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ROPER HITS TAX SETUP

Says Profits Levy Has Not Fulfilled Expectations . . . Building Boom Plan Is Offered Congress by President



Japan is pushing her conquest of China not only in the Yangtze valley but also, and especially, in the northern provinces. Here is seen a Japanese tank unit rumbling along the road to Taiyuan.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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Tax Setup Needs Revision

DANIEL C. ROPER, secretary of commerce, says the entire tax structure of the United States should be revised. He was speaking at a banquet of the Business Advisory Council in Chicago, and his statements appeared to meet with general approval. "A general revision is necessary to simplify determination of tax liability, to distribute the burden of taxation more equitably, and to broaden the base of taxation to include a larger percentage of our earning population," Secretary Roper said.

He asserted that the undistributed profits tax had not entirely fulfilled its proponents' expectations that it would "bring about a higher velocity of money through larger and more widespread distribution of corporate earnings."

Mr. Roper expressed confidence that a "constructive approach will be found to the solution of the utilities dilemma and that significant results will be forthcoming."

That this confidence has a sound basis was indicated by two announcements made the same day by prominent utility executives.

Floyd L. Carlisle, chairman of the Consolidated Edison company, told the New York state public service commission that his company plans a \$25,000,000 expansion program. The development came during hearings concerning a proposed \$30,000,000 bond issue.

Back from submitting to the President a formula for better understanding between utilities and the administration, Wendell L. Willkie, president of Commonwealth and Southern corporation, proposed a general truce between business and the Roosevelt administration. Willkie's company has been involved in some of the bitterest controversies with Washington.

Building Boom Wanted

REVISION of the existing housing law in order to facilitate a building boom was asked by President Roosevelt in a special message to congress. He said such legislation would ease the flow of credit and open great reservoirs of idle capital to fight the business slump. The responsibility for the success of such a program he placed squarely on labor and industry.

Specifically, the President recommended changes in the housing act which would:

1. Reduce from 5½ per cent to 5 per cent the interest and service charges permitted by the Federal Housing Administration on loans made by private institutions.

2. Authorize the housing administrator to fix the mortgage insurance premium charge as low as ¼ of 1 per cent on the diminishing balance of the insured mortgage instead of on the original face amount, and to ¼ of 1 per cent on the diminishing balance of an insured mortgage where the estimated value of the property does not exceed \$5,000 and where the mortgage is insured prior to July 1, 1933.

3. Increase the insurable limit from 80 to 90 per cent in cases where the appraised value of the property does not exceed \$6,000.

4. Facilitate the construction and financing of groups of houses for rent, or for rent with options to purchase, through blanket mortgages.

5. Clarify and simplify provisions for the construction of large scale rental properties through facilitating their financing.

6. Grant national mortgage associations "explicit authority to make loans on large-scale properties that are subject to special regulation by the federal housing administrator."

7. Remove the July 1, 1939, limitation on the \$2,000,000,000 permitted to be outstanding in mortgages, with congress eventually limiting the insurance of mortgages prior to the beginning of construction of individual projects.

8. Permit insurance for repair and modernization loans as provided previously to April 1 of this year when this provision of the housing act expired.

Civil Service Plan Hit

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S proposal that a single administrator be substituted for the three-man civil service executive board was severely criticized by the Brookings Institution as tending to "invite encroachment of politics rather than to repel it."

The institution report, drafted by Lewis Meriam, questioned the feasibility of the plan and doubted whether it would achieve the President's purpose of taking the civil service commission out of politics.

Religious and political affiliations would present difficulties in selection of a single administrator, the report pointed out, adding that the proposed plan would represent too much centralization of power in an individual.

For Corporation Control

SENATORS O'Mahoney of Wyoming and Borah of Idaho introduced a new federal licensing bill for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

It is designed by its authors, and other senate "liberals" as an answer to the administration's demand for revision of the anti-trust laws to curb monopolies.

The Borah-O'Mahoney scheme is designed not only to eliminate monopolistic practices but to abolish child labor, prohibit discrimination against women employees, guarantee collective bargaining, serve as a basis for further legislation dictating the wages and hours of labor, and regulate the financial policies of corporations.

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Bus Strike Settled

INCREASED pay for drivers but no closed shop were main features of the agreement by which the six-day strike of 1,300 drivers of the Greyhound Bus line was brought to an end. The strike had disrupted transportation in the northeastern section of the country and was accompanied by numerous incidents of violence. The wage increase, effective next July 1, will be one-fourth of a cent a mile, and no minimum mileage is guaranteed. The union had demanded a flat rate of 5.5 cents a mile with a 200-mile-a-day guarantee.

Snaring Uncle Sam

THAT Great Britain is seeking political as well as economical advantages from the proposed trade pact with the United States was indicated in an address by the earl of Derby before the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, of which he is president. He told the Chamber that America cannot keep out of European entanglements and predicted that the trade pact would tighten the links between the United States and Great Britain.

Derby's speech followed one given by Herschel V. Johnson, American charge d'affaires in London, during which Johnson warned indirectly that the Americans would not permit the pact to have political strings.

Farm Bill Reported

MARVIN JONES of Texas, chairman of the house agricultural committee, submitted the house's farm bill, together with a majority report defending the measure and calling for speedy enactment so that the rise of mounting crop surpluses which are depressing market prices may be offset.

The house bill is less drastic than the senate version, but it was denounced vigorously in a minority report which declared it was "unconstitutional, unsound, un-American," likely to "work to the detriment of American agriculture," and threatening to "dislocate" foreign and domestic markets.

Both house and senate bills, it was predicted, would be modified because of the President's implied threat to veto the legislation unless it was put on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. He insisted the farm bill must not interfere with his plans to balance the budget.

No Time for Tax Revision

"THERE is no use kidding the country," said Senator Barkley, majority leader of the senate, as he gave out the sad news that it would be impossible to formulate and pass a tax revision bill in the brief time remaining to the extraordinary session of congress.

The senator had just been conferring with the President, and his statement dashed the hopes of those who believe ailing business is in dire need of such assistance as revision or repeal of the tax on undivided corporate surpluses and capital gains. Mr. Roosevelt had said he was in favor of tax revision as soon as congress was ready for it. But such legislation must originate in the house, and the subcommittee of the ways and means committee that has been studying the subject had not yet reported. So it appeared almost certain that action must be postponed until the regular session which starts in January.

Vinson to Be Judge

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT sent to the senate the nomination of Representative Fred M. Vinson of Kentucky to fill a vacancy in the United States court of appeals for the District of Columbia. The post carries a salary of \$10,000 a year.

The President also nominated Associate Justice D. Lawrence Groner of Virginia to be chief justice of the court, creating another vacancy. Groner will be succeeded by Henry White Edgerton of New York, whose nomination also went to the senate.

Small Town Spending

AUTOMOBILES, more food and better clothing are the most urgent desires of small-town families. That was the implication presented in a matter-of-fact analysis of surveys of the spending habits of families in 46 villages in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

The study, made by the bureau of home economics, showed that when income increased among these cross-section village families, it was usually followed by a rapid rise in expenditures for food and clothes and even more marked jumps in the proportion of income spent on automobiles.



BUSTER BEAR PLAYS A TRICK

BUSTER BEAR and Jumper the Hare had had their heads together. This doesn't mean that they really touched heads. Oh, my no! No, indeed! Jumper is too wise to get so close to Buster Bear as that. It means that they had made plans together. If Reddy Fox had known about those plans Reddy would certainly have kept away from that part of the Green Forest. But he didn't know about them, and so he didn't keep away from that part of the Green Forest.

You see, it was there that Jumper the Hare spent most of his time, and so it was there that Reddy was spending most of his time now, for he was bound that he would catch Jumper to pay him for making him the laughing stock of all the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows. At first Reddy had been afraid, very much afraid, that he might meet Buster Bear there. He had kept his eyes wide open for Buster, for, if the truth be known, he was as much afraid of Buster as Jumper was of him. But as day after day he saw nothing of Buster he grew careless. He



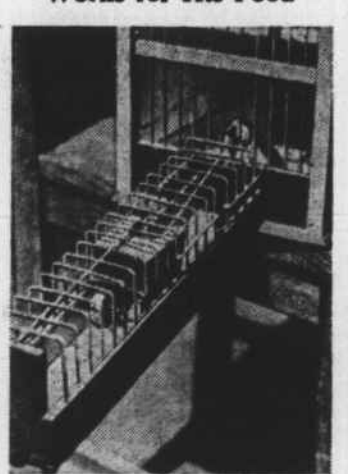
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made up his mind that Buster had gone back to the Great Woods from which he had come, and he thought of nothing but catching Jumper the Hare.

So Reddy, because he is very smart and sly, spent a great deal of time looking for the places where Jumper made his bed and for the places where he ate. Then he would hide near one of these and wait patiently for Jumper to come. But somehow Jumper always went to a place where Reddy was not hiding. The truth is, Jumper knew perfectly well that Reddy was doing, and so he never went twice to the same place. That is, he never went twice very near together. If he took a nap under a big hemlock branch and then went out to get a bite to eat, he would finish his nap under another tree instead of going back to the first one. So, though Reddy often found places Jumper had just left and hid beside them patiently for Jumper to come back, it never was of the least bit of use.

But after Jumper and Buster Bear had had their heads together Jumper seemed to grow careless. Yes, sir, that is the way it seemed. Reddy Fox noticed it right away and grinned wickedly. Three times he saw Jumper dozing just in front of a great fallen tree. Then for a fourth time he saw Jumper sit in

Works for His Food



A bird who has learned that if he doesn't work he doesn't eat is shown here at mealtime. He is Oscar, a trained goldfinch who brings many sightseers to the bird shop in Sydney, Australia, where he literally earns his seed in the sweat of his brow. The bird's food is placed in a small truck on a runway outside the cage. When Oscar feels the pangs of hunger he hauls on a string and pulls the truck to the side of the cage where he can peck at the contents.

the same place. By and by Jumper began to nod. Then his eyes closed in the sleepest way. Reddy grinned and licked his chops. Jumper's eyes opened, closed again, opened once more, then closed and remained closed. Reddy watched a long time before he stirred, but there was no sign from Jumper the Hare. He certainly looked to be fast, very fast, asleep.

Softly, ever so softly, Reddy Fox tiptoed forward. Jumper did not move. A few steps nearer, and still Jumper seemed fast asleep. Reddy stopped long enough to grin, a wicked, hungry grin. This time he would catch Jumper and then he would see if the other people would laugh at and make fun of him any more! Softly, softly, very, very softly he stole forward until with one great jump he would be able to land right on poor Jumper. Very, very carefully Reddy fixed his hind legs to make the spring, and then—well—then he landed right exactly where Jumper had been, but wasn't. You see, Jumper had been just pretending to be asleep, and when Reddy had jumped, he had jumped, too.

Now, Jumper had jumped right over the old tree trunk and Reddy sprang after him. But Reddy is not quite so good a jumper as Jumper the Hare, and while Jumper went clear over the fallen tree, Reddy landed on top of it, meaning to jump down on the other side. But he didn't. No, sir, he didn't. Instead he fell off backward with a scream of fright. What was the

ILLNESS DUE TO DEFICIENT DIET

Nobel Prize Winner Gives His Views on Subject.

By EDITH M. BARBER

"NUTRITION intimately concerns the welfare of man, and his place in future history will depend in no small part upon what he decides to eat." This statement was made by Dr. George R. Minot, professor of medicine at Harvard university and winner of the Nobel prize for medicine in 1934. According to Dr. Minot, an adequate diet throughout life will often prevent illness. In the long time studies that he has made of the condition of anemia, he has found that its cause is usually defective or deficient nutrition. It may arise from a lack or non-absorption of iron or of vitamin C or of a mysterious substance found in the liver. The condition of simple anemia may be prevented by including a liberal amount of iron and vitamin C.

The condition of pernicious anemia, which is much more serious and for which no remedy had been found until recently, is apparently related to the ability to utilize vitamin B-G. Vitamin B is found in muscle meat, eggs, rice polishings and yeast, which need an unknown gastric digestive factor to make them ready for the body. When this factor is lacking, there is danger of pernicious anemia. It may be supplied, however, by liver, kidneys and other organs. At present, this disease is being treated not only by an increase of these foods in the diet, but by liver extract taken by the mouth or through hypodermics.

According to Dr. Minot, the first cause of any type of anemia is a deficient diet.

SELECTED RECIPES

Liver Dumplings.

¼ pound calves' liver
½ cup soft bread crumbs
1 tablespoon minced onion
1 tablespoon melted fat
1 teaspoon parsley
½ teaspoon salt
Pepper
1 egg, slightly beaten
5 cups stock

Grind the liver fine and mix it with the bread crumbs. Sauté the onion in the fat in a skillet until delicately browned. Add the liver mixture, parsley, salt and pepper. Add the egg and mix well. Drop the mixture by teaspoonfuls into the hot, but not boiling, meat stock. Cook slowly ten to fifteen minutes and then serve with the soup. To make dumplings which may be shaped in balls, add one-half cup additional bread crumbs.

Spinach Nest.

2 cups cooked or canned spinach
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup grated cheese
6 bread cases
Melted butter
Make bread cases by cutting bread into three inch squares and

trouble? Why, Buster Bear had been lying down on the other side of that old tree, and when Jumper leaped over it Buster knew that Reddy was close at hand, and so he jumped up with a dreadful growl. Just as he had done the first time he saw Buster Bear, Reddy put his tail between his legs and started for home as fast as ever he could go.

"Ha, ha, ha!" shouted Buster Bear. "Ho, ho, ho!" shouted Jumper the Hare. "Hee, hee, hee!" tittered Sammy Jay, who had happened along just in time to see the fun.
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ANIMAL CRACKERS

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Showing off that new fall coat of hers—it's really only cat fur."
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FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE

By Roger E. Whitman

PROTECT CRACKS AGAINST ICE

A CRACK in anything outdoors—woodwork, concrete, masonry—will be made wider should ice form within it. Before winter sets in, the outside of a house should be inspected to locate any cracks or crevices that would hold water and that might be enlarged by the expansion that occurs when ice forms. Stucco walls should be under special notice. Small surface cracks can be disregarded; the cracks to look out for are the deep ones in which water will be retained. A crack in stucco should be widened with a cold chisel, so that a patch can be packed deeply within. The patching material is a mixture of 1 part cement with 3 parts of clean building sand, and only enough water to make the mixture. At the time the crack is patched, the stucco should be thoroughly soaked with water to prevent the absorption of water from the patching material.

Cracks in brickwork and masonry are likely to be in the mortar joints. In closing these, the old mortar should be dug out for a depth of an inch or so to admit plenty of new mortar.

Special care should be taken to close all cracks in clapboards. Small cracks can be closed with thick paint; deeper ones with white lead, used either as it comes or smeared on cotton wicking or heavy cord. In particular, the joints of clapboards at corners should be noted; for it is there that cracking will be especially serious.

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MANNERS OF THE MOMENT

By JEAN

I WAS 'always told that a lady should never be seen eating on the street. I believed in the old myth for a long time. But as I keep telling my mother, life isn't what it used to be. In her day you had to go into the kitchen, make up a sandwich, and march out into the street with it if you wanted to be caught eating on the street. It was a lot of work for a mere principle. But now street eating creeps up on you. You pass a street corner stand where there are nice hot dogs on view and you get hungry. Well, if you decide to buy, you can't very

Baked Eggs.
2 tablespoons butter
¼ cup milk
3 cups mashed potatoes
Salt
Pepper
2 tablespoons chopped chives or onion
5 eggs
Paprika
Add the butter and milk to the hot mashed potatoes and season to taste. Beat well, add the chives and spread in a shallow greased baking dish. Make five hollows, and in each place a raw egg. Sprinkle with paprika and bake in a moderate oven (375 degrees Fahrenheit) until the eggs are firm.

Johnny Cake.
1 cup cornmeal
¼ cup flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
¼ teaspoon salt
2 eggs, well beaten
¼ cup milk
4 tablespoons butter, melted
Mix and sift dry ingredients. Combine eggs and milk and stir into dry mixture. Stir in shortening and pour batter into well-greased baking pan, spreading about three-fourths of an inch in thickness. Bake in oven, 425 degrees Fahrenheit, for about twenty-five minutes.

Barbecued Chicken.
2 two-pound chickens
Salt, pepper
¼ pound sweet butter
1½ cups chicken broth
1½ tablespoons tomato catsup
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
½ teaspoon finely chopped onion
Disjoint chicken as for frying. Season with salt and pepper. Melt butter and fry chicken in it until golden brown. Mix other ingredients and cook together six minutes. Pour sauce over chicken and cook slowly about twenty minutes.

Sterling Sauce.
½ cup butter
1 egg yolk
1 cup light brown sugar
1 tablespoon milk
Cream the butter, add the sugar gradually, then the egg yolk and milk, beat until light.

Must Obtain One Human Head
The native girls in Sarawak wouldn't think of marrying a boy who hadn't obtained at least one human head. Sarawak lies in the northwest part of Borneo, which is in the Indian ocean between China and Australia.

Largest Spiders in World
On Tobriand island are some of the largest spiders in the world. They spin extraordinarily large webs in which even small birds are caught. When the Tobriand islander goes fishing he collects some webs, winds them into a ball. The balls of web are used as bait and are attached to long lines of twine. When the mackerel takes the bait its teeth become entangled in the strands of the web, and it is as helpless as if it had been hooked.

You Should Pick Your Corner, if You Intend to Eat Hot Dogs on the Street.
well put your hot dog in your pocketbook and walk into the nearest hotel lobby to eat it. That, again, would be too much work for a mere principle.

The real crux of the problem now lies in how and where you do your street eating. In the first place, it is more ladylike to stand still while you eat, rather than to wander along the sidewalk munching. In the second place, it is considered more elite to stand still beside the hot dog wagon, rather than beside the church steps while you lap up your roll-and.

If it's a chocolate bar you've decided to eat on the public highways, be careful about choosing your streets. You shouldn't be caught eating on the main business street, or the ritziest parkway in town. What you do in the back alleys is your own business.

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