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BOOSTS FOR BUSINESS Morgenthau's Encouraging Speech . . . President Has Building Plan . . . Japs Take Shanghai



France has bought \$10,250,000 of our store of gold, and part of the shipment sent from New York on the Normandie is here seen being unloaded from a truck at a North river pier.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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Balance Budget: Morgenthau

BUSINESS men of America received a cheering message, presumably direct from the administration, delivered by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. Addressing the Academy of Political Sciences in New York, Mr. Morgenthau declared the time had come for balancing the budget, but said this should be accomplished without additional taxation. Encouragement for industry and business was stated thus: "The laws should be so written and administered that the taxpayer can continue to make a reasonable profit with a minimum of interference from his federal government."

Moreover, the treasury head went on record as opposed to a continuance of the era of unlimited government spending. Said he: "The basic need today is to foster the full application of the driving force of private capital. We want to see capital go into the productive channels of private industry. We want to see private business expand."

The plan advanced by Mr. Morgenthau for balancing the budget was to bring next year's expenditures, under the 1939 budget which takes effect next July 1, within this year's revenues. To achieve a balance, exclusive of debt retirement payments, the present scale of expenditures would have to be sliced \$700,000,000, he added.

While he urged against tax increases, Mr. Morgenthau suggested that a broader base for income taxes, increasing the number of taxpayers above the present 3,000,000, would be a more equitable substitute for the present federal taxes on consumers—the so-called nuisance taxes.

President's Building Plan

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a conference with several business leaders, told of his new plan for checking the threatening depression by stimulating private home building by private capital. He revealed no details, but Chairman Eccles of the reserve board said the President was confident such a program would reach full scope next year. Eccles was unprepared to say whether the undertaking would be directed through a new government agency, but thought legislation of some sort would be necessary.

One suggestion is that the social security reserve be used for loans for home construction.

Shanghai Falls to Japs

STUBBORN defense of Shanghai by the Chinese came to an end when the Japanese troops made their way across Szechow creek and occupied the entire city. The defenders retired westward and prepared to block the way of the invaders toward Nanking.

The victorious Japanese spread death and destruction through Shanghai, and mercilessly shot down the Chinese groups which were

trapped in various quarters. They turned machine guns on a platform inside the international concession from which a number of foreigners were watching the fighting, and Pembroke Stephens, correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, was killed.

In Brussels the Far East peace conference was considering a plan for giving direct aid to China if Japan should reject mediation. Coercive action against Japan was not thought advisable, but the idea was that China should be permitted to obtain munitions and arms to keep up her fight. The chief difficulty would lie in American neutrality legislation.

France Buys Our Gold
TWO big shipments of gold abroad were made by the government within the week. The first was \$10,250,000 sent to France on the Normandie. Then \$5,000,000 was started to England on the Aquitania. It was believed other shipments would follow before long.

The gold shipments were handled by the stabilization fund and were regarded as an operation under the tri-partite agreement, which binds Great Britain, France and the United States in a "gentleman's pact" to maintain currency stability.

Ramsay MacDonald's Death
RAMSAY MAC DONALD, who rose from poverty and obscurity to become three times the prime minister of the great British empire, died suddenly of heart disease on a steamship bound for South America where he was to take a long vacation with his daughter. He was seventy-one years old and had been practically out of politics since 1935, when Stanley Baldwin succeeded him as prime minister. MacDonald at that time was offered a peerage but declined the honor. Even his political foes admit that he was one of the outstanding statesmen of the time.

Italy Joins Anti-Reds
MUSSOLINI has given the democratic governments of Europe something else to worry about, for Italy has joined Germany and Japan in their agreement to combat communism, and no one knows how far this alliance will go or just what are its intentions. The three "charter members" of the pact—that status was given Italy—hope that all other fascist minded nations, including Poland, Portugal, Hungary and some of the South American republics, will adhere to the agreement.

Political observers saw the prospect of a world divided into three camps—fascist, communist and democratic.

Emerging as one of the probable chief leaders of this united front is Joachim von Ribbentrop, German ambassador to Great Britain. Hitler sent him to Rome to sign the new pact, and it is expected that all headquarters of the alliance will be in Berlin.

Farm Measure Ready

VOLUNTARY crop control for wheat, corn, rice and cotton; and compulsory limitation of tobacco production, are provided for in the new farm measure drafted by the house committee on agriculture for action in the extraordinary session of congress.

Secretary Wallace's "ever normal granary" plan is included in the bill. The measure also provides for "tariff equalizing taxes" which would be actually a revival of the processing taxes which the Supreme court declared unconstitutional. These taxes would be applied only to wheat, cotton and rice—3 cents a pound on cotton, 20 cents a bushel on wheat and 1/2 cent a pound on rice.

President's Birthday
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has authorized the use of his fifty-fifth birthday, January 30, for the promotion of the nation-wide fight on infantile paralysis. As in previous years, the day will be celebrated in many cities with balls. This time the funds raised thus will not be handed over to local agencies but will all go to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Brazil Has a Dictator

GETULIO VARGAS, president of Brazil, is now dictator of that country. In a coup that was unopposed he dissolved all legislative bodies and put into effect a new constitution with corporative features. He issued a manifesto declaring the suspension of payment on all government debts abroad.

The foreign relations ministry in Rio de Janeiro said Vargas' coup was not connected with European political ideologies and denied reports Brazil planned to join the German - Japanese - Italian pact against communism.

Reasons for Thanks

AMERICA can be thankful for the blessing of peace, President Roosevelt asserted in a proclamation designating November 25 as Thanksgiving day.

"A period unhappily marked in many parts of the world by strife and threats of war finds our people enjoying the blessing of peace," he said. "We have no selfish designs against other nations."

At the outset of the proclamation the President said, "the harvests of our fields have been abundant and many men and women have been given the blessing of stable employment."

Bloch to Head Navy

ABOUT the first of next February the American navy will have a new commander-in-chief in the person of Admiral Claude Charles Bloch, nominated by Secretary Swanson to succeed Admiral Hepburn. The son of a Czechoslovakian immigrant and a native of Woodbury, Ky., he is now fifty-nine years old.

After his graduation from the naval academy Bloch served under "Fighting Bob" Evans on the U. S. S. Iowa in the Spanish-American war and was cited for "meritorious" service in rescuing Spaniards from burning ships of Cervera's squadron. During the World war, as commander of the transport Plattsburg, Bloch won the navy cross for "distinguished service."

Judge Graham Passes
WILLIAM J. GRAHAM, presiding judge of the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals and for nine years a Republican congressman from Illinois, died of heart disease at his home in Washington.

Our Navy Grows Rapidly
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY CLAUDE A. SWANSON reported to the President that the navy is stronger than at any time since war days and is moving steadily up to the full strength permitted by the treaties abrogated by Japan. It will not go beyond the limitations in those pacts unless other nations do so.

Under its big replacement program the department has appropriated for 85 other warships. These include three aircraft carriers, one heavy cruiser, nine light cruisers, fifty-five destroyers and seventeen submarines.

Five years ago the total number of under age vessels was 101 of 728,050 tons, with twenty-three vessels of 122,500 tons under construction. Today the navy has 113 vessels of 869,230 tons under age, and eighty-seven vessels of 335,565 tons under construction.

Sec. Swanson Under Construction
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Smasher of Atoms
This giant atom-smasher has been erected near the laboratories of the Westinghouse company at East Pittsburgh, Pa. With it scientists hope to break the atom for the first time. The smasher is a steel-coated tank, 30 feet in diameter, 47 feet high. Inside is an electrostatic direct current generator and a 40-foot vacuum tube. It will generate voltages up to 5,000,000, and will shoot particles of matter through the tube at 100 million miles an hour.

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Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

HOW TROUBLE WAS MADE FOR JUMPER

NO ONE had enjoyed the joke on Reddy Fox more than had Jumper the Hare. It had tickled Jumper almost to pieces to think that he who was accounted the most timid of all the little people in the Green Forest should have been able to frighten Reddy Fox. Of course, it was Buster Bear who had given Reddy his first fright and made him put his tail between his legs and start for home as fast as he could run, but it was Jumper who had started after Reddy right at his heels and had made Reddy think



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that he was Buster Bear and so frightened him still more, so that he didn't dare stop long enough to turn and see who it was behind him. Of course, to all who saw them it looked just as if Reddy was running away from Jumper the Hare, and every one pretended to believe that he was. Then they tormented Reddy and made his life miserable for him by calling him a coward, afraid of Jumper the Hare, and things like that.

Reddy had fallen into a terrible rage at first and had tried his very best to catch his tormentors. But after a while he saw that the angrier he grew the better pleased were his tormentors. It was just what they wanted—to make him angry. Only Jumper the Hare took care not to have anything to do with Reddy. He kept out of Reddy's way. He had no mind to make Reddy any angrier than he already was. You see, Jumper never goes looking for trouble. No, indeed! He tries his very hardest to keep out of trouble. And so he kept away from Reddy Fox.

Now, Reddy Fox is, as you all know, very, very sly and smart. After a little while he began to realize how foolish it was for him to get so angry, or anyway to show that he was so angry, every time his neighbors plagued him about running away from Jumper the Hare. So, no matter how angry might fill his heart he would pretend not to mind in the least and would try to laugh at the jokes, but all the time would be just boiling inside. Now, at first his anger had been all against those who had called him names and made fun of him, but as

he thought it over little by little his anger turned against Jumper the Hare. If Jumper hadn't run after him no one would have laughed at him, for nearly every one had been just as much afraid of Buster as he. Therefore, it was all the fault of Jumper. The more he was teased the greater grew his hate of Jumper, until at last he made up his mind that he would catch Jumper.

Now, of course, the other little people didn't know this. They thought that they were making life very miserable for just Reddy Fox alone. Not one of them ever stopped to think that when trouble is made for one it almost always hurts some one else. They thought that they were making Reddy Fox very miserable, as indeed they were, but they never entered their heads that they were also making life very miserable for Jumper the Hare. But they were. Yes, sir, they were. If they had let Reddy alone he would have let Jumper alone. But as it was, he just grew more and more determined that he would catch Jumper. So he spent all his spare time trying to think of some plan whereby he could catch Peter Rabbit's big cousin. And Jumper, who always was very, very timid, grew more timid than ever and wished and wished with all his heart that he had not played that joke on Reddy Fox, which had made Reddy the laughing stock of the Green Meadows and the Green Forest.

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START DAY WITH GOOD BREAKFAST
Menus for Fall Days Should Be Carefully Planned.
By EDITH M. BARBER

THE American breakfast of the present day naturally begins with fruit. Nowhere else in the world is there such a variety of fruit to be found. Nowhere else is the quality so high. In many households orange, grapefruit or tomato juice is supplemented by chilled melon, baked apples, stewed pears, figs or prunes. A choice of cereals may be offered for the next course. Occasionally you may like to serve on a chilly morning a steaming bowl of porridge, although ready-to-eat cereals should be offered also.

"Eat your cereal, child," my grandmother used to urge, "it's warming to the stomach and it sticks to the ribs."

No urging of jaded appetite will be needed if the perfume of sizzling bacon has been wafting into the dining room. The term bacon is general, but the varieties of this favorite breakfast meat are many. Three principal kinds are American, Canadian and Irish. The distinctive flavor of the latter, by the way, is due, so they say, to the good rich Irish potatoes and milk upon which the pigs are fed, as well as to the special method used for the smoking. Bacon with fresh country eggs, prepared according to preference is probably our standard breakfast dish. It can be varied, however, with broiled or baked salt mackerel, kipper baked in cream, plump little sausages, which furnish savor for the first meal of the day.

Of course, there will be toast, hot and crisp and well buttered. There may be hot rolls or muffins or toasted English muffins. We may add griddle cakes or waffles for Sundays and holidays when there is plenty of time and when men must be fortified for golf.

And don't forget that jar of marmalade or honey for that finishing sweet touch.

- BREAKFAST DISHES.**
- Rich Muffins.**
1/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup sugar
1 egg
3 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
1 cup milk
Cream the butter, add the sugar and egg well beaten, sift the baking powder and salt with the flour, and add to the first mixture, alternating with milk. Bake in greased gem pans 25 minutes in a moderate oven (375 to 400 degrees).
- Codfish Cakes.**
1 cup salt codfish
2 1/2 cups cubed potatoes
1/2 tablespoon butter
Pepper
1 egg
Soak codfish overnight in cold water. On following morning, pour off

- water from codfish and shred by placing pieces on cutting boards and using fork. If codfish has soaked for 12 hours it will shred easily. Cook potatoes until tender, drain thoroughly and return to kettle in which they were cooked. Shake over heat until thoroughly dry, mash thoroughly, add butter and pepper and beat until light; add flaked codfish and continue beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Add more salt if necessary. Use No. 16 ice-cream scoop for dipping up balls. Put in frying basket and fry for 1 minute in deep fat (385 degrees Fahrenheit). Drain on brown paper.
- Kidney Stew.**
1 large kidney
1 tablespoon butter
1 onion
1 1/4 tablespoons flour
Salt
Pepper
2 tablespoons sherry
Remove fat and sinews from kidney. Wash thoroughly and place in saucepan with one-half teaspoon salt and enough water to cover. Allow it to come to a boil and then simmer for five minutes until very tender. Remove the kidney, retaining the water in which it has been cooked, and cut in small pieces. Slice onion and cook with the butter in frying pan. When light brown add flour, stirring gently; add sherry and 1 1/4 cups of water in which kidney was cooked. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Add pepper and more salt, if necessary.
- Griddle Cakes.**
2 1/2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg
2 cups milk
1/4 cup melted shortening, or cooking oil.
Mix and sift dry ingredients. Beat egg, mix with milk and stir into first mixture. Stir in melted shortening. Bake on both sides on hot ungreased griddle. Preparation time 7 minutes.
If sour milk is used, substitute 1 teaspoon soda for 3 teaspoons baking powder.
- Baked Salt Mackerel.**
Soak mackerel overnight. Drain, dredge with flour and pepper. Put in a greased pan and half cover with top milk. Bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees Fahrenheit) about fifteen minutes until tender. Add one-fourth cup of cream and cook ten minutes more.
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MANNERS OF THE MOMENT

By JEAN
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TO BE sure it is always tempting to lay the blame on some one else when you have been gauche. It's especially tempting when you bump into another person on the street or over a bargain counter. You'd like to ask her where she thinks she's going or something genteel like that. But don't let yourself be caught up in the emotion of the moment. If you're very, very mad, just give



When You Bump Some One on the Street, Don't Argue.

her a haughty look over your shoulder. It's much better than starting an argument and getting into a brawl. Above all things don't open your mouth. Don't say a word. It is sure to be the wrong thing. If you're not so terribly mad, how-

ever, and think you can control yourself it would be awfully nice of you to say softly, "I beg your pardon." Even if you think she did do the bumping, it would be a nice thing for you to say.

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FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE

By Roger B. Whitman

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT DRAFTS

A FEW days ago I called on some friends who live in a two-story house. The stairs come down into one corner of the living room, and after a few minutes it was noticeable that there was a draft of cold air at the bottom. My friends spoke of this; they said that on cold days the draft was so strong that the whole living room was uncomfortable.

The reason for the draft was clear enough. The stairway was open, and heated air from downstairs, being light, rose to the upper story. Chilled upstairs air sank to the floor by its greater weight and ran downstairs just as water would run down. When the heat was on, this action was continuous.

The cure would be in the more even heating of the house; a treatment of the upper story that would check the chilling of the air. This in the first place would be in greater protection of the windows, for they are largely responsible. They should have high quality metal weatherstrips, and be protected by rightly fitted storm windows. The metal weatherstrips would prevent the leakage of cold air into the house through the joints around the window sashes. The temperature of the inside window glass, through the protection of the storm windows, would be raised, and would not have so great a chilling effect of the air in contact with it. It is not enough to have storm windows only on the exposed side. They should be on all sides to protect the inside glass against the low temperature of outdoor air. In addition to this, there should be a layer of insulation on the floor of the attic to prevent loss of heat through the upstairs ceilings.

With these changes, the temperature through the house would be more even. Drafts are created by differences in temperature; the greater the difference, the more rapid will be the circulation and the stronger the drafts.

One common cause of draftiness is the crack between base boards and flooring, especially on the ground floor with a cellar beneath. For the time being, these cracks can be stuffed with anything that is convenient; strips of newspaper, for instance. But for permanence, this crack should be closed with quarter-round molding. There is swelling and shrinking of the base board as well as of the flooring in the change from the damp air of summer to the dryness of artificial heat. When the molding is nailed either to the flooring or to the baseboard, the crack will re-open. To keep the crack closed at all times of year, the molding should be nailed to the studs and other framework within the wall. For this, long nails should be used, driven through the molding at such an angle that they will pass through the space between base board and flooring and into the woodwork behind. Swelling and shrinking of the floor and base board will then have no effect; the crack will remain closed.

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