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Congress Votes Independence for the Philippines Over Hoover's Veto—President Again Calls for Balancing of the National Budget.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

SOMETIME between 1943 and 1946 the American flag will be lowered in the Philippine Islands and the natives of the archipelago whom we have fostered and protected since 1898 will be left to their own resources. The United States senate, following the example of the house of representatives, overrode President Hoover's veto of the independence bill by a vote of 66 to 20. The arguments against the measure, presented by the Chief Executive and based on the

opinions of Secretaries Stimson, Hurley, Chapin and Hyde, were rejected. Therefore the act will go into effect, provided the Philippine legislature accepts it within one year. Dispatches from Manila indicate that it may be accepted, although it is far from being what the leaders there desired. They assert that in passing it congress is actuated by selfish motives, and in a way this was borne out by the argument of Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois in his argument in favor of the measure.

"The United States occupies the place of danger today," he said. "It is the most imperiled of any nation in the world."

He reviewed the grievances held against the United States by Russia, China, and Japan. He predicted that British interests in the Orient and the French possession of Indo-Chinese territory would make them cold to any plea for help should this country become involved in a trans-Pacific conflict. He claimed to see the formation of an Asiatic Monroe doctrine.

"They will not come to America," said the Illinois senator. "We did not go to Spain. We seized Cuba and the Philippines and told Spain to come and get them. While we hold the Philippines, these nations may seize them at any time and say to us, 'Come and get them.'"

"I place my defense of this measure," the senator concluded, "squarely upon the defense of America."

Senators Borah and Cutting, who with eighteen other Republicans helped the Democrats to override the veto, argued that the United States should redeem its promise of independence for the islands. Privately, some of these Republicans had said they would vote for the measure because a worse one might be passed by the next congress—though this seems almost impossible. Only one Democrat, Copeland of New York, voted to sustain the veto, holding that congress has no constitutional right to alienate a territory once acquired.

WHAT the nation thinks of the failure of congress to balance the budget was expressed forcibly though politely by President Hoover in a special message which chided the legislators and urged them to bring about economies in government and to adopt a low general sales tax. He warned them that insolvency will follow if the budget continues indefinitely out of balance, for it is a question how much longer the banks will or can carry the government by purchasing its treasury obligations.

The President proposed that the sales tax blanket all commodities except food and cheap clothing. He said there probably would be a deficit between \$500,000,000 and \$700,000,000 for the next fiscal year, even with reduced appropriations, unless new revenues are obtained.

Since the President's criticisms concerning appropriations were aimed chiefly at the Democrat-controlled lower house, Chairman Joseph W. Byrns of the appropriations committee felt called upon to reply.

"Was there anything more amazing," said Mr. Byrns, "than that the President, who has been urging economies since the Democrats came into control, should complain that maximum appropriations and economies have not been adhered to? Do we understand that he is out in the position of saying that congress should not attempt to reduce the estimates he has sent up here? That is what the message means; it can't be construed in any other way."

"You have been President nearly four years and secretary of commerce years before that," Mr. Byrns shouted in an imaginary address to the President. "But for more than three

and one-half years you have sat in the White House totally oblivious to the necessity of consolidation of government agencies for the purpose of economy."

Representative Mapes of Michigan answered this by insisting that, as secretary of commerce and repeatedly as President, Mr. Hoover has urged consolidation of agencies and has submitted "a dozen messages" along that line, but has been opposed by leading members of the Democratic party.

There is no indication that Mr. Hoover's message would spur this session to any commendable action.

HAVING re-written the Collier beer bill so that it would allow the manufacture and sale of beer, porter, wine and fruit juices with alcoholic contents of not to exceed 3.05 per cent, the senate judiciary committee delayed action on it for one week. Although the backers of the senate amended bill expressed confidence it would be reported out in time for passage at this session, house wets expressed apprehension that the bottling up of the measure in the judiciary committee might subject it to a filibuster by the dregs.

Monday, January 10, was the thirtieth anniversary of national prohibition, and Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, author of the Eighteenth amendment, succeeded in breaking through the Long filibuster long enough to deliver his annual speech on prohibition.

ONE Democratic senator at least is thoroughly disgusted with the tactics of some of his colleagues of the same party. This is Millard Tydings of Maryland, who declared that if the Huey Long filibuster in the senate were tolerated much longer, and if his resolution to cut more than a billion dollars from the costs of the government were not acted on, he would resign on the remainder of the session as a protest. He would begin his new term on March 4, having been re-elected.

"I don't want my constituents," he said, "to assume that I condone or even passively accept what is going on here, that I am indifferent to the crying needs of this nation. Let some one else from Maryland come here to look on if he wants to."

The Louisiana "Kingfish" and his radical associates suspended their filibuster only long enough for the senate to vote on the Philippines bill. Then they resumed their obstructive tactics aimed at the Glass banking bill. The Democratic leaders, however, took the extreme step of filing a petition for cloture. It was signed by 22 Democratic senators. They also filed three amendments to the rules designed to prevent a recurrence of the Long performance in debate on other measures.

Senator Glass opened the vials of his sarcasm and told the "Kingfish" what he thought of him. Taking exception to remarks by Long implicating that the Glass measure had been railroaded onto the senate floor, the Virginia senator asserted the implication was "as false as any ever uttered by any human lips." He followed this with asserting that Long's attack on the bill was made up of "oratorical rubbish and misrepresentations."

PRESIDENT-ELECT ROOSEVELT, having had a long talk with Secretary of State Stimson on international policies, paid another visit to President Hoover Friday at the White House, and while the subject of discussion was not announced in advance, it was taken for granted that they would again study the world situation and perhaps give special attention to the war debt problem. Mr. Roosevelt also met the leaders of his party in congress, and then was to proceed to Muscle Shoals with Senators Norris, Black and McKellar to inspect that huge project.

FOLLOWING his intensive preparation for assuming his office, Mr. Roosevelt made the interesting announcement that he would stand by the American policy of the sanctity of international agreements. In Washington and the other world capitals this was taken as meaning that the United States, under his administra-

tion, would continue to refuse recognition of the territorial gains made by Japan in aggression against China. Tokyo was neither surprised nor agitated by this declaration of policy. A foreign office spokesman said: "We are hopeful, however, that, while the substance of the American policy will be unchanged, the manner of its presentation will be altered under Mr. Roosevelt and that irritations growing out of Washington's 'spur of the moment' judgments will be removed. That will count for a great deal."

Japanese statesmen were hopeful that the Manchurian issue would be amicably settled in Geneva, but neither their forces in the field nor the Chinese armies were helping toward that end. Japanese military planes bombed a concentration of Chinese soldiers at Kallushen, near the northern border of Jehol province, killing an unestimated number and doing heavy damage to the town. Japanese military headquarters in Mukden claimed that the bombardment was ordered after it had been learned Chinese troops stationed at Kallushen were planning to attack the town of Tungling, which is across the border in Manchuria.

PENDING congressional action on the recommendation that 63 per cent of the disability allowances now received by veterans for non-service connected injuries be discontinued, administrative steps have been taken to carry out that plan.

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, head of the veterans' bureau, recently ordered a complete review of all disability allowance claims, with the statement that it was a purely "routine" move. The review order, it was revealed, followed the adoption of changes in the disability allowance regulations, under which veterans whose claims have been allowed heretofore, no longer will be eligible for the federal benefits.

Under the old regulations disability allowance has been paid to veterans who could prove permanent disability of 25 per cent or more, and they were permitted to add up their disabilities to make the minimum. Now they must prove a single disability of 20 per cent, though the minimum remains at 25 per cent. General Hines has recommended that the minimum be raised to 50 per cent disability, stating that such a move would eliminate 63 per cent of the veterans now receiving benefits for disability in no way connected with military service, and would save more than \$51,000,000 a year.

MANY Republican politicians expect that President Hoover will attempt a comeback and vindication in 1936 and consequently believe that he seeks to retain control of the party. The "old line" element in the party intends to stop this if possible, and hence schemed to prevent a plan to hold a meeting of the national committee before March 4, feeling that after Mr. Hoover has left office he will not so easily dominate that body. More than a majority of the committee were said to have gone on record against a meeting before the close of the administration. In Washington it was said that the national and congressional committees would be reorganized and that probably National Chairman Everett Sanders would be forced out or resign.

POPE PIUS XI issued the bull he promised some time ago, proclaiming an extraordinary holy year of prayer, penance and pilgrimage to Rome to bring peace and quiet to a distracted world. This holy year the pope said, is in commemoration of the nineteenth centenary of Christ's redemption of mankind. He urged prayer and penance, not only for the faithful, but for "all mankind led astray by so many errors, torn by so many discords and hostility, laboring under so many miseries and fearful of so many dangers."

JEAN MERMOZ, eminent French aviator, and six comrades established a new record by flying from St. Louis, French port in West Africa, to Brazil, in 14 hours and 2 minutes. They breakfasted in Africa and dined in South America. From Natal the airmen continued in their trimotored plane to Rio de Janeiro and thence to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

AMONG notable persons taken by death were Mrs. Jessie Wilson Sayre, daughter of the late President Woodrow Wilson and wife of Prof. F. B. Sayre of Harvard law school; and Sir Robert Jones of Wales, great orthopedic surgeon.

Former Desert Pest Now Valuable



ONCE a bristly desert pest, the cactus plant is now one of California's commercially valuable crops. Not only has it become a prime cattle fodder, but several delicious varieties of candy are made from its fruit, the cactus pear. Many a rancher who hopelessly tried to exterminate this plant, now declares a dividend from it. Norma Adkins, shown in the photograph, is holding one of the pears at a cultivated cactus patch near Pomona, Calif.

OUR CHILDREN'S STORY

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

THE BREEZES DECIDE TO HELP STRIPED CHIPMUNK

HAPPY JACK SQUIRREL and his cousin, Chatterer the Red Squirrel, stared at each other, and for a few minutes neither could find a word to say. What had become of all those brown nuts which the Merry Little Breezes had shaken down from the top of the tall chestnut tree, and over which they had quarreled and fought so bitterly? Not one was to be found. It was just as if there never had been any. The Merry Little Breezes knew what had become of them, and they chuckled. Sammy Jay knew what had become of them, and he chuckled the most of all. In fact, Striped Chipmunk was at that very minute tucking away the very last of those brown nuts in his secret storehouse. No wonder he chuckled.

Of course, Happy Jack and Chatterer soon guessed that while they had been so foolishly quarreling, some one else had found those brown nuts and taken them away, but who that some one was they didn't know. What do you think they did after staring at each other for a few minutes? It sounds too foolish to tell, but they began to quarrel again. Yes, sir, Happy Jack and Chatterer began to quarrel again.

And then they went at it again, quarreling as bitterly as before and quite forgetting that there were more nuts in the trees waiting to be gathered. The Merry Little Breezes had

been shocked at first, and now they were disgusted, very much disgusted. "And I thought we were going to help!" exclaimed the Merry Little Breeze who had first suggested shaking down the brown nuts that Happy Jack and Chatterer might be saved the trouble of climbing the trees for them. "I'll never shake down another nut for those fellows if I know it!" "But we did help!" cried another Merry Little Breeze. "We helped Striped Chipmunk. Wasn't it funny to see him get all those nuts while his cousins were quarreling about them? I tell you what, let's go hunt up Striped Chipmunk and help him and leave those two bad-tempered fellows



They Found Him Running Along the Edge of the Green Forest Looking for More Nuts.

to get their nuts any way they can." No sooner was it proposed than off rushed the Merry Little Breezes to look for Striped Chipmunk. They found him running along the edge of the Green Forest looking for more nuts.

"Hello, Striped Chipmunk! Come play with us!" shouted one of them, mischievously, knowing just what Striped Chipmunk's answer would be.

BONERS



A bore is a kind of river pig, and a delta is the man who looks after it.

BONERS are actual humorous tidbits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

Lincoln was shot by one of the actors in a moving picture show.

At Roman banquets the guests wore garlicks on their heads.

State the economic value of fish. Fish drink up the water in time of flood.

Latitude and longitude are imaginary lines running around the earth to show where you are and which way you are going.

Charles the Bald died without a hair.

The Wedding Guest in "The Ancient Mariner" beat his breast because he had to buy the bride a present.

"Can't! I'm too busy," replied Striped Chipmunk, snapping his bright eyes at them.

"Will you play with us after your work is done if we will help you do it?" asked one of the Merry Little Breezes.

Striped Chipmunk paused to sit up and chuckle, as only he can chuckle. "I'd like to know how you can help me?" said he.

"How do you think all those brown nuts happened to be on the ground, the ones you have just hidden away while your cousins were quarreling?" demanded a Merry Little Breeze.

"Why, I suppose they just dropped down," replied Striped Chipmunk wondrously.

"You're wrong!" shouted the Merry Little Breezes. "We shook them down for your cousins. But we wouldn't have done it if we had known that they would quarrel over them. Now they may climb the trees and gather the nuts for themselves for all we care."

"That is something I can't do very well," said Striped Chipmunk. "You know I am not much of a climber. I have to depend on what I find on the ground, and sometimes it is pretty hard work to find enough. I didn't know you shook those down, but I'm glad you did. Now I must get busy. When my work is done I'll play with you." Striped Chipmunk started to hurry on.

"Wait a minute," cried the Merry Little Breezes. "We are going to help you. You follow us and we'll shake down the nuts for you, but we must go where Happy Jack and Chatterer will not see what we are doing. What do you say to that?"

"Splendid!" cried Striped Chipmunk, chasing his tail from pure happiness. "Do you really mean it?"

"We certainly do!" cried the Merry Little Breezes. "Come on!"

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KITTY McKAY

By Nina Wilcox Putnam



The girl-friend says that the fact her salary seems to have wings don't help her any in feathering her nest.

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Spanish Sauce.

Add two tablespoonfuls of chopped onion to two tablespoonfuls of butter and cook until tender and yellow. Add one chopped green pepper, one-half cupful of celery, two teaspoonfuls of minced parsley, one bay leaf, two cupfuls of tomato, one tablespoonful of flour and salt and pepper to taste. Blend the flour with a little butter before adding to the sauce. Cook for half an hour, remove the bay leaf, cook ten minutes longer, adding the flour and butter at this time. Now add four tablespoonfuls of minced ham and serve at once.

Champion of Jockeys



Johnny Gilbert was the champion jockey of 1932, his total of firsts being 208. This broke all records of the past 24 years.

THE WAY WE FIGURE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

PUT down two and carry one. So arithmetic was done in a schoolhouse ten by twenty. When some simple rule was plenty. Now the schoolhouse is as wide as the world where men abide. And I find, with problems bigger, That ain't now the way we figure.

Harder problem, harder school. And it takes a harder rule. Seems today, with all our troubles, What's divided always doubles. Here is what we seem to do: Put down one and carry two. Though the rules are simply stated, Life is much more complicated.

Soon it's two in place of one. So our troubles are begun. For there aren't very many folks who never carry any. In life's school one rule is taught, That you never carry naught. Yet perhaps what makes 'em bigger Mostly is the way we figger.

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Frocks for Young

Young ladies of fashion have their own jumper frock styles which, in this case, consist of a charmingly gathered guimpe and a dress whose armholes are cut out in a new and interesting manner.



"'Tis strange but true," says brainy Beulah, "but regardless of which shoe you grab in the morning, the left one always goes on last."

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DESSERT, FISH, MEAT SAUCES

A DELICIOUS sauce to serve on a cottage pudding or any steamed cake is:

Butterscotch Sauce.
To one cupful of boiling water add one cupful of brown sugar, two tablespoonfuls of flour, a dash of cinnamon, and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt thoroughly mixed. Cook until the flour has lost its raw taste and the mixture thickens, stirring to prevent lumping. Beat in two tablespoonfuls of butter and remove from the heat, adding one-half teaspoonful of vanilla or coffee extract. This is good served hot on ice cream, custard or baked puddings.

Horserradish Sauce.
This is good with fish or cold meat and well liked with beefsteak. Beat one-half cupful of cream until thick, add one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, three or four tablespoonfuls of fresh grated horseradish and a teaspoonful of vinegar. Good for a sauce over cooked beets.

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Girls Less Than 5 Married
Fifty children, including thirty-nine girls less than five years old, are listed as married in Mysore state, India.

Tempting Death by Poison Gases



DEATH stands nearby as these men calmly go about their business of breathing poisonous gases at an experimental station for testing gas masks in London, England. The masks are connected with a tank filled with the deadly fumes, which are inhaled by the men. A white-coated physician stands near to administer first aid in case the masks should suddenly fail to function.