he. Then he spread his wonderful great wings and sailed out and up, like the royal master of the air that he is. Up, up he flew until he was but a speck in the sky to anyone watching from below. Straight toward the Big River he flew, and there in majestic, great circles he sailed round and round three times as far above Plunger as Plunger was above the Big River. Plunger, his eyes fixed on the water below, knew nothing of King Eagle above him. So Plunger flew patiently back and forth and round and round over the Big River, watching for fish, and cloud-high above him King Eagle swung in great circles watching Plunger.

He laughed aloud, did Old King Eagle, when at last Plunger shot down into the water with a great splash and presently flapped upward heavily with a big fat fish in his claws and then headed straight toward the Green Forest. In his turn King Eagle shot downward. The Old King Eagle fiercely.

"I won't! It is my fish, for I caught it!" screamed Plunger.

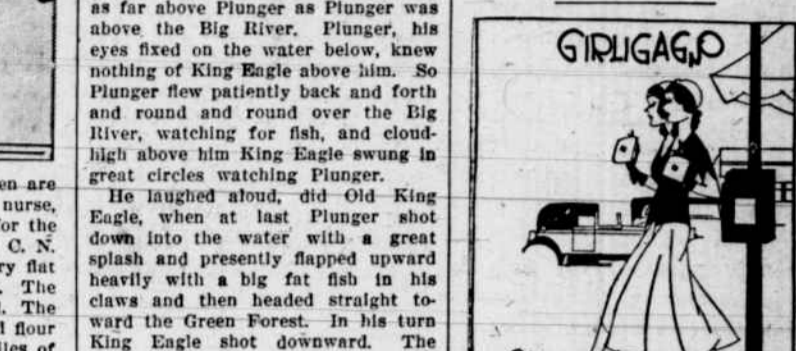
"Tribute! Tribute!" demanded Old King Eagle more fiercely than before. Still Plunger clung to the fish for which he had waited so long and patiently.

"I won't!" he screamed again, and this time there was an answering scream. It was Mrs. Plunger. She had heard him and now was coming swiftly to aid him. So Plunger clung more tightly than ever to the big fish and beat his way toward the Green Forest, hoping that something would happen to cheat Old King Eagle of that splendid prize.

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"Longer skirts were to be expected," says perspicacious Pearl. "Somebody is always trying to get the goods on the girls."

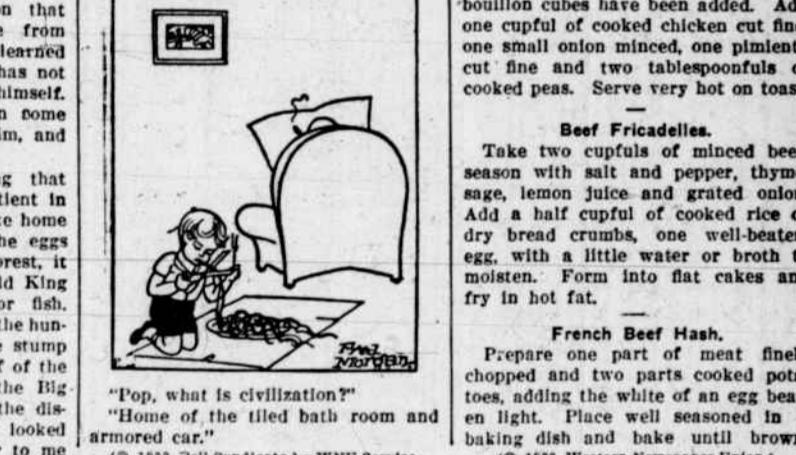
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Not Much Meat Needed

A CUPFUL or two of any kind of well-cooked meat may make a most tasty dish. It is the flavor found in the extractives which gives meat its attractive appeal. A very little will answer as well as a large quantity, if the dish is made up of other nourishing foods.

For a supper dish to serve with Lyonnaise or creamed potatoes, or with potato salad, thinly sliced frankfurters, heated very hot in a frying pan, make a most tasty dish.

DADA KNOWS



"Pop, what is civilization?"

"Home of the tiled bath room and armored car."

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Aerial Cabaret May Be the Next Innovation



FIRST transcontinental transport plane to be equipped with long-wave radio for the entertainment of its patrons is shown in the air above Los Angeles at the completion of its flight from New York over American Airways. Headphones, which may be worn when the passenger desires, are connected with a receiving set tuned for regulation broadcasts, but at the will of the pilot they may also be tuned in on the short-wave receiver with which he keeps in communication with his headquarters. Passengers tried a fox trot.