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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.



THE WAY OF POLITICS

It is quite possible that Congressman Doughton's fitness for a place on the tariff commission is responsible for the mention of his name in this connection and the report that Mr. Roosevelt would offer him the place.

But the chances are that his ability for this place is not the main reason for his proposed advancement. Once before he stood in the path of those who would hoist a sales tax onto the shoulders of the American people.

Now, that politicians are turning to the sales tax as a source of "easy money" that may be easily and freely spent, they find Bob Doughton in their way again, and armed with a significant power as chairman of the committee that will consider this question.

True, Mr. Roosevelt has not offered him the place, may not have in mind to do so, but ambitious politicians subtly have paved the way, and Mr. Doughton's friends in North Carolina are deeply concerned that he stay where he is—until they draft him for governor.

The Charlotte News, commenting on the proposed placement of Congressman Doughton says:

"Stranger things have happened, and Farmer Bob, a staunch old dog, is slow at learning new tricks. The administration's willingness, if any, to place at the head of the ways and means committee a more pliable personage is easily understandable.

"But not the North Carolina Congressman's acceptance of such a doubtful compliment. True, he has been around Washington long enough to know something about the tariff. He may also have wearied of running for re-election every two years, although it has been long since he had to exert himself. It does not follow, however, that he is to exchange his hard-earned honors for a soft job as lay figure.

"The tariff commission can worry along very well, thank you, without the services of a Tar Heel mountaineer. Congress can use the hard head and robust back of North Carolina's foremost representative in the national legislature.

"A good trader Mr. Doughton has always been, but hardly the sort to exchange his birth-right and its increase for a mess of pottage potage."

Thomas Jefferson said: "I would rather live in a country with newspapers and without a government, than in a country with a government, but without newspapers."

GAMBLING WITH DEATH

The wise buyer, unless he happens to be a thoroughly qualified expert in the field in which he is making purchases, buys labels. He buys a name which he knows stands for quality and integrity—reputation gained over many years through the production of an article or a service of unvarying excellence.

That's true of food products, of clothes, of watches or automobiles or guns. We have learned that it's usually better to pay a little more, when that is necessary, to get something we know to be the best, than to buy something the salesman represents as being "just as good." Most of us have had sad experiences with products falling in the later category. We have found them to be expensive at any price.

What is true for the individual buying clothing, is true for the community buying fire protection. The town buying an unknown make of fire engine is courting disaster. It is taking a chance on ruin. It is gambling with death. If an engine fails at a crucial moment, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property and irreplaceable lives may be destroyed.

Citizens and taxpayers have a very definite interest in seeing that fire departments are kept to the highest standards, and equipped with engines whose names are the arbiters of quality and service.

GOING TO BUY A NEW CAR?

Probably the most convincing indication, to the man in the street, that good times are rapidly on their way back, is the brisk business that is being done by the automobile dealers and manufacturers. The motor industry is once more booming. People are buying cars at a rate faster than for the past three years. This clearly indicates that there is more money in the hands of the public to spend for something besides food, clothing and shelter. It indicates, moreover, a return of confidence, for people do not buy automobiles unless they feel certain they are going to be able to meet the installment payments; or if they buy for cash, that they are going to need the money to keep their families from starving.

The automobile has become a necessity to millions of Americans. Since the motor car came into general use, and the building of good roads followed its general adoption as a means of locomotion, our whole scheme of living has been changed. Business centers have greatly widened, the scope of their trade, since people can now come in from greater distances to trade and deliveries can be made into areas which were practically inaccessible before. It is no longer necessary for people to live close to the places where they work. This has resulted in the wide extension of residential districts, not only in the suburbs of large cities but in a great proportion of country towns as well.

Instead of classing the automobile as a luxury, therefore, sane thinkers now recognize it as a necessity, and its maintenance and upkeep as an essential part of the family budget of the great majority of automobile owners. And the automobiles which people are now buying are mostly in this necessity class. That is they are low in price and economical in operation. Never before have automobile with-in the reach of ordinary folks' pocketbooks been so cheap to buy, so attractive to look at, so comfortable and safe to ride in, and so economical to operate.

SILVER AND PROSPECTS Proponents of monetization of silver are finding a steadily increasing number of allies among business men, economists, officials and the public generally. This would be an excellent time for an unbiased survey of potential legislation toward that end. The uncertain monetary question is one of the most perplexing problems of the time, and its early settlement is vital to recovery.

"She's a very nicely reared girl." "Yes. She looks good from the front too."



THIS HAPPENED several years ago

AGO RIGHT here in Salisbury

AND WE can prove it but won't

A CERTAIN couple out in the

COUNTRY HAD agreed to

BUY AN adjoining farm

FOR \$13,000, and they went to

TOWN TO conclude the deal.

THEY ENTERED one of the

BANKS CARRYING a battered

TIN MILK bucket

WITH A lid on it. When it came

TIME TO pay, the man took the

LID OFF the bucket and began to

COUNT OUT the cash. When he

REACHED THE bottom of the

BUCKET, IT WAS plain to see that

HE WAS very much disturbed.

"WHY THERE'S only \$11,000

HERE," HE said. His wife, too,

BECAME VERY much alarmed,

BUT SUDDENLY her face

CLEARED UP. "Oh, papa,"

SHE EXPLAINED, "you brought

THE WRONG bucket."

I THANK YOU.

MAYBE HE COULD TRADE WITH A TWO-COAT SUIT FELLOW

Talk about hard luck. I had it. I bought a two-pants suit during Christmas and burnt a hole in my coat.

—Roy Griffin in The Franklin Press.

QUOTALESS BERKELEY

Australians are wrathful because the United States fixed no quota for imports of their wines, but how are they worse off than the makers of Berkeley corn?

—The Charleston Post.

TELLING A COLT'S AGE BY IT'S TEETH

"My stock of jokes is running low and I must do something about it," observed Hunter Ellington, Wakes Register of Deeds in telling of a new duty assigned him as dispenser of marriage licenses. "I received a letter sometime ago from a mother, requesting that I see to it that her daughter's sweetheart not be given a license if he applied, as the girl was under age. The mother said I could identify the young man by several broken front teeth. Every time a likely-looking youth comes in for a license, I have to tell him a joke in order to determine whether he is the man. This job calls for more talent than some folks think."

—Item in The Raleigh News and Observer.

COUPLE OF REPUBLICANS FOUND, NAME OF EUREKA

"Eureka! Eureka!" cried John Morehead, excitedly, one day last week, and ten thousand people

JOE GISH

I AINT NO PESSIMIST BUT I'LL BET ZEK HODGESON WILL MAKE MORE MONEY OUTTA THE LIQUOR BUSINESS THAN IN IT.

IN EITHER CASE—

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The resignation of Secretary Woodin is another story. Mr. Woodin and the President are the warmest of personal friends, and there has never been any friction between them. But Mr. Woodin is a very sick man. He is nearly 70, and has a serious throat trouble which makes it unlikely that he will ever again be able to be active in business or public affairs.

Mr. Morgenthau who is now the titular head of the Treasury, is a middle-of-the-roader, like the President. He is cautious, but not afraid of the Big Bad Wolf of Wall Street. He is willing to try experiments with money, but is in no real sense an inflationist. The silver program, so far tentative, appeals to him as something worth trying out cautiously. The gold program on which other nations are falling into line, and which will eventually remove gold entirely from the field of domestic currencies and leave it under the control of the various nations solely as a basis for international exchanges, is making progress. Not tomorrow, but sometime soon, there will be a definite revaluation of gold in terms of the dollar.

In the meantime, credit is expanding, somewhat slowly; money is beginning to circulate more rapidly; the effect of the public works program is beginning to be felt widely, and the hope of the Administration is that the demands of the inflationists will be stilled in the face of increasing prosperity.

High Point Is A Busy Place

With seven new manufacturing plants, in addition to numerous new retail businesses, established in High Point during the past year, the city has a total of more than 100 industries representing a highly diversified productivity, a census made by the chamber of commerce reveals.

The census shows 28 furniture plants, 28 hosiery mills, 10 electric work, hosiery, cotton, silk garment manufacturers, together with allied industries, total

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OPERATION BODY

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Main street stopped in their tracks and craned their necks to see what had happened to cause this outburst of excitement. "What's the matter with you, John Morehead?" cried Major Justice. "Eureka! Eureka!" called back the excited Morehead, "I have found two Republicans working on a CWA job!" And that was something to create excitement, wonder, surprise and consternation.

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OUR MOST PROLIFIC AUTHOR —By Albert J.

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Employment In Stores Above Level Of 1929

New York—Although hundreds of department stores have been forced out of business during the depression, the present rise in employment brings the total of full-time workers in those stores still in business in November to 15,000 above the figure for November 1929. This fact was revealed by the National Retail Dry Goods Association in announcing the result of its Nation-wide survey for the period ending November 30. Emphasis was placed upon the fact that no part time employees were included. The survey covered department stores in every city. It showed department-store employment from last June to November increased 20 per cent and pay rolls 23 per cent. The numerical increase was 140,000 from June to November and 99,000 from November 1933. Total department store employees in November 1929 was 825,000, and in November 1933 the number was 841,000.

—Buy in Salisbury—

DIZZINESS

relieved by Black-Draught

"I decided to take Theodor's Black-Draught, as I had been having bilious spells," writes Mr. Charles E. Stevens, of Columbus, Ind. "When I get bilious, I feel sleepy and tired and do not feel like doing my work. It is hard to tell how I feel, but I do not feel good. I get awfully dizzy. I know then that I had better take something. After I found how good Black-Draught is, that is what I have used. I guess it rids me of the bile, for I feel better—don't feel like I am dropping off to sleep every time I sit down. That, to me, is a very bad feeling."

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FOR ROOSEVELT

"Politics or no politics," said Pennsylvania's Republican Governor Gifford Pinchot, "we now have a man in the White House who knows what he's doing. And as long as he follows his present course the best thing the leaders of this country can do is to follow him and help him. Party loyalty has nothing to do with it and politics should be thrown out the window. It is for national good."

MATTRESS RENOVATING

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LITTLE AMERICA AVIATION and EXPLORATION CLUB With Byrd at the South Pole by C.A. Abele Jr. U.S.N.R. President

ON BOARD THE BYRD FLAGSHIP JACOB RUPPERT:

—It is now Saturday, October 14, and I am actually upon the ocean as the youngest member of this great Byrd Antarctic Expedition. After the exciting and perilous fire at Bayonne, we cast off from the Tidewater dock at 11:20 p. m. last night. Cheers of relatives and friends, longshoremen, stevedores. Slipping away silently into the blackness of the Atlantic on the first leg of my life's greatest adventure.

Time to go to bed at last! No chance! Every movable object on deck, except the dogs, must be lashed down. All hatches must be battened down. The sailors call it "securing the ship for sea."

At last I am called into the galley for hot coffee and sandwiches and told that I may go to bed. I am dog tired but too excited to sleep. For an hour I stand at the rail watching the lights of New York recede in the distance. No more New York, no more bright lights, for two years—except perhaps the bright lights of the Aurora Borealis.

At 3 a. m. we arrive off Cape Henry but I know nothing about it. I am in my bunk sleeping the sleep of exhaustion. At 6 a. m. with still many hours of sleep to make up, I am awakened. All hands are called to begin the life of the day. The tug with the pilot is alongside. We slip down the river at dawn and arrive at the Norfolk Navy Yard at 8 a. m.

The first passengers ashore are the two cows we are taking to Little America to supply us with fresh milk. They have a chance to get a little green pasture for a few days, their last chance for a long time.

At 8:20 we start cleaning up the ship. It is Sunday but the work must be done. The Admiral is coming aboard at noon.

At 9:30 visitors start streaming aboard—in an hour we have several

hundred. The dogs, some in their cages and others chained all over the steel deck, seem to interest them more than anything else. And they should! They are the loudest things on board, and the smelliest.

Here comes our leader, Rear-Admiral Byrd. He looks weary and ill. He gives instructions to his staff—Commodore H. J. Gjersten, commodore of the Expedition; Harold June, chief aviator; Captain Verleger, skipper of the Jacob Ruppert; Dr. G. O. Shirey, the Expedition's medical officer, who will set up a snow-covered hospital at Little America, and Lieutenant Commander George O. Noville, Admiral Byrd's aide, who is my immediate boss and instructor on this trip.

I get cleaned up for a short trip ashore—my first shore leave on the Expedition. Commodore Gjersten tells me to return by 10 p. m. That is okay with me. I am still almost dead from lack of sleep, and I know I have terrific work to do from now on, working on our four airplanes, learning their details, helping to get them in perfect condition for future perilous flights, learning my job as fuel engineer for them and the rest of our amazing automotive equipment.

Our other ship, the famous 1700-ton Coast Guard ice breaker, the Bear of Oakland, which has served so illustriously in Alaskan waters since 1857, is in drydock here having some last minute repairs made. She is scheduled to leave a little ahead of us but is slower. Maybe we shall race her down to New Zealand and then to the ice barrier.

There is a big radio farewell party tonight with many distinguished speakers, Admiral Byrd saying farewell to his friends for the two strange and hazardous years in the most desolate and dangerous spot on earth.

(People of high school age or over, desiring to join the Little America Aviation and Exploration Club, are invited to write to Arthur Abele, Jr., Little America Aviation and Exploration Club, Hotel Lexington, 43rd Street and Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y., enclosing stamped and self-addressed envelope. There is no charge for membership.)